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## Residents Association

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Welcome to the first 2004 Newsletter of the Brackenbury Residents Association (BRA). Established five years ago by local residents, BRA aims to improve the quality of life for all members of the local community and has more than 230 members. In 2003 the Association successfully improved the quality of street cleansing in the area, planned a concerted attack on graffiti and introduced security cameras to help protect residents from crime. We need your support to continue this programme of action and to undertake a range of new initiatives in 2004.

### Join Us

If you are not already a member please consider joining the association. Membership is only £3.00, £1.00 for pensioners. Members receive free copies of our quarterly newsletter and advance notification of local events.

Simply send a cheque made payable to BRA, and your address details to: Membership Secretary, 45 Bradmore Park Road, W6 ODT. To find out more contact Rosemary Pettit, on 020 8846 9707/[rosemarypettit@onetel.net.uk](mailto:rosemarypettit@onetel.net.uk)

BRA organises a wide range of social events including historic talks and walks and the Annual Social. The next Annual Social will be held on Monday 23 February at the Grove Neighbourhood centre. Do come along and meet your neighbours for a convivial wine and cheese evening. Friends and family are also welcome. Tickets are £3 and are available from Buchanans, Kinleigh Folkard & Hayward, the Topsy Toad or from our membership secretary. The first drink is free with every ticket.

### AGM Summary

Full details of the AGM minutes for 2003 are available by contacting our Membership Secretary (details above).

### Street Reps Network

Following the AGM we have introduced a network of street representatives. The reps will support the work of the association by forwarding residents' concerns to the committee, welcoming new residents to the association and helping to distribute newsletters. So far, the following are our reps: Catriona Sinclair, Dalling Rd, 020 8749 6619  
Bunny Hoover, Nasmyth St, 020 8741 0085  
Tanya Hackett, Overstone Rd, 020 8741 9630  
Alison Judah, Raynham Rd, 020 8741 7428  
Joanna Thomas, Carthew Villas, 020 8741 3277

If you would like to assist the effective working of the association in this way, please contact the Membership Secretary, Rosemary Pettit, on 020 8846 9707/[rosemarypettit@onetel.net.uk](mailto:rosemarypettit@onetel.net.uk).

### Improved Street Cleansing

As a result of ongoing communications between the Association and the Council, we have now been promised a better street cleansing service – with immediate effect. In summary, some streets will now be cleaned twice per week, others three times per week. The following will be cleaned on Tuesday and Thursday: Benbow Road, Agate Road, Adie Road, Iffley Road, Brackenbury Road, Aldensley Road, Perrers Road, Attwood Road, Raynham Road, Redmore Road, Studland Street, Furber Street, Felgate Mews, Dalling Road, Nasmyth Road, Lamington Street, Overstone Road.

The roads to be cleaned Monday, Wednesday and Friday are Hebron Rd, Beauclerc Rd, Marco Rd, Amor Rd, Adie Rd, Kilmars Rd, Southerton Rd, Coulter Rd, Tabor Rd, Aldensley Rd, Brackenbury Rd, Brackenbury Gardens, Carthew Villas, Carthew Rd, Cardross St, Banim St, and Cambridge Grove.

### **Web Cam Update**

The Association has initiated a scheme to evaluate the benefits of using web-cams in the area. The intention is that the cameras can be used to deter street based crime and burglaries. We have installed a pilot camera in Brackenbury Road and are particularly indebted to Jonathon Horton from Broadband Solutions Ltd for all his help and support in this. The cam works best with broadband connections and there is the potential for them to be networked and joined into the Council's CCTV network. These in turn can be linked to the Police Monitoring Unit. Any private individual can install their own cams and point these at public areas, and the Association can offer advice to anyone interested in installing such devices. The cams can be used to support the Police and the Neighbourhood Watch, and we have set up a fund for residents and businesses to contribute to if they want to support the scheme financially. It is our intention to have a public meeting to discuss these proposals and our findings. We also intend to apply for funding from local government sources.

### **Business Breakfast**

The Hammersmith Chapter of the Business Network International (BNI) meets for breakfast every Friday morning at the Grove restaurant in Hammersmith Grove. Local business people from builders to employees of a local bank meet at 6.45am and work their way through bacon and eggs while giving 60-second presentations, hearing short reports, offering and receiving referrals. The meeting ends promptly at 8.30am.

Membership of the Network costs £300 annually. Numbers are limited to forty people, and only one representative of any trade or profession may be a member. There are a few places left in the Hammersmith chapter so if you are interested please call BRA member Hew Stevenson of Oaklands nursery on 020 8563 7733. For more information see [www.bni-europe.com](http://www.bni-europe.com).

### **Local Walk**

On a wet and blustery Saturday afternoon in November twelve members of the association joined Blue Badge Guide Simon Rodway for a damp but fascinating walk around Brackenbury Village. We found the site of Ravenscourt House, discovered genuine treasure in Holy Innocents Church, heard ghost stories and tales of local misadventure. We even had a private view of a stage canvas of St Petersburg which was being painted by John Campbell in the old church hall of St John the Evangelist in Iffley Road. The walk concluded with a well-deserved drink in the ever-welcoming Andover Arms. It was a wonderful afternoon where we found out even more about the local area in the past and the present day. We intend to organise another walk in the summer. If you would like to receive advance notice of this, please e-mail your details to [Branews@hotmail.com](mailto:Branews@hotmail.com).

### **Royal Mail**

Some streets are still experiencing a poor delivery service from Royal Mail. If you are suffering from lost or delayed mail, or an erratic delivery service in your road – please let us know via e-mail at [Branews@hotmail.com](mailto:Branews@hotmail.com).

### **Graffiti**

We have had a few volunteers offering to help on our Graffiti Cleaning day in March (date to be confirmed). We have a detailed list of graffiti in the area and anyone who wants to have their graffiti removed should send their details to the association. We have been in talks with a number of companies about funding this project we look forward to support from the Council, HSBC and Dulux. If you have graffiti that you would like removed by our volunteers, please e-mail your details to [Branews@hotmail.com](mailto:Branews@hotmail.com).

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