

# WERA newsletter

Warner Estate Residents Association June 2012

BMX ramps under construction



## WERA MEMBERSHIP

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## CHANGES AHEAD FOR ALLY PALLY

Last autumn Duncan Wilson took up the post of Chief Executive Officer of the Palace and Park. He has an impressive record, having previously been responsible for the regeneration of the Greenwich Royal Naval College and Somerset House. Ally Pally has at last a professional at the helm. He has laid down a marker as to how he intends to proceed, shifting from a “patch and fix” approach to a policy of long-term restoration.

Already, under his direction, Donald Inall Associates have developed a Conservation Master Plan, and urgent repairs are being carried out (both funded by grants from English Heritage); and Terry Farrell & Partners have produced a Strategic Spatial Master Plan.

These regeneration plans, and their proposed aims and objectives, will be the subject of public consultation from 18th May to the end of June.

Prior to his appointment, following consultation and a detailed analysis of comparable sites, and after taking into account the historical use of the Palace, Colliers International identified “entertainment” as the Palace’s key activity.

At the November joint meeting of the Statutory Advisory Committee and the Consultative Committee there was a lengthy presentation about a proposal to designate the south-east wing of the Palace, where the first TV broadcast was made, as a Unesco World Heritage site.

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## WERA

Since 1996, **WERA** has represented the residents of nine roads at the bottom of Muswell Hill: Redston Road, Danvers Road, Warner Road, Park Avenue North, Priory Avenue, Linzee Road, Clovelly Road, Baden Road and Priory Road (north side).

**WERA** acts on behalf of residents and monitors local issues, including those concerning Alexandra Palace and Park, road safety, and planning developments which affect the area.

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## CHANGES AHEAD FOR ALLY PALLY continued...

This is a long-term aspiration for the Palace, not something likely to happen in the near future.

A number of major events are being held, including a Red Bull-sponsored BMX bike contest in the Park in May (see statement by Friends of Alexandra Park about this at <http://www.friendsofalexandrapark.org/>) and the Holland Heineken House during the Olympics when the Palace will become the venue for the Dutch athletes. These will generate income but could cause inconvenience and disruption to local residents.

On Wednesday 25th July, the Olympic torch will be carried through Tottenham to Turnpike Lane, then along Hornsey High Street and Priory Road, ending up at an early evening celebration event at Alexandra Palace.

**Duncan Wilson will be speaking on “Future Plans for the Regeneration of Alexandra Palace and Park” at the WERA AGM at 8pm on Monday 2nd July in the Moravian church hall, Priory Road.**



Gemma and local residents

### Priory Common

Work is continuing on the Priory Common Orchard at the bottom of Redston Road. The fruit and vegetables will be there for everyone to see and to sample. We are fortunate in having the expert advice of Gemma Harris from Edible Landscapes ([www.ediblelandscapeslondon.org.uk](http://www.ediblelandscapeslondon.org.uk)). We continue to receive gifts of fruit trees and vegetable plants from local residents as well as wood chip from a tree surgeon. Our beds survived the drought in the early months of 2012 and everything is now growing well. There will be a “Big Lunch” event on the Orchard at 1pm on Sunday 3rd June.

For the seventh year running we planted daffodils along the Common. We look after the flower beds in front of the Priory sheltered housing complex and a number of residents have taken responsibility for small sections of the shrubbery. Thanks to all of them. If anyone else wants to help in this way, let the WERA secretary know.

### History of the Moravian Church

In October, WERA, in conjunction with the Hornsey Historical Society and the Hornsey Moravian Church, organised a meeting called “Just what is the Moravian Church?” The Rev. Joachim Kreusel gave an interesting presentation about this pre-Lutheran Protestant church, whose origins go back to Bohemia in 1457. During the Counter-Reformation its followers were persecuted. It later sent missionaries to many parts of the world (setting up a church in Fetter Lane for its missionaries as they travelled to the Caribbean and Africa) and the church played an important role in the abolitionist movement. More information can be found on the church website ([www.moravian.org.uk](http://www.moravian.org.uk)).

In addition to the Moravian Church in Priory Road, we have the headquarters of the British Moravian Church in our patch. Since 1957, this has been based in the listed Georgian building called Church House, at the bottom of Muswell Hill (see photo).



# Local activities 2011/12

## Compost giveaways

The Eco Park in Edmonton turns our garden and food waste into compost. Up until 2010 Haringey Council organised regular "compost giveaways" in local parks where residents could go and collect compost for their gardens or allotments. Because of the cuts the Council can't run these events any more so they asked community groups to do it. WERA residents were very keen so we contacted Alexandra Park to see if the Paddock car park could be used (the minimum amount of compost that the Eco Park will supply is 14 tonnes so you need a suitable location). Two events were held, one in October and one in March, sponsored by En10ergy (which provided the insurance cover these events need) and Sustainable Haringey (of which WERA is a member). Both were amazingly successful with over 400 people coming along to each and the compost disappearing within four hours.

We plan to hold another compost giveaway in the autumn.

## Changes to waste and recycling collection services

The WERA AGM last July heard presentations from Fabrice Bouchon, Veolia's regional manager, and Jon Hastings, from Haringey Council's environmental resources department, about the proposed changes to the waste and recycling collections. We were told that from March 2012, "residual waste" would only be collected fortnightly and that residents would be provided with a second wheelie bin (with green top) for "dry recycling" to be collected weekly. This led to a lively debate about all sorts of waste and recycling issues.

The new system was introduced in March with some inevitable teething problems but generally it seems to have settled down and most people seem to have got used to it. Any problems should be taken up with Veolia on 020 8885 7700 (office hours only) or enquiries.haringey@veolia.co.uk (copy in the WERA secretary if you think they are matters that might affect other people).

## Traffic and parking issues

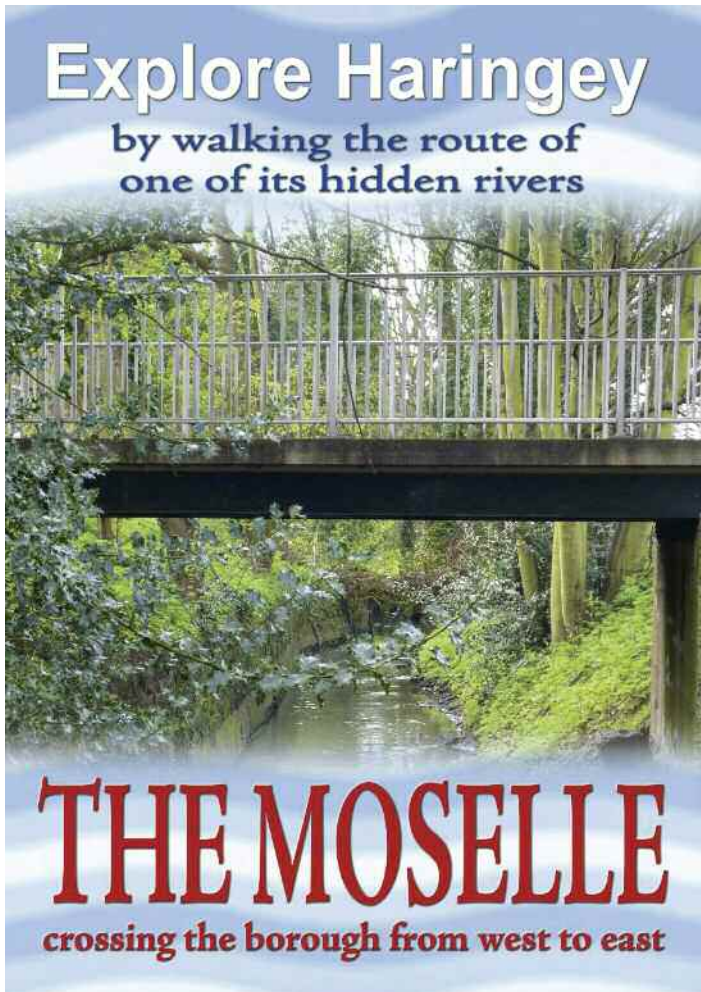
In last year's WERA newsletter we reported that Barrington Road and Carysfort Road had been severely affected by displacement following the introduction of the Crouch End Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ). The residents of these roads, and of others affected, campaigned for the CPZ to be extended to them and this happened in December 2011. Inevitably this led to greater parking pressure in roads just outside the newly enlarged CPZ and now discussions are going on about Park Avenue South and Farrer Road. There have been more parking difficulties in our patch, particularly in Linzee Road, which if the CPZ is extended again will get worse. We are closely following developments.



This year we finally got a pedestrian crossing in Priory Road. In 2002 Jeff Probst, a WERA committee member, launched a petition asking for a crossing near the junction with Danvers Road. This was subsequently supported by local councillors. The new crossing at the bottom of Park Avenue North was installed earlier this year as part of the Greenways Link (a cycling route), funded by Transport for London.

Councillor Jim Jenks, who is also a WERA committee member, has followed up WERA complaints about visibility problems turning out of Danvers Road and Warner Road but the council is not prepared to make further changes to the pavement parking arrangements.

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## Crime and policing

WERA representatives attend Safer Neighbourhood Team ward panel meetings and Neighbourhood Watch meetings. This enables us to put forward our concerns and hear about local developments.

## WERA as a community

WERA meetings, the two book groups, the knitting group and work on Priory Common help to bring local residents closer together. So too does the WERA Yahoo email group, which now has nearly 200

members and is a lively forum for exchanging information about recommended tradespeople, unwanted goods and local events. To join the Yahoo email group, email Dick Hudson on [dick@ling.ucl.ac.uk](mailto:dick@ling.ucl.ac.uk). The archive of past messages is at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wera-n8/>

In addition to WERA events, there are several street parties organised in our patch. Thanks to everyone involved for making our community such a great place to live.

## Moselle river guide

This walk guide has just been published by the Haringey Friends of Parks Forum with the support of the Haringey Federation of Residents Associations. WERA made a contribution to the printing costs. The guide describes the seven-mile walk from Queen's Wood in Highgate to the River Lea in Tottenham. Copies of the guide will be available at the WERA AGM. The guide can also be accessed online ([www.haringeyfriendsofparks.org.uk](http://www.haringeyfriendsofparks.org.uk)). There will be an inaugural walk on Sunday 24th June.



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