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Residents Association

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Welcome to the summer issue of the Brackenbury Residents Association (BRA) Newsletter. Established four years ago by local residents, BRA aims to improve the quality of life for all members of the local community.

If you have not yet paid your membership subscription for this year, 2002-2003, we are enclosing a form to enable you to do so. Please act on this. If you are not already a member do 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, your address and contact details, including telephone/fax/e-mail to: Membership Secretary, 45 Bradmore Park Road, W6 ODT. To find out more contact Rosemary Pettit, on 020 8846 9707/rosemarypettit@onetel.net.uk

Neighbourhood Watch

On Thursday 12 June at 7pm there will be an open meeting of the Neighbourhood Watch, sponsored by the Brackenbury Residents Association (BRA), the Grove Neighbourhood Centre (GNC) and Neighbourhood Watch. It will take place at the GNC, Bradmore Park Road and all local residents and traders are welcome.

PC Ian Duff, the Community Officer for Hammersmith Broadway ward, will present a video and a review of local crime trends, followed by a question and answer session. PC Peter Riches, the Community Officer for Ravenscourt Park ward, will join him and, duties permitting, a Sergeant/Inspector with responsibility for the Hammersmith Broadway ward will also attend. Tony Stephens, Chairman of BRA will chair the meeting.

Exploring the Past

Dr Moya Tyson's spring talk on the history of Bradmore was literally a sell-out success. The next lecture is planned for November and more information will follow.

Visit the Archive

In the meantime you are invited to join Moya at the local Archive centre to find out how this vital service can tell us more about the history of the area.

The borough archive is housed in the Lilla Huset, Talgarth Rd, by the Ark. On Wednesday, 18 June, from 6.30-8.00pm, the archives will be open to BRA members.

An archivist will introduce the records, including maps, electoral registers, drainage plans, rate books, census returns, books, journals and old photographs. There is also an opportunity to visit the strong room, not normally open to the public.

Donations are £1, payable on the door and all proceeds will go to the archive. Numbers are restricted so please book in advance by calling the Membership Secretary, Rosemary Pettit, on 020 8846 9707 or email rosemarypettit@onetel.net.uk.

Annual General Meeting

The BRA Annual General Meeting will take place on Thursday, 3 July at the Grove Neighbourhood Centre, Bradmore Park Road. Doors will open at 7pm and the meeting will begin at 7.30pm. The Chairman's Report, Treasurer's Report and the committee election will be followed by a guest speaker and a short question and answer session. More details to follow. All members are welcome.

Duke of York Development

The development at the Duke of York pub in Atwood Road continues to cause concern. Following the failure of the planning application, permission has been granted by the Council to rebuild the pub on its original site. The developers, Cranshield, will have to apply for planning permission for further building works, including the installation of an air-conditioning plant. In the meantime they appear to be excavating the basement, for which they do not have planning permission.

Cranshield has also bought 4 Perrers Road, adjoining the pub, and are planning to build across half the back garden. A near neighbour said: "All the surrounding neighbours are extremely concerned at the continuing uncertainty around this site. Despite many fair words, it seems that the Council is powerless to act on our behalf."

Smart Sacks, Smarter Borough

As residents know the Smart Sack is the new recycling collection service. Paper, glass, cans, aerosols, plastic bottles and textiles, can all be put in the same orange bag for kerbside collection on Thursday morning.

Every Sunday morning between April and November garden waste will be collected in a separate, clear/green, sack.

While the committee supports the Council's steps to increase recycling, there is some concern at the increased litter of sacks on our pavements. The orange sacks are not themselves recyclable and the Council does not recycle Yellow Pages.

To obtain more orange/garden waste bags, to confirm your collection day, or to report uncleaned streets, graffiti, or uncollected waste in Brackenbury call the Smarter Borough Hotline on 020 8753 1100, or e-mail wastehelp@lbhf.gov.uk. The telephone number for abandoned cars is 020 7371 5678.

Heathrow – Third Runway

On behalf of Brackenbury Residents the committee has written to oppose the building of the third runway at Heathrow. Hammersmith and Fulham Council is openly opposed to this initiative, and our concerns focus around increased noise, traffic, pollution and safety. Consultation on the future of Heathrow has now been extended until June 2003. Managed by the Department of Transport, consultation information is available from aviation.dft.gov.uk and airconsult.gov.uk.

Mother and Toddler Group

BRA has written to Cllr David Williams, Education Deputy, in support of the long-standing Mothers' and Toddlers' Group, based at the Grove Centre.

The Hammersmith Pre-School Learning Alliance (PSLA) withdrew its grant for the group when its own funding was reduced by the Council. The group has a great deal of support: play leaders now work for free; the GNC is waiving rent; and members of the group are fundraising. As an interim measure the PSLA is supporting one play leader for one session per week, but this situation cannot continue indefinitely.

If you can suggest alternative sources of funding, or charities that might be able to offer financial support, please contact Jo Hillier on 020 8735 0803.