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It appears to be a time rich with milestones. This year is the 50th anniversary of Ealing Council in its current form, you may be interested to know; but it is also the anniversary of historical events of a much wider significance, two of which you can read about on pages 46-47. Meanwhile, a century on from the First World War, two local soldiers who died in the combat have been recognised (see page four).

An annual occurrence, of course, is the Ealing Summer Festivals, and you can whet your appetite for the excellent array of entertainment on four pages, from page 27 – including a chance to win tickets to the comedy festival.

There is a lot else going on in this edition, ranging from how cycling has changed a woman’s life (p20) to finding out where your recycling went (p34) – and from a foster carer with a heart-warming tale (p19) to a woman’s story of female genital mutilation (p24).

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A second soldier who died in the First World War has been recognised in Ealing almost a century after his death.

Following on from Herbert Crook, whose name was added to Ealing War Memorial by the council earlier this year, another fallen hero who was missing from the list has been etched on the memorial wall on Ealing Green.

Serjeant John Harold Garnham, of the Royal Irish Regiment, was from Ealing. He was killed during an offensive near Ypres in the closing weeks of the war, as the allied forces made a final push to defeat the German army. In fact, he died on 14 October 1918, less than a month before the official cessation of combat on 11 November.

Thanks to research by his great-nephew Ian Garnham, the omission of John’s name has been rectified. Although he is listed close to the battlefield where he fell, he was one of many British troops whose names did not make it on to memorials back home directly after the war ended – perhaps lost in the administrative maze and among the sheer numbers of unidentified war dead.

COMING FULL CIRCLE
Serjeant Garnham’s story threw up a shock for the family. When Ian’s son Nathan was studying for his GCSEs the family took a trip to the battlefield in Belgium where John fell, and the Hooge Crater Cemetery.

A log book at the cemetery contains a roll call of the names of the fallen soldiers who died there and, to their surprise, the family saw an Ealing address next to Serjeant Garnham’s name: Drayton Grove, West Ealing. Although an Ealing resident, Ian actually grew up in Jersey and his father had never mentioned a past family connection to Ealing.

Ian said: “It’s extraordinary to think we have come full circle and that I moved to live in a house just a few hundred yards from the address where my great uncle and great-grandmother lived, completely unknowingly. It is very heart-warming to finally be able to redress my great uncle’s lack of recognition after all this time, 97 years.”

WHEN HERBERT CAME HOME
When the story of Herbert Crook was first published by Around Ealing Extra earlier this year (www.ealing.gov.uk/aroundealingextra), a number of newspapers and websites picked up the story and it has prompted several other families to come forward.

Herbert, from Ealing, died while fighting on one of the First World War’s most notorious battlefields, the Somme. His nephew Stuart Crook and other members of the family were present when Herbert’s name was etched on to the memorial.

DO YOU HAVE A LOCAL UNLISTED HERO?
Both the Crook and Garnham families had the help and encouragement of the council’s borough architect Gavin Leonard, who has been leading the council’s war memorial restoration project to commemorate the 100-year anniversary of the war.

Gavin said: “We would like to capture as many missing names as possible between now and 2018, the centenary of the end of the war. The families need to conduct their own research but I am hoping the publicity might be a catalyst for other relatives to come forward. If the council can come somewhere close to completing the task of honouring local war dead, left unaccomplished in 1920, then I think it will be a fitting tribute.”

Contact leonardg@ealing.gov.uk or call 020 8825 9054.

Click here to read the Crooks’ story
Investment in our borough is just as important, if not even more so, than the savings all councils are having to make at the moment.

As I have written on these pages before, the council is expecting to have to make unprecedented savings of £96million by April 2019. Funding from central government, which is one of the biggest sources of money the council has to spend on day-to-day services, has fallen dramatically. And there is a backdrop of a rising population, higher costs, increasing demand on services and a shortage of housing in the borough. It all provides a daunting task. The council has been working through proposals to find the necessary savings, and you can find out more at www.ealing.gov.uk/budget

However, although these challenges remain with the council’s budget, we are still investing in our schools (for example, £12million to replace the main building at Northolt High), as well as spending £3.5million on our roads and footpaths. We continue, meanwhile, to regenerate our town centres and housing estates – with Southall’s centre still undergoing significant changes under its Big Plan (see page 40); and Copley Close in Hanwell and Havelock in Southall the latest estates to take steps forward this year. Education, homes and the physical fabric of where we live and work are vital to us all, and must be supported.

There are other, less obvious ways to invest in the borough. The local economy is a big driver of local employment and nothing is more critical to this than the business health of our town centres. So much good work goes on at the council behind the scenes, working with small and independent local businesses to help them establish and thrive. You can get a taste for it from the story on page 39 of this issue.

Ealing Summer Festivals is back. I always look forward to it every year and attend as much of it as possible. The carnivals in Acton and Greenford always get things off to a great start, and the comedy under the big top tent in Walpole Park is of such a high standard each year, with impressive line-ups every night of the festival. Then there is all the music, and much more besides. What a wonderful advert for our borough and a great selection of days out, and nights out, for everyone.

The Independent Health Commission set up by Ealing, Brent, Hammersmith and Fulham, and Hounslow councils, is due to publish its findings soon and, in the meantime, published an interim report. This interim report is critical of some proposed changes by the NHS in our area – changes which notably include the closures of some hospital A&E departments. The report appears to confirm what we have been campaigning about over the last few years. We will continue to fight and I look forward to seeing the full report’s findings.

Click here for the interim report

Julian at last year’s Acton Carnival

Julian at last year’s Acton Carnival

LEADER’S NOTES

“So much good work goes on behind the scenes”

Councillor Julian Bell
Leader of the council
Saving bluebells

Ealing Council has been carrying out conservation work in Southall’s Long Wood and Tentelow Wood to help protect two of the borough’s remaining bluebell habitats.

Nearly half of the world’s bluebell population is in the UK, but it still remains Britain’s most threatened woodland flower. The council’s park rangers have been taking steps in the ancient woodlands to encourage the growth and spread of the iconic spring bloom.

Sadly, bluebells are in decline, because of the loss of much of their native woodland habitat. But the rangers have thinned some of the non-native trees to improve the natural light and also scattered bluebell seeds.

Read the full story here

Music with bite

West Ealing SoundBite Festival, which is supported by the council’s Elthorne and Walpole ward forums, returns on Saturday, 12 September.

The free, one-day music and food festival is held in Dean Gardens, West Ealing, with residents and businesses coming together to celebrate the town’s rich diversity. This year’s festival is also sponsored by InWestEaling, Pathways charity and Affinity Sutton. The festival will run between 1-9pm. For more information, line-ups and the latest news visit www.soundbitefestival.org

You can also find the West Ealing Soundbite Festival on Facebook and follow it on Twitter using SoundBiteEaling.

Elections in Ealing

In May, three members of parliament (MPs) were voted for by residents to represent Ealing Central and Acton (Rupa Huq, Labour), Ealing North (Steve Pound, Labour) and Ealing-Southall (Virendra Sharma, Labour) constituencies. A council by-election in Northfield ward was won by Fabio Conti (Conservative). Full results at www.ealing.gov.uk/elections
School places

Community primary schools will change the way they allocate places from 2016 when new rules come into force.

The changes include giving priority to siblings of children already at the school and removing priority areas, more commonly known as ‘catchments’. This means that applications will be made on straight-line distance as is the case with community high schools. Other criteria will also be amended. The council consulted on the proposed changes between November and January.

Councillor Binda Rai, cabinet member for children, said: “It is always difficult to make changes to a system that affects so many people, but I believe these updates will make the admissions system fairer for local families.”

Read the full story here

Trees take root

The council’s parks team planted 1,500 new trees in May across the borough to help combat the number of trees lost generally as a result of infection and decay.

They were planted as part of the Street Tree scheme run in partnership with the Mayor of London, Forestry Commission and environmental charity Groundwork London. The council received £110,000 in funding from the Mayor of London’s office to carry out the work.

The council is responsible for managing around 27,000 trees on residential roads plus another 60,000 trees in its parks and open spaces. On average, 300 street trees are removed every year because of poor health or weather damage.

Bin with big appetite

Ealing Council has been using the power of the sun to tackle high street rubbish with the trial of a ‘Big Belly’ solar litterbin outside Ealing Town Hall.

It is the same size as a regular bin, but is able to store up to eight times as much rubbish with the help of its solar-powered compactor. There are two volume sensors in the bin and when the litter reaches a certain level, the sensors trigger the solar-powered compactor, squashing down the rubbish in to the bin’s ‘belly’. Built-in smart technology (also solar-powered) sends the council’s street cleaning team a message alert when it reaches 85% capacity.

Other boroughs have used similar bins to save money, while reducing the number of collections necessary. It also helps stop birds, foxes and vermin scattering rubbish.

The results of the trial will determine whether or not it is kept, or if more are installed.

Lighting up

Almost all of the borough’s 24,000 street-lights are being replaced with new, energy-efficient LED lanterns.

Outdated high-pressure sodium lights are steadily being swapped for the modern lamps and will all be changed by October 2016.

It is estimated the new, energy-efficient bulbs will save the council more than £500,000 a year – by slashing the annual electricity bills and also reducing the maintenance costs because LED lights are more reliable and last longer. It will also halve the amount Ealing has to pay under the new Climate Change Levy that came into force last year, which charges each council for the amount of carbon it emits.

In addition, the ‘white light’ that is emitted by LED lanterns is clearer and can make it easier for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists to see at night.

Ornate streetlights in conservation areas will not be changed to LED until the technology for these types of lights is sufficiently developed.
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Healthy eating habits

Berriyeme Primary School started working with its students on healthy eating last year but has already picked up awards – and has now opened a specially revamped dining room, too.

The Acton school was recently presented with bronze and silver awards from Healthy Schools London by Councillor Binda Rai, cabinet member for children and young people.

Councillor Rai also took a look round the school dining room which has been treated to a £5,000 makeover courtesy of Danone’s ‘Eat Like a Champ’ healthy eating programme. It has been given a new lay-out and design, along with a brightly decorated salad bar and a sound system to play classical music. Larger tables add a community feel and teachers sit with children.

The council’s health improvement team helped the school to introduce a range of measures including a packed lunch policy and advice for parents. There has been a drop in the number of overweight pupils and teachers have reported improved concentration, self-esteem, behaviour and attainment.

Councillor Rai said: “Childhood obesity is a growing national problem and Berriyeme is tackling the issue.”

More childcare places

There are going to be more free early years places for two-year-olds available, at three expanded centres.

Two year-olds are entitled to 15 hours of free early years education a week if they meet certain criteria, such as their families being on low incomes or they are in care. The council has been expanding the places available in line with demand – and now three more locations are going to be expanded to accommodate more children: Grove House Children’s Centre, Southall; Perivale Children’s Centre; and Alec Reed Academy, Northolt. Altogether, 200 extra places will be created by October.

To check eligibility, visit the childcare pages on the council website via www.ealing.gov.uk/socialcare

A full day of evidence was presented to the Independent Health Commission in Ealing – one of four hearings set up in west London to investigate the impact of past and proposed changes by the NHS to healthcare in the area. Contributors in Ealing included a hospital consultant, local doctors, a midwife, residents and local politicians and representatives from Ealing Healthwatch and Ealing Save Our NHS Action Group. The commission, which is led by Barrister Michael Mansfield QC, was set up by Brent, Ealing, Hammersmith and Fulham, and Hounslow councils. The session in Ealing was the second of four public sessions between March–May. Findings will be published this summer.

Free healthy lifestyle programmes are being run this summer for children and their families, to help them to become fitter and healthier. Each session features fun activities and friendly lessons on how to reach or keep a healthier weight through easy-to-make lifestyle changes. Boost, for children aged five-13 who are above a healthy weight will run in July. MEND (Mind, Exercise, Nutrition, Do It) will run in August. For more information or to book a place contact Sandy or Sonal on 020 8825 6458/6455, or visit the children’s health page at www.ealing.gov.uk

Hanwell Carnival will take place on Saturday, 20 June and will begin with a procession from Hanwell Community Centre to Elthorne Park, where there will be live music, food, fairground rides and much more from 12noon. The carnival – believed to be the oldest in London – is run by the community. This year’s theme is Historic Hanwell. There will also be a petting farm, pony rides and dog show. Entry to the park is free. Visit www.hanwellcarnival.co.uk
Ealing Council’s parks team has been working with designers to create an exciting new play area at the Northolt landmark, which can be accessed via the Target Roundabout on the A40. It will replace the current playground near the café.

Where possible, responsibly sourced materials will be used – keeping with the park’s environmental theme. This includes Robina wood, which has a naturally high resistance to rot. The play area will be built on an existing mound to give it additional height. It will span across more than 300 square metres, giving children space to explore and make-up adventures.

With a ‘club house’ style platform, a twisted tubular slide and swinging rope bridges, children will be able to let their imaginations run wild. A crawling tunnel, balancing blocks and ramps will provide a challenge and a chance to build confidence.

Hidden within the sculpture will be educational and sensory games at a low level for toddlers to interact with and enjoy. They will include a memory game, tactile cubes, and butterfly and bug sculptures.

Rope bridges hung at different levels will take children from one play feature to another, along with balancing beams and suspended logs.

Councillor Bassam Mahfouz, cabinet member for transport and environment, said: “This new playground will have so many elements, installed at different heights and locations it promises to inspire children to get creative, be imaginative and challenge themselves to go to the next level of play.

“The design of Northala Fields has always been focused around emphasising sustainability and contributing to the biodiversity of the area. We didn’t want to stray away from this when planning the new playground – this is going to be an exciting new attraction in an already popular park.”

Neelum Bains reports.
Children of all ages will love the chance to turn their special day into an experience of a lifetime, a birthday they will never forget… with meerkats, rabbits and butterflies all invited. There will be no mess to clean up and lots of fun-filled activities to keep the party guests busy.

So many children are passionate about animals, but few ever get the chance to get up close with exotic creatures. The animal centre has more than 40 different species, including prairie dogs, peacocks and a porcupine. Birthday parties at the centre will provide kids with an opportunity to spend time with the animals, chaperoned by an experienced zookeeper and hopefully learn a little something about the animals along the way.

The party festivities will last for two exciting hours and consist of a session in The Mini-Keepers’ Cabin, where the children will be able to get up close to some of the park’s furry and feathery friends. This will then be followed by animal-themed activities, a private tour of the butterfly house and tropical rainforest walkthrough, and a chance to feed some of the centre’s charismatic creatures. The party will culminate in an unforgettable opportunity for the birthday boy or girl to feed the cheeky meerkats. Be sure to have your cameras at the ready.

Once the official party is over, guests are welcome to stay and enjoy the outdoor play area, the maze and large open spaces and can choose to finish off the day with a birthday lunch in the park’s café or picnic area.

Parents and party planners can provide their own party food to enjoy after the animal encounters but catering is available and includes delicious and nutritious sandwiches, fruit, party snacks and a drink.

INTERESTED? READ ON
The children’s parties accommodate a minimum of 10 children, with a maximum of 20, and each child should be at least four years old. Up to 10 accompanying adults are welcome to join in with the fun. Not every animal will be suitable for parties, but if you have a favourite that you would wish to include in your party, remember to mention it when making your booking.

Prices are £15 per party guest (there is no fee for the adults) and party bags are available at £3 per child.

For more details about booking a birthday party, email animalcentre@ealing.gov.uk or call 07956 362341.

All bookings are subject to availability and will require a small deposit. 😊
So much under one roof

Steeped in history, Hanwell Community Centre has been a school, a hospital and a rehearsal hall for a few rock legends. Neelum Bains found out what goes on behind those big, green doors.

Hidden away in the heart of Hanwell, the community centre offers an impressive array of sports, arts and social activities for people of all ages.

Once a Victorian school, Hanwell Community Centre has a fascinating history, including being home to a six-year-old Charlie Chaplin in 1896.

The community centre building is the remainder of the Central London School District live-in school opened in 1849. Still a very large building now, it was once positively monolithic but some of the site was given over to become the Cuckoo Estate.

This iconic landmark, in Westcott Crescent, was adopted as a community centre in 1945 and has remained a part of community life ever since.

On average, 2,000 people use the centre every week, which keeps the council’s centre staff busy, but they are encouraging even more Hanwell residents and visitors to come along and join in some of the

Left: Centre managers Rakesh Karia and Ian Mark want to welcome more visitors
surprisingly wide range of activities on offer. With dedicated arts and crafts spaces available to use, including an upholstery area; a large pottery workshop equipped with four electric kilns; and bookable art studio space; the centre is a budding craftsperson’s dream. There are experienced tutors on-site to help get you started or develop ideas you are already working on.

Hanwell Community Centre also offers a selection of sports facilities, including Olympic-standard badminton courts, martial arts rooms, and an indoor boxing ring. The dedicated spaces mean that you can train and play a number of sports in one place. Classes are taken by qualified instructors and use specialist training equipment. There are classes for people of all ages.

There is also a children’s nursery at the centre, and various clubs and community groups meet there regularly too.

DATE FOR THE DIARY
Hanwell Community Centre will be hosting a family fun day on Saturday, 15 August 2015.

With demonstrations from some of the sports groups, a mini art exhibition by artists who use the centre and live performances from local bands, the day will be packed with activities for all the family, between 11am-4pm.

The centre is also available for venue hire for birthday parties, conferences, religious celebrations, pre-wedding parties and more. Find out more at www.hanwellcc.co.uk

BOXING CLEVER
Ealing Boxing Club is just one of the many clubs based in the community centre.

“Having a venue that’s easy to get to and has specialist facilities has really helped build up the club’s membership,” said Gareth Frost, club manager.

“The centre’s managers have been great at helping me get set up and use the facilities. We have people of all ages coming along to sessions; we even have a few parents learning with their children. I am really excited about the club’s future and welcome anyone from the borough to come along and join in.”

Ealing Boxing Club is held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings between 7–8.30pm. For more information call Gareth Frost, club manager, on 07783 649988 or email ealingboxing@hotmail.com
In good taste

There are hundreds of places to eat delicious food in the borough. When you tuck into each tasty mouthful you rightly assume it was prepared properly. Of course, in the vast majority of cases this is true. But someone needs to keep an eye on it. Gracia Leo reports.

Businesses in the borough produce some of the highest quality foods exported across the world. Likewise, the variety and specialism of the cuisines on offer makes it an exciting and attractive place to eat.

It is Ealing Council’s responsibility to monitor the hygiene levels of these food establishments, regardless of whether it is a huge food manufacturer; a small, independent restaurant or café; or a big take-away chain. Food hygiene inspectors score them with a rating from zero to five, with three being ‘good’ and those above being even better.

Our borough has one of the highest numbers of food premises in London, more than 3,200, and the council’s inspectors work with all these businesses to ensure food is safe and to help them comply with the latest regulations.

The vast majority of food outlets in the borough are compliant with food hygiene requirements, with around 80% of them having a rating of three or more. You can check the hygiene rating of any food establishment on the Food Standards Agency’s website www.food.gov.uk/ratings

REACHING BEST STANDARD

Councillor Ranjit Dheer, cabinet member for community services and safety, said: “The vast majority of food businesses in our borough maintain
good hygiene standards. But the council helps any business improve its ratings – especially if one should get a score of two or below, because public safety is the council’s priority and we want them to reach the best standard possible as quickly as possible.

“Usually it is a simple matter of the right training and introducing a few new routines that can make all the difference.

“The council runs regular training courses, accredited by the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health, with the help of University of West London. It is also working with the Food Standards Agency and NSF Ltd, an international food safety consultancy, to provide on-site coaching to some of the poorest performing businesses so they can bring themselves up to a sufficient standard.

“We have a borough with so many fantastic places producing great food and we want everyone to reach the heights of our best businesses. We want everyone to know Ealing is the place to go for a good meal.”

SERVING TOUGH ACTION
Because there is the occasional case where a business is so bad that it poses a risk to public health, it is important the council also has a strong environmental health team which does not hesitate to take enforcement action where necessary.

Since last April, the council has carried out around 1,000 inspections on the highest risk premises across the borough. And, action taken by officers in the previous 12 months (2013/14) prevented 12 tonnes of unsafe imported food from entering the food chain and removed more than 3.5 tonnes of unsafe food from businesses.

In 2013/2014 the council served the highest number of Hygiene Emergency Prohibition Notices of the London boroughs and the second highest number nationally. These notices are served to deal with imminent risks to public health such as pest infestations and serious risks of cross-contamination. They usually require the immediate closure of a business.

During this period, the council also served the fifth highest number of Hygiene Improvement Notices in London and the seventh highest in the country. Typical reasons for these notices include lack of training or a lack of a food safety management system. They are generally served to remedy significant, but not imminent, risks to public health.

In addition, Ealing concluded the fourth highest number of prosecutions in London and the ninth highest nationally. The prosecutions are mainly reserved for the most serious or persistent offences.

In October 2014, Ealing was selected as one of five councils across the country to trial the Better Business Compliance Partnership pilot. This initiative led by the Cabinet Office brought together the resources and intelligence of national bodies, including the Home Office and HMRC (revenue and customs), with locally held information from council teams. The pilot project in Ealing focused on and tackled multiple rule breakers and persistently non-compliant businesses.

REPORT IT
Anyone concerned about food hygiene at a business should contact the council’s food safety team. Call 020 8825 6666 or email foodsafety@ealing.gov.uk.

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Apprenticeship got me the job I always wanted

Amrita and Tom have built careers at Ealing Council after deciding college was not for them and taking on the challenge of apprenticeships instead. The next council apprentices are being recruited now. Could you follow in their footsteps?

More than 180 young people have gone through the council’s apprenticeship scheme since it started in 2007. Each apprentice gains valuable experience within a council team as well as working towards vocational qualifications. Most successfully complete the full scheme to ‘graduate’. Some have then gone into full-time jobs with the council. Others have moved to employment, education or further training elsewhere. It involves a one-year training agreement with the option of a second year, and an allowance starting from £160 per week. In return, the council is looking for enthusiastic and motivated people aged 16-24 who are willing to learn new skills.

AMRITA’S STORY

Amrita Sidhu is now an accounts officer in the finance team. Last year she sat on the judging panel for the council’s annual apprenticeship awards – the first former apprentice to do so.

“I wasn’t too sure what I wanted to do when I was at school, but I enjoyed maths so much that I wanted to do something that included numbers,”

Amrita Sidhu works in finance after being an apprentice
Amrita said, “After not enjoying business studies at sixth form I went to college to study health and social care, but dropped out half-way through because I realised it was not what I wanted to do either. I then came across the Ealing Council apprenticeships and noticed they had one in revenues. I knew this was to do with numbers so it would be ideal for me.”

After gaining qualifications in business administration and successfully completing her apprenticeship, a job became available.

“I always tell young people to do an apprenticeship because it’s a great opportunity.”

“Luckily, after one-and-a-half years of being an apprentice, there was a job vacant in my team to become a corporate collections assistant,” said Amrita. “I did this for two years and then got promoted to a customer accounts officer. I am currently going to college part-time in the evenings studying accountancy. After this I am hoping to continue this journey and become a chartered accountant.

“I always tell young people to do an apprenticeship because it’s a great opportunity.”

TOM’S STORY

“Whilst at school I was never really too sure what I wanted to be,” said Tom Smith, who has risen from being an apprentice to becoming a facilities manager for the council. “As I got older, the realisation that I wasn’t going to be a footballer, let alone the next Ronaldo, sadly dawned on me, and I then looked more to getting involved with working in the leisure industry from a business perspective.

“When I left school I went on to sixth form but, after just a few months, I realised being sat in a classroom when I wasn’t compelled to be there wasn’t for me and maybe my slight impatience of wanting to get out and start a career led to me leaving and getting an apprenticeship.

“I went to an open day in Ealing Town Hall with a friend and, as they say, the rest is history. I became an apprentice for the council’s property services from 2008-2010 and gained qualifications in business administration and various other skills.

“Once I finished my apprenticeship I worked my way through the ranks at a company contracting for the council and I became a deputy estates manager at the age of 19. After a few years doing this I moved back to working directly for the council and was promoted to facilities manager, the job I always wanted when I started my apprenticeship: Overseeing facilities at libraries, parks and community centres.”

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Life changer

Things have come full circle for Rosemarie Schuere. Almost nine years ago, she was reading her copy of Around Ealing magazine when she was hooked by an article on fostering. It changed her life. Now, she is appearing in the magazine herself and hoping to inspire someone in the same way she was.

“I had worked with children before but I was looking in Around Ealing and there was a lady called Maxine talking about fostering and I thought ‘I could do that’.

“I made a call to Ealing Council and that was the beginning of the story.”

Since then, once she went through the approval process to become a foster carer, Rosemarie has cared for children of all ages, from two-day-old babies to teenagers. Rosemarie even provided long-term foster care for a seven-year-old up until they turned 16. She has also had several children at a time, when she became more experienced.

“Fostering is a life-changer – everything becomes about that child,” Rosemarie said. “It is very rewarding. You have to have a sense of humour, empathy, patience and, although it sounds obvious, to actually like children. But they become part of your family.

“I always say the same thing to each one at the beginning: ‘I’m going to look after you, care for you and keep you safe’. You watch their development and it is always difficult to say goodbye to them when the time comes. The first one is so hard, but you become more prepared for it.

“Like anything in life there are times when things are fantastic and times when they are not, but I can honestly say I love what I do. And I would say to anyone who is interested to go ahead and do it. It is so rewarding, seeing these children blossom when you give them some safety and security. You are giving them a chance in life.”

BE THE DIFFERENCE
Could you be the one to follow in Rosemarie’s footsteps? Interested in finding out more about becoming a foster carer? View the advert on the facing page, email fosteradopt@ealing.gov.uk or call freephone 0800 731 6550.
Cycling changed my life

“I surprised myself because I used to look at cyclists and think ‘how do they do it, on those winter mornings in the cold or rain?’ – but now that’s me,” exclaimed Karam Applegate, who learned to ride aged 57. Louise Telot reports.

When we met her, Karam had just returned home after her daily eight-mile commute, which would have been unthinkable to her a few years ago.

‘LIFE IS TOO SHORT, SO HERE GOES’

She said: “I was actually interested in learning to ride a motor bike, but one small catch is you need to be able to ride a bike first. I was 57 and thought, ‘life is too short, so here goes’.”

The challenge she faced is one that many of us encounter: We want to learn to ride a bike but who would teach a nervous adult on two wheels? Her search started on the internet where she found Cycle Training UK (CTUK), which runs the Cycle with Confidence training course in partnership with Ealing Council. It offers up to four hours of one-to-one training with a fully qualified instructor. For only £5 per year, this offer is only for people who live, work or study in our borough.

Karam’s first lesson lifted her confidence to the extent she felt able to take her daughter’s bike to the car park and ride around until she could balance.
‘IT’S CHANGED MY LIFE’
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And she became a part of a Southall cycling group for women, organised by the council. There is now a similar group in Acton, which meets at Gunnersbury Park.

She said: “These sessions are specifically for women. I get asked by ladies ‘is it comfortable cycling? What do I need to do?’ I say: ‘Well, this is your opportunity to give it a try. It is the best place to support beginners, and the health benefits are great too. You’ve got to get up and do it today’. That’s what I did. I pushed myself.”

She is now comfortable riding on the road any time, day or night.

“The past few years have been difficult,” said Karam. “But getting on a bike has changed my life. I have made new friends through cycling groups, taken part in organised rides and even went on a 130-mile charity ride between Birmingham and London.”

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TICKET TO RIDE EVENT
Karam also participates in the council’s annual Ticket to Ride event held each June. She won a competition at the 2013 event and took a prize of £300 in vouchers to spend in cycle shops in Ealing. She bought herself a bike, which is still her pride and joy. The next Ticket to Ride event takes place on Sunday, June 28, between 10am-3pm. To register in advance or to find out more visit www.ealing.gov.uk/cyclerride

There are Dr Bike cycling ‘surgeries’ held around the borough by the council, and Karam uses them to give her bike a regular health check. Visit www.ealing.gov.uk/whatson for dates.

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10am–1pm
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2, 9, 16, 23, 30 August
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Change on the doorstep

In 2013/14 we saved more than £4million by recycling waste instead of sending it to landfill. This is a huge amount, but we can save more by recycling more.

The council has a target of recycling 50% of household waste by 2018. Currently the borough’s recycling rate stands at around 45% thanks to your hard efforts and the council’s introduction of more, and ever easier, ways to recycle, including ‘on the go’ bins in parks and new services for flats.

For every tonne of waste that gets sent to landfill as rubbish, rather than recycled, councils are charged a special tax – and this tax increases every year. That means it is absolutely essential that we only throw away what cannot be recycled, because we can no longer afford to allow households to throw bags of waste away each week and not recycle.

Ultimately, it means the council has money to spend on local services rather than throwing it away with the rubbish. For every bit of waste we recycle instead of dumping it in the rubbish, we are saving ourselves money as well as helping to protect the environment.

In west London, two-thirds of the waste that is taken to landfill could have been recycled or reused. Of this, 23% is plastic, paper and card that can go in the new bins; 33% is food that should go in the food waste bins. So, there is plenty of room for improvement.

TIME FOR CHANGE?

However, changes are proposed which could help us take our recycling percentage closer to that 50% target. A new system, which has raised recycling rates in other boroughs, could be introduced to Ealing.

It could see new bins and your collections alternating weekly – rubbish one week, recycling the next. The exception to this would be your food waste, which would still be taken away each week from your current food waste bin, like now. The idea is to be considered by the council’s cabinet in June.

OTHER BENEFITS

If brought in, the new service would reduce operating costs. It is one of the many measures the council has had to consider or implement to tackle the enormous budget savings required by 2019 owing to a dramatic reduction in annual funding from the government. You can read more about that massive savings target at www.ealing.gov.uk/budget and in previous editions of Around Ealing.

Another benefit could be
new wheelie bins resulting in less spillage. At the moment, sacks are prone to being ripped or splitting — and some recycling containers are more prone to objects falling out.

‘NECESSARY – AND PROVEN ELSEWHERE’

Councillor Bassam Mahfouz, the council’s cabinet member for transport and environment, said: "We have had to consider this option because, together with other associated savings, it could help us achieve nearly £2 million in savings annually. It has also worked really well in neighbouring boroughs that have introduced it in recent years and could help us reach our 50% recycling target.

“It is an absolute travesty that we throw so much recyclable material in black bags every week and, in particular, when one-third of each bag is, on average, filled with food. Ensuring we retain a weekly food waste collection would encourage more households to use the food waste bins, while helping to prevent vermin and pests from getting at the rich food source that is left for them week after week in black bags.

"Change of some kind is necessary given our financial predicament, but new collection systems have also proven elsewhere to be the only significant way to bring about even higher recycling rates. This is good for the environment through better use of energy and resources, and would consequently reduce harmful greenhouse emissions — all while saving millions of pounds at the same time.”

More information on the proposed changes will be made available later this year.

WORKING ELSEWHERE

The system proposed for Ealing has been introduced in many other parts of the country, and in neighbouring London boroughs, and proved successful. For example, one district council in nearby Buckinghamshire, Aylesbury Vale, had a recycling rate of just 21% in 2011/12 and was one of the lowest-performing areas in the country. However, it switched system in September 2012. And figures show that, in the first year, the recycling rate almost doubled to 38%. It has continued to grow as more people embraced the new system and the rate now stands at 51% (2013/14).

You can see what effect it had on other London boroughs below. Notably, the best in west London is now Harrow — which had a rate of less than 28% but, since introducing the same kind of system Ealing could have, this has now risen to 50% in the space of four years.

How our neighbours compare

Six other London boroughs have switched to alternate weekly collections and, the following year, their percentage of recycled household waste rose.

Bexley — was 41.6%, and rose to 50.6% (now 54.3%)
*Brent — was 31%, rose to 43%
Bromley — was 40%, rose to 49%
*Haringey — was 24%, rose to 32%
Harrow — was 27.7%, and rose to 50% in four years
Kingston upon Thames — rose to 46%
Southwark — rose to 30%

*Brent and Haringey introduced the change in 2012 and were in the top six in the UK in 2012/13 for the largest percentage decrease in household domestic waste going to landfill.
FGM is any unnecessary procedure that intentionally alters or causes injury to the female genital organs. Some communities refer to it as female genital cutting.

Health implications include kidney, urinary and vaginal infections, sexual dysfunction and problems getting pregnant and giving birth.

Anyone found guilty of performing, organising or assisting with FGM whether in the UK or abroad can face imprisonment for up to 14 years.

It is assumed by the relevant authorities that a large proportion of the girls and women affected are from the

There are thought to be a large number of girls and women living in the borough who have undergone varying types of female genital mutilation (FGM) in their family’s native country. Yet, the procedures are illegal in the UK as child abuse. Neelum Bains reports.

‘Help is out there’

*Name changed to protect her identity.
Horn of Africa where FGM is widely practised, but there are also known cases from other communities, including Turkey, Afghanistan and Malaysia, where similar procedures are also sometimes carried out.

The council forms part of the Ealing Children’s Integrated Response Service (ECIRS), a partnership of social workers, police, health professionals and other organisations. This can offer advice to people with concerns about FGM.

ECIRS was set up as a single point of contact to make it easier for children, and families, to get the help they need if there is concern over the welfare of a child.

Other independent groups, such as the African Well Woman Clinic, also offer support.

**SAGAL’S STORY**

Local woman Sagal* told Around Ealing of her own experience of FGM and how it has changed the course of her life.

She said: “We moved to the borough when I was five. I was never aware that I was different in any way. I didn’t have any scary memories of what happened to me, but I guess I was one of the lucky ones.

“The first I knew that my genitals were not as they should be was in the final stages of labour. Imagine that? I got whisked into surgery to avoid any further damage to my body or harm to my baby. I was in shock.

“As soon as I could, I found out as much as I could about the procedures, where they can happen, why they happen and what parts of the body they affect.”

She started to think about other young girls who may be facing, or may have already gone through, FGM: “I started to wonder ‘how will they know it’s not natural and can cause them harm if they are not exposed to the truths?’

“For families living in the UK, outside of their ancestral homelands, continuing with the practise of FGM can be a way for them to keep a strong link to their traditions, while supposedly helping young girls stay pure, not have sexual thoughts as they go through puberty, not experiment sexually before marriage and be ‘clean’ for their husbands after marriage.

“But there are very serious health implications to anyone who has been through an FGM procedure.”

**GETTING THE RIGHT HELP**

Sagal believes that it is all about getting the message out there to raise awareness, but delivering it in a way that reaches out to people rather than attacking them.

She said: “Telling communities like mine that what they do is barbaric, cruel, abusive is not helpful. In fact it closes doors and puts more people at risk of staying uninformed about how they can be helped to protect themselves.

“There is a little girl sitting at home who’s had this done — who might need help to understand, or have questions that need answering — and I want her to know there’s help out there.”

*Help is available*

If you need more information yourself, or if anyone you know has been affected by FGM, contact:

- Acton African Well Woman Clinic on 020 8383 8761 or 07956 001065
- Ealing Children’s Integrated Response Service (ECIRS) on 020 8825 8000, option 2.
Housing benefit and council tax support

Tell us about changes

If you are getting housing benefit and or council tax support you must contact us if there are any changes to your circumstances that may affect your benefit. If you delay telling us you may be paid too much benefit which you will have to pay back, or you may be paid too little.

If you are aware of a change that you should have reported earlier, do not delay, do it now to avoid any overpaid benefit from increasing or losing out on any increase you may be entitled to.

Report your changes by telephone – 020 8825 7829

Report your changes online – www.ealing.gov.uk

Benefit Fraud
Ealing Council takes benefit fraud very seriously. Any suspicious claims will be referred to the council’s audit and investigation team. If you know someone committing benefit fraud you can report them anonymously by calling the fraud hotline 0800 328 6453 (freephone) or emailing fraudreferrals@ealing.gov.uk

Volunteers needed by families in Ealing

A little of your time could make a BIG difference

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With decades of practice, Ealing Council will be opening the gates to some of the borough’s most loved parks for 17 days of amazing entertainment on your doorstep.

Starting the stunning summer line-up with Greenford and Acton carnivals, followed by five nights of side-splitting comedy, a week of live blues and jazz performances and then London’s biggest Asian open air mela providing a grand finish, the festivals have something for everyone.

CARNIVAL TIME
Acton and Greenford carnivals will make their mark again this year with street processions full of sound, colour and costumes. The one-day celebrations will each finish with a party in a park where the whole family can enjoy live music performances, dancing and lots of food.

The carnivals are organised and delivered by local people with a passion for parties. Families can get discounted tickets – see the box on this page for details.

Steve Flynn, of Acton Community Forum and founder of Acton Carnival, said: “We love carnival time, it gives everyone an amazing sense of celebration. Our famous street procession has people of all ages dressed up in some amazing festival costumes, many of them handmade, with loads of music and dancing. The feeling of fun is pretty contagious. So many people give up their own time to make the day really special and that’s what makes the difference. It’s put on by local people for local people.”

The Ealing Beer Festival will be back from Wednesday, 8 to Saturday, 11 July in Walpole Park with more than 300 varieties of real ale, ciders, perries and locally produced beers.

Visit the festivals website www.ealingsummer.com for performer profiles, venue information, line-ups and to buy tickets to the Ealing Comedy Festival. You can also find us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter and Instagram. For more information about London Mela visit www.londonmela.org

DISCOUNT FAMILY TICKET
Discount family tickets will be available to buy from the box offices at each event. This gives two adults and up to three children aged between 12 and 16 entry into Greenford and Acton carnivals for just £5, saving the family up to £5.
Ealing Summer Festivals

‘Fun and filth’

Serving up lashings of innuendo, spiced with wizardly word play, Julian Clary will be raising the roof at this year’s Ealing Comedy Festival.

Locally educated at Ealing Abbey’s St Benedict’s School, Julian Clary returns to town this summer to share his experience of more than 25 years in the UK’s comedy spotlight.

Regarded as one of the country’s best-loved comedians, Julian will be taking time out of his busy schedule to appear at Ealing Comedy Festival. He told Around Ealing: “Ah, Ealing. What fun to revisit the scene of my youth. I hope I can enhance this year’s comedy festival with my particular brand of fun and filth.”

Julian should be joined on stage this year by other well-known comedians including Rob Delaney, Marcus Brigstocke and Nick Helm.

TICKETS
Tickets for the comedy festival are on sale now via www.ealingsummer.com costing £20 per person, per show (plus online or phone booking fees).

The festival is suitable for people aged 18 and over, but young people 15-17 can attend if they are with an adult.

Performers were correct at the time of going to print but could be subject to change. Check www.ealingsummer.com. The shows will be in Walpole Park, Ealing, 7.45-10.30pm (doors open 6.30pm).

COMPETITION

We have 10 pairs of tickets to give away to readers: Two pairs for each of the five nights of comedy. All you have to do is ‘like’ the Ealing Summer Festivals page on Facebook by 4pm, Friday, 10 July. Make sure you also send our Facebook page a private message with your phone number, email and postal address so we can get in touch if you are one of the lucky winners.

The draw will take place once the deadline has closed, and only the winners will be notified.

Names will appear at www.ealingsummer.com. Employees of Ealing Council are excluded from the competition and may not take part.
‘Bigger than we ever expected’

From humble beginnings nearly 30 years ago, the Ealing Blues Festival attracted thousands of visitors last year. Set in the gorgeous surroundings of Walpole Park, the festival is back with the full, familiar swagger of a classic blues riff.

Breaking in the main stage on Saturday, 24 July will be Debbie Bond & The Trudats from Alabama USA followed by Tommy Allen & Traffic, The Spikedrivers and Devil Drives. Closing the opening night this year will be Dom & the Ikos, mixing up a New Orleans songbook and its traditional piano playing styles.

The festival continues on Sunday with The Chairs, 3AM and Northsyde warming things up for the international ‘boogie-woogie’ piano player, Ben Waters. Bringing his special blend of boogie blues Ben will be sure to raise the roof on the big top tent, bringing the Blues Festival to a spectacular close.

The festival kicks off at 1.30pm and will continue until 10.30pm in Walpole Park in Mattock Lane, Ealing W5.

After nearly 30 years of involvement in the Blues Festival, founder and artistic director, Bob Salmons has picked up a thing or two: “I started the event just so that my musician mates and I could have a get together in the local park,” laughed Bob.

“Ealing is the birthplace of British rock music with a heritage that encompasses such acts as The Rolling Stones, Led Zeppelin, The Who, Queen, Dusty Springfield and many more. The Ealing Blues Festival not only celebrates that heritage but also provides a platform for the acts that will carry that onwards.

“We never expected the festival to get as big as it has. Back in the late 1980s it was easier for bands to get gigs because there were more places to play. Nowadays bands have to have a YouTube channel and social media sites just to get a foot in the door. Most musicians never get the chance to play to an audience of several thousand, I get to do it every year and for that I’m grateful to the audiences for supporting the festival.

“I have appeared at the festival playing as guitarist and vocalist under my stage name, Robert Hokum, with such bands as The Amazing Rhythm Burglars, The Guv’nors and Devil Drives.

“If you think that the blues is just about old blokes being depressed, think again. Under the banner of ‘the blues’ we’ve got funk blues bands, rock blues bands, New Orleans style music, boogie-woogie barrelhouse piano and even some good old fashioned rock ‘n’ roll.”

Entry into the festival is £5 or £8 for a family ticket. Children 12 and under get free entrance. Gates open at 1.30pm with live performances beginning at 2pm in Walpole Park, Mattock Lane, Ealing W5.

Visit www.ealingsummer.com for the latest updates and a full line-up of performers. Follow Ealing Summer Festivals on Twitter @Ealing_summer and Facebook www.facebook.com/ealingsummer for regular updates.
Running from Wednesday, 29 July to Sunday, 2 August, the varied and eclectic festival line-up will get the crowds moving. With smooth and soulful sounds creating a relaxed vibe, the festival will round off a month of fantastic events, and will see the return of old favourites including accomplished flautist Keith Waithe and the Macusi Players, jazz and Latin fusion the Gill Cook Quintet, and the critically acclaimed Matt Wates Sextet.

After 30 years of being a part of Ealing Jazz Festival, we caught up with the co-founder Dick Esmond to find out what goes on in the west London world of jazz.

“I have been involved in the Ealing Jazz Festival since the very beginning, in 1985.” explained Dick.

“As the artistic director of the Ealing Jazz Festival, I have programmed and compered the main stage every year since its inception. I have been excited to see the growth of jazz education which is now at an all-time high. There are more talented young musicians playing now with enviable techniques and creativity than ever before.

“I am really looking forward to five glorious days of great music by Ealing-based bands to excite, stimulate and entertain audiences throughout the 20 Main Stage concerts. In a borough which is home to many different kinds of artistes, Ealing’s jazz musicians are well to the fore. This gives the festival a unique identity, each band being led by an Ealing-based jazz musician. The result is invariably a rich mix of styles from bands joyfully playing on their home turf to large and enthusiastic audiences enjoying Ealing Jazz at its festive best.”

Entry into the festival is £4 on Wednesday and Thursday, and £5 on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Children 12 and under are free. Tickets will be available at the gate on the day.

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Fall guys for fraud

You, and Ealing Council, are picking up the tab for people involved in insurance scams. Recently, a family tried to make money by falsely claiming one of them had been severely injured in a fall. It cost the council about £100,000 to prove they were lying. And it is your money the fraudsters wasted.

Ealing Council sometimes finds itself on the end of such fraudulent insurance claims: Either completely fabricated, or exaggerated, by people looking to make some money. In fact, one in five insurance claims in the UK are fraudulent.

Every year, this fraud results in millions of pounds of taxpayers’ funds being wasted across the country. These criminal attempts to steal from the public purse are not victimless crimes because you, the taxpayer, are always left to pick up the bill – and, consequently, funding for our local services suffers.

This is because, even if an insurance claim is turned down, you are still paying for a case to be investigated and defended in court. Every pound we save by preventing this type of fraud could be spent on local services instead. In these tough economic times, it is especially important.

HELP US STOP THEM
By calling FraudLine, you can help us stop these crimes against our community. If you think you have some information about a fraudulent insurance claim you can call 0800 328 9270 – a special 24-hour hotline. It is free and confidential, and is manned by people with the expertise to help.

The council, and FraudLine, has the support of the government-funded Insurance Fraud Enforcement Department, led by City of London Police.

TYPES OF FRAUD
There are common types of insurance fraud. These include making exaggerated claims by pretending an accident was far worse than it really was; untrue personal injury claims that describe a false set of circumstances, time or place of an accident; completely bogus claims that use invented symptoms or an incident that never occurred; and multiple claims where the fraudster knowingly makes claims for the same injury in a number of different local authority areas.

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For further information pop into your local library or visit www.ccslibraries.com
Where did recycling go?

Tens of thousands of tonnes of recycling were collected by Ealing Council over the last year. But what happened to it once it left your doorstep, recycling banks or the ‘dump’?

Well, once the trucks on the recycling collection rounds would have departed from your street, what would happen next is remarkable. And it all happened in England. Here are four examples of how some of your rubbish might have been ‘reincarnated’ again and again.

FROM THE GARDEN TO FARMS

The packed mass of grass cuttings, dead plants, leaves and other garden trimmings collected from the kerbside and the recycling and reuse centres in Greenford and Acton were taken to a West London Waste Authority transfer station where the waste was tipped, weighed and bulked up for transport to a facility where it was composted on an industrial scale – ready to be used for agricultural purposes.
BOTTLES, THEN JUMPERS, THEN CLOTHS
1. You buy a bottle of water, you drink it and then you recycle the bottle. Along with the other plastic, it is sent to a reprocessing plant where it is sorted into different types of plastic and then ground into beads or flakes.

2. These remnants are then bought by companies to melt them down to manufacture all sorts of things, including jumpers. If you bought such a jumper until it got old and tired, you could put it in one of the many textile banks around the borough – if it is in good condition it could be sent to clothe people in need; home or abroad. If it is not of sufficient quality it would be sent to be recycled within the UK.

3. Industrial firms then convert the material into handy objects like cleaning cloths, which you then might buy to clean your kitchen worktop.

CIRCULAR NEWS: NEWSROUND AND ROUND
Your magazines or newspapers may already be made out of 100% recycled paper, but they can be recycled again, and again. Paper was taken away by the council to a special plant where it was mixed with water and pulped, and the ink released from the fibres; meanwhile, plastics, metals, grit and other materials were also removed through screening. The pulp would then be injected between two wire meshes to form a damp paper web, then passed through a series of presses and steam-heated drying cylinders. Eventually, bright, clean newsprint on jumbo reels were transported to the printing presses and publishing companies to be reused.

CORE OF THE MATTER: FOOD WASTE
After being popped into a kitchen caddy, the apple core would have ended up in the food waste bin outside the home, and then collected by the council’s recycling trucks. It would then be taken to a special processing plant to recycle the food waste into a liquid fertiliser to be used for agricultural purposes. The process, called anaerobic digestion, also generates electricity which would go straight into the National Grid.

MORE INFORMATION
To find out what you can recycle, and where, and lots more details, visit www.ealing.gov.uk/recycling

On location
There is a wide range of separated recycling banks and bins around the borough: Some especially for old electrical goods, others for clothing or glass; and ‘on the go’ recycling bins in a number of our parks. For more on what you can recycle, and where, including the reuse and recycling centres in Acton and Greenford, visit www.ealing.gov.uk/recycling

Five recycling facts
1. It takes seven days for your paper to be recycled from collection to newspaper
2. In a year, an individual drink can could be recycled eight times, saving enough energy to make 160 new cans
3. It takes 25 recycled drinks bottles to make a fleece jacket
4. Every tonne of cardboard recycled saves 17 trees
5. Around £140 million worth (350,000 tonnes) of used clothing is wasted by being thrown in the rubbish bin and sent to landfill in the UK every year instead of being recycled or reused
TIMELY TEMPLE WORK
At the beginning of the year, the highways team was just one council service enlisted to help with the building of a new Sikh Temple in King Street, Southall. The developers needed to ensure that gas, water and electricity was available in the new building and it was the council’s job to maintain the road outside the building.

Being a busy corner of Southall’s second shopping district, King Street is a heavily used bus and car route connecting many roads across Southall Green. By bringing all the companies together and holding discussions with the developers, the highways team was able to help create a schedule of work to suit everyone and minimise the disruption, while keeping as many travel routes operating as possible while it was under way.

Utilities companies providing gas, water and electricity have a legal right to come into the borough and carry out work. This could be for a new development, to repair something that has gone wrong or to make improvements to old systems. This is not always convenient for everyone and can cause road closures and traffic diversions while the work is carried out, or affect residents’ access to the roads they live in.

This is where Ealing Council’s highways team has to step in. It works with the companies on a project-by-project basis to make sure that the schedules they are all working to complement each other and, where possible, overlap to minimise the disruption caused.

The team considers what else might be happening at the same time, and tries to find sensible ways to get everyone’s work completed on time. This could be suggesting things like working during the night, only on weekends or during school holidays.

Councillor Bassam Mahfouz, cabinet member for transport and environment, said: “Inevitably, larger projects will cause some disruption. But without the council’s involvement the companies could work in isolation and could take months longer to complete their work, which would, in turn, increase the disruption.

“We have some amazing projects coming up to improve transport links, housing and town centres over the next few years and these companies will all be involved in making those projects happen. We will continue to work with all of them and build on the relationships we have already to make the process as seamless as possible and minimise the disruption.”
In a project called Transform Your Space last summer, the council invited community groups to submit ideas to win part of a pot of money to turn them into reality. Councillor Bassam Mahfouz, cabinet member for environment and transport, said: “We asked residents for their ideas on how unloved or underused spaces could be transformed into places for the whole community to enjoy, and we were impressed by the quality of the submissions. We have chosen very worthy winners.”

Of the 29 projects submitted, two were selected as winners. Another 13 of the groups that made submissions have been encouraged to develop their plans further and will be offered feedback and guidance.

The two main winners were declared as being:

- St Mellitus Open Space, which will receive £125,000. The proposal is to transform the garden of St Mellitus Church in Hanwell, which occupies a prominent plot on the corner of Uxbridge Road and Church Road. It will tear down the fencing with the aim of reclaiming the space for the community as somewhere to relax, meet and hold local events and, in the process, eradicate the anti-social behaviour which has rendered it unusable – as well as improving safety for pedestrians by widening and improving paving.

- Woodland Oasis in the Heart of Industry, which will receive £75,000. The Island Triangle Residents’ Association submitted the proposal and the plan is to transform an unused, overgrown and fly-tipped strip of land in the centre of the Park Royal industrial estates into a woodland garden. It will include a play area, a community space and various measures to encourage birds and other wildlife, and the overall intention is to create a haven away from the industrial dirt and noise.

Designs for the two winning entries have started to be drawn up, with work on the projects due to start this December. The aim is to have completed both schemes in March next year.

Reverend Mark Melluish, of St Mellitus Church, said: “We would like to make a safe place for the community, in the place known as the gateway to Hanwell. We want to create a space at the heart of the community that people want to come in and use for events, too. We are a small church with a big heart but we wouldn’t have been able to do this without Transform Your Space.”

To find out more about the next round of Transform Your Space visit www.dosomethinggood.co.uk and keep an eye on Around Ealing for an update.
Enrol Online. Pay Online.
www.ealing.gov.uk/adultlearning
Concessionary fees may be available.

New courses for 2015/16
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- GCSE Maths
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We continue to deliver courses in:
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INITIAL DEMOLITION NOTICE
This notice is given by Ealing Council, of Town Hall, New Broadway, Ealing W5 2BY (‘the council’), regarding its intention to demolish properties at High Lane Estate, Hanwell, W7. The council is required by Schedule 5A of the Housing Act 1985, to publish the following information:

1. The council intends to demolish a number of properties in High Lane Estate, Hanwell, W7 being 1 – 34 Colne Court, 35 – 60 Dee Court, 61 – 86 Humber Court, 87 – 112 Irwell Court, 1 – 8 Stour Court, 9 – 42 Tees Court, 43 – 76 Thames Court, 77 – 110 Tyne Court, 111 – 144 Tweed Court (‘the relevant premises’)

2. The demolition of the relevant premises is necessary for the regeneration of High Lane Estate.

3. The council intends to demolish the relevant premises by 6 February 2022, however the intention is to demolish as soon as possible after the block becomes vacant.

4. The council will be serving initial demolition notices upon the tenants of the flats. These notices will remain in force until 6 February 2022 unless extended, revoked or otherwise terminated under or by virtue of paragraph 3 of Schedule 5A of the Housing Act 1985.

5. Whilst this notice is in force the council will not be under an obligation to grant a lease as is mentioned in section 138(1) of the Housing Act 1985 in respect of any claim to exercise the right to buy in respect of any of the flats within the relevant premises.

6. However, right-to-buy claims submitted to the council for any of the properties within the relevant premises whilst this notice is still in force will be processed by the council as normal, so that if the demolition plans cannot be implemented the application can be completed. This notice does not prevent a council tenant submitting a right-to-buy claim.

7. There may be a right to compensation under section 138C of the Housing Act 1985 in respect of certain expenditure incurred in relation to any existing right-to-buy claim.

8. Any claim for compensation under the previous paragraph of this Notice should be served upon the council within the period of three months beginning from the operative date of this notice.

9. If the council serves a final demolition notice in respect of the relevant premises and a right-to-buy application is suspended because of the service of this notice, that application will lapse and no further application can be made whilst the final demolition notice is in effect.

10. The operative date of this notice is 6 February 2015, which is the date the notice was served on the secure tenants at the relevant premises.

Pat Hayes, executive director of regeneration and housing, on behalf of Ealing Council
6 February 2015
Open for business

There are more than 11,000 businesses in the borough. The council offers them support in a variety of ways. Could it help you?

New start-up businesses and entrepreneurs have been helped by providing co-working spaces and temporary pop-up shops, and also help to find permanent premises; and small businesses have been given a wide range of advice, as well as funding opportunities to improve their shopfronts.

Council leader Julian Bell said: “Our town centres are the heart of our communities, and significant employers of local people, and we want to support businesses wherever we can.”

‘MADE A BIG DIFFERENCE’
Laura Forsyth, owner of The Village Trading Store in Churchfield Road, Acton, had support with a shopfront improvement grant.

She said: “When I moved in, I inherited an unattractive green security shutter that people could not see through when we were closed, which is damaging for a business.”

The old windows did not let in a lot of light and the timber frame was rotten in places where rain had leaked in. This was rectified with a bright, new, orange aluminium frame (reflecting the shop’s logo) and large glass windows which showcased Laura’s giftware.

“It has made a big difference in terms of getting the shop noticed,” said Laura. “Most importantly, customers can see into the shop at any time and take a look. The council’s regeneration team held my hand throughout the whole process and helped me to stay on top of everything. I would recommend it to anyone.”

‘REALLY USEFUL’
“When we were setting up we had a lot of interaction with the council,” said cafe owner Magda Harrison. “It was really, really helpful.”

Magda opened Artisan coffee shop in Ealing Broadway in 2014 and said she found the council was always on-hand for advice, which made the process easier and smoother.

WANT SOME HELP?
1. Co-working hubs, like Ealing Blueprint in West Ealing
   www.ealingblueprint.co.uk
2. Landlords. Empty properties are wanted for more hubs. Email rogersm@ealing.gov.uk
3. Apprentices. The council helps set up apprenticeships. www.ealing.gov.uk/apprenticeships
4. Energy. Improve energy efficiency. Email mortensenj@ealing.gov.uk
5. Business support. Register with the regeneration team to receive information on training, marketing and partnership working. Email your details to allyn@ealing.gov.uk
Southall’s town centre has undergone a radical change thanks to a recently completed overhaul to the layout of its main thoroughfare, the Broadway.

The project is a crucial part of the project to transform the town, called Southall Big Plan. The Broadway fully reopened to two-way traffic as normal, ahead of schedule, in mid-December after a range of measures were implemented which have made a real difference to the way the Broadway, and the connecting streets, function.

Wider pavements have given pedestrians more room to shop and move around, and have improved safety by making it unnecessary to step on the road to get past crowds. They are more attractive, too. Smart, granite paving has been used, interspersed with decorative feature stones.

Among the key features of the changes are four long ‘island’ strips in the middle of the road, replacing the old signal-controlled crossings – making it easier for you to cross safely when you like and where you like.

These ‘boulevard zones’ favour pedestrians and cyclists, with narrower road lanes to slow down cars without causing stop-start congestion; but there are also ‘street zones’, where the roads widen out again for bus stops, loading bays and traffic, in strategic places, to keep it flowing smoothly while allowing cars to pass cyclists safely.

There is a 20mph speed limit now in force, too, with an eye on safety but the new layout’s aim is also to keep the traffic moving rather than enduring the frustrations of constantly stopping and starting.

The road has been completely resurfaced, with the last sections done in the spring, while new street lights have gone in, along with CCTV cameras, trees, bins and benches.

’SOUTHALL
HERBERT ROAD CAR PARK
Beachcroft Avenue, Orchard Avenue and Herbert Road have got a new one-way system – reversing from clockwise to anti-clockwise – to tackle congestion in Uxbridge Road. Therefore, to access these streets, including Herbert Road car park, traffic now has to enter via Beachcroft Avenue and exit via Herbert Road

‘IT HAS MADE A BIG DIFFERENCE’
Southall optician Jagjit Sagoo, owner of Optical World in around ealing | Summer 2015
running alongside the street improvements to help boost job opportunities and education in the town – such as a Dine in Southall catering and hospitality training centre and restaurant due to open in Southall Manor House; and the improved and expanded Dominion Centre, which now includes a modern new library to replace the Southall’s old one.

The historic Southall Market has got new iron gates and a large wall mural to make it more visible to passing traffic, while a new car park with 77 spaces was built next to the market, opposite Southall Police Station.

Improvements to Spikes Bridge Park have also been undertaken, including a new pavilion, cricket training nets, an artificial turf pitch and improvements to the football fields and cricket pitch.

Council leader Julian Bell said: “The Southall Big Plan consists of lots of different projects in partnership with local groups and businesses to offer education, training and job opportunities; enhance the attractiveness of the shopping area to boost trade and attract investment; help improve safety; promote healthy living; and generally encourage the community to get involved in making the town a better place.”

WHAT COMES NEXT?
The new-look Broadway is being officially opened on 7 June. Improvements to South Road, South Road Bridge and King Street will then take place between 2015-2018. Meanwhile, a new Crossrail station will be built by 2018.

MORE GOING ON IN SOUTHALL
Meanwhile, other Southall Big Plan projects are running alongside the street improvements to improve the way the town centre worked for local people, while also helping to make it more attractive to passing trade and draw in people from outside the town. It is part of a wider, ongoing programme that will enhance Southall, both as a destination and as a place to live and work.”

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The StreetVelodrome FREE pre-registration ballot is now open for those wishing to enter this regional round of the Series. Registration is quick and free. Successful entries will be selected by ballot 14 days before each event, giving them a guaranteed reserved entry on the day. Unsuccessful ballot applicants may still be able to enter on the day for FREE. But on the day registration is limited and on a strictly first come first served basis.

**StreetVelodrome Schedule**

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To enter the ballot click on the Sign Up button on the StreetVelodrome FACEBOOK page. Best of luck.

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It is a very important job as well as being enjoyable, informative and rewarding,” said Elizabeth Mee, a governor at Villiers High School. Governors play a central role in school life. Could you be one? Deborah Dickey found out more.

People can become governors through a number of different routes. Elizabeth applied directly to Ealing Council, and was an ideal candidate to bring valuable outside skills to a school with her experience as a solicitor specialising in employment law.

Villiers, in Southall, expressed an interest in her and she liked what she saw, too: “I liked the feeling of the school as soon as I walked in,” she said. “And many people say the same when they visit us. The children are delightful and the staff provide a positive, friendly, and focused atmosphere in which to learn.”

Elizabeth joined in September 2012, just after Remo Iafrate had taken over as the new headteacher, and she has since started chairing the governing body.

“I had often thought about what I’d do when I retired,” Elizabeth said. “I wanted to volunteer and be useful. I have always been interested in education, in particular secondary education, because it is my fundamental belief that everyone is entitled to a first-class one.

“A good governing body, as we have here, has a mixture of skills including education, accountancy, marketing, law, journalism – everyone contributes their expertise, commitment and time, which is invaluable.

“The role and responsibilities of governing has changed a great deal, even in the short time since I became one. Being a governor can be challenging to begin with because there is a lot to learn, but it’s satisfying to know that we are performing an important role for the benefit of the students, staff and community.

“In the past two-and-a-bit years Villiers has improved immensely – in fact, it is in the top 9% in the country in terms of the pupils’ level of development while at the School. The headteacher and his staff have put many improvements in place and we are beginning to see the results of their hard work and commitment, which I have every confidence will continue.”

MORE INFO
Want to find out more?
- Email governors@ealing.gov.uk
- Visit www.egfl.org.uk/governors
- How to apply: Visit www.becomeagovernor.com
A hundred years ago a riot took place in Acton, during the First World War. During the First World War, there was, in Britain, hostility towards Germany and Germans. That applied to those living here, too, even though some had enlisted in the British Army.

The atmosphere of fear saw certain British Germans being interned in camps such as that in Alexandra Palace in north London. There were also acts of violence committed against German shopkeepers in London and elsewhere, often following German attacks by air and sea on British civilians. On one occasion it took place locally, in Acton.

Between 1,500 and 2,000 people – men, women and boys – armed themselves with missiles on the evening of Tuesday, 11 May and attacked a shop in Bollo Bridge Road belonging to a German baker, resulting in its windows being broken.

On the following night, possibly as many as 2,000 people began to assemble at 7pm and a total of five shops were attacked, in Horn Lane, Churchfield Road, The Vale, Church Road and Park Road North. However, it does not seem that any goods were stolen nor persons assaulted, possibly because of the police presence – but it did little to stop the stone throwing, though.

One of the shopkeepers whose premises was attacked had been born in England, though was of German descent. Another shopkeeper proved he was British and so his shop was not attacked. Yet another put an advert in the local paper to state he did not employ any Germans.

The vandalism occurred to the sounds of cheering and patriotic songs being sung. Some marched to attack German shops in Ealing but were turned back by police in the Broadway. On the next evening people assembled outside a shop in Acton High Street but a strong police presence deterred an attack. The crowd drifted away. The shopkeeper was John Beauchamp and his business was still open in the 1920s.

Only seven of the rioters were arrested and taken before the magistrates’ court.

One reason given by them for such attacks was because the ship the Lusitania had been sunk by a German submarine with British civilians being killed; one of whom was from Acton. ‘Pay them out for the Lusitania’ one of the crowd had said. Some said they were carried away by their feelings towards Germans while one man said he was just copying others’ actions. One girl said that they were doing the government’s work for them and that she had brothers who were serving on the front line.

They were dealt with leniently.
This year marks the bicentenary of the battle of Waterloo in 1815, when the British, German and Dutch troops under the command of the Duke of Wellington and Prince Blucher defeated the French under Napoleon and so ended the long wars which had engulfed Europe for over two decades.

All this may seem a long way from Ealing, but this warfare abroad did have an impact on life locally. Volunteer forces were raised because it was feared that the French might try to invade.

Dr Oates gave a talk on Life on the Home Front in 1915 in April. See What’s On for details of more talks. Visit www.ealing.gov.uk/aroundealingextra for a year-by-year breakdown of local events during the war.

Some had to pay small fines. The local press remarked that young men who wanted to show their patriotism should enlist in the armed forces rather than throwing stones in complete safety.

By 1921 there were 94 Germans resident in Acton – but none of those whose shops were attacked in 1915 were then listed as being in business.

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Summer’s arrived, and whether you’re spending your holidays in the UK or jetting off to somewhere tropical, you’ll find your summer essentials at Ealing Broadway Shopping Centre.

Wherever you’re heading, pick up this season’s must-haves for all the family, from sandals and shorts to swimwear and sunglasses. If you’re short on time, get that suitcase sorted easily; shop online and Click and Collect in-store.

Pick up your holiday essentials, from sunscreens and repellents to luggage and fragrance, and get beach body ready in no time with the help of Virgin Active and our beauty salons.

If W5 is your summer destination, indulge in a spot of dining. Spend a sunny afternoon sipping cocktails at all-day American kitchen Limeyard, make a night of it at Caribbean themed restaurant and bar Turtle Bay, and treat the family to lunch or dinner at wagamama. Long may the sun shine!
The Care Act came into force in April, giving new rights to carers and allowing people more control over how their needs are met, reports Deborah Dickey.

Some adults need extra help to live as well as possible and new rules will help thousands of local people with an illness or disability, as well as those who provide their care.

One of the main changes is the introduction of a new carer’s assessment. This will consider the different ways that being a carer affects people’s lives and will provide support, including financial assistance where eligible, to meet their needs. Those who are eligible will have their own plan, specially tailored to them. They will also have control over how they receive financial support, including an option for a direct payment into their bank account to arrange for their own care and support needs.

Councillor Hitesh Tailor, cabinet member for health and adults services, said: “Carers can ask for an assessment, even if the person they care for doesn’t receive any help from Ealing Council, and we can help with a range of support, such as short breaks. Even if people aren’t entitled to financial assistance, we will still advise them on help available, like local support groups.

“Our duty is clear; that is to put carer’s emotional, physical and mental wellbeing at the heart of the assessment.”

Another benefit of the new carer’s assessment is that it uses national eligibility criteria. This means it will follow you if you move home - and remain the same wherever you go in the country.

And, from next year, there will also be a new cap on care costs. This means that no one will have to pay more than £72,000 towards the costs of their care in their lifetime; and many people will pay much less. The amount that the council will contribute towards someone’s care costs will continue to be based on their income and assets, but the threshold will be increased, meaning that more people will qualify for financial help.

Councillor Tailor continued: “These changes give people more control over decisions that have a major impact on their lives and allow them to prioritise the things that matter to them.”

For more information, and to find out about other changes, go to www.ealing.gov.uk/careandsupport

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Path to success

Bubble, a website set up by the council, is helping people get together to carry out community projects. Tan Afzal reports.

One such scheme saw a group of residents joining forces to raise money for a clean-up which has transformed an overgrown and littered path into a pleasant wildlife haven.

The Ealing Dean Allotment Society, which is made up of 150 allotment holders, were keen to clear up and enhance the path running parallel to their allotments in Radbourne Walk. As a route used regularly by residents, especially dog walkers, there were concerns about litter, the number of hypodermic needles and empty beer cans found along the path. Members Christina and Simon, who led the project, have a very difficult set of skills from each other and they jokingly called their partnership ‘gin and tonic’.

Whereas Christina focused on rallying residents, posting leaflets through neighbours’ doors and creating a formal document detailing the plan to enhance the path, Simon looked in detail at how to create habitats for birds and insects and growing native plants which would benefit butterflies and moths.

Last year they lobbied their local councillors for some ward forum money and were given £1,000. Working through Bubble, they received support from Community Payback, which offered the labour of offenders undergoing rehabilitation to help clear the path and also got advice on how to place a bid to the Mayor of London’s Capital Clean Up fund, which led to a further award of £1,500.

Promoted on the Bubble website, the clean-up has now become a regular event, and on the first Saturday of every month neighbours come out with tools, tea, cake and lots of energy to help develop the path into a local wild plant haven, for everyone to enjoy. The project has led to many new friendships and a stronger community spirit. The success of their project has meant that Christina and Simon are often contacted for advice and support by other allotment associations.

The local Loveday Road Neighbourhood Watch will be hosting a street party at which they will be promoting this project, to encourage more residents to take part. You can read the story called ‘Walk this way’ on Bubble, at www.dosomethinggood.co.uk

If you have a project and would like some support on delivering it, Bubble can help you find volunteers, provide advice on funding and help to promote your project to a wider audience.

MORE INFO

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- www.dosomethinggood.org.uk
Limited places are available in some year groups, including Year 7 for September.

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The Big Lunch

Sunday 7 June, 11am-4pm at Walpole Park

Join us for a vegetable carnival as we celebrate a Brazilian Big Lunch in association with Walpole Park’s chef in residence, Roberta Siao. Vegetarian-inspired activities, music and dressing up will be the name of the game. Stalls and performances will be running throughout the day. The Big Lunch is run in association with Ealing 135. All sessions are free, and no booking required (though capacity is limited). Sessions are a mix of drop-in workshops and timed performances. Please see individual events for further details. Further sessions to be announced. Visit www.pitzhanger.org.uk or contact Claire Cooke, Walpole Park outreach officer on cookec@ealing.gov.uk or 020 8825 9458 for more information.

What’s On

Libraries in Ealing

There are 13 public libraries in the borough where you can borrow items from books to DVDs and CDs. Free internet access is available in all libraries to members and non-members. Libraries are free to use. Events are also free unless otherwise specified.

For more information visit www.ealing.gov.uk/libraries

Council meetings

June

Tue 9 Full council
Thu 11 Overview and scrutiny committee
Tue 16 Cabinet.
Thu 18 Regulatory committee
Wed 24 Planning committee
Thu 25 Audit committee
Tue 30 Licensing committee

July

Thu 9 Overview and scrutiny committee
Thu 15 Planning committee
Tue 21 Cabinet
Tue 28 Full council

August

Wed 5 Planning committee
Thu 13 Overview and scrutiny committee
Wed 26 Planning committee

September

Wed 2 Licensing committee

Committee meetings due to be held at Ealing Town Hall, and correct at time of publishing. Visit www.ealing.gov.uk/committees to check dates and times.

Ward forums

June

Thu 4 Cleveland ward forum
Wed 10 Northfield ward forum. Northolt West End ward forum. Lady Margaret ward forum
Thu 11 Perivale ward forum
Tue 16 Greenford Green ward forum
Thu 18 Elthorne ward forum
Tue 23 Waltham ward forum
Wed 24 Greenford Broadway ward forum
Thu 25 Southall Green ward forum
Mon 29 North Greenford ward forum

July

Thu 2 Hanger Hill ward forum
Thu 7 Ealing Common ward forum
Wed 8 Dunmes Wells ward forum. South Acton ward forum
Mon 13 Southall Broadway ward forum. East Acton ward forum
Thu 30 Norwood Green ward forum

Ward forums – for details, visit www.ealing.gov.uk/wardforum

Local history talk

11 June, 6.15pm at Ealing Central Library

Ealing and the Napoleonic Wars: 2015 marks the bicentenary of the battle of Waterloo and the end of the Napoleonic Wars; this talk by Dr Jonathan Dates examines the local impact of the long war with France, 1793-1815. Tickets cost £4 each. Call the local history centre on 020 3700 1055 or email ealing.localhistory@carillionservices.co.uk

Magna Carta day

13 June, 11am-4pm at Ealing Central Library

Ealing Autumn Festival is holding a day to mark the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta and to open an exhibition of related local artwork. There will also be a talk from Dr Jonathan Dates and more. The exhibition and further talks will continue during the summer and autumn in our libraries. The project has been funded by Ealing Council ward forums, along with a grant from Bubble. Visit www.ealingautumnfestival.co.uk

Hanwell Carnival

Saturday 20 June, 12noon-6pm at Elthorne Park, Boston Road, Hanwell

Roll up, roll up for all the fun of the fair. The carnival kicks off with its traditional procession from Hanwell Community Centre to Elthorne Park, where there will be music, dancing and food. There will also be a fun fair, dog show and petting zoo and much more. This is a free event.

Norwood Green Village Day

Saturday 11 July, from 12noon at the Village green, Norwood Green

There will be a dog show, flower show, arena displays, children’s entertainment, model train, refreshments, as well as charity and community stalls. A good, and free, day out for all the family.

Bunny Park Dog Show

14 June, 12noon-4pm at Churchfields Recreation Ground, Hanwell

After a roaring success last year, the dog show is back. Raising money for reptiles at Brent Lodge Animal Centre (commonly known as the Bunny Park), this Father’s Day of fun activities will feature a fine array of handsome hounds and pretty pooches. Visit www.bunnyparkdogshow.co.uk

Gunnersbury Park Museum

Gunnersbury Park Museum is currently closed for restoration until January 2017.

For more information contact 020 8992 2247/1612 or visit www.ealing.gov.uk/gunnersbury

Walpole Park, Mattock Lane, Ealing W5 5EQ

The house and gallery are closed to the public for restoration until Spring 2018 however Pitzhanger will continue to hold a range of heritage and arts activities, workshops and classes at the new Rickyard venue in Walpole Park, and in spaces across the borough.

For information contact: 020 8567 1227 or email pitzhanger@ealing.gov.uk or visit www.pitzhanger.org.uk or visit www.ealing.gov.uk/pmgalleryandhouse
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