

# NEWSLETTER

## SPRING 2012

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### LATEST NEWS

The Executive Committee examines all applications for planning permission in St Peters Ward. Most are uncontroversial but recently we have made representations about

- The use of the Zenith pub premises as a hostel without permission
- Plans for a significant development at 46 Essex Road - Application PI20255
- The Moreland Primary School/King Square Estate project <http://www.islington.gov.uk/moreland>

We have responded to the consultation document from British Waterways which proposes significant change to the Regent's Canal Islington between Danbury Street and Sturt's Lock.

See <http://www.britishwaterways.co.uk/consultations>

There are also proposals for the Information Centre – see <http://www.friendsofregentscanal.org> for the latest news and views. The Canal and River Trust takes over from British Waterways in the next few months – what will that mean for our much loved Regent's Canal? The next public meeting of FORC is on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at the London Canal Museum 7pm-9pm**. Angel Association members are welcome.

We have objected to the noise/nuisance coming from the ventilation plant at Level 3 Communications in Moreland Street and are keeping a "Nuisance Diary".

Major change is planned for Union Square. The first stakeholder meeting took place on 15<sup>th</sup> May chaired by Councillor Martin Klute..As part of the redevelopment of the Packington Estate £174,000 has been allocated to improving Union Square Gardens ( Section 106 money where the Council requires the developer to provide funds for local improvements as a condition of planning permission). The outcome of the meeting was that a Landscape Designer will come up with a variety of concepts for how Union Square could be improved to encourage greater use by the community. These concepts will be displayed at a celebration party planned by Hyde Housing in Union Square on Friday 14 September. The community will be invited to give input and feedback.

We are keeping a close eye on the development at 261 City Road: 307 apartments (107 are housing association), 3 buildings, 2 of 8 storeys and 1 a 37 storey tower. Mount Anvil are the Project Delivery Team – telephone Kevin Payne on 0207 776 1636 if you have any queries.

## **ST PETER'S WARD**

The Ward Partnership is working well in St Peter's Ward. The next meeting is on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 6.30pm at The City of London Academy in Prebend Street**. The Executive Committee attend these very useful meetings and hope members will too -strength in numbers! There is more information on the Council's website – search under "Get Involved – Ward Partnerships".

The Ward will be affected by temporary road changes during the 2012 Games. If you have not received a leaflet and a map showing the Olympic Route Network on Road Events days have a look on <http://www.getaheadofthegames.org>

Look out too for more information about the Olympic Torch coming through Islington on **26<sup>th</sup> July**.

Islington Green is going to be re named Islington Memorial Green. The Angel Association was not consulted and has queried the need for a name change.

The Council recently opened up a new Anti-Social Behaviour telephone hotline that is open 24/7 - 0207 527 7272.

The Islington Society is holding a (free) event at Islington Town Hall on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.30pm** – “What’s happened to Planning?”. The Speaker is Sakiba Gurda, Islington’s Planning Policy Manager. Angel Association members are welcome to attend.

A Street Cat named Bob by James Bowen was published earlier this year to rave reviews. Members will know that James and Bob were regulars outside Angel tube station for years where James sold the Big Issue. Waterstone’s on Islington Green held a book signing in March and there is talk of a film....

Our friends at The Arlington Association have created a wonderful Community Garden and have lots of activities planned for the Summer. They are hosting a lunch to celebrate the Jubilee on **4<sup>th</sup> June 1-5pm** and are taking part in the Open Squares weekend on **9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> June**. <http://www.arlingtonassociation.org.uk>

The Islington Council My eAccount is now well established. If you have not opened an account – take a look on the website. You can order parking vouchers/renew your parking permit/get rubbish collected etc all at the click of a mouse.

Our website is regularly up dated. Look out for some beautiful photographs of the new Diver Sculpture on the canal and a heron who has started to visit Burgh Street!  
<http://www.angelassociation.org.uk>

## **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

Reminder - the AGM is on **June 20<sup>th</sup>** at St James’s Hall, Prebend Street. Formal business starts at 7pm followed by a (free!) Summer Party with a delicious cold buffet and drinks. The AGM Notice circulated in April gives all the information. Please let the Secretary know if you will be attending. We look forward to seeing you at the AGM.