

B·R·A·CKENBURY Residents Association

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We ended our year in June with a very well attended Annual General Meeting (despite it colliding with an England football match!). Inspector Dan Stobart from the Metropolitan Police was our guest speaker.

Insp. Stobart is responsible for a new team - the "Community Problem Solving Unit" and each day he examines crime reports to decide where to send his teams. As a consequence, the police virtually never patrol at random.

Members expressed concerns which ranged from youths on bicycles looking into cars, theft from cars, attempted burglaries and graffiti. Insp. Stobart assured residents that Brackenburg is a low crime area and that no one on an Anti-Social Behaviour Order lives here. Answering a question on dog dirt he said that the Council has prosecuted dog fouling once in five years; it is better tackled by public education, rather like drink-driving. He recommended writing to the MP as litter laws are not particularly effective.

Two contacts were given by Inspector Stobart:
Hammersmith Control Room: 020 8246 2621
Minor crimes: www.online.police.uk

Neighbourhood Watch

Of late our own efforts on Neighbourhood Watch have fallen away – so Leslie Spires (our Street Rep for Perrers Road) has offered to re-launch it and is organising a meeting with Inspector Stobart and members. We are also sending out emails to members asking them to be extra vigilant about car crime and burglaries as these have increased recently (October).

Web-cams

We continue to explore the possibility of webcams in the area. Cllr Steve Cowan suggests we visit the Council CCTV control centre and organize a meeting with the police. Cllr Cowan is also going to establish what Council funds might be available pay for this. In the interim, residents can purchase CCTV cameras (for £50 from Homebase) which can be put onto televisions and recorded by VCR.

Street cleansing and dog fouling

For some time now we have enjoyed the improvement in the level of street cleansing in our area. At a recent meeting with Roger Khanna, Director of Direct Services, Tony Stephens and To Raybould were told that street cleaners are now actively instructed to clean up dog mess.

Delve into your house

Jane Kimber, Borough Archivist, will help you discover the history of your house on Tuesday, 16 November. She will introduce Brackenburg residents to the sources of house history, and will explain how to use documents such as census returns, rate books, maps and title deeds. By the end of the evening attendees will know where to go to find out the history of their house and how to use the tools available. Packs of facsimiles will be supplied.

Previous history talks have been very popular so be sure to make your booking in good time. 'Delve into Your House' will be held on 16 November, 7.15pm, at the Grove Neighbourhood Centre in Bradmore Park Road. The price of a ticket includes a glass of wine or soft drink.

Bookings details are overleaf.

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Website

We are about to launch a web-site. It will have details about the Committee, Street Reps and businesses. Watch out in your e-mails and the next newsletter for information about this exciting new development.

Trams in Uxbridge Rd

The Committee is evaluating if the tram scheme proposed for Uxbridge Rd will have much impact on our area and if it is a good idea. We are going to suggest to Cllr Sally Powell that she organise a public meeting. Watch here for news.

Tesco development

We understand that the Tesco development plans for Cromwell Avenue W6, have not been accepted by the Council. The cinema, however, has been sold to St James Properties and that this is likely to be closed. If members feel strongly about this please let your Street Rep know or e-mail us at branews@hotmail.com

Rumours abound

It is rumoured that Allied Carpets in Goldhawk Road is being sold and being replaced by a supermarket with 9-storey flats above for some 2000 people. This development is likely to put some additional burden on traffic movements in the area, so we shall be looking at the planning permissions being submitted and monitoring them with added interest.

ROYAL MAIL

Although PO Box mail is still being lost or delayed and cheques have gone missing, it does appear that mail delivery in the area is much improved.

Street Reps

Our network of street reps continues to grow – but there is always room for more! We have about 40 streets in the Brackenburg area which means that we now have 1 street rep for 4 streets. However, we would be much more effective if we had a rep for each street – any volunteers?

Housing Associations

Residents might like to know that there are 2 Housing Associations which operate in the Brackenburg area – Shepherds Bush HA and Notting Hill Housing Trust. Both of these organisations have neighbourhood officers who are very keen to work with local residents and to help guard against noise and nuisance issues – particularly if it involves tenants of theirs. If you have a problem that you would like to pass on to the neighbourhood officers – e-mail us at branews@hotmail.com.

Graffiti

At the suggestion of Cllr Steve Cowan, Committee members met with Roger Khanna; the Director of Environmental Services at the Council. Consequently, the Council is giving us £250 for further graffiti clean-up initiatives and to promote the active participation in the Council recycling scheme.

HISTORY TALK BOOKING FORM

Please reserve places for Delve into Your House on 16 November.

Name _____

Address _____

I enclose a cheque/cash for £4 per person made payable to BRA. Deliver/send to BRA, 45 Bradmore Park Rd, W6 0DT. Tickets will be distributed a few days in advance of the talk.