

NOTICE OF THE AGM

BRA's Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 1 July at 7.30 p.m. at the Grove Neighbourhood Centre in Bradmore Park Road.

We hope as many members as possible will be able to attend. We welcome lively debate and trust you will raise any issues of concern to you.

All Committee members who were elected at the last AGM can now stand for re-election for further one-year terms and any full or associate members of the Association may also stand for election to the Committee. Nominations must be received in writing by the Secretary, Julia Davidson (julia@davidson515.freeserve.co.uk or 020 8748 8451), not less than seven days before the AGM (i.e. by 24 June) and nomination forms are available from her. All candidates must indicate their willingness to serve by signing the form and must be proposed and seconded by full members of the Association.

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

At present, although the Treasurer's position on the Committee is in effect that of an Officer, he/she is not specified as an Officer under the terms of the Constitution. The Committee therefore propose that Rule 6 OFFICERS be amended to read as follows: The Officers of the Association shall be a Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Chairman and the Secretary shall be elected by the Committee from among their number. The Treasurer shall be elected by the Annual General Meeting, as provided by Rule 10.

WATER MAINS FAILURE AVERTED IN CAMBRIDGE GROVE

When the defective leaning brickwork of the retaining wall in Cambridge Road was removed, it uncovered a full range of utility services. In particular, the supporting brick piers had been constructed around the old cast iron water mains. Repair work was immediately halted as even a very small movement could have caused this old cast iron main to crack and burst. Thames Water agreed to renew this old main immediately, and reconstruction of the brickwork was able to continue as soon as this was done. Their prompt action averted what could have been a serious mains failure. Three cheers for Thames (for once!).

AGM AGENDA

WELCOME

MINUTES OF 2007 AGM

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report and 2007/8 Accounts
5 Membership Secretary's Report
6 Activity Reports

RULE CHANGE

To consider the change to Rule 6
8 Election of Treasurer and Committee members
9 Appointment of Independent Examiner
10 Questions and Issues from the floor
11 Guest Speaker

THANKS AND CLOSE

Glass of wine

Queries, including any requests for copies of the current Rules of the Association, to the Secretary, Julia Davidson (julia@davidson515.freeserve.co.uk or 020 8748 8451).

If you intend to raise any questions on issues not covered on this agenda, it would be helpful to have them in advance so that the Committee may provide you with a considered response.

If anyone would like a copy of the Minutes of the 2007 AGM please apply to Rosemary Pettit (rosemary@rosemarypettit.plus.com or 020 8846 9707). For a copy of the 2007/8 Accounts please contact our Treasurer, Alice McMillan (alicekmcmillan@hotmail.com).

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU.

EVERY LITTLE HELPS AT THE TOWN HALL?

We always suspected Tesco wouldn't take the rejection of their planning application for this site lying down. And so it has proved.

St James's Investments (aka Tesco), who owns the cinema site, has submitted a new planning application to pull down the cinema and build a supermarket with 75 residential units above. They say that their latest plans are "in line with planning policy to attract new retail into the town centre as well as providing homes for local people". Furthermore, they differ from H&F's preferred developer in that the 1960s extension of the Town Hall would not be demolished, neither would the Pocklington Trust homes, or the Friends Meeting House. They would also not build on the Council car park at the rear of the cinema. So what happens now? Well, these new plans might just ambush the Grainger/Helical Bar proposal which the Council has approved, and about which BRA and Richard Winterton, our BRA architect and planning advisor, has very mixed views. So watch this space and keep an ear to the ground.



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PHILLIPS SITE

Rosemary Pettit of BRA and Ian Griffiths, Bren Simson and David Height of the Cambridge Grove and Leamore Street Residents Association (CGLSRA), had a meeting with Linden London Developments to discuss the proposed redevelopment of the Phillips site opposite Secrets. The design will not be ready till at least the end of May. With 70 housing units proposed, the comings and goings of residents will enliven that stretch of Glenthorne Road.

Plans include planting trees along the frontage of the building. There is parking provision for 30 cars already and we should make sure this does not increase.

HENRY MOORE'S STUDIO



There is an application for the change of use and development of Henry Moore's former studio in Adie Road. It appears that few people knew he even had a studio here, so Rosemary has passed the details to Angela Dixon of the H & F Historic Buildings Group and has also emailed people at the Henry Moore Foundation.

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MORE LIGHT ON NCP DEVELOPMENT

Romulus Holdings has launched a high court action, on behalf of the buildings they own in Beadon Road, against Transport for London for infringement of full access to light and air caused by the proposed NCP development. Apparently Lord Woolf, former Lord Chief Justice, has a substantial interest in family run Romulus Holdings. David Hinton of the Metropolitan Police has also told BRA that delays in progressing this development are partly due to the developers being required to blast-proof the proposed building.

NOTTING HILL HOUSING TRUST SITE



BRA has heard that plans are fairly advanced for the redevelopment of the NHHT site in Hammersmith Grove (just 100 yards from the NCP development site!). The architect is Edward Cullinan Architects www.edwardcullinanarchitects.com who claim to be committed to a successful building being one which responds "thoughtfully and gracefully" to a client's needs and to local conditions. Hmmm. We fear this could be yet another controversial project in our midst. However, until detailed plans have been lodged with the Council and are available for public scrutiny, BRA will keep its powder dry.

THE BRA BLOG COMING SOON

Never let it be said that Bra isn't up with the trends. With the help of members Greg Harris and Neil Studley, BRA is launching its very own blog. It will be a link from our website - www.brackenbury.info - and members will be able to access past newsletters and news items as well as send in contributions. It will supplement regular emails to members and be an archive of association news, views and events.

BRA QUESTIONNAIRE

The Brackenbury Residents Association is involved in a wide range of local issues and activities, and we are keen to continue to help improve facilities in our neighbourhood. We would like to know your views about what else BRA could do to support the community. Please take a few moments to give us your thoughts on the subject, using the questionnaire enclosed, and return to Claire Harris.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Ravenscourt Park

A meeting to thank NW co-ordinators in Ravenscourt Park Ward was held by the Ravenscourt Park SNT on 24 April in the Thatched House. It was hosted by Cllr Belinda Donovan and the discussion was very informative with lots of good ideas put forward. A new NW is starting in Wingate Road.

Lesley Spires reported that two WPCs were very active in NWs in the ward and Diana Mather said the team was very supportive when she was burgled recently. PC Sarah Fookes said that they had put NW signs in Perrers and Atwood Roads but sadly not many of the window stickers distributed to residents were visible.

Ann Awakian of the Atwood and Perrers Road NW will be attending the AGM of the H & F NW Borough Association and will feed back information to Lesley Spires, BRA's NW coordinator.

Hammersmith Broadway

Toni Raybould reported that Broadway NW had held a ward panel meeting recently which was very interesting. Sgt Gareth Winnard is very informative and has quite a busy time. He recently distributed a new NW Newsletter which mentioned the female con trickster who has been going around trying to get money out of people. If she approaches you, don't be fooled and report her to the police.

CCTV in Trussley Road

At the recent Crime Summit, Toni Raybould and Claire Harris approached Kevin White, CCTV Development and Corporate Security Officer at the Town Hall, about the request for CCTV in Trussley Road.

Funding is the main issue and Tesco was approached to see whether it would make a contribution. Unfortunately, it declined, but some local businesses have shown more interest. Trussley Road could eventually be linked, via cabling from the Westfield development along the Hammersmith and City line, to the Town Hall CCTV room. We will keep you up to date on what is happening. Let Rosemary Pettit know if you are interested in visiting the Council CCTV room, by calling 020 8846 9707 or emailing Rosemary Pettit on rosemary@rosemarypettit.plus.com.

GRAFFITI

A new graffiti 'artist' is on the scene and painted heavy black graffiti in Adie and Trussley Roads. Banksy he isn't. But Toni Raybould and her team were more than up to the challenge and it didn't take long before their tags were scrubbed out. Thanks Toni.

TREE REPORT



JULIET MELFORD WITH HER NEW BRADMORE PARK ROAD TREE, WHICH SHE HAS SPONSORED

Following the successful launch of the Brackenbury Tree Project in 2007, the fruits of our labours continue to blossom and grow.

Over the last few months, 29 street trees have been planted across the Brackenbury area. While 13 of these were replacements for trees that the Council had had to remove for one reason or another, and which the Council therefore paid for as a matter of course, the remaining 16 are entirely due to the BRA activities.

10 of these trees have been sponsored by BRA members and local businesses (the latter being Shoots and Leaves, which has sponsored two trees for Trussley Road, and Stenton's Family Butchers, which has sponsored a tree near the shop in Aldensley Road). The remaining 6 trees were funded by last year's watering activities and a small donation from BRA.

For every 4 trees BRA members watered last summer, we 'earned' another new tree for the area - and the Council has offered us the same opportunity this year. And so once again we have sought waterers for our new street trees.

And once again, BRA members have responded magnificently. 25 of our 29 new trees have been "adopted" by members who have promised to water them through the summer months; and such was the response that some trees had more than one offer, and therefore have back-up waterers as well.

Everyone who has watering duties has been notified and knows what they need to do. Thank you again to everyone who has offered to help in this way. As we 'earn' a new tree for every 4 we water, this means at least 6 new trees for Brackenbury by this time next year, which is wonderful.

While the possible sites for new trees limited by the presence of underground cables, extended basements, narrow streets and "street furniture", our new saplings are spread across the area in Aldensley Road, Brackenbury Road, Bradmore Park Road, Carthew Road, Carthew Villas, Dalling Road, Dorville Crescent, Furber Street, Hammersmith Grove, Iffley Road, Perrers Road, Richford Street, Tabor Road, Trussley Road, and Wellesley Avenue.

We're already starting to think about our new trees for 2009. More news anon....

THE NEW GODOLPHIN & LATYMER 'HOW TO' SERIES

From September, 2008, the Godolphin and Latymer School invites members of the local community to a series of practical and cultural sessions on Monday evenings (from 6-7pm in Room 5 unless otherwise stated). All the sessions will be led by members of staff to reflect their own interests and enthusiasms. The school hopes that you will be able to attend and enjoy some or all of the sessions. Please contact Jenny Gibbon at the school (0208 341 1936 x 326 or jennygibbon@aol.com) if you would like to attend. This is especially important where spaces are limited (asterisked).

THE PROGRAMME

Monday, 15th September

How to relax...and how to breathe

Mrs Christine Lee and Mr Will Ford

Monday, 13th October

How to write a poem Mr Julian Bell

Monday, 8th December

***How to prepare for Christmas**

(in the Food Technology room) Mrs Jennifer Wright

