



## Newsletter Spring 2012

***Bramcote Hills Community Association, founded in 1963, covers a wide area that runs from Sandy Lane in the east to Moor Lane and the Oaklands Estate in the west, with the Derby Road and the City Boundary near Grangewood Road forming the southern and northern boundary respectively. Anyone living within this area is eligible to become a member on payment of the annual subscription of £3.00 collected in early summer.***

*The Association serves its members by organising **social events**, from a children's play scheme in the summer holidays to pub rambles, pantomime trips and an annual dinner, by operating a loan scheme of equipment for use in the house and garden, by running a Neighbourhood Watch /PACT scheme and by giving information on community matters via **four seasonal newsletters**. It also supports many affiliated sports clubs and interest groups in the area.*

*Included with this newsletter is a **General Information pin up leaflet**, which gives details of all these groups and services, including the names and addresses of the committee, and a diary of events planned for the year. It is useful to keep for reference; further copies to give to new neighbours can be obtained from committee members.*

Dear Members

Thank you to the Newsletter Editors and the distributors who have brought this edition of the BHCA Newsletter to your doors. We are looking to provide identification badges for the collectors when the time comes to collect the Annual subscription that remains at £3.00 per household.

Two requests for help:

Elsewhere you will have read about the 'Hemlock Happening'. In addition there is to be a Beacon Event at the Scouts South Notts site. I am assuming that we will have pedestrian access to the site by footpath up along the side of the sunken church off Town Street in Bramcote Village. We will need offers of help for stewarding at that event which will be on the evening of Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June with Bonfire fireworks etc.

A more long-term request is for members to get involved in the future of the Bramcote Care Group, possibly a group of friends who already know each other and have time as retirement offers fresh scope for community involvement? Please contact me, or any committee member, if this seems a possibility for you.

Spring Greetings to all.

Ann Hart (Chair)

## THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE IN BRAMCOTE

### **Hemlock Happening 2nd June 1 pm to 10.30 pm**

The Diamond Jubilee will be the main focus of this year's Hemlock Happening. This popular **free** family event will be bigger and better than ever-a live extravaganza of music, dance and drama on the stage and a field full of fun-packed 'hands-on event', arts, sports and community activities, ending with the **firework finale** at 10.30 pm.

**The South Broxtowe Beacon Event on Monday 4th June** forming part of a national chain of beacons. This will take place on **Hemlock Scout Camp off Common Lane, Bramcote 8.30 pm to 10.30 pm.**

### **ASSOCIATION BUSINESS** **AGM 2012**

A very pleasant time was had at our new venue; thanks go from BHCA to Grangewood Methodist Church.

Pat Witcombe gave an informative talk on 'Bramcote Care Group' the gist of which we reproduce below:

*Bramcote Care Group was formed over twenty years ago as an amalgamation of Bramcote Hills Care Group and St. Michael's Church Care Group, It continues to serve the community in a variety of ways, including help with transport, shopping, collection of prescriptions and visiting the housebound. We have sixteen volunteers, some who have limited availability. All the work is done voluntary basis: no payment is involved.*

*Since we work on a 'good neighbour' basis, volunteers have not been forced to have CRB checks. I think it is for this reason that we have not had recent referrals from Social Services or the Volunteer Bureau.*

*It may be time to restructure the group, and since I shall be retiring next year, I would welcome the advent of someone to take over. It must be borne in mind that this is not solely a church group, and that our volunteers come from both the church and the wider community.*

*I am pleased to have this opportunity to record my appreciation of the work done by our splendid band of volunteers.*

***If anyone can help please contact Ann Hart***

### **SUBSCRIPTIONS held at £3.00**

**We have been able to hold the subscription fee for households to £3 and this will be collected from May. We are hoping to recruit new subscribers from new people coming to the area and perhaps entice back some of our original supporters who have let their subscriptions lapse.**

### **AFFILIATED NEWS**

#### **Friends of Bramcote Ridge**

The 'Friends of Bramcote Ridge', in partnership with Broxtowe Borough Council, continue to maintain the two Local Nature Reserves, one off the top of Sandy Lane, the other off Markham Road. It is now almost thirteen years since the group first met in the Rose Grower on Sandringham Drive and the membership has remained between fifty or sixty since that day.

Each year there is a set programme of maintenance with further improvements included where possible. This past year an area of woodland has been thinned, wildflower areas re-seeded, English bluebells planted to replace the Spanish variety and the Sandy Lane entrance improved. Future plans include the repair of the Thoresby Road steps, drainage work, Lane and hedge planting. As well as working sessions the group meet three times a year for presentations by guest speakers.

During late spring the two sites will again be inspected as part of the Green Flag Community Award. Hopefully it will be four in a row. Also this year, as a contribution to the **Broxtowe Walking Festival**, there will be a guided walk and talk around the two Local Nature Reserves on

the morning of **Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>**. The walk will start at **10 30am at the top of Sandy Lane**; all are welcome.

The Friends will also be supporting the **Jubilee event** planned for families on **Monday 4th June** on the **Markham Road** site.

Norman Clyde-Watson

### **NWR**

The Bramcote branch of the National Women's Register meets fortnightly in member's homes. These are social meetings with discussion based on a topic researched by a member. Occasionally an outside speaker is invited. Sometimes the group meet for lunches and there are monthly walks. New members are welcome.

### **The Summer Play Scheme**

Between 97 and 104 children attended over the four days. Visitors included: fencing, football, cricket, owl experience, karate, animal antics, cheerleading, the climbing wall and many, many more. Crafts (at least twelve each day) included cookery corner with pasta salads dips and, swamp cake,

Thanks to a brilliant committee everything was very well organised. The 2012 play scheme will be on **24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> July** and most of the preparations are well under way.

REMEMBER YOU NEED TO BE A PAID UP MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE. ALL CHILDREN NEED TO BOOK IN ADVANCE. BOOKING FORMS WILL BE IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.

### **Volunteers are always required**

Sheena Powell

### **Bramcote Cricket Club**

The club meet at Bramcote Hills Park and comprises of juniors and two senior league teams. Kwik Cricket and junior coaching is on a Thursday evening and Senior League games are on Saturdays with mid-week friendlies. Indoor nets have already commenced Thursday evenings at Trent Bridge. New members of all ages welcome.

*Norman Jowett (Secretary) [www.bramcotecr.co.uk](http://www.bramcotecr.co.uk)*

### **Bramcote Hills Badminton Club**

Games are of a competitive nature but in a friendly spirit. We play in the main hall of Bramcote Hills College on Thursday evenings 19.30 -21.00 school term times September to July. There are no facilities for children nor do we undertake coaching, however you are welcome to come along with no obligation to join.

*Contact Keith Dinsdale [keithdinsdale@btinternet.com](mailto:keithdinsdale@btinternet.com)*

### **Bramcote Youth Football**

Football training is provided for boys and girls from 5 to 18 years old. Teams compete in leagues regulated by Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire FA's. Non-competitive football is played by the under 7's and 8's. Competitive games in 7, 9 and 11 a-side games dependent on age group are played by the over 8,s.

A totally volunteer amateur club affiliated to the Nottinghamshire FA we are funded primarily by subscription which pays for kit, FA and league fees, pitch and training facilities coaching qualifications and specialist player coaching.

We meet on Moor Lane Sports Fields in spring/summer and during autumn/winter at Bramcote Leisure Centre, Bramcote College, Harvey Hadden and Beeston Hockey Club from 5-8pm. Wednesdays/Fridays for training and Saturdays/Sundays for games.

New members always welcome; we currently need a new kit secretary. Special thanks to the WHP Federation on whose facilities we rely.

*Tim Aikin Secretary [secretary@bramcotefc.org](mailto:secretary@bramcotefc.org)*

**Bramcote Netball Club**

The club is going very well at the moment with regular attendance at training when a paid coach takes the sessions. We play in competitive local leagues and in friendlies as well as participating in fun events.

We meet at Bilborough College's Indoor Sports Centre on Tuesday evenings from 7.00 – 8.30 pm. New members are very welcome.

<http://bramcotenetballclub.yolasite.com/>

**Wine tasting Groups 1 & 2**

Approximately eight meetings per year hosted in members houses usually on Sundays; group 2 try to exclude school holidays.

Although Group 1 is currently at full capacity, Group 2 has space if you enjoy wine in a relaxed atmosphere. You do not need to be a connoisseur.

**Neighbourhood Watch Geoff Ward**

Little to report, which can only be to the good as local crime has fallen (down 27%, 1 burglary and 3 automobile crimes in the whole of Bramcote). Most people need to be aware of not making things easy for the burglar.

**EVENTS****Summer Pub Ramble**

This popular event will, this year, be held on Saturday 23rd June. We will travel by car and meet at the chosen pub for a coffee and to order our lunch. We will then spend a couple of hours with a gentle walk and good company before enjoying our meal.

Last years event was very enjoyable with good weather (guaranteed again this year!) followed by an excellent lunch at 'The Wheel', Ticknall.

**Nottingham Playhouse Pantomime**

Front stall seats have already been booked for the matinee performance on Saturday 5th January 2013 of the playhouse pantomime, 'Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood'. This lively and hugely colourful panto is regarded as one of the country's finest and you are guaranteed a great afternoon's entertainment to round off the festive season. Watch out for further details in future newsletters.