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Merry Christmas to all of you and best wishes for the New Year. It's been a busy year with some challenging issues to face. I've been heavily involved in dealing with the implications of the horrendous Baby P case and trying my hardest to ensure that a similar tragedy doesn't occur in Ealing. It really does sicken me that such horrific events occur and if I was able to wish one thing for the New Year it would be that all children are treated with the love and care they deserve. In addition I will be resolving to do more exercise and lose some weight, both of which are in my control but will probably prove as difficult to achieve.

## NEWS

### Credit Crunching Deeper

The last time the Bank of England lowered interest rates to 2%, the country was about to go to war, gas masks were being issued and children were being evacuated from London. These desperate measures are needed because the economy is in a mess. I work in the construction industry and many good people are being made redundant because work, especially new housing, has just stopped dead. Gordon Brown's response is to cut VAT by 2.5% but what difference will that make? I saved 21p on some light bulbs I bought the other day! Does that make me feel so much better off that I'll go and spend more to stimulate the economy or does it just mean that Gordon got less tax in his coffers and that black hole in his finances has just got 21p bigger?

**HOWEVER  
GORDON  
WRAPS IT UP,  
IT'S STILL A TAX  
BOMBSHELL.**



[Read more here](#) or [here](#)

### Free weekend car parking in January

Ealing Council is doing its bit to help local traders by scrapping car parking charges in off-street car parks owned and run by the Council (on-street meter parking and privately run car parks are not included). This will hopefully encourage people to use their local shops. We need to support local traders if we want to keep them, particularly in these difficult times.

[Read more here](#)

### Vote for the Bunny Park



London Mayor, Boris Johnson, has announced a scheme to invest £400,000 in local parks with the lucky recipients being decided by a public vote. The popular

### Rubbish and Recycling Dates over Christmas

In order to ensure deliveries are brought back to normal as quickly as possible, Ealing Council are bringing forward a number of the collection days before Christ-



The popular  
Bunny Park in

Hanwell is one of the potential winners and it needs your vote!

[Click here to read more and cast your vote](#)

lection days before Christmas. To make sure you put your bins out on the correct day click [here](#) to see the revised collection dates

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