

**Bramcote Hills
Community Association
Newsletter - Autumn 2013**

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COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

I am writing on a day when it feels very much as if summer has turned into autumn but one of the privileges of retirement is that we have time to enjoy the sun when it shines.

The Bramcote Moor area of our Association has been much on my mind this year as we were badly let down by the failings of the contract awarded for cutting the verges and treating weeds. This 'blighted' our area for the early summer and leaves us wondering if the resources will be found to

restore the green spaces that were the selling feature of the Bramcote Moor Estate.

With that in mind I was attracted to a talk at the Bramcote History Society on 'Bramcote Moor' by Graham Crisp and Alan Dance. My expectations were challenged when they said they were going as far as the eighteen hundreds! We learnt that Sempringham Priory managed the land probably for sheep farming until 1536. Maps then show its use as common land for Bramcote, Stapleford and Wollaton with access by a 'beast gate right'. These fell into the hands of local landowners Willoughbys, Sherwins and Middeltons. We saw maps of the Enclosure Acts 1848 showing Deddington Lane as a well-established feature (the Hills were enclosed in 1771). Coal mining started followed by canals and then the railway on our northern border. There also seems to have been a Bramcote Station but the mystery of who built the Moor Lane cutting continues.

On a more up to date note we are reflecting and gathering 'living history' information on 50 years of BHCA. At our annual meeting in February we will devote time to displaying what we will have collected and hope that you will be bringing your own recollections to share or better still have word with **Steve Austin ASAP Tel. 9288153**

Thank you to our subscription collectors and those who paid their subscriptions so we are once again in a secure financial position.

Thank you to Claire who has been our Treasurer for 10 years but is now retiring. We need to replace her and indeed would welcome new active members to our committee.

Do be in contact preferably by email at bhca2012@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 9288413

Ann Hart

The Victoria, Beeston

Friday 22nd November 2013 – 7.30 for 8.00pm

Traditional Roast Turkey with all the Trimmings

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*Pan-Roasted Fresh Hake Fillet Spanish Style with Chorizo, Saffron Potatoes,
Piquillo Peppers, White Beans & Roasted Cherry Tomatoes*

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*Confit of Duck with Red Wine & Orange Reduction,
Boulangere Potatoes & Braised Red Cabbage*

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*Beef and Wild Mushroom Stroganoff
Steamed Basmati Rice & Green Vegetables*

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Choice of Vegetarian Dishes of the Day

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*Christmas Pudding with Brandy Sauce*

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*Dark Belgian Chocolate and Rum Truffle*

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*Raspberry and Lemon Posett*

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*Mature Cheddar and Cropwell Bishop Stilton with Biscuits*

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Coffee or Tea with Mints

£16.00 per person

*To Book – Please contact Kevin Powell with your choice of menu and payment, at
12 Rivergreen Crescent Bramcote NG9 3EQ – Telephone 9287184*

Nottingham Playhouse Pantomime

Once again the best seats in the house have been reserved for you for the Nottingham Playhouse traditional family pantomime which this year is "**Jack and the Beanstalk**". The Playhouse has a deserved reputation for producing one of the best pantomimes in the country and a visit is an ideal way to round off the Christmas festivities in an exciting, colourful and highly enjoyable way. This year, the tickets are for the matinee performance on **Saturday 4th January starting at 2.30, and are available at the concessionary rate of £21. For further details, contact John Spencer (tel: 9258618)**. Please try to reserve your seats early and payment please to John by November 10th at the latest

The Friends of Bramcote Ridge

"The Friends of Bramcote Ridge have received their fifth consecutive Green Flag Community Award for the two Local Nature Reserves. This award recognises that these open spaces are well-maintained and are a safe and welcoming place to visit. The committee would like to thank their members and also Broxtowe Borough Council for their continued support and involvement.

The autumn project to return an area to heathland on the old Lowe's Nursery site will soon commence. A length of hedge is being restored and the bracken and scrub removed before heather is planted. This will improve the area and create a different habitat for wildlife."

Norman Clyde-Watson

Bramcote Care Group

The long-established Bramcote Care Group has a new coordinator. The group was formed many years ago by the combination of two groups and has been lovingly cared for by Pat Witcombe. You will recall that Pat recently expressed her desire to step down and her wish was to see the group refreshed and renewed with new leadership. Elaine Morris, together with a deputy Julie Davenport, have now been selected to replace Pat and they will be heading up the group from now on. Anyone willing to volunteer to help out in the Bramcote area, and also those needing help, should now contact Elaine or Julie, while Pat takes a well-deserved rest. The Bramcote Care Group exists to promote neighbourliness in our community by offering support to local residents who find themselves in need. Examples of support provided include help with shopping and transport to medical appointments, but all requests for help will be considered.

Elaine Morris **0115 9392566 or 07850 985349.**
Deputy, Julie Davenport **0115 9251029 or 07957 648977**

PAST EVENTS

Summer Pub Ramble

19 members and friends of the Association enjoyed the Midsummer Pub Ramble in June which this year took place in the Bradgate Park area.

Unusually, this year the weather was not particularly kind - the most charitable thing that could be said was that it started off dry and the rain had stopped by the time we came home! Nevertheless, it was a most enjoyable walk finishing with an excellent lunch at the Badger's Sett in Cropston.

The Hemlock Happening

This free event has become a major player in the summer entertainments calendar. If you missed it this year you missed a wonderful day out for the whole family.

The committee are already at work planning and organising the next event. This will be on Saturday, June 7th 2014 so put the date in your diary now.

Extra volunteers are always needed to assist with the smooth running of the day; so, if you can support this event in any way please contact:

Barbara Brooke on 9394079. Thank you.

Summer Playscheme

The 2013 Playscheme went brilliantly as always. As in previous years around 100 children enjoyed a variety of crafts, sports and visitors including birds of prey and very LARGE creepy crawlies. The weather was kind except for one rainy day when the climbing wall was present. This did not stop the experts in charge or the queue of budding climbers. New this year was 'Mad Science' concocting slime and candyfloss-the children learnt a lot of interesting facts.

Our committee of 5 need help beforehand and setting up on the Monday of 2014 Playscheme week, plus any Dads or Mums willing to help with sport. Please get in touch with Sheena-9287184

Date of Playscheme 2014 Tuesday 29th July to Friday 1st August

Orchard Theatre Company

Great News- 'Ladies' Day' our Spring production won great praise....and two awards From NANDA, Play of the Year Competition. Best Actress went to Jo Haimon and Front of House Award for the best welcome and presentation. You see, not only the actors are involved in a Competition.

Full of enthusiasm, rehearsals are now in progress for the next production.

'September in the Rain' by John Godber. This is a two hander starring Elaine Morris and Neil MacIntosh.

This time we have a couple preparing for their annual Summer Holiday in Blackpool, reminiscing and arguing about past and present events and situations. They conjure up many hilarious happenings moving in time and place over 30 years.

Do come and see this unusual play at the Duchess theatre, Long Eaton on **November 7th, 8th and 9th. Doors open at 7 pm for a 7.30 pm Performance.**

Tickets are £8.00 (Concessions £7.00)

Booking

Duchess Theatre any Saturday morning

From the Secretary/ Director Gwynneth on 9637956

Save £1.00 on Early Bird tickets by booking up to and including

October 12th

Local Contact :- Doris on 9637956

Website www.orchardtheatrecompany.co.uk

In process of setting up online ticket sales

Neighbourhood Watch

Residents of Broxtowe Borough can contribute to making their community safer using their own home PCs on a new web-based crime alert system.

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 local police about suspicious activity in total confidence or to discuss local issues online.

Once registered at <http://www.broxtowecommunity.co.uk> please join your local scheme: **Bramcote Hills, Bramcote Moor or Oaklands.**

You can view your local scheme via

http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/your_local_area

Geoff Ward, the long serving Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for the Bramcote Moor area is stepping down.

We should like to thank him for his service to the local community.

We now need a new co-ordinator for this area. If you are interested please contact **Geoff Ward on 877 8261** for further details on whom to contact.

Police non-emergency number

The police now have a new non-emergency number...101...For emergencies continue to dial 999, but for everything else now dial 101. You will be put through to the local police via an automated response system.

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