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HAPPY NEW YEAR

HAPPY NEW YEAR from the Brackenburg Residents Association - BRA.

Forthcoming events in the year will be:

- *the Council elections*
- *talks by Dr Tyson*
- *the BRA Annual Social.*

This year brings with it a major change and safety improvement for the area – the introduction of the Home Zone scheme. Councillor Cowan expressed his gratitude to BRA for all the support that members gave in helping to put this scheme – the largest in the country – in place.

BE SOCIAL

The BRA Annual Social will be held on Thursday 28th February at Godolphin and Latymer School (see notice and booking form with this newsletter – it also has details about renewing your membership).

Do come along and meet your neighbours and remember friends and family are also welcome to come. Last year we gained a further 46 new members, and if you have not already renewed, membership is only £3.00 (£1.00 for pensioners) Hope to see you there!

GROUNDWORK TRUST

The Groundwork Trust manages the conservation area in Ravenscourt Park and they are looking for local people to get actively involved for their re-launch on 21st March. So if you would like to get your hands muddy, help run their newsletter or arrange local school visits then please get in touch with Liz Randall, 19 Greenside Road, W12 for more information.

A THOUSAND YEARS OF BRADMORE HISTORY

Dr Moya Tyson gave a fascinating talk to a packed audience at the Grove Neighbourhood Centre on the history of Bradmore.

Her talk took us back to the days when the area was little more than marshland and grazing fields – and traced the evolution of prominent families with references to maps, street names and written histories.

Up to the industrial age, the Hammersmith & Fulham area was noted for its vegetables and fruits, many of them exotic for the time.

Much of the later industry was given over to brickmaking. Rather than transport heavy loads of bricks across London it was the practice of the residents to manufacture bricks near the sites where building was to be done. There was a great deal of building work in the 19th Century and the Bradmore area changed radically – from fields and orchards to the street pattern that we know today.

Dr Tyson had only time to bring us to the early 1900s. By unanimous consent, however, BRA will be organising another evening for Dr Tyson to take us to the present day.

In the interim, Dr Tyson will be giving another talk which is entitled “LOCAL HEROES? THE BIRD FAMILY OF HAMMERSMITH – BUILDERS AND BRICKMAKERS”. This talk will be at the Hammersmith Archives, Lilla Huset, Talgarth Rd (near the Ark), on 8th May 2002 and will start at 7:30 p.m.

ROYAL MAIL

Any news anyone? Are we seeing any improvements? Experience seems to vary on this. Residents in Bradmore Park Road are reporting that there has been a slight improvement – mail usually arrives now in the morning (after 6 months of not doing so). Contact us and let us know if your mail service is getting any better.

PREMIER WEST / DUKE OF YORK

These planning permission applications have raised questions as to the extent of the developments. Residents in Overstone Road are particularly active in opposing the Premier West development and have raised a petition.

Councillors Allen and Cowan have referred the Duke of York application to the Planning Applications & Traffic Management Committee as 'they saw residents' concerns as serious objections to the application. This means that the decision whether or not to approve the application will be made in public by Councillors on the basis of a publicly available report from the Council's planning officers....It is clear that the original proposals were not acceptable when measured against the Council's planning policies, which cover all the important issues that local residents have raised. Planning officers are currently in negotiation with the applicant to see if the application can be approved so that it would be acceptable. If, as a result of these negotiations, the applicant makes any material changes to the proposals, they will be put out for further consultation. If this happens.... the detailsavailable for residents to view at the Grove Neighbourhood Centre as well as the Town Hall.'

Other Residents Associations

By way of increasing cooperative relations the Committee of the Brackenbury Residents Association organized a social event with committees from neighbouring associations - the Ravenscourt Society, Loftus Road Association, the Greenside Residents Action Group, Richford St Residents and the Brook Green Residents Association. While steering clear of political issues, people attending agreed to maintain links and share support and resources. More on this in our next issue.

Neighbourhood Watch

Our community officer - PC Caroline Walsh is changing her job and we are to have a temporary officer – PC John Armstrong - until 1 April when there will be all-change as the new ward boundaries come in. We may expect to receive a community officer for each of the two new wards.

It seems that crime - burglary, robbery and car crime - is going down by up to a third in the area over the last year – but take care around tube stations, particularly at night as this is when most phone snatching and bag snatching cases happen. Street reps were also told of the Ringmaster system of alerting reps every week to recent crime, which is delivered by email, fax or telephone. An email link-up between street reps was also proposed, the idea being that they get in contact with each other over any crime that is observed in the area.

If you would like to help the work of Neighbourhood Watch and be a street representative then do contact PC Walsh at Hammersmith Police Station, 226 Shepherds Bush Road, London W6 7NX or call her or PC Armstrong on tel. 020 8246 2653 to introduce yourself.

RUBBISH SKIPS

The Council currently does not have any plans to re-introduce skips for domestic waste as builders abused the service. However, residents can arrange to have domestic items (e.g. furniture) removed by the Council by phoning Direct Services on – 020 8753 1100. Direct Services will also collect any rubbish dumped on streets if they are phoned by residents.

GRAFFITI

The Council also has a service for the removal of graffiti. Offensive and racist graffiti or graffiti on Council property is removed free of charge. Graffiti on private property will be removed for a fee and the agreement of the owner of the property. Again the number is 020 8753 1100 or e-mail wastehelp@lbhf.gov.uk

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS

To contact the Editor of the newsletter please e-mail us at our new address:
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