



The Hammersmith Mall Residents' Association

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Caring for The Mall Conservation Area

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## NEWSLETTER 2

November 2010

It is a pleasure to be sending you our Autumn Newsletter, which reviews events as we approach the end of our first year and our AGM in January.

It turns out that a quarterly newsletter is rather ambitious and so we will concentrate on spring and autumn additions in future. Anything urgent can be dealt with by email (and by letter to residents who don't "do" email).

### *Membership*

HAMRA now has 67 Members and 86 Supporters. Membership is very important for a residents association. Members of the Board will be actively encouraging all Members to renew their subscriptions of £5 per household and for all Supporters to become Members in time for the AGM at the end of January. I hope that 2011 will see an increase in HAMRA's overall Membership.

### *Accounts for the 10 months 01/01/2010 - 31/10/2010*

		£
Subscriptions: 67 Members + 1 moved away; 68 X £5		340
Donation		15
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		355
Expenses		
Room hire at Linden House*	130	
Memberships:		
H&F Historic Buildings Group	15	
Hammersmith Society	15	
West London River Group**	20	
Website	23	-203
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Balance at the bank		232
**WLRG un-presented cheque		-20
* Awaiting invoices		-60
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## ***Board of Representatives***

I would like to pay tribute to Martin Paterson who died this summer. Ill health prevented him from being a Member of the Board, which he was in all but name. He made a great contribution to the formation of HAMRA and during its first few months. He was a fund of good ideas and practical help to me, which I miss.

Larry Siegenberg, who represented the residents of Samels Court, moved away in the summer. I am pleased to welcome Kathryn Rae to the Board, who will represent them and be very helpful to HAMRA.

I would like to welcome Jane Bain to the Board. Jane is Chairman of the Digby Mansions Residents Association which comprises 32 households. This extends and deepens HAMRA's representation in The Mall Conservation Area and brings her experience of local issues to the Board.

## ***Affiliations***

One of the objectives for HAMRA is to become a member of or become affiliated to neighbouring community and conservation groups. This has proved very worthwhile and the position is now as follows:-

### Memberships

The Hammersmith Society

The Hammersmith & Fulham Historic Buildings Group

The West London River Group (an association of 36 community and conservation groups from Chelsea to Richmond)

### Affiliations

The Friends of Furnivall Gardens

The Fulham Society

The St Peter's Residents' Association

The Bedford Park Society

The Old Chiswick Protection Society

The Save our Skyline Action Group

The Brook Green Association

***Our website [www.hamra.co.uk](http://www.hamra.co.uk)***

My thanks to Briony Rudder for re-establishing contact with the builders of our web site after Martin Paterson's death. Now we are able to keep our web site up to date. Any suggestions for getting the best out of this are welcome.

## ***LBHF King Street Regeneration Proposal***

Many of you will have gone to the Public Meeting held by the Save Our Skyline action group on 13<sup>th</sup> October. You can keep up to date with SOS at its excellent website [www.saveourskyline.co.uk](http://www.saveourskyline.co.uk) and there is a link on our own website Home Page.

The Planning Application has been received and its reference numbers are 2010/03465/FUL, 2010/03466/LBC (Listed Building Consent), 2010/03467/CAC (Conservation Area Consent).

Objections must be made during the public consultation period, which has started and is expected to end on 4th January. After that, we currently expect a report to be prepared by Council Officers for consideration and decision by the Council's Planning Application Committee.

The focus of attention is now on the preparation of sound and professional objections with all the information in the Planning Application publicly available. Therefore the Town Hall Redevelopment Working Group has been set up, under the leadership of Melanie Whitlock, Chairman of the Hammersmith Society, to supervise and co-ordinate comprehensive and consistent objections from community and conservation groups. The aim is for objections to be made by as many community and conservation groups as possible.

HAMRA's appeal for contributions to a fighting fund has achieved £10,162 (our objective was £10,000), thanks significantly to a small group of residents around the Dove passage, who feel most threatened by these proposals. The Board would like to thank all its Members and Supporters who made contributions, all of which are much appreciated. I would also like to thank the Committee of Old Chiswick Protection Society who also made a generous contribution. Contributions will now be banked. The fund will remain open for the time being should there be any further contributions.

Unexpectedly and disappointingly Drivers Jonas Deloitte ("DJD") very recently informed me that they have a conflict of interest and cannot therefore act for HAMRA. However they have recommended another firm which is able to act, Alsop Verrill LLP. DJD are ensuring that an efficient handover takes place. Alsop Verrill will advise HAMRA on its formal objection to the Council. Alsop Verrill are currently at work on a draft planning policy objection letter for HAMRA which will include objections in respect of the heritage issues particular to The Mall Conservation Area.

Arrangements will be made for HAMRA's objection to be used as a guide for objections by other community and conservation groups, if they wish.

The aim is also to encourage individual objections to be made during the consultation period. You can do by writing directly to the Council, for which purpose a short list of principal objections will be made available to you to express in your own words with any other points you wish to add, together with how to send this in to be considered by LBHF.

You can also join the online petition at [www.saveourskyline.co.uk](http://www.saveourskyline.co.uk)

Our thanks are due to the whole team at Save Our Skyline for their skill, energy and leadership in raising informed public awareness and objection to this Proposal and also to Jackie and Rajeev Chopra at Sussex House for their unstinting support and also to Rebecca Kateley for all her help.

The successful fund raising wine tasting arranged by Rosemary Pettit, membership Secretary of the Brackenbury RA, hosted by Jackie and Rajeev Chopra at Sussex House, raised £630, net of expenses, which will be paid to SOS to help it to cover its campaign costs .

You will be kept fully up to date on this.

### ***Proposed development by A2 Dominion at Queens Wharf***

I sent out a notice about this to everyone on 9<sup>th</sup> November.

Queens Wharf is just east of Hammersmith Bridge between the bridge and the Riverside Studios. It is not in The Mall Conservation Area but on its borders in the Fulham Reach Conservation Area.

HAMRA will support the Hammersmith Society, The Hammersmith & Fulham Historic Buildings Group and the West London River Group in their appraisal and comments on this development.

### ***Building Planning Applications***

The last few months have seen very few new applications and these have not been contentious.

### ***Application for a Licence in Furnivall Gardens***

The Council has made a Licence Application, effectively to itself, to renew its enabling licence for Furnivall Gardens, granted initially for 2 years in November 2008. As many of you will remember this gave rise to a large petition organized by Hazel Beeston, Diana Everett and Sarah Campbell-Jones. Accordingly, HAMRA took advice from a number of

people, including Councillor Stephen Cowan (Leader of the Opposition) of the Hammersmith Broadway Ward and submitted an objection, which is attached, and is due to be heard by the Licencing Committee on 27<sup>th</sup> November.

### ***Proposals for a modest up date of the toddlers play area***

Briony Rudder, Jane Skinner and Rebecca Kateley have been looking at how the equipment in the toddlers play area might be renovated, modestly, with equipment suppliers. They are in discussion with Council Officers about this and hope to have a proposal before long. We will then look at how it might be paid for.

### ***Thames Path - Upper Mall Open Space***

This is “work in progress” with the Highways & Engineering Department of the Council. The objective is to create a calm area in which cycling is “discouraged” by the layout. This comprises the 3 areas; the area with the willow tree, the toddlers play area and the grassed area just beyond the toddlers play area. Plans are due to come forward from the H & E Dept to achieve this. The latest position is that there has been a hold up with the installation of the lighting columns in the Upper Mall “Park” due to LBHF Lighting Engineers requesting fold down columns for health and safety purposes. LBHF has now found a company to design a fold-down column with a heritage type embellishment kit, which looks the part (HAMRA has details) and LBHF will be placing an order for lighting imminently. In terms of a revised proposal for the Upper Mall area, LBHF are currently waiting to see what funding is remaining from other schemes, in order to see what could be achieved this financial year. LBHF will be in touch as soon as they can confirm.

I attach a leaflet in pdf format recently issued by the Council about cycling on the Thamespath, which clearly establishes pedestrian priority.

### ***Thames Tideway Tunnel***

On 15<sup>th</sup> September I circulated the news that the preferred route for the Thames Tideway Tunnel had been published and that The Mall Conservation Area (and Furnivall Gardens) is not touched. This included a map of the 3 sites around us and also a leaflet for your information. In due course this information will go on our web site.

### ***The “Corner Shop” in Eyot Gardens***

I have recently spoken to Mario Aiello, the proprietor, who hopes to complete the works to the shop and open for business “before long”. He tells me he has sold his restaurant in Fulham, keeping only his delicatessen there.

### ***Tree Management on the Surrey Side Tow Path***

WLRG have notified its members that the PLA will be appointing contractors to undertake husbandry works to a number of Native Black Poplars and their surroundings on the Surrey side towpath, primarily between Beverley Brook and Small Profits. This will represent the only tree works to be undertaken by the PLA this winter and is in accordance with the adopted Management Plan. There is no intention to fell any trees, and the work will include, a proposal to propagate a selection of the NBP's for future planting and the replanting of those trees which were planted earlier this year but which have subsequently died.

These works are scheduled to commence during the week beginning 6 December and will take approximately ten working days.

### ***Exhibition of the history of The Mall Conservation Area***

Georgina Williams, our Hon: Historian thinks that she has gathered enough information on the history of The Mall Conservation Area to mount a public exhibition next year. The Board is very enthusiastic about this and keen to support Georgina achieve this.

### ***HAMRA AGM***

Notice of the first AGM will go out just after Xmas, for Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January at Linden House.

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