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## AGM Save the Date



*Image credit Pitzhanger Manor & Gallery Trust*

We are delighted that this year, our AGM will be held at Pitzhanger Manor House and director Clare Gough will be speaking to us after the formal business of the meeting.

The meeting will take place on **Wednesday 27th April at 7 pm**. For now, please save the date; further details will follow in our next e-newsletter.

## St Peter's Church, Ealing - Lady Chapel Conservation

After 100 years, the Lady Chapel of St Peter's Church, Mount Park Road and its decoration are in urgent need of conservation. St Peter's has mounted a campaign to restore the Chapel and create a community space for local people. They are also researching the Chapel and its story for a range of public engagement activities.



*Image credit St Peter's Church*

Designed by architect [John Sedding](#), St Peter's is a notable Arts & Crafts church completed in 1893. Following the Great War, the Church's Lady Chapel was decorated and furnished as a memorial by leading painters and designers, most of them living in Ealing including [Leonard Shuffrey](#), [Henry Charles Brewer](#) and [Edward Fellowes-Pryne](#), brother of church architect George Fellowes Pryne, who designed St Saviour's Church, Ealing, its Clergy House, and the Ealing Town Hall extension.

The restoration work is planned for mid-2022. To find out more about the project, visit [St Peter's](#) website or contact the Church Office at [admin@stpeterealing.org.uk](mailto:admin@stpeterealing.org.uk).

A longer version of this article is on our [website](#).

We have been offered the opportunity to have a short tour of the church and its decorative features. Open to all, just turn up and meet inside the church on **Sunday 27th February at 11.30**. The tour is expected to take about half an hour. The church is situated at the top (north) of Mount Park Road, W5 2RU.

## Update on Gunnersbury Park

There's a great deal going on in Gunnersbury Park. The long overdue repair of the Small Mansion is well underway. It is being made weatherproof in preparation for decisions regarding its future, but will require considerable further work once its eventual use has been determined.



Car park charging has still not been implemented and no date has been fixed for the start. The café is to be rebuilt following its destruction by fire in May 2020 but work is yet to start. The bowling green near the Sports Hub is currently being replaced by [Putt in the Park](#).

Attractive new wooden signposts have been installed throughout the Park and 80 Japanese cherry trees have been planted in the south east of the Park.

Changes are being made to the way Gunnersbury Park and Museum will be governed and managed in future.

More information can be found in [an article](#) on our website.

## Shaping Ealing – Ealing’s new Local Plan

Ealing Council is preparing a new Local Plan, part of the planning system that sets out detailed policies and specific proposals for the development and use of land in the local area, and provides the framework within which planning decisions are made.



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The involvement of those affected – that is, all residents – is an important part of the process and the Council is encouraging residents to take part in Shaping Ealing, which they describe as ‘the big conversation on how you would like to shape the borough over the next 15 years. A key aim of the big Shaping Ealing conversation is to listen and understand the personal priorities of residents and businesses to ensure that the borough meets the needs of everyone in it.’ This sounds very laudable, but does not give residents or the Council free rein as the Local Plan must be conformant with National planning policy. But it is an opportunity to become involved in the process. The draft Local Plan will be presented to residents in the summer of 2022.

Details may be found [here](#) and include a link to a survey to complete with your views.

Alongside the survey, the Council has produced a rush of other material, including a [tall buildings position statement](#), a new [local planning policy guidance document](#), an [Ealing Character Study](#) and a new [Housing Design Guide](#). The leader of the Council, Peter Mason has also produced a [video](#) on tall buildings. However, in our view, this is largely a restatement of existing policy and little has really changed.

## Community-led projects seeking funding

A number of community-led projects across the borough are looking for local support. Projects including an Ealing writing trail, a borehole in Brentham allotments, creative media development and more are crowdfunding to secure the funds to bring their projects to life.

Projects still open for funding support include [Discover Bedford Park with poet WB Yeats](#) and [Ealing Writing Trail](#).

Further details may be found on [Around Ealing](#).



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