

B·R·A·CKENBURY Residents Association

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Grove Neighbourhood Centre in Bradmore Park Rd on Tuesday 21st June 2005 and will start at 7 p.m. and will finish around 9 p.m.

We will have our usual order of business and elect Committee members as well as review the activities of the Association over the last 12 months.

In particular we are to consider changing the Rules to allow residents outside the Brackenbury area to become members. The following wording is proposed 'By restricting the percentage of members resident outside the area', with the percentage being 5% of total membership. Associate members (with no voting rights) outside the area are also to be admissible. These changes are to be made to Rule 3 and the appropriate wording will be presented at the meeting for members to vote on.

We are delighted to announce that our guest speaker this year is Commander Heather Valentine from the local Metropolitan Police. She will be giving us updates as to the progress she has made with crime initiatives and the implementation of the Safer Neighbourhood Teams in the area.

GRAFFITI DAY

Thanks to the unflagging efforts of Toni Raybould we are pleased to announce the return of our Graffiti Day!

This fun event will be held on Sunday 12th June and volunteers will assemble outside the Tool Chest in Iffley Rd at 10.00 am to be armed with paint brushes and paint.

Toni and other organisers will allocate teams a few streets and within a couple of hours we can transform our neighbourhood into a graffiti-free zone once more.

If you would like to be a volunteer on the day or have graffiti that you'd like removed – please email Toni at agatetoni@yahoo.co.uk or phone 020 8563 7989 and leave a message.

NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE

If members would like to be considered for election to the Committee, please contact Treena Maguire (details overleaf) and obtain a nomination form. The form must be completed and submitted seven days before the AGM.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Lesley Spires (our Street Rep for Perrers Road) has successfully re-launched our Neighbourhood Watch efforts by making a Crime Log available on our web-site

Now, if you want to report a crime to the police you can put a copy on the BRA Crime Log so that we can build up a picture of the degree of crime in the area. If you prefer to remain anonymous – then you can still report an incident and we'll pass it on for you.

Really serious crimes should be reported by dialing 999 – but for less serious matters you can use the log (more overleaf).

ANNUAL SOCIAL

Once more our annual get together with neighbours and members in February was a resounding, well attended success!

Over 80 members – old and new - gathered to share a convivial glass of wine, exchange news, views, gossip and jokes.

At the meeting we were delighted to note the excellent Improvement in the standard of street cleansing in the area and progress in getting Council cameras planned and installed.

HENRY MOORE

Members may be interested to know that the sculptor Henry Moore is listed in the ratebooks at 3 Grove Studios, Adie Road, from February 1924 to January 1928. He also appears in the electoral registers for Spring 1925 - 1927/28. According to borough archivist Jane Kimber he must have gone there about the time he finished his studies at the Royal School of Art. He was also a pupil of the sculptor Leon Underwood, who ran the Brook Green School for artists at 12 Girdlers Road for a number of years.

CRIME LOG ON WEBSITE

We are very pleased to announce the launch of our Crime Log on the web-site – thanks to the technical efforts of Neil Studley, legal advice from committee member Murray Thomas and the local police.

As previously mentioned, members can now log to the website at www.brackenbury.info and record incidents which are of concern and may be criminal in nature. This log can only be viewed by 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.

In this way we shall be able to build a better picture of real crime in the area and help the police combat and address issues of concern.

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)

Again - really serious crimes should be reported immediately to the police by dialing 999 – but for less serious matters you can use the log at www.brackenbury.info

NEW SECRETARY

Our new secretary is Treena Maguire who can be contacted via email - treena_maguire@yahoo.co.uk or phone 020 8563 7989.

FLOODLIGHTS IN IFFLEY RD

Floodlighting plans for the Godolphin and Latymer school playing field in Iffley Road generated some protest when first submitted, but consent was granted with the conditions listed below.

1. The lights may only be used between 8am and 6.30pm from October to February.
2. The lights must not give rise to light spillage in excess of 10 Lux in adjacent residential buildings
3. Prior to work starting Council approval must be obtained for details of the management of the pitch use, and for an automatic timer required to prevent use of the lights outside the approved period.
4. The light masts should not be more than 12 metres high.

PUB IN ATWOOD ROAD

A lease has now been granted to a pub operator and thus the painting activity is now in progress. We are advised to watch out for applications by pub operators for 24 hour licenses as these could impact the residential nature of the area.

AN INNOCENT VISIT

We've arranged a visit to innocent, the juice and smoothie-maker, whose offices at Fruit Towers are based here in Brackenbury. Started in 1998 by three university friends, Richard, Adam and Jon, innocent drinks use only natural fruit and vegetables. On our visit we will be introduced to innocent and taste the drinks in the kitchen. Innocent is at 4 Goldhawk Industrial Estate, top end Brackenbury Road. Look out for the Friesian cow sales vans!

Website: www.innocentdrinks.co.uk.

As places are limited to 12 please book soon.

BOOKING FORM

Please reserve places to visit innocent on Wednesday, 13 July, 7 –8.00pm.

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