

# B·R·A·CKENBURY Residents Association

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## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Grove Neighbourhood Centre in June and the following were elected to the Committee:

Tony Stephens – Chair  
James Briscoe – Treasurer  
Rosemary Pettit – Membership Secretary  
Treena Jinnah – Secretary  
Diana Mather, Richard Winterton, Toni Raybould, and Murray Thomas were also elected as ordinary members of the Committee.

Commander Heather Valentine from the Metropolitan Police was unable to attend, so Sergeant Paul Goulden addressed the meeting in her place (see later).

## **GRAFFITI DAY**

Thanks to the admirable efforts of Toni Raybould we are slowly getting the graffiti in the area under control. Some members do a great job painting over it as soon as it arrives. Recurrences seem to come in waves but less frequently; there is a complete absence of large "murals" except at the northern end of Wingate Rd.

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June we had our second graffiti blitz day. Turnout was smaller than last year though we did receive quite a few apologies.

Volunteers worked hard and their efforts are particularly noticeable at the Glenthorne end of Southerton Road. A big thank you to Jewson builders' merchants (which donated paint) and to members of the police who came along to paint and support our efforts.

Well done to everyone involved on this special event as well as the regulars that usually help on a Sunday. Volunteers are always needed – so if you'd like to lend a hand – please contact Toni e-mail at [agatetoni@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:agatetoni@yahoo.co.uk) or tel. 020 8741 5279.

## **AN INNOCENT VISIT**

In July, a group of members visited Innocent, the juice and smoothie-maker at Fruit Towers based here in Brackenbury. The meeting was arranged by Rosemary Pettit.

Richard Reed, one of the co-founders of Innocent, welcomed the group and invited us all to sample the products – which everyone agreed were delicious! We were taken into the Innocent kitchen/laboratory and shown how the various ingredients for smoothies are put together and new varieties invented.

BRA would like to extend our thanks to Richard Reed and his staff for the time and trouble they took to make the visit a complete success and thoroughly enjoyable. Yum, yum!

## **Safer Neighbourhood Team**

At the AGM Sergeant Paul Goulden told members about the new Safer Neighbourhood Team for the Hammersmith Broadway ward. He explained that the Safer Neighbourhood Team was the replacement for community policing and is an initiative jointly funded by the Council and the Metropolitan Police.

The team consists of 1 sergeant and 2 PCs with an additional 2 PCs joining the team in the next 6 months. The team also has a number of Police Community Support Officers who patrol the area on a regular basis. They generally work day shifts and 1 late shift but will do more night shifts if there is a particular issue. Their brief is to deal with community issues such as graffiti, crack houses and louts. They accept that one of the valid major complaints from residents is that they can never get hold of the Police.

The team have a landline number which diverts to their mobile. Sgt Goulden stressed that this is a non-immediate response service – so in an emergency 999 should still be used. BRA are pleased to announce that we are supporting the efforts of the team by introducing a crime log on our web-site (see over)

## **CRIME LOG ON WEB-SITE**

The Crime Log on the web-site goes live on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October – thanks to the technical effort of Neil Studley, legal advice from committee member Murray Thomas and the local police.

Members can now log on to the website at [www.brackenbury.info](http://www.brackenbury.info) and record incidents by using the following User name and password details;

User Name : bracrime

Password : bracrime

Contents of log entries can only be viewed by BRA Committee members.

Members can choose various ways to enter information – 1. log anonymously and not report to the police 2. log anonymously and BRA will report it to the police 3. simply file a copy of anything already reported to the police

If members choose to log incidents anonymously, then such anonymity can only be respected up to the point when the police request the identity of a member in order to assist with their enquiries.

Members who do not have direct access to the Internet can use the Internet for free at the local library, or ask a neighbour/street rep to report an incident on their behalf or use an Internet café (e.g. in Beadon Rd or Shepherds Bush Rd).

Report really serious crimes immediately to the police by dialling 999 – for less serious matters use our log and the phone numbers shown there.

### **Overhanging shrubbery**

One or two of our taller members have complained that residents are neglecting to tend to trees and shrubbery on their boundaries with the pavement. Overhanging and bulging shrubs are not only a nuisance to the tall, those with prams, the disabled and anyone passing anyone else on the pavement – it is legally the householder's responsibility not to obstruct the pavement in this way. Please be responsible for your greenery – delightful as it no doubt is.

## **LICENSE APPLICATIONS**

At the AGM, residents expressed a number of grave concerns over the impact that late-night licenses would have in the area notably: traffic issues, difficulty in parking at weekends, noise, increase in loutish behaviour, and no police patrols at that time of the evening.

Despite the fact that the current pub owners may act responsibly with the license it would, in effect, be granted to the premises and not to the current owners.

Members at the AGM requested that the Association submit written objections to license applications – so with extensive advice and support from Chris Allen (one of our Councillors), Martin Thirlaway, Rosemary Pettit and Tony Stephens - over the summer BRA members organised residents' meetings and submitted objections to extensions to licensing hours and entertainment at the following pubs:  
The Grove, The Thatched House, Tommy Flynn's, The Brackenbury Arms and have monitored others.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

There are now some 320 paid-up members of BRA - an increase of over 60 since June 2004. This represents about 10% of the population of the area and we would like to ask members to provide the association with email addresses and pay by standing order where possible.

We would very much like to identify people who are prepared to act as Newsletter Editor, Newsletter Distribution Manager and a Tree Officer. If these roles are of interest to you or you would like to become one of our street reps – please contact Rosemary Pettit for further details via email: [rosemarypettit@onetel.com](mailto:rosemarypettit@onetel.com) or tel: 020 8846 9707