

TESCO TAKEOVER

The possible development of another Tesco megastore on the site of the King Street cinema they own and its surrounds was mentioned in our last newsletter. This rumour refuses to die down and has been further fuelled by their seemingly deliberate neglect of the cinema. It's in a terrible state, they no longer advertise "what's on" outside, and the number in the phone book and in the free newspapers is now unobtainable. If any of our members has an ear to the ground on this issue (or works at Tesco HQ) do let us know.

ALONG YOUR STREET

To make sure the committee is kept alert to events at street level we've established a network of street representatives who are the eyes and ears of the association, and also help deliver newsletters and keep in touch with members. So far streets reps live in Agate Rd, Brackenburg Rd, Bradmore Park Rd, Cambridge Grove, Cardross St, Carthew Villas, Coulter Rd, Dalling Rd, Hammersmith Grove, Iffley Rd, Nasmyth St, Overstone Rd, Perrers Rd, Raynham Rd and Richford St.

Is your street amongst the list above? If not, then do please volunteer. There's not a lot to do – but it's really helpful. By the way, we would value another pair of legs to assist in Hammersmith Grove. Contact Rosemary Pettit on Tel: 020 8846 9707

MAGGIE NOACH

We are sorry to report that Maggie Noach, children's literary agent, suddenly died last autumn. Maggie was a whole-hearted supporter of this association and good community relations generally, and acted as street representative for Dorville Crescent. We send condolences to her family.

GOING UP...UP

Membership of the association has gone up for the sixth year in succession. Now standing at 365 – representing about 10% of the residents living in Brackenburg – our numbers mean that we are taken seriously by the Council, local councillors, the police and any other organisations with whom we liaise to improve the area and the lives of all of us who live here.

We communicate actively (but not too often) with members through email and newsletters, like the one you are reading now. From hotspot crime, to window-cleaning, Council recycling, parking and local concerts, you can pick up the news by joining your residents' association. We aim to be an effective networker, enabling you, as a resident, to meet neighbours, to share problems and better enjoy life in our home area.

If you're not already a member – why not join? It costs tuppence – well, £3 actually – and we'd be delighted to meet you. The more members – the more influence and effectiveness. To make this easy for you, we've included an application form as part of this newsletter. Or e-mail rosemarypettit@onetel.com

THINGS TO DO PLACES TO GO

THE SOCIAL

In addition to the AGM in July, the association hosted its annual Social in February in the hall at Godolphin & Latymer School. We were pleased to welcome over 80 members, friends and local councillors for an evening of wine, news, views and sociability.

It was so successful we're going to do it again this year. It will be on Monday, 26 February at 7.00p.m. Tickets £3.00 - please make your booking using the cut-out slip in this newsletter – we look forward to seeing

HAMMERSMITH TERRACE

Last June members and friends visited 7 Hammersmith Terrace, the former home of Sir Emery Walker, printer, antiquarian and friend of William Morris. His house is a testament to the Arts and Crafts period. The visit was so successful that we have booked members for another visit this 16 June (now fully subscribed) and also at 2.00p.m. on Friday, 15 June. BRA is no longer taking bookings for this visit but if you'd like to see this exceptional house, please contact admin@emerywalker.org.uk

TREE WALK

On Saturday, 21 April, you are invited to join Gavin Simmons on a tree walk in Brackenburg. We'll be meeting outside Buchanans in Aldensley Road at 10a.m. and will walk round our area looking at existing trees and possible sights for new ones. If you have questions on trees in Brackenburg, please e-mail these in advance to rosemarypettit@onetel.com (tel. 020 8846 9707) and they will be forwarded to Mr Simmons.

FULLER'S BREWERY

Our local brewer, Fuller's has been brewing on its Chiswick site since 1654, with the partnership between the three families of Fuller, Smith and Turner starting in 1845. One of the UK's leading independent brewers, their beers have constantly won awards as the best beers in Britain. Indeed, our own Andover Arms is a Fuller's pub. So let's pay a visit to where it all begins. Interested? Let us know.

WHERE HAS ALL THE GRAFFITI GONE?



Since the usual spurt in July when we seem to get a graffiti spree, all has been pretty quiet since then. Even Trussley Rd seems to have remained clear, something that the new Bedstore no doubt appreciates. Keeping our area clean is actually no small task and much thanks should go to Toni Raybould and her willing team of helpers who turn out at weekends, and even on Boxing Day when 9 new tags were removed. Toni's phone number is 020 8741 5279

Besides our usual 'regular helpers' the Ravenscourt side of BRA is now very well covered by Jane Hartland. So, if anyone over that side finds new graffiti they should phone her on 020 8563 9583. Jane actually grew up in that area so she can really appreciate all the improvements.

We are also grateful to the Council which has awarded BRA a further £250 grant towards the removal of graffiti.

PLANNING PLANS

At the end of January LBHF will be carrying out works to modify the layout of the Paddenswick/Goldhawk Road junction and Askew/Goldhawk Road junction. They'll be waking up the sleeping policemen, building raised roundabouts and taming the sea of tarmac to discipline the traffic and provide refuge islands for pedestrians.

Something that BRA has had an interest in, although not strictly in our area, is the redevelopment of the Allied Carpets site on Goldhawk Road. The proposal was to build a tall block of flats which would have been out of keeping with the surrounding area. The good news is that the developer lost the appeal against LBHF planning refusal for the site.

Now for the bad news. Mr Livingstone still seems determined to progress his plans for the TFL Uxbridge Road Tram Scheme in spite of large opposition to this project. The design is being developed as required to obtain the various consents needed for funding and building. Again, while not directly in our area, it will undoubtedly have a knock-on effect, so we will keep an eye on this and report any developments.

LATEST SCAM

We've been alerted to the following scam by a BRA member. It has been confirmed by Royal Mail and works like this:

A card is posted through your door from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service) suggesting that they were unable to deliver a parcel and you need to contact them on 0906 6611911 (a premium rate number).

DO NOT CALL this number, as this is a mail scam originating from Belize. If you call the number and you start to hear a recorded message you will already have been billed £15 for the phone call. If you do receive a card with these details, then please contact ROYAL MAIL FRAUD on 0207 2396655 or ICSTIS (the premium rate service regulator) www.icstis.org.uk, or your local trading standards office.

A WASTE OF TIME?

Garden waste recycling day around here is on a Saturday. At least, that's what the Council tell us. Unfortunately, this information doesn't seem to have permeated through to the dustmen who often collect the white sacks along with the usual black rubbish sacks.

Are they colour blind? Can they not identify a white sack of garden waste? Nowadays, most people know that recycling is important and we would have thought the Council would have organised its employees and contractors to make sure that the right waste is collected on the right day. Otherwise, why bother with all the colour-coded sacks?



PEDDLE POWER

LBHF are planning to provide an improved cycle route from Hammersmith Broadway, up Shepherds Bush Road, Wood Lane and Scrubs Lane to the Harrow Road. A feasibility study has been commissioned for this route and BRA asked for views so that we could contribute to the study.

Overall, BRA members welcomed the scheme although there were some concerns about the dangers of putting cycle lanes on busy, main roads unless they could be segregated from the traffic, like the King Street cycle lane. It was also felt, by some respondents, that the proposed routes were on roads that were too congested and choosing quieter ones would be a better plan. We await the Council's response and will keep you up to date with their latest thinking.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON MONDAY, 26 FEB BETWEEN 7- 9.30PM?

Whatever you're planning it won't be as much fun as joining us at Godolphin and Latymer School, Iffley Road for BRA's 2007 Social.

Have a friendly chat with your neighbours, friends, councillors and even our MP over a glass of wine and nibbles.

Tickets cost £3 in advance, or on the door, and your first drink is free.

Tickets available from Buchanans and from BRA's Membership Secretary, using the form below. Tickets bought in advance will be distributed a few days before the party.

PLEASE BOOK _____
persons to the Social on 26 February

MY NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TEL. NO _____

I enclose a cheque, payable to the **Brackebury Residents Association**, for £_____
(£3 per person). Cash only for hand deliveries.

SEND TO:
Rosemary Pettit, Membership Secretary,
45 Bradmore Park Rd, London W6 ODT

BRA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms _____

First Names _____

Surname _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Tel: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Membership: _____

personal/associate

Signed: _____

Date: _____

I am particularly interested and can offer expertise in: _____

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

FULL £3.00 - concession rate for over 65s £1.00

ASSOCIATE - (business, school, restaurant and the like) £10

OPTIONAL - I enclose an additional, voluntary contribution of £ _____

Please send this application with the completed Standing Order form below or, if necessary, cheque payable to Brackebury Residents Association or cash (in person) to: Rosemary Pettit, Membership Secretary, 45 Bradmore Park Road, London, W6 ODT Tel: 0208 846 9707

BANK STANDING ORDER MANDATE Please make the payments detailed below, debiting my/our account as follows:

Sort Code: _____

Account No: _____

Account Name: _____

Please pay to: HSBC, King Street, Hammersmith

Sort Code: 40-03-21

Account No: 61341677

Account Name: Brackebury Residents Association

Immediately the sum of £_____ and thereafter the sum on 5th August annually until further notice, quoting the account name (as stated above) as reference for each payment.

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

Address _____

Postcode _____

Dated _____

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Member's name & initials (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms in BLOCK CAPITALS)

Address _____

Postcode _____

Signature _____

When completed and signed please return this entire form to: Membership Secretary, Brackebury Residents Association, 45 Bradmore Park Road, London W6 ODT

PLEASE DO NOT SEND THIS STANDING ORDER DIRECT TO YOUR BANK.