

NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2005



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

POLICE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Les Smith has now taken over as Our Permanent Beat Officer. He has been in Acton for many years and has vast experience. Contact him at Acton Police Station: 8246 9763/4, mobile 07952 763 273 (mobile only when he is on duty) or e-mail – often the quickest – les.lie.smith2@met.police.uk. Currently Les works mainly Monday-Friday. If you need someone at weekends, telephone Martin Gibson-Watt on 8246 9763, mobile 07748 33505. In emergencies always dial 999; for non-emergencies call the Ealing Control Room on 8810 1212. The Police are aware of the slow response to calls and are shortly installing a new system.

Keep complaining until it improves!

Crime doesn't go away. Our main problem is vehicle crime. **DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING OF VALUE IN YOUR CAR.** Thieves are targeting expensive cars, often removing tyres. Mo-

CRIME IN YOUR HOME

Burglaries increase on lighter evenings. LOCK DOORS AND WINDOW WHENEVER YOU GO OUT. IF YOU HAVE A BURGLAR ALARM ALWAYS SWITCH IT ON. DO NOT LEAVE KEYS NEAR THE FRONT DOOR: thieves "fish" them out through letter boxes.

Street crime continues - DO NOT USE MOBILE PHONES IN THE STREET. If you have to do so when other people are around.



ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR which covers ALL forms of nuisance, should be reported to Les who will contact the appropriate Police and Council officials **REPORT ALL CRIMES TO THE POLICE – they need to know in order to take action.**

Ealing has a new Borough Commander, Colette Paul, who has been in the Met for 23 years, mostly in North and East London and comes to Ealing from Scotland Yard. The Ealing Neighbourhood Watch Manager has left and the organisation is being reviewed.

AN IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY. Each September we hold an open meeting of all residents in Acton Green to discuss Police and Neighbourhood Watch matters. **We are delighted that Chief Superintendent Colette Paul has agreed to join us at our meeting on 20th September at 8 pm at Acton Green Church. More details later.**

MEMBERSHIP

Although many members have renewed their subscriptions for 2005, we are down 16% on last year. Please tell your neighbours and any newcomers to your street about AGRA and ask them to join. The more members we have the more weight we shall carry when representing members' concerns to the authorities with whom we liaise.

If you have not yet paid your subscription please send cash or cheque to Geoffrey Rippingale, 38 Fairlawn Grove, W4 5EH. The subscription remains at £5 per household, £2 for Senior Citizens.

Regrettably if you do not renew your subscription now this will be the last Newsletter you will receive.

SOUTH ACTON REGENERATION SCHEME

Much is going on in South Acton and we have seen the plans. There are three things that might affect us. The are -

- 1) Proposals for a new footbridge over the railway, leading into Kingswood Road.
- 2) Proposed renovation of the station on the north side of the railway line.
- 3) The height of a proposed new building near the railway line.

We have made our views known and will keep in touch with future proposals..



WEST LONDON TRAM

Despite the result of the recent consultation exercise which indicated that 59% of the 17,000 respondents to the questionnaire were against the tram, Ken Livingstone, London Borough of Ealing and Transport for London are determined to press ahead with the project. However, they have to convince a Public Enquiry which will be held this year, and also secure sufficient funding – where the result of the Olympic bid may have some influence. AGRA remains opposed to the current scheme for the tram which has so far mostly ignored input from the local consultative groups held over the last two years. Peter Eversden of the Chiswick Protection Group has written at some length to the new Leader of London Borough of Ealing, suggesting that the Council should seriously reconsider their support for the tram.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2 Bollo Lane: – developers Shanley & Co applied for a mixed development of offices and flats on this site which was turned down by the planning officer. The developers have appealed and there has been public enquiry; the inspector's decision is awaited.

STREET CLEANING.

The change to the new contract with ECT doing all the cleaning and waste collection, recycling and street sweeping appears to have gone smoothly. We have complained once about the mess left after the re-cycling men have been and that was cleared quickly. It is important for all residents to keep informing the Council if there are any problems, including fly-tipping (8825 6000)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This was held in March and was well attended in spite of bad weather. Existing Committee members were re-elected unanimously, with the exception of Ian Ham who has gone to live in New Zealand and Barry McGovern. New members Julia and Mark Sutton-Vane have been co-opted.

ACTON LANE BRIDGE CLOSURE

The project is 10 weeks behind schedule, due to problems with noise screens which will now be used on BOTH sides of the bridge and should be in place by 15th June. The main work will then commence and blasting to remove old paint should start week commencing 20th June. Road closures will resume from about 15th June with additional closures of Acton Lane on the following weekends (2am Sat – 5am Mon.) 5-8 Aug. 2-5 Sep. 21-24 Oct. 18-21 Nov. 25-28 Nov.