



ANGEL ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

July 2007

THE **AGM** OF THE ANGEL ASSOCIATION WILL
TAKE PLACE ON **TUESDAY 17 JULY**
AT **ST JAMES' CHURCH HALL** , PREBEND ST
AT 8PM.

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS FROM ST PETER'S WARD
ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

Apart from formal business, the main topic for
discussion will be

"The new Packington Estate"

with speakers from Hyde Housing Association and
from the architects – local practice Thomas
Pollard Edwards.

Notice of the Annual General Meeting of the
Angel Association, Tuesday 17 July at St James'
Hall, Prebend St, N1

Agenda:

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of last year's meeting and matters arising
3. Election of Chairman
4. The constitution of the Association
5. Election of officers and the committee
6. Subscriptions
7. Accounts for the year 2006/7
8. AOB.

Committee members as at July 2007:

Acting Chairman: Eric Sorensen, 5 Burgh St N1 8HF

Treasurer: Susan de Mont, 2 Elia St N1 8DE

Secretary: Gillian Comins, 34 Sudeley St N1 8HW

Bernard Fishel, 14 Charlton Place N1 8AJ

David Webb, 16 Colebrooke Row N1 8DB

Beverley Dean, 18 Haverstock St N1 8DL

Sarah Goom, 23 St Paul St N1 7DJ

David Hewitt, 27 St Paul St N1 7DJ

Colette Bowe, 18 Elia St N1 8DE

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Chairman's report

The Angel Association has continued to be very active during the last year and we welcome the support and feedback from members to help make sure we reflect your interests and concerns.

Construction has not yet started on some major planned and proposed developments in the area – the main part of City Road Basin, Packington Estate, and Islington Green School. There is little doubt, however, that we shall see much activity at Packington and around the Basin from now on.

We ran a successful campaign with Cllr Martin Klute, the Duncan Terrace Association and others to encourage Transport for London and the Council to think again about their flawed proposals for what has been called the Goswell Road Island. This is the Goswell Road/City Road junction just next to the Angel crossroads where there were proposals to close and narrow roads and restrict turning movements, all of which would have made delays worse and shifted traffic onto residential streets. Part of Duncan Terrace Gardens would have been taken for no good reason and opportunities to tackle eyesores such as the boarded up entrance to Angel tube station on City Road were ignored. We need to keep watching this: amended proposals will be coming forward.

We work closely with the Angel Town Centre management team. The Angel area has improved dramatically in recent years. But despite the forest of traffic lights and other street hardware the pedestrian/traffic interface is still not good enough. Camden Passage is changing fast as the antiques business seems to be less vibrant than it has been and new fashion shops are moving in. There is underlying concern that property owners may be damaging the character of the area in their search for higher returns.

So the coming year will be just as lively and we are determined to play our part to help improve the amenity of our neighbourhood.

Finally, I should like to thank John MacGowan for all his work and commitment over many years as our previous Chairman; and Sybella Zisman for all her hard work as a member of the Committee.

Eric Sorensen

Acting Chairman

If you are not a member but would like to be....why not join now?

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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ADDRESS

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SUGGESTED SUBSCRIPTION: £10 per year

If you would like to set up a standing order, please tick here

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OR send a cheque with this form to the Treasurer, Susan De Mont, at the address below.

GIFT AID DECLARATION

I want the Angel Association to treat all donations I have made since 6 April 2000 and all donations I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise as Gift Aid donations.

Signed Date

Notes

1. You can cancel this declaration at any time by telling us.
2. You must pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that the Angel Association reclaims on your donations in the tax year (currently 28p for each £1).
3. If your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income and/or capital gains equal to the tax that we reclaim, you can cancel your declaration.
4. If you pay tax at the higher rate, you can claim further tax relief in your Self Assessment tax return.
5. If you are unsure whether your donations qualify for Gift Aid tax relief, please ask us or contact your local tax office for leaflet IR113.
6. Please tell us if you change your name or address.

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On the day of 20 .. and on the same day each subsequent year please pay to Alliance and Leicester Commercial Bank plc, Bootle, Merseyside, GIR OAA, Sorting Code 72-00-02 for the account of the Angel Association (No: 4761970) the sum of

£ (.....) minimum of £5

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Please cancel all previous standing orders in favour of the Angel Association

SOCIAL EVENTS

David Webb, local historian and committee member of the Angel Association, gave a talk for members in May over dinner at the Charles Lamb pub in Elia St.

David spoke about the social and historical significance of silver, and silver-plated articles – one of the most fashionable groups of objects in the 18th and 19th century home. From about the 1760s onwards, an object can be dated to within a very few years as 99% of objects were made “in the latest taste”.

David said that the silver plated objects made at this period were of great importance both socially and historically as they were all made through a process where silver was fused together on either side of a copper core and then rolled into sheets. This was known as “Sheffield Plate”, as approximately 60% was made by various businesses in Sheffield (most of the remaining 40% being made at The Soho Works in Birmingham). Manufacturers had to make each object from this sheet metal without going through the outer layer of silver to the copper core. To handle this problem, new methods were found to form and decorate the objects. It was discovered that the making and using of dies was the easiest way – small dies were even used to simulate engraving. As the “Sheffield Plate” trade led to the development of a new industry in die-making, it was realised that these dies could be used in producing a whole range of other goods at more affordable prices – this was the beginning of the Industrial Revolution!

David illustrated his talk by showing examples of 18th and 19th century plated candlesticks.

Members hugely enjoyed David’s talk and agreed that it would be good to organise a few more social evenings. If you would like to suggest a topic for an evening talk over dinner – or would like to give a talk! – please let Gillian Comins know, at her email address S.COMINS@sky.com