

B·R·A·CKENBURY Residents Association

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WE NEED YOU

This newsletter comes to you from the Brackenburg Residents Association - BRA.

BRA was set up two years ago by residents – initially to exert some pressure on the Council to be more effective on building and planning control in the area.

Since then we have been very effective in establishing links with the local Councillors (Steve Cowan and Chris Allen) and our M.P. Iain Coleman. With their involvement we've tackled issues such as:

- *Licensing controls on SECRETS*
- *Controls on satellite dishes*
- *Improvements in street cleansing*
- *Traffic calming*
- *Creating a Neighbourhood Watch*
- *Faults in the Postal services*

The Association organizes a Wine and Cheese Social each year which has been very well attended by the members, local politicians and representatives from the Police, Council and neighbouring residents associations.

The Annual General Meeting is also a very lively occasion. The first one had the assistant Director – Highways – Roger Khanna as guest speaker, which resulted in a review of traffic flow in the area. The second AGM had Ian Ferguson from Royal Mail as our guest (more on that AGM later in this issue).

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US

A membership application form and a standing order are included in this newsletter. Please consider joining and taking part in the association so that we can improve the quality of life for ourselves and our neighbours. Membership is only £3.00 and you get this newsletter free!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Existing members can renew membership by cash or also by using the attached form.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The second AGM was held on 2nd July at the Grove Neighbourhood Centre. It was well attended and the Guest Speaker was Mr. Ian Ferguson, the Royal Mail Area Manager accompanied by Mr Paul Sandiford (Delivery Office Manager for our area). Mr Ferguson started by apologising for what he knew had been a bad service over the past year and then outlined his plans for improving things.

He said Royal Mail generally was facing a huge challenge to provide good service to customers and that for the first time Royal Mail faced competition. The poor service we had experienced in Hammersmith was due to many staff vacancies (that could not be adequately filled), and poor industrial relations.

Mr Ferguson went on to say that plans were in operation to:

- improve local management
- recruit better postmen
- implement assessment mechanisms
- provide training and refresher courses for postmen.

Mr. Ferguson recognised there was still a long way to go and assured the meeting that they would continue to work towards a better service.

The mood of the meeting however was that the service is completely unreliable.

Mr. Sandiford was inundated with complaints from the floor and had many people demanding his card. He urged everyone to contact him at the sorting office in Vencourt Place by:

Telephone – 0208 748 2679

Mobile – 0973 899 535

Or Email paul.sandiford@royalmail.co.uk

Appreciation was expressed for several local postmen, but it was noted that the delivery service in Amor Road, Bradmore Park Rd, Overstone Road and Dalling Rd was very poor, and sometimes non-existent. Unfortunately, since the meeting the service has not improved.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

In July, PC Clements (the Grove Ward Community Officer) organized a special meeting with the Neighbourhood Watch street representatives and other residents interested in combatting local crime.

The evening started with a short video on the benefits of Neighbourhood Watch and then went into details of how burglars operate and what home owners can do to protect their property. He followed this with information on crimes carried out in the area - especially burglaries, robberies and car crime.

The evening concluded with light refreshments and a general discussion on recent thefts in the area.

Sadly, PC Clements is moving on from Neighbourhood Watch duties but he will be replaced by PC Caroline Walsh.

If you are a Watch street representative and have not yet been in touch with PC Walsh she would be pleased to hear from you.

Please call her on tel. 020 8246 2499 or email caroline.walsh@met.police.uk to introduce yourself .

If you would like to help the work of Neighbourhood Watch and be a street representative then, again, do contact PC Walsh at Hammersmith Police Station, 226 Shepherds Bush Road, London W6 7NX.

OPEN DAY AT HAMMERSMITH POLICE STATION

An open day was organized at Hammersmith Police Station on 23rd September. Residents had the chance to tour the administrative offices and the cells in a friendly but busy atmosphere.

Brackenbury Village B&B

Is your house overflowing?

Do friends and family want to stay but you don't have the room? Local home owners offer comfortable b&b accommodation in Brackenbury from £30-60 a night.

Please telephone
8846 9707 or 8749 6619.

HISTORY OF BRACKENBURY

Come one – come all –

Dr Moya Tyson's will be giving a talk at the Grove Neighbourhood Centre on the history of Brackenbury.

Her talk is entitled, 'A Thousand Years of Bradmore History – from mediaeval common field to 'Brackenbury Village'. The talk will begin at 7:00 pm and will be supported by maps and photos of the area.

Make a note in your diary - Monday, 12 November at the Grove Neighbourhood Centre, Bradmore Park Rd W6.

Seating is limited to 70 members of BRA – so to be sure of a place fill in the attached reservation form and send it to the address shown.

Environment Awards

A local converted chapel in Redmore Road won a nomination for the Hammersmith Society's Environments Award 2001. Although the winner was the doctors' surgery in Hammersmith Bridge Road, the chapel was nominated for its quality of 'being loved after being restored and converted'. A special award was given for the demolition of the 'train bridge' in Shepherds Bush Green.

Hammersmith & Fulham Council picked up three wooden spoon nominations for being unable to coordinate the dustmen and street cleaners, for allowing Lyric Square to become a tarmac wasteland and for not adopting a street furniture, road and footway surfacing policy compatible with English Heritage's 'Street for All' guide.

If you would like to support the amenity and conservation work of the Hammersmith Society, now in its 40th year, please contact:
the Hon Secretary
Angela Clarke
92 Hammersmith Grove, London W6 7HB.
tel. 020 8748 0284.

Please reserve a place for me at the talk on Monday, 12 November at the Grove Neighbourhood Centre, Bradmore Park Road W6.

'A Thousand Years of Bradmore History – from medieval common field to 'Brackenbury Village'.

Name: _____

History Talk, BRA, 45 Bradmore Park Road, London W6 0DT

APPLICATION/RENEWAL FOR MEMBERSHIP of the BRACKENBURY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION.

I would like to renew membership/become a member (delete as appropriate) I enclose my annual subscription of THREE POUNDS. Please complete the following in **BLOCK LETTERS**:

Name: _____

Address _____ Post Code _____

Phone No: _____ FAX: _____ E-Mail: _____

I can offer advice/expertise in: _____

Dated _____ 20____ Signature _____

BRACKENBURY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

BANK STANDING ORDER MANDATE

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To: (Name of your Bank and full address of branch in **BLOCK CAPITALS**)

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Dated _____ 20____

Member's name and initials
(Mr/Mrs/Miss or Ms and in **BLOCK CAPITALS**)

Address _____
_____ Post Code _____

Signature _____

Please allow 30 days for processing i.e. between date forwarded and date of first payment.

When completed and signed please return this entire form to:

Membership Secretary, Brackenbury Residents Association, 45 Bradmore Park Road, London W6 0DT

PLEASE DO NOT SEND THIS STANDING ORDER DIRECT TO YOUR BANK

Rat-runs and congestion are targeted by road campaigners

Home zone will impose a 20mph local speed limit

by RACHEL DOUBLE

SPEEDING cars, rat-run roads and congested streets could be a thing of the past in a busy part of Hammersmith if the borough introduces its first 'home zone'.

The scheme, which originated in the Netherlands, aims to make residential areas safer.

Moves are afoot to make Grove ward and part of Ravenscourt ward a home zone with a 20mph speed limit and traffic-calming measures such as raised crossings, chicanes and speed bumps.

The Brackenbury Residents Association (BRA), which has been involved in working party discussions about a home zone, believes such a scheme is essential.

BRA resident Tony Stephens told the **Gazette**:

"Slowly but surely many streets have been turning into rat-runs. These are particularly dangerous for children and the elderly.

"An exhibition at the Grove Neighbourhood Centre was well attended recently and the majority of people believe this scheme to be a very positive move."

Mother-of-two Claire Baum, 33, who has also been involved in the talks, said an increasing number of motorists sped down Raynham Road where she lives.



"There are a lot of tricky junctions, really nasty ones particularly by the Grove Neighbourhood Centre," she said. "If you have a buggy or pram and have a toddler in tow you need to have eyes in the back of your head and other places too."

Mrs Baum believes that unless action is taken, it is just a matter of time before someone is killed.

"There are also a couple of pedestrian crossings which are badly located where motorists just don't stop for pedestrians," she said. "If motorists are unfamiliar with the area they just sail across oblivious to you. I've had a few near-misses. You step

onto the crossing looking left and right and then a car whizzes round the corner."

The proposed home zone takes in Grove ward, Hammersmith, and part of Ravenscourt ward. This is bounded by Goldhawk Road, Glenthorne Road, Paddenswick Road and the Hammersmith and City Line.

Labour councillor Steve Cowan, who is spearheading the scheme, said the majority of residents were in favour of it.

"We have had massive backing," he said "Around 370 letters of support were received 350 residents attended the exhibition at the Grove Neighbourhood Centre in March. Such a scheme saves lives, particularly children's."

Public consultation is underway with a decision expected at a planning meeting in September approved, work will be completed by April 20.

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NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS

To air your opinions in the newsletter send your comments to us via e-mail at branews@hotmail.com.

THE 2001 COMMITTEE:-

Anna Benson-Gyles; Diana Mather; David Rennison, Derek Hodd; Rosemary Pettit; Sophie Sainty; Stephen Paine; Catherine Stables and Tony Stephens.

