

# HHGERA

## NEWS

The Newsletter of the Hanger Hill  
Garden Estate Residents Association  
[www.hhgera.com](http://www.hhgera.com)



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The Residents Association owns and maintains many of the communal gardens and service roads on the estate, and exists to keep your views on the estate heard and to promote a strong community. The Committee members are all volunteers. If you would like to help out in any way please contact [aleksandra@japanservices.co.uk](mailto:aleksandra@japanservices.co.uk). We hope you enjoy this latest Summer 2018 edition of your Newsletter.

### BILL BAILEY Chair of the Hanger Hill Garden Estate 1999 ~ 2018

Bill came to live on the HHGE in 1969 and moved to his current home in 1972. He quickly became involved in a colossal clean up of the Houses' communal gardens and service roads when the Residents Association bought them. He coordinated the Rose Garden works, enrolling his neighbours to clear the waist high grass, dig over, manure and replant the rose beds with daffs and roses, then adopt a rose bed. He and neighbour David Harrison shared the lawn mowing, apparently much to the delight of the wives who would watch them as they toiled up and down in the summer heat.



He eventually joined the Houses Committee and in 1999, took over as chair from Derek Fenton and continued closely liaising with Local Councillors, Ealing Planning dept, the neighbouring industrial estates and our Neighbourhood police. The most challenging time followed the opening of the Park Royale Leisure site. The large open car park quickly became a meeting point for gangs from Southall who met up with gangs from the North and pitched battle ensued. Bill quickly set up a panic line with the local Police Commander who would bring in the riot police to restore order.

In 2004 his first major project - repairs to the PG / MD service road - was started. The cost was £26k and Bill persuaded nearly 90% of residents to pay their share.

In 2005, after four years of campaigning, the 20mph speed limit was introduced and plans to upgrade the street lights were reviewed in depth with EDF, the Council's contractor.

In 2006, after many years campaigning, the Controlled Parking Zone was started, at last putting an end to West Acton commuter parking which was clogging up our roads. It saw a 25-30% reduction in cars parked during the day.

Twenty years ago there was no website. A pilot was set up in 2001 but fell over! A new website was launched in 2006, when current web-master, Nim Maradas, joined the team.

In 2007 Bill's main legacy was to install service road security gates to curb the increases in fly tipping, abandoned cars, graffiti and burglaries. He tapped into Ealing Council's alley-gating scheme for £10k - 70% of the cost - and was then able to persuade residents to pay the remaining balance.

In 2010, one of the highlights of Bill's tenure was when he was interviewed on BBC's "The One Show" by John Sergeant in Suburbia, during which, when asked about the black paint used on houses, he made the famous comment: "Yes John, but of course it's not just black paint, there is black paint and black paint". For twenty years the Chairman wrote the annual Newsletter - a single black and white page. We reached over a hundred editions before Aleks at Japan Services introduced the first full colour edition in 2011.

On the social side, he encouraged the Flats Committee under Anthea Douglas to run a series of events excellently organised by Carole MacLaughlin. At the 2009 Summer Celebration, Bill researched and made an illustrated presentation called “HHGE then and now.” It was so popular he was asked to repeat it at the Spring Festival in 2016.

In 2012, the theme of the event was the ‘HHGE Community Games’ to mark the Olympic Games that took place that year. Bill invited the Mayor of Ealing to present the prizes.

Now, 20 years on, and he has steered the renovation of the PG Central Reservation project. It’s costing £50K and the project team has used Crowd-funding to raise the money. This meant that we didn’t we have to ask any residents to contribute.

Bill will continue to serve on the Houses Committee and as a member of the Conservation Panel. Above all, he would like to thank the team on the Residents Association and Quentin Phillipps at Japan Services, without whose excellent support so much would not have been achieved. I’d also like to thank our local Councillors, in particular Nigel Sumner, who has served the Hanger Hill Ward unremittingly over many years.

Finally he would like to wish the new Chair, Hugh Richards, all the very best as he takes over the role.



**SUNDAY 15TH JULY 2018**

## **Acton Family Day Festival**

North Acton Playing Fields

Each year the Football Samurai Academy hosts 30 youth teams to take part in this widely publicised day. Under 7 and under 15 squads will feature in the 5 a side football challenge and tennis tournament. The growing international food market is a sensory delight and food stalls report that they sold out last year! This year there will be an Armenian Festival joining us with 30 food stalls and delicious bites to eat on this cultural day for all. The Armenian group say that they organised a World Cup final screening in the park during the event. Many Samurai parents and local residents volunteer on the day. The event starts at 9am and runs until 5pm. Any local food stalls, local businesses or community groups wishing to take part are welcome to book their stall by contacting:

[fjoanna@footsamurai.com](mailto:fjoanna@footsamurai.com)

## **Blog about Hanger Hill Garden Estate**

The Tea Club of Hanger Hill is a blog about people, home, family, history and community. It’s a village publication about the Hanger Hill Garden Estate and it’s surrounding area. The author has loved living on HHGE ever since she moved here 4 years ago. She talks about plant life on the estate: “Spring in Hanger Hill conjures for me (having never been to Japan) images of the cherry blossom season in the country of the rising sun.” She also talks about objects: “When Odile moved to the area surrounding Hanger Hill Garden Estate 20 years ago, she found the letter in an old cabinet that the previous occupants left behind. She could never throw it away.” She is quite fond of animal life: “Mr and Mrs Duck fascinated my children and I straight away because they had this instinctive tendency to stay together.” Her real fascination though is for people, “you will never hear a Japanese mum of Hanger Hill reveal any parenting issues or complain about her daily activities.” “Breda and Michael are certainly a lovely couple and, it seems, true champions of the community.” The stories of people who live on the estate are stories of hardship, immigration, family values, success, dedication, passion and happiness. These are uplifting stories that might inspire all of us & which she shares with us on her blog: <http://www.teaclubofhangerhill.com/>

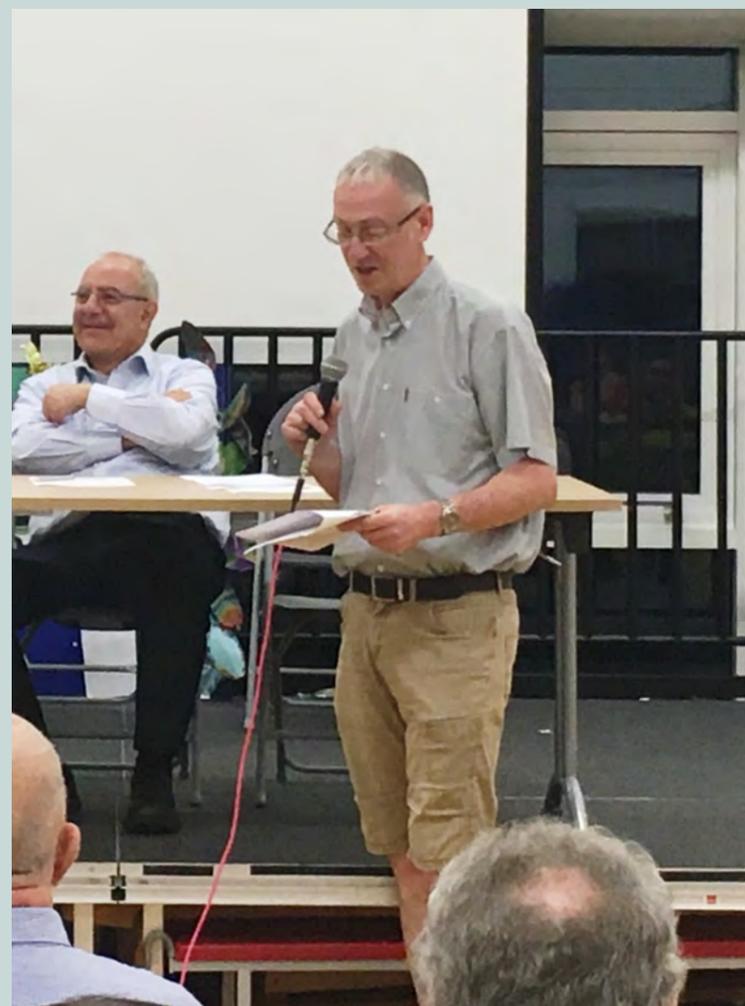


## HUGH RICHARDS - New Chair of the Hanger Hill Garden Estate

At this years AGM, held at the Church of The Holy Family Hall on the 19th April 2018, we elected a new chair of the HHGERA.

Below is our new Chairman's first contribution to the Newsletter:

These are interesting times we live in. The consultation on the extension of Mayor for London's Ultra Low Emissions Zone (ULEZ) closed on the 28th February and we are awaiting the results. He has already accelerated the introduction of the ULEZ in central London - from the 8th April 2019 diesel cars that do not meet Euro 6 standards and petrol cars that do not meet Euro 4 standards entering the Congestion Charging Zone will have to pay an additional charge of £10 to £12-50 on top of the existing Congestion Charging Zone fee. Furthermore, the ULEZ will operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The proposed extension of the ULEZ will extend the boundaries to include the North & South Circular Roads from the 25th October 2021, so if it is approved our estate will be included. The implications of this are that most of us will probably be thinking of changing our cars in the next year or so. My highly efficient 4 year old diesel Volvo estate is Euro 5, so it will have



to go (although my gas guzzling 4 litre 1958 Armstrong Siddeley Star Sapphire is considered an historic vehicle, and hence has free passage). Further information on the proposals to expand the ULEA is available at: <https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/environment/air-quality-consultation-phase-3b/?cid=airquality-consultation>

A relatively sudden change of so many vehicles on the estate will bring problems and opportunities. Many of the new vehicles will be electric or hybrid and require charging. We are unusual in that virtually all of the houses on the estate have garages, and many of them have electricity supplies. True, they are on the small size and since modern cars no longer rust like they used to, we have got used to using our garages for storage. Even so quite a few people will start storing and charging their cars in their garages. The service roads (and gates) will be used more frequently.

There are several issues that your Residents Association will need to consider: Should we be asking Ealing Council to provide electric charging points on the estate, and if so where? How should we respond to residents charging their vehicles by using extension leads running across the footpath (which I have already seen happen)? Would a car club scheme on the estate remove the cost of replacing your car and reduce the total number of cars on the estate or just take up several of the existing parking spaces on the estate? How should we respond to the increasing number of delivery vehicles on the estate and the damage caused by pavement parking in areas not designed for pavement parking?

We need a new transport strategy for the estate. Most of the above issues are not unique to us, and Ealing Council already has policies on car clubs and car charging points. We will need to consult all our residents in the houses and flats and work with Ealing Council and TfL to ensure we identify the most appropriate set of solutions for HHGE and the funding sources to implement them. Of course this is easier said than done. It requires a lot of (unpaid) work and may not be achievable given our limited resources. I will be setting up a working party in July to work out how to take this forward. If you would like to get involved or have any comments about this initiative please email me at [hugh@hhgera.com](mailto:hugh@hhgera.com).

Your front garden is the first thing people see when they visit your house, and first impressions count for a lot. Many of the front garden gates and hedges on the estate are in poor condition and need replacing. The Conservation Design Guide for our estate specifies the design of the gate and states that the boundary should be marked by a privet hedge. To help improve the appearance of the estate and reduce costs for residents HHGERA is considering bulk buying a number of gates and privet hedge saplings and getting quotes for their installation. If this initiative goes ahead we will undertake a letter drop giving details and costs but it would be useful to know the potential demand. If you are interested in having your gate replaced or some or all of your hedge replanted or if you are able to help the working party for this initiative please email the committee at [hugh@hhgera.com](mailto:hugh@hhgera.com)

## Community Gardening Morning

Following successful community gardens work last year and this year, we are organising another work day for October 2018. I invite you to join us:

Date: Sunday 21st Oct 2018

Time: 10am ~ 1pm

Place: Rose Garden

Bring: Gardening gloves, secateurs, rakes, loppers / pruning saw

Don't worry if you're not an expert gardener or don't have tools. And please do bring along anyone else you think would like to get involved. Please wear appropriate clothing, as we intend to tackle areas comprising brambles and ivy. As well as being fun, this will be a good opportunity to meet new neighbours.

Piers Mahoney - Gardens Co-ordinator HHGERA



## Neighbourhood Watch Online:

It has never been easier to join your local Neighbourhood watch. A new application called OWL has been introduced to make Neighbourhood Watch communication easier and more effective. The system went live on the 16th May. The OWL website is

very secure. It is CESG approved which means it has passed Government approved security tests, and is certified as Secured by Design which means it has national police approval. Watch members often ask who has access to their contact details on OWL. The answer is their coordinator has and anyone else above that coordinator in the NHW hierarchy, including police staff who have been granted access. Coordinators of other watches cannot view details of members in watches they are not responsible for. Likewise, Area and Ward coordinators cannot view details of watch coordinators and members that are not in their area or ward. Once you log into OWL all data sent and received is securely encrypted across the internet.

Through the medium of OWL you will receive the usual newsletters, but instead of your NW Co-ordinator passing on messages from the police, they will now be able to email them to you directly. They will also be able to target messages more precisely so that you should only receive messages that are relevant to you. For instance, they will be able to send information to all NW members in a particular Ward, or they can send it only to members in a particular street or group of streets.

You will also, via the secure site, be able to respond to messages or contact the police. However, OWL messaging is not a substitute for 999 or 101 for reporting crime.

It has never been easier to join your local watch. I do urge you to complete the simple registration, become an active member of the neighbourhood watch, and play a part in helping the police to keep our community safe and free of crime. [www.owl.co.uk](http://www.owl.co.uk)

## Your Three Ward Councillors have been re-elected Data protection

Following on from the local elections held on the 3rd May 2018, all of your 3 Hanger Hill Councillors have been returned to office. They look forward to serving you again, supporting the HHGE Residents Association and joining in all of the Association's events. You can contact your Councillors:

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Nigel Sumner - [nigel.sumner@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:nigel.sumner@ealing.gov.uk) 020 8992 2648

Gregory Stafford - [gregory.stafford@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:gregory.stafford@ealing.gov.uk) 07973 119 625

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Full details and contacts are set out in the Data Privacy Notice that can be downloaded from the HHGERA website at [www.hhgera.com/data-protection](http://www.hhgera.com/data-protection).

