



SAFE & SECURE OfficeNet

Diagnostic work has recently been completed on improving the service and reliability of the HammersmithLondon Officenet radio system. The system is invaluable in providing communications to offices in the Hammersmith commercial sector and can be used to receive and broadcast emergency information about any and all incidents. With the recent heavy snowfall, updates and information about the effects on the area can be given out via Officenet and the service can provide valuable backup to security staff working out of hours.

Recently Lee Egan from the Counter Terrorism and Security office have recently joined the system and now conduct a frequent listening watch on the channel between office hours of 0800 to 1800 hrs. They recently stated 'We believe that being readily available to give advice and support to businesses or to intervene during an incident witnessed or reported by a business on the borough, we have the ability to speed up any process or clear up any query, if available to do so at the time'. HammersmithLondon are very pleased to have Lee and his department on board and hope that the system will be regarded as essential in tackling crime and dealing with emergency incidents among the Hammersmith commercial sector.

Bag Dipping Success

Recently the Hammersmith Safer Neighbourhood Team and BID PCSOs have been involved in tackling the growing problem of pickpocketing in the BID area.

Specifically, gangs of Eastern European criminals have been targeting handbags and 'dipping' them, that is removing cash and other items such as mobile phones without the victim knowing. The gangs are organised, professional and are known to be operating all over London.

As a result a joint police operation has been mounted against them in Hammersmith. Teams from the local SNT in partnership with the BID and National Mobile Phone Crime Unit have been following the dippers and catching them in the act, over 24 arrests have been carried out so far. A recent event at the Hammersmith Apollo was attended by a task force of officers was instrumental in recovering and returning 17 stolen mobile phones over a period of four hours.

Personal Safety Talks

HammersmithLondon's new Police Community Support Officers (PCSO) Darren is currently providing personal safety talks to local BID businesses. The talks give a valuable insight into police safety techniques and how to keep yourself safe from harm on the busy London streets. The talks are available to BID member businesses and can be organised through the BID office. Please contact us for more information.

TRANSPORT FORUM MEETING

The first meeting of the new Transport Network Forum took place on November 26th. HammersmithLondon have set up this new initiative with LB Hammersmith & Fulham for businesses and organisations in the Hammersmith town centre area.

If you would like to improve your journey to work and find out more about how your business may be eligible for special transport related funding such as:

IBike2Work scheme • Car sharing • Cycle training
And Much More...

Please join our next meeting which will take place on Thursday, 4th March from 9.30-10.30am by contacting: invites@hammersmithlondon.co.uk

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GE HAS SIGNED UP TO OCCUPY THE ARK!

The Ark is a landmark building with very original design situated right next to the Hammersmith flyover. It was designed by British architect Ralph Erskine and was completed in April 1992.

The building provides circa 14,000 sq m (151,000 sq ft) of offices around a stunning atrium. It has stood vacant for many years but has finally attracted a tenant for the majority of its space.

GE has signed up to occupy the Ark! The company will consolidate its employees based in its Berkeley Square, Berkeley Street and Agar Street offices into around 100,000 sq ft in the building, leaving 59,000 sq ft available for other prospective tenants. The top floor is occupied by Open TV.

Will Spiers, GE spokesperson, said: "Apart from the obvious advantages to our business, we will be able to make best use of the buildings excellent office facilities while benefiting from its impressive green credentials. It's a good move for us in many ways."

Ilaria del Beato, Managing Director, GE Capital Real Estate UK, said: "Clearly, to let this much of the Ark, is a win for GE Capital Real Estate. Beyond that, we're delighted GE is taking advantage of the Ark's superb office accommodation, facilities and location in addition to the benefits of consolidating GE's London businesses."



i ♥ Hammersmith FREE SATURDAY WALKS

FOR ALL PRIVILEGE CARD HOLDERS!

On the First Saturday of every month, why not get to know more about where you live? Escape your routine, get some fresh air and discover Hammersmith's hidden gems by joining in our FREE GUIDED WALKS of Hammersmith!

The walks are lead by Blue Badge tourist guides and are designed to last for one hour so you can easily fit them into your other weekend plans.

TIME

11:00am – 12:00 pm

The walks must leave on time. Please be punctual!

DATES

March 6th 2010 - Ravenscourt Park tube to Lyric Square

April 3rd 2010 - Olympia tube to Lyric square

May 1st 2010 - Hammersmith Broadway tube to Lyric Square

June 5th 2010 - Barons Court tube to Lyric Square

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

We hope you were as thrilled as we were with this year's new look Christmas lights in and around Hammersmith Town Centre. These bespoke displays, commissioned by HammersmithLondon, are unique to Hammersmith and have attracted much admiration and favourable comments on how they improved the look and feel of Hammersmith at Christmas.



POLO IN THE PARK

BID Businesses and staff are eligible for the special Early Bird Ticket Offer!

After the sell out success of the inaugural event in 2009, Polo in the Park London is returning for three days in June 2010 (4-6 June 2010). Taking place at Hurlingham Park, Fulham, eight teams representing global cities will compete over the three days of the tournament, which will culminate with the Final and the presentation of The World Polo Series Trophy on Sunday 6th June.

HAMMERSMITH BRIDGE CLOSURE

Hammersmith Bridge is to be closed to all vehicle traffic from 5am on Saturday until Monday mornings each weekend until Monday, March 15 and the bridge will also be closed throughout the school half term break between Saturday, February 13 and Monday, February 22.

The bridge will remain open to pedestrians and cyclists.

FREE FRIDAY WALKING TOURS

Dates in 2010

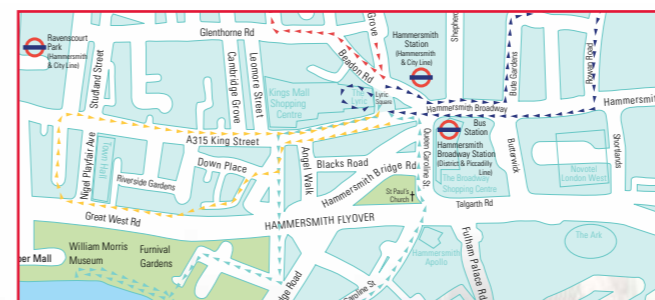
February 26, 2010 - Visit the Lyric Theatre

March 26, 2010 - Visit the River in time for the Boat Race

April 30, 2010 - Visit Brackenbury Village

May 28, 2010 - Brook Green Walk

June 25, 2010 - Riverside and William Morris Museum



AN EVENING OF CLASSICAL MUSIC

at St. Paul's Church. In support of the Mayor's Appeal Fund (Help for Heroes)

Thursday March 25th.

5.45 Reception.

6.30 Concert.

7.15 Finish.

Canapés and wine on arrival.

St Paul's Church, Queen Caroline Street, Hammersmith, London, W6 9PJ.

Please register at invites@hammersmithlondon.co.uk



FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

22nd February to 7th March 2010

THE BIG SWAP

Join in by swapping your usual stuff for Fairtrade stuff and help us to make Hammersmith into a Fairtrade Tea Drinking town.

HammersmithLondon are proud to support Fairtrade Tea Tasting on Thursday, 25th February and Thursday 4th March from 12.00 - 2.00pm, in Lyric Square. Come along for your free sample of freshly brewed Fairtrade tea.

