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Residents Association

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Annual General Meeting

The AGM in July was extremely well attended. Membership Secretary Rosemary Pettit reported that membership has increased from 210 to 227 and the Association is in email contact with 116 members. The next target is to establish a membership of 300, of which half or more pay by standing order. Rosemary is keen to establish street representatives to help distribute newsletters and welcome new residents to the Association. Street reps could also forward residents' concerns to the Committee. If you would like to become a street rep please contact Rosemary on 020 8846 9707/rosemarypettit@onetel.net.uk

Michael Miles the Operations Manager, Cleansing, at Hammersmith & Fulham Council gave a short speech followed by a lively question and answer session. Mr Miles asked that residents continue to report dog fouling, graffiti and rubbish dumping and suggested that dog-fouling bins could be introduced to the area, and more litterbins placed around Agate and Iffley Roads. He stressed that he is keen to work closely with the local community and, working with residents, proposed a weekend crackdown on graffiti.

The new committee, elected at the AGM, is as follows: Chairman: Tony Stephens; Treasurer: James Briscoe; Secretary: Sophie Stewart. Committee members: Diana Mather, Rosemary Pettit, Toni Raybould, Julie Taylor, and Richard Winterton. Co-opted: Murray Thomas.

BRA Chairman Tony Stephens proposed two initiatives: the introduction of web-cams or security cameras, to help protect residents from crime, and a concerted attack on graffiti to counteract a graffiti culture.

Web-Cam Pilot

Since the AGM Tony Stephens has explored the idea of using web-cams (plugging a small camera to a PC) as a way of reporting criminal activities. He has sought guidance on privacy and location issues from the police and received significant support from local businesses. James Buchanan, John Stenton and Neil Geraghty have agreed to fund a pilot web-cam experiment. The first web-cam will be on the corner of Brackenbury and Aldensley Roads. This will have a view over Stenton's, Buchanan's and the Pilates Studio.

Web-Cam Volunteers

If you have access to a Broadband Internet service and are prepared to have a camera sited at your home or business, please register your interest by e-mailing our web-cam co-ordinator at webcam@brackenbury.org.

Appeal!

The Association has is launching an appeal to fund the web-cam initiative and is desperately seeking donations to help cover the costs of installing 20 cameras in the area. Local residents are asked to contribute a minimum of £20 and businesses £50. Cheques should be made payable to Brackenbury Residents Association and sent to BRA Web-cam at 19 Benbow Road, London W6 OAT.

Graffiti Volunteers

BRA is organising a Graffiti day to blitz graffiti in the area. The Council will provide their Graffiti team to offer help and advice on the day and local businesses have offered to donate materials and offer some financial support. A volunteer is needed to co-ordinate this project and additional volunteers are needed to help remove graffiti on the day. Please e-mail your details to brackra@hotmail.com

Royston - your local estate agent for Brackenbury - is pleased to sponsor the newsletter of the Brackenbury Residents Association.

Street Cleaning

In December the Council is introducing a new street cleaning programme in the area. The schedule we have been given is as follows:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

The following roads will be swept on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Trussley Richford, Astrop Terrace and Mews, Grove Mews, Sycamore Gardens, Benbow, Agate, Hebron, Marco, Amor, Adie, Overstone, Kilmars, Southerton, Iffley, Coulter Tabor, Aldensley, Brackenbury Road and Gardens, Carthew Villas and Road, Cardross Street, Bradmore Park, Banim Street, Cambridge Grove, and Glenthorne to Cambridge House.

Tuesday and Thursday

On Tuesday and Thursdays the following roads will be cleaned: Benbow, Agate, Adie, Iffley, Brackenbury, Aldensley, Perrers, Atwood, Raynham, Redmore, Studland, Furber, Dalling, Nasmyth, Lamington and Overstone.

Duke of York Update

In the last newsletter we reported that the development at the Duke of York pub in Atwood Road continued to cause concern to residents. In particular, we said that Cranshield, the developer, appeared to be excavating the basement. In the light of subsequent information from the Planning Enforcement Team at the Council to Richard Winterton, the BRA planning advisor, we are happy to report that the Council confirmed that the basement is not being excavated. The Enforcement Team has noted that it inspects the site every week.

New Community Officers

PC Ray Hayes has taken over duties for the Hammersmith Broadway ward (north). To obtain regular crime reports residents should email PC Hayes at raymond.hayes@met.police.uk.

The new community officer for the Ravenscourt ward is PC Gerry McGing.

AUTUMN EVENT

Village Walk

Members and non-members are invited to join the first ever guided tour of Brackenbury Village on Saturday 22 November at 2pm.

Led by local Blue Badge guide Simon Rodway, the walk will take from one and a half to two hours. We'll hear about Brackenbury past, present and future encountering the famous and the notorious on the way!

Meet at 1.50pm at Ravenscourt Park Tube Station. The walk costs £5 payable on the day and will end in Glenthorne Road around 4pm. Numbers are limited to 30 on a 'first-come, first-served basis'.

Call for Former Pupils

Brackenbury School is about to celebrate its 125th anniversary of providing education from Victorian times to the modern day. Former pupils, or anyone with a connection to the school via friends or relatives, are invited to contact Cllr. Chris Allen on 020 8741 2583, email: chris.allen@lbhf.gov.uk.