Paving the Way to a Better Neighbourhood

For Walpole councillors, the challenge of building strong neighbourhoods in a clean, safe and healthy environment features high on their New Year resolutions list.

Investing the Walpole ward budget in projects that will bring about improvements is one way of meeting this challenge. For example, the budget pays for the annual maintenance of recycling bins at Lammas Park, which were previously approved by Walpole Ward Forum, to help reduce the amount of waste that goes to landfill. At the request of the Police and local residents, the ward’s CCTV unit is currently deployed at Sherwood Close, where the Police have been dealing with frequent reports of crime and anti-social behaviour.

Last year’s spend included the resurfacing of Felton Road. The surface required upgrading before it could be included in a local controlled parking zone, to help ease parking pressures. A damaged road sign for Churchfield Road and Somerset Road set within a brick wall at the junction of these two streets was also reinstated.

Walpole councillors have received many requests to fund community projects. Residents asked that projects in the interest of the whole community be given priority consideration.

Arts centre, OPEN Ealing was one of the beneficiaries. The centre is committed to creating an exciting programme of performance, art groups, dance and creativity for local residents.

A contribution of £10,000 is helping them to move to their new premises above Blockbusters in West Ealing. Organisers of the St James’s Avenue craft market received money to help pay for gazebos and chairs and support local stall holders. The annual West Ealing Neighbours food and music festival which extended from Melbourne Avenue to St John’s Church on Mattock Lane received £3,000. This contribution helped them to play host to over 2,000 residents.

By next spring the community orchard at Lammas Enclosure will be enhanced by 40 additional fruit trees. This was also funded by Walpole Ward Forum and your ward councillors hope it will bear fruit for many years to come.

If you have ideas as to how more improvements could be made to Walpole area, please attend the next ward forum meeting or contact your local neighbourhood governance coordinator.

Next Ward Forum Meeting

Monday 11 February 2013
7 – 9pm
St John’s Church Lounge
Mattock Lane, Ealing W13 9LA
Baker’s One Hundred

Parker’s, a traditional and well-loved bakery on Northfield Avenue, will shortly be celebrating 100 years in business. It is famous in the area for producing some of the finest quality bread, rolls, buns, doughnuts, pastries and more.

It all started before the turn of the century when a young Thomas Parker made his way on foot from the West Country to seek his fortune in London. Starting out in Acton with his first bakery in 1913, his son Thomas Jnr continued the tradition by setting up a bakery at 276 Uxbridge Road (now 116 The Broadway), West Ealing. As the business grew, a much larger bakery was built at the same location which today is the Santander Bank at 114 The Broadway, Ealing.

Thomas Jnr married Lillian, and they had two boys, John-Thomas and Jack, along with a daughter, Rene, who became an actress. The sons pursued the art of baking, and despite bakers being exempt from serving in the forces, they both fought in the Second World Ward, returning to the bakery in Ealing to marry the girls they had left behind.

Their business grew to four bake houses and six shops covering Ealing, Southall, Hillingdon and Hounslow. In the 1960s John agreed to buy out Tom’s share of the family business. John Parker tragically died of a heart attack, leaving his wife Monica to run the business. Mrs Parker closed all but the Northfield Avenue branch and bakery, where she worked six days a week and was still a regular visitor until her death in February 2010. Today the business continues to flourish under the management of Brian Davis who worked with Mrs Parker for over 40 years. Baking starts at 4am each morning with dough that has been fermenting for 18 hours. As many as 300 loaves of bread are sold each day.

To celebrate their centenary, Parker’s will be hosting a one penny event this summer. You will be able to buy a loaf of bread for an old penny, be sure to get their early as they are bound to run out.

One-stop shop at Westside

Music production, cooking, sports and dance are just some of the activities on offer for young people at Westside.

The centre was built on the site of the former W13 Youth Centre on Churchfield Road providing a range of facilities and activities for residents aged 13-19 (up to 25 for young people with disabilities).

Young people can try out new skills in the music production studio, cookery school, internet café and sewing suite. Other activities include arts and crafts, street dance, fundraising, pool/table tennis, basketball and badminton.

Young people are given the support to create opportunities for themselves that can be fun, as well as informative.

There is an after-school club, and support available for completing a Duke of Edinburgh Award. To find out more contact Karen Jenkins at KJenkins@ealing.gov.uk
Safety first on Uxbridge Road

A series of improvements are proposed along the one mile stretch of Uxbridge Road between Lower Boston Road and Northfields Avenue. This section of Uxbridge Road has been identified for improvements as part of the Council’s Local Implementation Plan (LIP).

The plans were unveiled at a special joint West Ealing/Hanwell ward forum meeting late last year. The key benefits of the proposals include:

- Delivery of much desired pedestrian crossings at the Church Road Junction
- The removal of the traffic lights and their replacement with mini roundabouts at the junctions of Uxbridge Road / Boston Road at the Hanwell clocktower and at the junction of Uxbridge Road / Church Road at Our Lady and St Joseph’s Church. The one-way flow on Cherington Road would be reversed to flow towards Church Road under this proposal.
- New raised zebra crossings and signal crossings at some of the busiest parts of the road.
- Significant streetscape improvements which include a new town square at Hanwell Clock Tower, wider footways, new trees, removal of street clutter, re-activating dead spaces in West Ealing.

In February residents will have a chance to have their say on proposals as part of a postal consultation. At the same time, the consultation documents will also be published on the Council’s website at www.ealing.gov.uk/consultations.

Entertaining Ealing

A new festival is coming to Ealing to brighten the dark days of winter. The Ealing Music and Film Festival takes place between 14th and 17th February at venues around Ealing. The extent of Ealing’s heritage of music and film is often unrecognised. Walpole Ward’s Ealing Studios are fairly well known, but how many are aware that the ward is also home to the English Chamber Orchestra? Rolling Stones and Who band members have links with Ealing as do many film, stage and TV actors. This festival brings all this together and offers something for all tastes. There are classical concerts featuring soloists Tasmin Little and Emma Johnson, a Raga Jam - a unique mix of world music - at Questors Theatre, and various film and music related ‘talking heads’ with exhibitions and a couple of film screenings at the University of West London. For the creative amongst you, there is also a photography competition. Details of all the events and how to book tickets can be found at ealingmusicandfilmfestival.org.

Working towards a safer Walpole

Every ward in Ealing has a dedicated police Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) working in partnership with the council’s Safer Communities team to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.

They have a great deal of knowledge about the neighbourhoods they police – along with strong relationships with local residents and businesses. Walpole SNT comprises five officers, Sergeant Harpinderpal Chana, PC Shan Miah, PC Tony Walling, managed by Sergeant Harpinderpal Chana.

The community decides what crime and anti-social behaviour priorities they would like the SNT to tackle. In response the SNT are responsible for developing long term solutions in partnership with these statutory bodies.

Priorities are set by residents at Walpole Safer Neighbourhood Panel, which currently include drug dealing, burglary and motor vehicle crime. If you would like to get involved with Walpole SNP please contact Walpole SNT on 020 8721 2946.

Centenary programme for Pitzhanger

Pitzhanger Manor House and Gallery will begin their 2013 programme with an exhibition celebrating the centenary of The London Group. Founded in 1913, after the amalgamation of the Camden Town Group and Fitzroy Street group, The London Group began as a co-operative organisation aiming to preserve the independence of individual artists. Its membership has worked together ever since, sharing resources and inspiration, to retain personal artistic freedom. Today, it continues to be a collection of diverse artistic views, which celebrates those differences and aims to present contemporary arts to new audiences.

Group members will show site-specific works in the Manor House itself. These are specially made for the show to reflect personal responses by the artists to the location and to the famous art collector and architect Sir John Soane, the founder of the Soane Museum whose country residence was at Pitzhanger Manor.
What is a ward forum?

Ward forums are public meetings where councillors and residents discuss local issues. They were set up in 2009, replacing the council’s area committees, and are supported by neighbourhood co-ordinators – council officers who follow up the business discussed at each meeting.

Each ward holds three forums a year where a wide range of issues and concerns are raised. Examples are improving parks and open spaces, traffic congestion and parking, crime and anti-social behaviour.

Ward forums are now an important part of the council’s dialogue with its residents.

Safer Neighbourhood Team Walpole

www.met.police.uk/teams/ealing

Tel: 020 8721 2949

In an emergency always dial 999. In a non emergency call 0300 1212.

Envirocrime

Tel: 020 8825 6000 Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm Report it online at www.ealing.gov.uk

Email: customers@ealing.gov.uk for litter, abandoned vehicles flytipping, graffiti removal, and flyposting.

Your Neighbourhood Co-ordinator

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Second Saturday of month
11am - 12noon, St John’s Church, Mattock Lane, Ealing

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