



## NEWS

The newsletter from  
Angel Business  
Improvement District



### Cross about Crossrail 2?

We've had so many people calling about Crossrail 2 that we thought it best to hear it from the horse's mouth. We've asked TfL to come and give a presentation to all angel.london members so you can feel part of the decision-making process and find out how the scheme might affect your business. The plans will have a significant impact on the Angel.

The **Double Tree Hilton Hotel** at 60 Pentonville Road has generously offered to host it at 6pm on September 7. It promises to be a popular event so please RSVP to us on 020 7288 4377 or [christine@angel.london](mailto:christine@angel.london)

## Tumbleweeds could soon be rolling through an empty Angel if the council's parking changes go ahead

**We urge all Angel businesses to say NO to Islington Council's proposed parking changes that will harm everyone's trade and damage our lively economy.**

In an overhaul of its CPZs, the council are planning to extend parking restrictions at Angel (in Zone B) to 11pm every evening, and scrap any free parking on Saturdays from 1.30pm and all day Sunday.

These changes will harm businesses here at the Angel. If they go ahead they will

- impact on audiences for our theatres and cinemas, many of whom come to shop and eat too
- affect Chapel Market whose traders rely on customers parking Saturday afternoons and all day Sunday
- cut visitors to restaurants
- threaten jobs and undermine our Look Local campaign which has been so successful in encouraging businesses to employ locals
- drive away the increasingly popular Sunday Farmers' Market
- reduce weekend and evening shoppers for all businesses
- jeopardise small businesses and the Angel's reputation as an interesting and lively place to invest and open a business
- make it impossible for pensioners to travel here to meet friends and do their shopping.

Many businesses have reported their margins are already down. Our bars and pubs also face stiff competition from Shoreditch, Dalston, Clerkenwell and King's Cross.

Says chair of **Chapel Market Traders** David Twyddell, who has worked on a stall for 46 years: "This is another nail in the coffin for struggling businesses. It will make small businesses even smaller. We all need people to be able drive here so they can shop and take it home."

Islington Council says it is trying to protect residents, who complain they cannot park near their homes. We fear changes could drive visitors and residents who normally come from other parts of the borough to other boroughs where you can park. In the West End you can park for free Saturday afternoons and Sundays.

Says Matt Segal of **Frederick's** restaurant: "Making people pay for parking later in the day and at weekends will undoubtedly discourage visitors and therefore depress demand for all businesses in the area. I hope it is not the case that a very small sample of people will force through a scheme that will damage the Angel as a destination."

We have worked hard and achieved national recognition for making the Angel more welcoming to older people - London's first age-friendly town centre - and we fear lack of parking will drive them away. Many come for their shopping but also just to get out of the house and meet others. They can't carry all their shopping on the bus.

So we are urging you to respond immediately to the consultation, which runs until September 7 2015. Parking changes would be made in March 2016. Click on

<http://www.islington.gov.uk/involved/consultation-engagement/consultations/parking-consultation/Pages/angel-area-proposal-zone-B.aspx> or email your views to [cpzconsultation@islington.gov.uk](mailto:cpzconsultation@islington.gov.uk)



# Cleaner at the green

**You must have noticed how much nicer it is at Islington Green outside Tescos?**

We've worked very hard with Islington Council to kill a few birds with one stone there. The repaving in lovely York stone (left) has sorted out the drainage problems – doubt anyone will miss that huge puddle in the middle – removed any trip hazards and created a quieter surface for the supermarket to wheel their delivery cages along. The bus stop is easier for people with disabilities, the bike racks are better and the work has also designed out the rubbish-dumping problem.

Says angel.london Chief Executive Christine Lovett: "Islington Council have done a fantastic job repaving that area. It's solved so many problems at one go. We're so pleased with it and everyone worked hard to make it happen."

## Chuggers the limit

It's noticeable how few complaints we're getting about chuggers on Upper Street and that's because we signed up to an agreement limiting them to three days a week and controlling their numbers.

We have restricted their numbers to a maximum of six per day and they are only permitted to work between White Lion Street and Joy on the west side of Upper Street, and between the tube and Foxtons on the east.

They are only allowed to speak to you once, and are NOT allowed to follow you under any circumstances. Do call us to report any breaches you see of these rules.

## Working together to make the Angel the safest it can be

**Our police team are doing sterling work catching criminals and cutting crime but it's rewarding to see everyone doing their bit.**

**RBS Bank** brought their online fraud experts in to run free training to 30 businesses hosted by the **Business Design Centre** showing how to protect their companies against scams.

**CoffeeWorks Project** hosted a spot-the-fake-ID workshop run by the police for everyone checking identity documents as part of their work. If you missed it, we're happy to offer this particular presentation to any business. It can be held on your premises if you can bring over ten staff, or join up with your neighbours.

Says Joanna Theoklitou of **CoffeeWorks Project**: "Thank you so much angel.london for running the Forged ID workshop. It was THE most interesting session. Everyone enjoyed it and walked away much the wiser than when we arrived."



Radicals & Victuallers went the full hog and served a three-course lunch for the war veteran

## Cheers!!

**Well!! What can we say, except the biggest THANK YOU to all the businesses who made the recent war veterans' celebrations the best yet.**

Donating a free slap-up three-course lunch and drinks for 40 veterans and their families were angel.london pubs **The Radicals & Victuallers**, **The Old Red Lion**, **The Brewhouse & Kitchen** and **Slim Jim's Bar**.

And donating flowers for the War Veteran Day ceremony at the memorial on Islington Green were **Waitrose**, with free teas and coffees from **Costa Coffee**.

Says St Mary's Ward Cllr Gary Poole: "Wonderful and generous support, once again from our business community, for veterans in Islington."

All these businesses dug deep and gave generously and we're proud to have them as angel.london members. We are getting quite a reputation as London's most welcoming town centre for older people and turning out for the war veterans is part of that.

Says angel.london Chief Exec Christine Lovett: "As well as encouraging members to work together as part of a business community, we are also hoping everyone will add value where they can to the local community, making life better for residents."

## A sparkling offer from the Hilton

Afternoon tea at the Hilton. Sounds perfect doesn't it? Well it's also highly possible, because our own luxury hotel on Upper Street, the **Hilton London Angel Islington**, serves THE most delicious afternoon tea - sandwiches, scones with clotted cream, and angelic cakes – and on their own outdoor terrace.

And the best thing of all is the COMPLIMENTARY GLASS OF BUBBLY you'll receive with your afternoon tea if you mention angel.london . This offer runs until August 31.







Everybody's commenting on our flower baskets which have brought summer again this year ... thanks to the Camden Trust in Camden Passage for their very generous donation.



angel.london Chief Executive Christine Lovett is pictured with the Angel Police Team

## Angel Police Team cops top local award

**We know our Angel Police Team are the bees knees but it's good when someone else says so. Funded by angel.london businesses, they have just been voted Islington Police Team of the Year by Islington's Police Chief for their 'significant contribution in helping to make the Angel Town Centre and Islington a safer place to work and live.'**

In the past year they have investigated 633 offences, carried out successful undercover stings catching shoplifters and phone and bike thieves, and their crime clear up rate is a highly commendable 38%. But for us, their presence here is about a whole lot more.

They visit six businesses a day, giving invaluable security advice and building strong and confident relationships with staff. Their best work involves sharing images of active suspects, and intelligence to give greater understanding about patterns of crime and threats to the locality. They recently ran sessions for staff at **Barclays** and **Superdry**.

If you'd like security advice, call the team on our hotline which is exclusive ONLY to angel.london businesses.



## All for one for Angel

**Have you signed up? Are you swiping your loyalty card? Not just any old loyalty card but the Angel's brand new easy-to-use Swipii card. It does the job for the whole of the Angel and you can use it all over London to earn rewards in your favourite cafes and shops.**

We've rolled it out to popular angel.london businesses to make the Angel an even better place to be for your staff at lunch or after work. In just three weeks those businesses have signed up almost 3,000 people between them - that's how popular it is already.

Says manager of **Chilango** Allan Midwinter (pictured left): "From a business perspective when you start something new you always worry about introducing it to your staff and your customers. Swipii has wiped all those worries away - it's easy to use, easy to track, easy to teach, everything is easy."

Contact us NOW to sign up your business, order some cards, or download the handy phone app at [www.angel.london](http://www.angel.london)

## And now for a parking plan you might like...

**We have lobbied TfL to make parking and loading in Upper Street better for businesses, and worked with them on plans to extend the operation of parking and loading bays by three hours a day. This means more parking for your customers, and less parking tickets for your delivery men.**

The changes would affect bays on both sides of the road between Islington Green and Canonbury Lane. Consultation ends on August 28 and you can have your say at <https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/roads/upper-street>

## Breaking new grounds

**Our free turning-brown-waste-coffee-grounds-into-green service - the first run by a BID in London - is now partnered with award-winning green energy company bio-bean® who will be processing the coffee into both energy pellets and biofuel.**

Nothing's changed for you though. It's still free exclusively for all angel.london members and you simply put them out with your usual free angel.london recycling. The service is open to any business (not just cafes) producing more than a kilo of coffee grounds a day. Think how heavy that is - and how much you can save on your waste contract.

Call Mark on 020 7288 4377 to join immediately. More info at [www.bio-bean.com](http://www.bio-bean.com)

## angel.london

### What's in a name?

Everything and nothing. We might be called angel.london these days but nothing's changed regarding the great value-for-money service we offer all our members. Whether it's our six free six day a week recycling services, or the nine-officer Angel Police Team driving down crime, seven-day street cleansing, or the help and advice we give businesses, summer flowers, Christmas lights, whatever. We're still the same.

Look out for our new website going live at [www.angel.london](http://www.angel.london) in September

Pick up a Swipii card today at these participating businesses Pizzeria Oregano // Cuppacha // The Old Red Lion // After Noah // 5 Star dry cleaners // Chilango // L'Erbolario // Tenshi // Snappy Snaps // Radicals & Victuallers // Kimantra Spa // Angel Inn // Angel Deli // Rayshack // Diverse // Tatami Health // Brewhouse and Kitchen // Chana chemist // Colibri //



Andreas Greger

# Noonday Demons at King's Head Theatre – review

In the blazing heat of the midday sun, monk and desert hermit St Eusebius is visited and taken over by a demon determined to tempt him back into worldly ways with money, women and power. Despite living alone for 13 years in his own dung-filled cave, he resists, smug in his piety. That is, until another hermit monk St Pior appears, challenging him to a holier-than-thou contest where they slug it out physically and intellectually.

Sounds crackers? It is. Peter Barnes' 1969 play superbly directed by Mary Franklin is anarchic, hilarious (think Terry Jones as the hermit in the hole in Monty Python's Life of Brian) and sparks deep debate on how far fanatics will go in the name of religion.

I have seen theatre company Rough Haired Pointer's Jordan Mallory-Skinner and Jake Curran in three productions now, and their versatility and ability to really get under the skin of their characters is impressive. As is our beloved **King's Head**, London's oldest pub theatre, which continues to amaze and surprise, and never fails to send me off into the night with a head full of new thoughts, and always wanting to find out more....JA

They do a variety of ticket offers for locals so always worth checking what's on [www.kingsheadtheatre.com](http://www.kingsheadtheatre.com)

## It's an august day when Frederick's closes...

Don't worry. Although everybody's favourite family-run restaurant **Frederick's** in Camden Passage will be closed from August 2 – they will be reopening! It's the longest that Fred's has been closed since opening its doors in 1969 but as they're installing a brand new environmentally-friendly kitchen we can allow them that. Normal service will be resumed on Tuesday September 1.

**PubWatch** members don't forget the next meeting on Tuesday August 4 at 3pm at the **Lexington**

## King's Head to the Old Red

From London's oldest pub theatre to arguably London's oldest pub...the **Old Red Lion** this year celebrates 600 years of a pub on that St John's Street site with an eclectic mix of plays and events.

This month it's two hilarious one act plays portraying the scandalous side of high society called A Naughty Night with Noel Coward from theatre company Proud Haddock.

It runs from August 4-29 and tickets are £13.50. Details and what's on at [www.oldredliontheatre.co.uk](http://www.oldredliontheatre.co.uk)

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**Small things we do...** we cleaned up 10 litres of cooking oil within the hour after delivery men spilled it in Camden Passage...removed an illegal trader and his stall from outside the **Business Design Centre**....ran bespoke security training for the staff from **Superdry**....re-sited the rubbish bins from outside **Oldroyd** restaurant closer to the neighbouring takeaway where they are needed... recycled moving in packaging from **Crepeaffaire**.... removed flytipping from outside the **York pub**....took away an unwanted photocopier from **Garfields** estate agents.... recycled two electric fans from **Bolt Burdon** (to our office!).