



The Hammersmith Mall Residents' Association

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*Caring for The Mall Conservation Area
(Designated 1971)*

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Town Hall Development

The new designs for King Street Regeneration by recently appointed architects Lifschutz Davidson Sandilands will be discussed at the HAMRA AGM on 30th January. The brief now stipulates: a maximum height of 8 stories; reduction in council office space; new civic square in front of the old Town hall; no footbridge to Furnivall Gardens; Thomas Pocklington Trust properties retained; inclusion of a cinema.

Extremely Successful 2nd HAMRA Summer Exhibition

'Hammersmith Mall : Then and Now' attracted nearly 2,500 visitors in the course of its summer run. 'Its Heritage and History' part, curated by local historian Georgina Williams, was devoted to a photomontage of the current Mall, amplified by matching archival photos and drawings. 'Its Life Through the Seasons' was the work of gifted photographer Jane Bain. From spring to winter, Jane captured the human world – rowers, sailors, artists, musicians and strollers, and, especially brilliantly, the natural - our amazingly varied wildlife.



Thanks to HAMRA members who helped and especially to Helen Elletson and the Society's staff. A copy of 'A History of the Hammersmith Mall Conservation Area' by Georgina Williams can be obtained by contacting hamrahistorian@hotmail.com. A book containing the colour photographs of 'Hammersmith Mall Through the Seasons' can be ordered from Jane Bain, at janebain@hbainres.co.uk

Kelmscott House Current Exhibition

'Mary Annie Sloane of Hammersmith Terrace – Painter and Printmaker' (1867-1961).

Sloane, an exhibitor at the Royal Academy and Paris Salon, was a great friend of William Morris's daughter May, from whom she took over the lease of Number 8 and installed the printing press used in the exhibition's prints. Opening hours: Thursday and Saturday 1-5, until 15th March. Not to be missed!

Emery Walker House £5,000 Grant

Congratulations to the Emery Walker Trust on their grant of £5,000 from the Tanner Trust to develop, with the William Morris Society, a joint application to the Heritage Lottery Fund. Helen Elletson, curator, reports that, if successful, this award will enable them to preserve and increase access to this unique Arts and Crafts interior. HAMRA wish them well! The house will open again for pre-booked guided tours from Saturday 6th April - 26th October 2103. Bookings open in February 2013 on www.emerywalker.org.uk

Reckless Cycling

This continues to be a problem despite three years of active HAMRA campaigning. Stephen Claypole reports that the Hammersmith Broadway Safer Neighbourhood Team together with the Parks Police launched a campaign aimed at cyclists who fail to dismount in Dove Passage. The bollards at the entrance to Dove Passage and some of the lamp post on Lower Mall currently display small 'dismount' stickers. Attempts by publicans to position menu boards as temporary 'slow-downs' in front of The Rutland and The Blue Anchor incurred warnings by the Council's licensing officers. According to one local official, if the legal rights of the users of the river path remain unclear, any police action will have to be 'educational'.

Newly Revived Hammersmith Terrace Area Neighbourhood Watch

Lizzie Devereux, new resident (and garden designer) convened a new Hammersmith Terrace Area Watch meeting in March 2012 with 40 neighbours and two local Crime Prevention Officers (CPOs). She subsequently established a regular news bulletin and meets with local CPOs, Safe Neighbourhood Team officers, and neighbouring Watches in Miller's Court and Chiswick Mall. The results, Lizzie reports, are encouraging. Car crime is down due to neighbour vigilance and police response. Three arrests of habitual offenders resulted in 3-8 months sentences. Lizzie's advice: Call 999 for crime emergencies and 101 for suspicious actions which may lead to incidents. Report *every* incident of car or other break-ins to police, since crime numbers can affect police coverage of area. Ensure your visitors don't leave anything in their cars either. Check with your contents insurers for possible Neighbourhood Watch premium discounts! According to Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) website for Ravenscourt Park Ward, however, there are no active NHW groups from there downriver to Hammersmith Bridge.

Furnivall Gardens £20,000 Grant



Congratulations to the Friends of Furnivall Gardens who, working with the coordinator for the Thames Strategy-Kew to Chelsea, have been awarded a £20,000 grant by Western Riverside Environmental Fund (WREF) towards park improvements. Funds are to be spent predominantly on planting along the A4 boundary and include historical information signage. Any thoughts or ideas on an overall garden strategy are welcome. Contact@furnivallgardensfriends.org.uk.

River Pollution halts Thames21 event on Eyot

Work to stabilise the eroding inner bank of the Chiswick Eyot and clean the island of debris on 4th November 2012 was called off due to the presence of raw sewage and sewage related debris caused by heavy rains and its proximity to a sewage outlet. Judith Ressler, Thames21 River Programme Coordinator West London, reported that sewage pollution is an increasing problem, regular and severe. In the first 10 months of 2012, Hammersmith Pumping Station alone made 26 significant discharges of raw sewage directly into the river. Thames21 actively campaigns through Thames Tunnel Now. Volunteers need not worry as rigorous risk assessments are carried out on the day in advance of all work and specialised equipment and barriers are provided. Rarely does Thames21 have to cancel any event in their busy schedule of volunteer activities. For further info: <http://thames21.org.uk/events>

West London River Group

WLRG, a coalition of 40 riverside community and amenity groups, of which HAMRA is a member, continues to keep track of issues that affect the Thames and its borders between Kew and Chelsea, and to provide advice and support through its members. They invite your input via their excellent website www.wlrg.org.uk and lively Twitter.

Queen's Wharf

Planning consent for a 5-7 storey residential building on the Queen's Wharf site was approved by the PAC on 18th December 2012. After extensive discussion between the Planning Department and local amenity groups, The Hammersmith Society does not propose to offer any further objections. HAMRA supports their position.

HAMRA AGM

The 2013 HAMRA AGM will be held at 8.30pm, on Wednesday, 30 January at the London Corinthian Sailing Club, Hammersmith Mall. Please put this date in your diaries.

