



# **The Hammersmith Mall Residents' Association**

**Fifth AGM**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2015

# WELCOME

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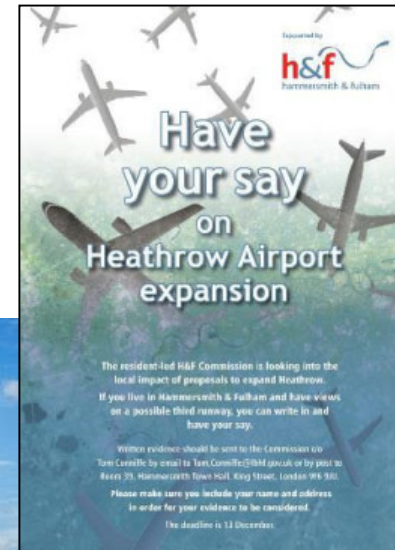
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# Agenda

1. Welcome
2. H&F Commission on Airports Expansion (HFCEA):  
*Guest speaker: Christina Smyth, Chair of HFCEA will speak about the work of the Commission and its report into potential impacts on the borough of any Heathrow expansion.*
3. Membership, Subscription for 2015 and Accounts
4. Election of Board of Representatives
5. Local News
6. Any other business

# H&F Commission on Airports Expansion (HFCEA)

Guest speaker:  
*Christina Smyth, Chair of HFCEA*



The full HFCEA report can be read at: <http://www.lbhf.gov.uk/heathrow>

# Membership & Subscription

## Membership:

- 47 Paid up member households
- Supported by (est) 150 Mall CA Residents

## Subscription:

- Subscription unchanged at £5 per household for 2015.

# HAMRA Accounts

28th February 2014 - 28th February 2015

Income:      Expenditure:      Balance:

**THE COMMUNITY ACCOUNT BALANCE AS OF 28th FEBRUARY 2014**

**£1,592.34**

## INCOME:

47 Subscriptions @ £5 per household	£235.00
Donations	£190.00
HAMRA book by Georgina Williams	£30.00
Donations from sales of Jane Bain's book	£35.00
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>£490.00</b>

## EXPENDITURE:

HAMRA Board Meeting and Community Social Evening	£108.80
West London River Group subscription	£20.00
Hammersmith Society subscription	£15.00
Website	£5.90
<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>£149.70</b>

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**£1,932.64**

# Election of the Board

## Standing for Election:

Jane Bain\*

Charles Beer

David Cater

Nicola Douglas

Peter Horton

Briony Rudder

Victoria Timberlake\*

Georgina Williams\*

Ken Batty

John Brady

Stephen Claypole (*Chair*)\*

Natasha Gabb

Rebecca Kateley\*

Jane Skinner

Judith Vidal-Hall

**\*Steering Group**

# Local News

- Newsletter No. 6
- Planning Matters
- Upper Mall Open Space
- Furnivall Gardens
- H&F Cycling Strategy Consultation

# Newsletter No. 6

The Hammersmith Mall Residents' Association  
[www.hamra.org.uk](http://www.hamra.org.uk)  
 Caring for The Mall Conservation Area  
 (Designated 1971)

NEWSLETTER 6 - FEBRUARY 2015  
 Editor: Victoria Timberlake

## Forthcoming AGM:

HAMRA's AGM will be held at Linden House, Upper Mall, London W6 9TA at 6:30pm on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2015. Please note an earlier start than usual, to allow time for our special guest speaker Christina Smyth (see below) and drinks in the bar following the AGM.

## Heathrow Airport Expansion Back on the Agenda:

Following the 2013 publication of the Davies Report on airport expansion by the Government's Airports Commission, a local residents-led committee - the Hammersmith and Fulham Commission on Airports Expansion (HFCAE) - was set up in November 2014 to review the Report's evidence, with a special focus on the impact on the borough of any Heathrow expansion. Impacts include safety, surface access, underground traffic, air quality, carbon emissions, quality of life (including noise) and the local economy. HFCAE recently submitted its findings in a report to the Airports Commission. The full report can be read at: <http://www.lbhf.gov.uk/heathrow>



Sharing HAMRA's representation on HFCAE were Natasha Gabb, Victoria Timberlake and Stephen Claypole. We are especially grateful that Christina Smyth, HFCAE Chair and local resident, has agreed to speak about the work of HFCAE and the impact of the possible expansion of Heathrow Airport on our borough at HAMRA's AGM on 25 February. A 6.30pm start will give Christina time to speak about these crucial issues and stay for questions before she has to depart for her next engagement.

## Town Hall Redevelopment and Relocation of Quaker Meeting House:

As yet, there are no firm dates for when the Town Hall Redevelopment is likely to commence. Since planning approval was granted in 2013, there have been extensive necessary preliminary negotiations between the Council, developers and other interested parties, which are now reaching a conclusion. This included finding a new location for the Quaker Meeting House and we are delighted to announce that a site on Bradmore Park Road has been chosen and plans have now been approved. The Quakers look forward to breaking ground in their new location later in 2015. Their presence near the river will be missed, but the Garden of Rest will remain as a testimony to their 350 year life on the Mall. We wish them well in their new home.

## Cycling Strategy Consultation:

The Council is currently holding a consultation to develop a Cycling Strategy for the Borough. HAMRA has made a submission voicing our concerns about the on-going problem of reckless cycling on the Thames Path and requesting that measures for dealing with this are put in place as part of the new cycling strategy.

## Furnivall Gardens New Historical Sign:



Friends of Furnivall Gardens have installed a welcome new historical information sign, mapping key bygone features which are illustrated with archival photos. They were ably advised by Ruth Hutton, Coordinator, the Thames Strategy Kew to Chelsea; Angela Dixon, former Chair of Hammersmith and Fulham Historic Buildings Group (H&FHBG), and Paul Goodacre, Team Leader Planning Division LBHF. The project was made possible by a grant from the Western Riverside Environmental Fund (WREF) which funded the garden's 2013 planting that - thanks to an abundance

shine last year - is thriving! Congratulations to Jane Skinner, the Friends' new chair; chair and Uns Hodgkins, new secretary who was largely responsible for the sign's formation. [furnivallgardens@hotmail.com](mailto:furnivallgardens@hotmail.com)

## Upper Mall Gardens:

a vast improvement in the landscaping of Upper Mall Gardens, due to the local resident, Lauretta Harris, who has petitioned the council to improve the green space so prevent cyclists taking short cuts across the grass. In the upper part of the garden, fencing and shrub border installed last year, provide a sheltered place for benches. In the lower garden, the partial re-turfing and new benches somewhat mitigated the high, but further plans include a raised bank with native planting, which has been submitted to the council for approval. We are currently awaiting details on how to lifting much of the organic matter needed to complete the task. So spades at the ready! We are especially grateful to PC 511 Hazel Ryan of the Parks Police with us on cycling issues and to members of the Parks Department for their advice.

Maple Place Residents, H&FHBG and the Hammersmith Society, HAMRA in application for new large Young's Brewery corporate signage on the pub. This of keeping with the architectural character of the building and harmful to the conservation area.

Studios and Queens Wharf has now started and the new Studios are due to be completed. We are delighted that Riverside Studios is to stay in the borough, HAMRA a number of aspects of the design of the new building. We have written to them to see if there is any scope for improvements to the development at this late stage.

Reduced a number of welcome changes to the planning process, aimed at making it easier to say in planning matters. Interested parties and those who have been able to register to speak at Planning Application Committee meetings their concerns - or support - in person. For major projects, new Planning Forums between residents groups and developers have been set up. This will result in developers taking local people's views into much greater account in plans for approval.

## Queens Wharf:

Queens Harbour will be re-locating their offices and propose to redevelop Thames Wharf. This is outside the Mall Conservation Area, it has the potential to affect views downstream from Hammersmith Bridge. Jane Bain has attended two exhibitions and a recent Planning Committee hearing of HAMRA and voiced our concerns about the proposed new building heights. We are hoping to ensure that the impact on Hammersmith Bridge is reduced as much as possible.

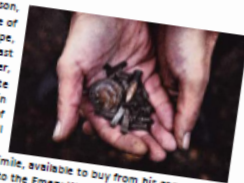
## Walker Trust and William Morris Society Heritage Lottery Funding:

Hamra has been able to learn of a £631,100 grant from HLF as well as an additional £100,000 from a range of other sources. This will enable the partnership to launch the Arts and Crafts Hammersmith initiative in 2015 to fund repairs, refurbishments and improvements to the two properties at Keimscott House and Hammersmith Terrace, as well as supply the means fully to preserve and conserve the heritage and make it available for enjoyment and study.

Hamra works at both houses will begin at the end of 2015. Keimscott House, where the Society is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year, will open as usual throughout the year. Hammersmith Terrace will close in July 2015 and reopen in 2017. Booking opens early next year. [www.walkertrust.org.uk](http://www.walkertrust.org.uk) Fundraising for the project's final stages continues. To find out more contact Simon Daykin, Project Manager.

## In the River - The Doves Type:

In 1917 Thomas Cobden-Sanderson, a calligrapher, systematically destroyed one of the most elegant and elegant fonts - the Doves Type, named after Hammersmith Bridge. Fast forward to Robert Green, a typographer, who has set out to re-draft the font and create a new type. At the end of last year, in the salvage team from the Port of London Authority recovered a quantity of the lost metal type around Hammersmith Bridge.



him to create a refined digital facsimile, available to buy from his company. The salvaged type will be donated to the Emery Walker Trust. (See Sunday Express for this amazing story.)

## & Pantry and Saturday Farmers' Market, Black Lion Pub, Little Alley Café at the Black Lion Pub, the brainchild of local residents, Lindsay and John. Open from 8am - 12noon, Monday - Friday and 9am - 1pm on Saturdays.

The juices are unbeatable. Every Saturday between 9am - 1pm on Saturdays, including Gilcombe Farm, Somerset, with meat and dairy; Wild Country organic salad and vegetables; Sally Clarke Bakery, artisan breads and cakes; resident Lynne at Little Lake Flowers, exquisitely arranged posies and welcome venture with our patronage. [www.littlealley.co.uk](http://www.littlealley.co.uk)

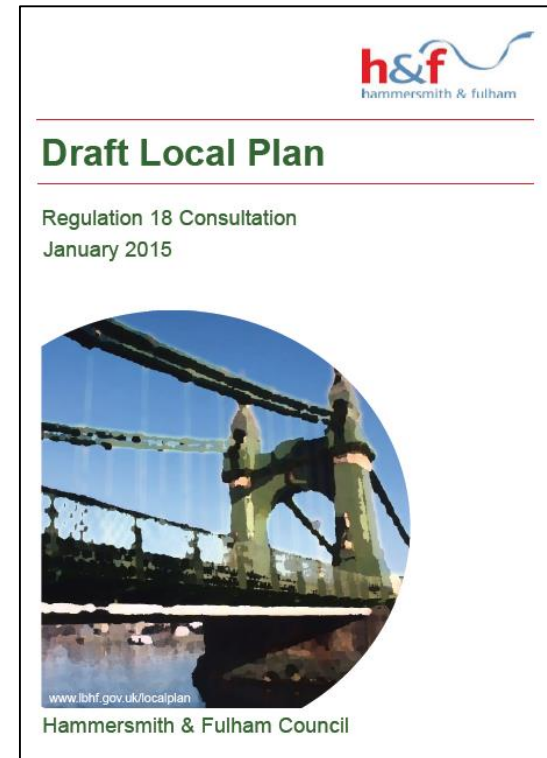
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# Planning Matters

## Recent Planning Changes

- Greater resident participation in the planning process
- Transparency
- New Draft Local Plan Consultation



# Planning Matters

## Update on Major Developments

Town Hall Redevelopment:



Riverside Studios/  
Queens Wharf:



Thames Wharf:



‘Hammersmith Flyunder’:



# Upper Mall Open Space

## Recent improvements & Future Plans



With special thanks to Laurretta Harris, PC Hazel Ryan of the Parks Police Service and members of the Parks Department.



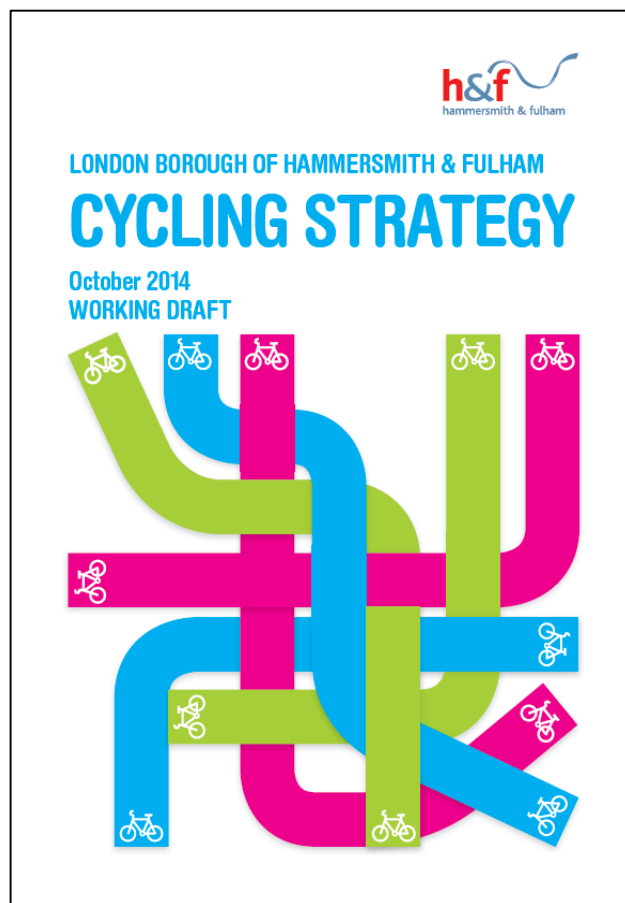
# Friends of Furnivall Gardens

## New Historic Information Sign



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# H&F Cycling Strategy Consultation



***Any Other Business***