

**Bramcote Hills Community Association Newsletter Autumn
2012**

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

A mixed summer from the weather aspect but for our community events the sun shone when it mattered. The Hemlock Happening thrived with lots of activities throughout the day and main stage events that had something for all ages. It was an effort to stop the dancing and encores to ensure the fireworks were enjoyed before the dark clouds rolled in.

The display that went with the Beacon event, largely manned by the Scouts and Guides, was no less spectacular.

Three walks of a community nature were also enjoyed – a Broxtowe walk on Bramcote Ridge Conservation area where we had a photo opportunity with Walter Grauberg who has contributed to so many aspects of our community; the Summer Pub Ramble which was of the best yet and a local family walk where we discovered the beauty on our own doorstep.

Once again thanks to all who made the Summer Play scheme such a success. Also a special thank you to the subscription collectors who gathered in the funds to keep us up and running.

It would be lovely to welcome some new faces at the Annual Dinner and families and individuals, young and old, at the Christmas Pantomime.

Ann Hart

FUTURE EVENTS

Nottingham Playhouse Panto

This Christmas the Nottingham Playhouse Pantomime is "**Robin Hood and Babes in the Wood**".

Quite justifiably this is considered one of the best family pantomimes in the country, always being a riot of colour, fun and a great way to bring the festive season to a conclusion.

As usual, we have booked a block of seats in the front stalls (the "best seats in the house") for the afternoon performance on

Saturday 5th

January 2013 at a special concessionary rate of £20 for both adults and children. Further details from John Spencer, 23, Sandringham Drive (Tel. 9258618).

Firm bookings and payment by **11th November**, please

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**Dinner menu Friday 23rd November 2012
7.30 for 8pm**

Mains

**Breast Supreme of Corn-fed Chicken Cacciatore-Sautéed with
Sweet Peppers, Tomatoes, Pancetta, Mushrooms, White Wine,
Basil & Oregano
Served with Herb-buttered Pasta and Side Salad.**

**Braised Steak, Winter Ale & Chestnut Pie
Scallion Mash, Herb-Buttered Greens.**

**Confit Barbary Duck, Red Wine & Orange Sauce, Gratin
Dauphinoise Potatoes and Green Beans.**

**Pan-roasted fresh Salmon Supreme wrapped in Parma Ham,
Pumpkin and Baby Broad Bean Risotto, Hollandaise Sauce.**

Choice of Vegetarians Dishes of the Day (v)

Deserts

Treacle Sponge & Custard

**Dark Belgian Chocolate & Rum Truffle Cake with Whipped
Cream**

**Cropwell Bishop Stilton & Wykes Mature Cheddar
s/w Biscuits & Bob Pitchfork's Chutney.**

Coffee

£17.00 pp

**To book - please contact Kevin Powell with your choice of menu
and payment, at 12 Rivergreen Crescent, Bramcote – phone
9287184**

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

THE ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE PAID YOUR 2012 SUBSCRIPTIONS. THESE COVER THE COST OF PRINTING THE NEWSLETTERS and MAINTAINING THE LOAN EQUIPMENT.

PAST EVENTS

Summer Pub Ramble

The Summer Pub Ramble took place in June when 18 members and friends of the Association enjoyed a walk around the village of Edingley, ending with a very enjoyable meal in the village pub. The gods must have been with us because, despite the "summer" we have enjoyed/endured (delete as appropriate), we actually had sunshine for the walk although in parts it was muddy underfoot and it did rain on the way back!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Christmas Party

SOS FROM SANTA

Is anyone out there willing to take over the organisation of the Association Children's Christmas party? Vicky Hilton, the previous organiser can no longer fulfil this role but is willing to offer advice to anyone willing to take-over. Email Vicky at spring4ward@gmail.com. ***If a volunteer is forthcoming further information will be found on the Bramcote Today website***

NEWSLETTERS

The Association relies on a dedicated team of volunteer Newsletter deliverers and Subscription collectors.

Distributors and Collectors needed for:

Latimer Drive (evens) subscriptions only

Westray Close

If you can help please ring Sheena Powell on 9287184

HEMLOCK HAPPENING

This free event has become a major player in the summer entertainments calendar. If you missed it this year, you missed a truly fabulous day out for the whole family. The weather was reasonable considering the summer we have had and this was the best attended 'happening' ever.

The committee are already at work planning and organising the next event. This will be on Saturday June 8th 2013 so put that date in your diary now.

We always need extra volunteers to assist with the smooth running of the day so if you can support this event in any way please contact **Barbara Brooke on 9394979**. Just as the 'games makers' made the 2012 Olympics you could help make the 2013 Hemlock Happening!

SUMMER PLAYScheme

The 2012 playscheme was as successful as ever with around 100 children in attendance on every one of the 4 days we were open.

New visitors this year were Owls, Taekwondo and First Grade coaching. Old favourites such as the Climbing Wall, Football and Cricket, Fencing, Bouncy Castle and Fire Brigade plus a HUGE range of crafts, activities and cookery were extremely popular.

Despite some of our committee leaving, we are lucky enough to have lots of offers to fill those places. Thank you to our hard working committee and all the parents who help on the week, Stan Heptinstall, Bramcade for their help, the school for providing the venue and, of course, the Community Association.

Sheena Powell

Loan Equipment

As you know we include a loan item list in the General Information insert with the Spring Newsletter. **Laurie Mason (9255785)** would welcome suggestions for equipment not already on the list.

ASSOCIATED GROUPS

Orchard Theatre Company

The Christmas play is to be '**Deadman's Hand**' by Seymour Matthews. As you can imagine from the title, this is a murder/mystery.

Two couples are lured to a remote Italian Villa; where they are murdered, one by one. Mystery follows murder, and the tension rises as we learn more about each character.

This is Gwyneth Crook's sixth production as director. Do come along to the ***Duchess Theatre, Long Eaton on November 29th, 30th and December 1st.***

Tickets are available at the theatre on Saturday morning, and also direct from **Gwyneth Crook secretary and director on 9637956.**
Further information on the website:
www.orchardtheatrecompany.co.uk

The Friends of Bramcote Ridge

We are very pleased to be able to report that our two Local Nature Reserves have been awarded the Green Flag Community Award for 2012/2013. This is now the fourth consecutive year we have received this award and it is in recognition of the work we do over the year to maintain the areas. The aspects that the judges look at in particular include the area being a welcoming place with safe access, management of litter and dog fouling, community involvement and conservation biodiversity.

The committee would like to thank all the members of the group and Broxtowe Borough Council for their continued help and support.

Norman Clyde-Watson.

Neighbourhood Watch

Just a reminder that residents can contribute to making their community safer using their own home PCs on a web-based crime alert system.

*Neighbourhood Alert is now available online at
www.broxtowecommunity.co.uk*

This website brings the traditional Neighbourhood Watch scheme into the 21st century by allowing community members to contribute without having to attend meetings or patrol streets. It's simple to use, highly secure and free and can provide warnings about local criminal activity and prevention advice by email, text or phone. It also allows members to supply information to the police about suspicious activity in total confidence and discuss local issues online.

FIRE ALERT

Are you protected?

Do you have working smoke alarms?

What is your escape plan?

If there is a fire: Get out Stay out Call 999

Fit alarms on every level of your home, they are cheap and easy to install and are available from DIY shops and most supermarkets. Test your smoke alarms weekly.

Plan an escape route and make sure everyone knows the plan.
Keep exits clear and door and window keys where everyone can find them.

Make a bedtime check; close doors, turn off and unplug electrical appliances unless they are designed to be left on.
Put candles and cigarettes out properly.

Don't tackle fires yourself, keep calm and act quickly, get everyone out as soon as possible. Call 999 as soon as you are clear of the building.

www.notts-fire.gov.uk