

Bramcote Hills Community Association Autumn Newsletter 2014

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

Well, a bit of a roller coaster year, with the state of our verges and weed control but they seem to be in reasonable shape for the winter. I have enjoyed the floral displays that some residents have contributed brightening the whole area. Thank you to them and to the team of people who have kept the association up and running throughout the year. A special thank you to Sheena Powell, for the Summer Play scheme and the Hemlock Happening organisers adapting the Annual event to a new layout. We also record the death of Glyn Yeoman a long time supporter and past Chair of BHCA.

There has long been concern about the state of the buildings of our secondary school and its knock on effect on the education available to the children in our area. Paul Heery, the new Executive Head Teacher of the White Park Federation (formed by the merger of the Park School, Bramcote College and Alderman White), has presented outline plans for a re-build on the Bramcote College site that will rectify this situation. A Partnership Board will be formed to keep all interested parties fully involved. The vision is to have the new school opened by 2017.

It is vital that funding is obtained for this to happen. The most likely option is the sale of some of the land adjacent to Coventry Lane under the control of the school. While any loss of Green Space land is hard to accept, this does coincide with the acquisition of new pitches and open space on the land regenerated by Biffa from the refuse site. Consultations and discussions will continue on this.

The BHCA Committee will meet to clarify our objectives and how and who will engage with the Partnership Board. Please do speak to any committee member with your views or email us at bhca2012@hotmail.co.uk

We welcome any new members and invite you all to participate in our planned events.

Condolences are sent to the families of Walter Grauberg, Glyn Yeoman and John Law who were all active past committee members

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

Ann Hart

Nottingham Playhouse Pantomime

Nottingham Playhouse enjoys the reputation of presenting one of the best (if not the best) traditional pantomimes in the country and this year's production of "Sleeping Beauty" is sure to maintain that reputation. As usual, it promises to be a hugely colourful spectacular with fun and laughs all the way, making it an ideal way to bring the Christmas festivities to a close.

As usual, we have reserved a number of seats in the centre of the front stalls ("the best seats in the house!") so we can enjoy the pantomime to the full. The tickets are for the matinee performance on Saturday 3rd January 2015 and we have been able to benefit from the reduced concessionary rate.

For further details and bookings, contact John Spencer (Tel 9258618). As the tickets have to be purchased beforehand, the tickets will need to be paid for by Sunday 16th November at the latest.

Friends of Bramcote Ridge

We are pleased to report that our two LNRs have been awarded the Green Flag Community Award for 2014/2015, the sixth successive year. The committee would like to thank all the members who regularly support the monthly working sessions; those who help by regularly collecting litter when they walk around and those whose continued support helps us to buy seeds, tools, wood and to cover the other expenses involved in running the group.

We would also like to record our thanks to Broxtowe Borough Council for all the help they provide and particularly Chris Riley who has been very involved in the hedgerow and grassland restoration scheme and also in maintaining this area for everyone to enjoy.

Anyone who has an interest in conservation and looking after our local area can visit our web page, www.bramcote-ridge.org.uk, for details or join our working sessions on the first Sunday of each month, 10.30 at the top of Sandy Lane.

Norman Clyde-Watson

Orchard Theatre Company

The company is long established, starting in 1963 as Bramcote Hills Drama Group. In 1983 we joined with Stanton Drama Club; founded in 1943.

As we usually produce plays at the Duchess Theatre (Chatsworth Centre) Long Eaton, the name Orchard came from the road along side the theatre.

The company is currently busily searching for the next play, to be produced in May 2015. This means there will be a good chance for some new actors or back-stage and design folk to join us over the coming weeks.

If **you** want to return to the theatre or start for the first time please call

Secretary: Gwyneth 0115 9637956 or

Local Contact :- Doris on 0115 9258409

Website www.orchardtheatrecompany.co.uk

Bramcote Hills School Redevelopment

The committee of BHCA met after the Chair had submitted her comments for the newsletter. We can confirm that our proposed objectives with regard to the proposed development on the Bramcote Hills School site will include:

That we ensure the new school buildings and facilities make the school attractive to parents so that they want to send their children there

That any disruption to the community that the project will cause is minimised if there is new housing

That any disruption to the community caused by relocation of school buildings is minimised

That the availability of school facilities for community use is maximised.

Further details will be included in the next Newsletter

Bramcote Hills Community Association Annual Dinner

The Victoria, Beeston

Thursday 27th November 2014– 7.30 for 8.00pm

Traditional Roast Turkey with all the Trimmings

*Duo of grilled salmon & cod with Hollandaise Sauce,
Herb-Buttered Vivaldi Potatoes, Green Beans & Fresh Watercress*

*Braised Peppered Beef in Winter Ale with Shallots, Mushroom Thyme
s/w Creamy Scallion Mash & Fine Green Beans*

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

*Lamb Jalfreezi-Garnished with Toasted Almonds
s/w Saffron & Coriander Basmati Rice , Nann, Raita & Mango Chutney*

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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Lemon Posset

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Mature Cheddar and Cropwell Bishop Stilton with Biscuits

Coffee or Tea with Mints

£17.00 per person

*To Book – Please contact Kevin Powell with your choice of menu and payment, at
12 Rivergreen Crescent Bramcote NG9 3EQ – Telephone 9287184, by 13th November*

PAST EVENTS
Summer Pub Ramble

Twenty-one friends and members of the Association and one dog enjoyed the Midsummer Pub Ramble in June. The sun shone and a good walk was enjoyed by all, topped off by excellent pub food.

John Spencer

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 2015 'happening'.

Summer Playscheme

The 2014 Play scheme went brilliantly as always. As in previous years around 100 children enjoyed a variety of crafts, sports and visitors including Nottingham Forest footballers, fencing instruction, the climbing wall, street dance, zumba and 'Mad Science' concocting slime and candyfloss and using a lot of energy. Again the weather was kind!

Our committee of 4 need help beforehand and setting up on the Monday of 2015 Playscheme week, plus any Dads or Mums willing to help with sport. Please get in touch with Sheena-**9287184**

2015 Playscheme last week in July

BRAMCOTE CARE GROUP

Caring for our community

**Shopping
Collecting prescriptions
Transport to hospital / doctors
Visiting / befriending
Emergency practical help**

Do you need help?

Can you offer help?

Please contact:

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morris@bramcote60.freeserve.co.uk

Julie Davenport 9251029 / 07957648977

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