



ANGEL ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

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Eric Sorensen, chair of the Association, writes:

“Like all of you, we have noticed the impact of the recession, with few major planning applications being made. The big schemes that are under way, for example Packington Estate and Islington Green School, continue apace because to a large extent they are backed by Government money.

Our friends around Rheidol Green continue to battle about the future of the Green and the wonderful plane tree, and we strongly support them. Councillor Martin Klute continues to be very helpful.

We have spoken to the City Rd Basin developers: they are biding their time but may try to get some development under way on their affordable homes, as opposed to those for market sale. The affordable homes developer is, again, Government-supported.

The Council lost the planning appeal into the future of the The Mall and it will no longer house antiques traders. It is rumoured that it will become a large clothes store, though the restaurant on the first floor remains. “



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COMMUNITY SPACE ON THE CITY ROAD BASIN

Funded by section 106 money from the developers Groveworld, the area at the City Rd end of the basin will shortly be opened to the public. Landscaping, seating, paving and the view will make it a very pleasant place to visit. It is due to open in March – look out for more details in the Council Newsletter, “Islington Now”.

GOSWELL ROAD ISLAND

Transport for London is due to start work on 2nd March on improvements to the pedestrian/cycle crossing from City Road (Colebrooke Row) to the island and then Goswell Road. Islington Council will be responsible for further modifications on Owen Street leading to St. John’s Street. We have waited a long time for these improvements to be carried out and we hope the present situation with cyclists and pedestrians getting in each other’s way will be addressed.

SAVE THE DATE...SAVE THE DATE..SAVE THE DATE...

ANGEL ASSOCIATION AGM : TUESDAY 9 JUNE

St JAMES CHURCH HALL, PREBEND STREET

FUNDRAISING EVENTS FOR “ISLINGTON KIDS AFLOAT”

The Mayor’s charity this year is ‘Islington Kids Afloat’. This benefits two local organisations - the Boat Club and the Angel Community Boat Trust. More information about ‘Islington Kids Afloat’ at www.IslingtonKidsAfloat.org.uk

AN EVENING WITH KEN LIVINGSTONE

Ken will discuss the past, present and future of London and answer questions from the BBC political editor Nick Robinson, and the audience. When? **Tuesday 17th March, 7.30 – 8.45** (doors open at 7.00). Where? **Highbury Grove School, Highbury New Park.** Tickets? £10 in advance (£5 to students and unwaged), £15 on the door. To buy tickets in advance go to www.charitygiving.co.uk.

MAYOR’S GALA EVENING WITH A POLISH THEME

Dinner and Entertainment – When? **Friday 20th March.** Where? **Old Finsbury Town Hall, Rosebery Avenue.** Entertainment? Classical and Polish folk dancing, and a jazz band. Tickets? £50 per person obtainable either from the Mayor’s office (7527-3113) or e-mail Giles Eyre at giles@acct.org.uk

Do come to one or better still both events – you will not only enjoy yourself but be contributing to a good cause.

