



## NEWSLETTER WINTER 2003



### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

A well attended meeting for all residents welcomed Liz Huggins as our new Permanent Beat Officer. She is already known to many of you as she walks our beat regularly. Her phone number is 8246 9764, e-mail: Elizabeth.Huggins@met.police.uk.

Our web pages include Neighbourhood Watch matters so log on to find out what is happening and inform your neighbours who are not on-line.

Ealing Police have a significant presence on South Acton Estate for the next year so we hope this will eliminate some of our problems.

Liz Dendy our Neighbourhood Watch Representative attends various Police and Neighbourhood Watch meetings so let her know if there are any matters you would like to have raised. Her number is 8994 4262.

### IMPORTANT NOTE

**We have been told that the terrorist threat in London is so high that the Police have dedicated a free line. Be vigilant and report any suspicious packages, conversations or people on 0800 789 321**

### THIRD RUNWAY

It looks as though we may be spared a third runway at Heathrow due to EU regulations about air pollution, but nothing is definite yet. AGRA is a member of HACAN which opposes the scheme.



### MEMBERSHIP

AGRA exists as a forum for all residents in the Acton Green area and represents their views and concerns at meetings we have with Council officials, Transport Groups, local Police and Neighbourhood Watch. Your continued support of AGRA is vital if we are to continue to represent you, and we would like to thank you for your support in 2003. Your subscription for 2004 will become due in January and we look forward to receiving your renewal on the enclosed form. If we do not hear from you we shall reluctantly assume that you know longer wish to be a member of AGRA.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This will be held at Acton Green Church in Cunnington Street on Thursday 11th March starting at 8 pm. Formal notice will be sent out in February.

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY NOW.

### SUB-POST OFFICES AT BEDFORD CORNER AND ACTON LANE

There are proposals to close both these Post Offices which will cause serious inconvenience to many of our residents. AGRA has written to the National Consultation Team to voice our objections.

### ACTON GREEN COMMON

We have been pushing the London Borough of Ealing to repair the paths and some patching work has been done. We are still trying to get other matters attended to.

**[www.actongreen.org.uk](http://www.actongreen.org.uk)**

This is our AGRA website which is regularly updated with news which affects us all. You will find a map of the area, local information, notice of forthcoming meetings, names of the AGRA committee members and details of our aims. If you are interested in the history of the area there are some early photographs contrasted with those of the present day, as well as background information about the early life of the area.

### CPZ

We have now been given a new timetable for the introduction of controlled parking which is now due to begin on 2nd February.

## CROSSRAIL

In October 2003 Crossrail announced plans to build a 5.7 km tunnel under Chiswick to take its services from Paddington, via a new under ground station at Turnham Green, then down the existing tracks to Richmond and on to Kingston.

Critics point out that this would mean Chiswick Back Common being turned into a building site for several years, plus the fact that the District Line itself would no longer run directly to Richmond. One benefit of this route is that the previous plan to route the trains along the current North London Silverlink Line – which was a cause for concern for residents of Weston, Bridgman and Fletcher Roads – is no longer an option. Another benefit of using Turnham Green as a major interchange would be the increased likelihood of the Piccadilly Line stopping there.

LBH suggests an alternative scheme which would locate the station at the rear of Chiswick Business Park, and remove the need to destroy the amenities of the Back Common. Critics of the Hounslow suggestion point out that a new station on the Business Park would be too far away from the High Road and the centre of Chiswick. Under present plans construction of the project will start in 2006 and be com-

## 94 BUS ROUTE

London United will be introducing longer buses (10.7 metres) low floor, fully accessible buses on this route from January 2004.



## WEST LONDON TRAM

After a delay of several months the local consultation groups, which AGRA attends, resume in December. The delay has allowed Transport for London to look more closely at residents' concerns and objections. AGRA has stated that any plans to reduce vehicular access along Acton High Street will result in our area becoming a "rat run" for displaced traffic. Once the local consultation have finished the Mayor will then decide whether to apply for a Transport & Works Order. The Government will decide on funding in 2004, followed by a Public Enquiry in 2005. If the Secretary of State decides to proceed construction is scheduled to start in the summer of 2007, and the first trams will start running in 2011.



## S106 MONIES

It was agreed at a meeting of the Working Party on 19th November that it would propose to the Acton Area Committee that the S106 monies be divided proportionally. The larger fund of approximately £464,000 would be split between Acton Green and South Acton and the smaller fund of approximately £111,000 between Acton Green, South Acton and Acton Central.

AGRA have asked that priority be given to the upgrade of the street lights in our area and Cllr. Gary Malcolm has proposed that the grass triangle at the 94 bus stop be tidied up and the playground on Acton Green Common be upgraded. However this will produce a shortfall and AGRA is exploring ways in which this may be overcome so that there is no reduction in the lighting spend.

## CHISWICK BUSINESS PARK

The proposal to erect 12-storey and 9-storey buildings at the Bollo Lane end of the CBP was discussed at the LBH Chiswick Area Planning Committee on 26th November. The Planning Officer said that construction of these buildings would amount to a 28% increase in square footage over the original 1991 plans and impose a 35% increase in public transport requirements. Photographs were available showing how these buildings would be visible from many parts of the AGRA area. LBH Councillors were opposed to the plan and felt that these high buildings inappropriate in a conservation area.

*Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year*