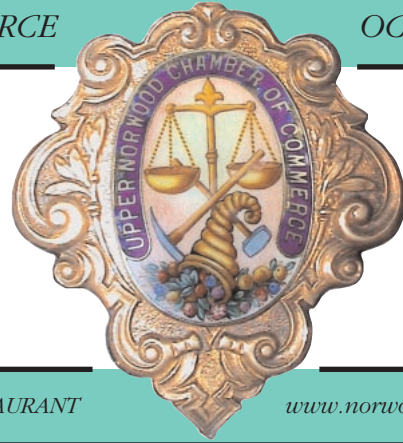


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PARKING & PAVEMENT SURVEY

The Chamber of Commerce will soon be investigating the impact of the One-Way System on our streets. At our November meeting members will be invited to discuss the format of a Parking & Pavement Survey to be distributed to traders based on and around the Triangle.

Campaigns to dismantle the One-Way System have been unsuccessful. After two years of roadworks it appears that the contractors have stopped working but we are still left wondering when all the loose ends are going to be tidied up.

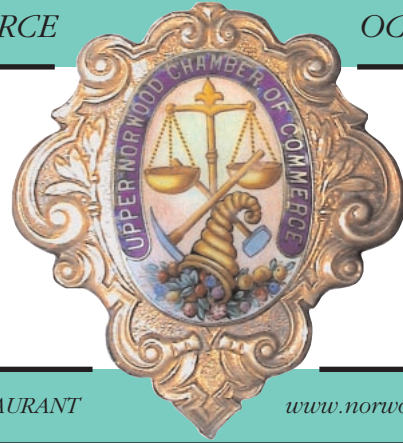
We are dismayed that after hundreds of thousands of pounds of 'improvements' that dead shrubs in upturned sewer pipes are still adorning our pavements. We also want to know why so many traders find the parking restrictions so unworkable - at any given time during the day it is easy to spot half a dozen lorries unloading on double yellow lines even though traffic flows around them (most



of the time). And surely the existence of a postbox surrounded by double yellows is inviting unauthorised parking? The chamber will consult its members before making its recommendations but we already have the support of Sharon Baldwin, our new Town Centre Manager, to assist us with some of the mapping required for a detailed survey.



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PUBLIC DRINKING BAN

The Chamber of Commerce looked at the issue of a public drinking ban several years ago. We discussed the success of the Croydon town centre scheme at our October meeting because it sets the precedent for a similar scheme in Upper Norwood.

Croydon Councillor Pat Ryan was at the meeting and has now raised the subject for us at a recent council meeting. If such a scheme is to be implemented it will need the support of the community – traders and customer's alike. The council will need to see evidence of a problem associated with drinking in the streets. Enforcement is likely to require a commitment by the police to patrol the area and this may address the problem of begging which is prevalent outside Safeways and is discouraging shoppers from the Triangle.

EAST LONDON LINE EXTENSION

When is the tube coming to South London? Which stations will be served? Answers to questions about the East London Line Extension Project can be found on a new official TfL web site at www.ellp.co.uk brought to our attention by our resident tube expert Kevin Carleton-Reeves.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Chamber of Commerce Christmas Party will be at Lorenzo's Restaurant on Tuesday 2nd December 2003 at 7pm. The cost will be £10. More details to be given on 4/11/03.

A TREACHEROUS JUNCTION

The mix and match of pedestrians on the junction of Gipsy Hill and Central Hill is a dangerous combination. We are disappointed that there is no provision for any north to south crossing for pedestrians on one of the busiest parts of the Triangle. We will be discussing how to improve the safety and performance of the junction for pedestrians and motorists alike at our next meeting.

