

• Bracondale Residents' Association •

Autumn 2017 Newsletter.

CHRISTMAS PARTY – Saturday 16 December 2017 – 7-9pm

at **THE MANOR HOUSE, 54 BRACONDAL**

This year's Christmas Party is on Saturday 16 December 2017 at the Manor House, by kind invitation of Jane Kennedy and John Maddison. See the tear-off booking slip overleaf for details.

Numbers are limited to 60 so book early (and make sure your membership is current!!).

Can anyone help with food (finger food and canapes, including vegetarian & gluten free)? Costs reimbursed.

Anyone willing to help clear up afterwards? Please let Rosemary Duff / Lesley Whitby know (610509 / 461253)



Above: The Bracondale bench inauguration – July 2017

Right: In Chapelfield Gardens – August 2017

50 Years of Bracondale Residents Association

This year was the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Association in 1967. To mark the occasion, we have installed a bench on Bracondale at the top of Carrow Hill – we had a small inauguration in July, with the ribbon cut by Helen Hoyte and the bench tried out for comfort. It is already well used by residents and passers-by.

The **Book Group** has been meeting regularly throughout the year, with around a dozen members attending each time. Details are on the website.

Summer events 2017:

This year we enjoyed a very informative **tour of the Theatre Royal** (July), organised by Janey Bevington, a **visit to Norwich Fire Station**, complete with emergency call-out (July), organised by Geoff Woolsey-Brown, a chance to see the **undercroft at WH Smith** in Gentleman's Walk, followed by a **tour of Chapelfield Gardens** (August), under the expert guidance of Sheree Leeds, and **wine tasting at Harper Wells** in Ber Street (October).

Many thanks also to Robin and Judy Habbitts for a lovely **Summer Party**. Spirits were not at all dampened by the weather.

If you have ideas for events for 2018, please contact Lesley with your suggestions.

Committee members.

Dave Plummer – *Chairman* (9 Corton Road) / Rosemary Duff – *Secretary* (7A Bracondale)

Geoff Woolsey-Brown – *Treasurer* (1 Broom Close) / Lesley Whitby – *Membership* (9 Corton Road)

Hugh Tempest-Radford – *Bracondale Court* / Anna Bentley / Janey Bevington / Felicity Devonshire / Fiona Ford / Sarah Hill

As a committee we aim to keep a watching brief on this part of the city and speak on behalf of its residents. If you have any concerns that you would like to share with the committee, any member would be glad to hear from you.

AGM – April 2017: A well attended event at the Archive Centre, County Hall. Jonathan Hooten, past President of the Norwich Society, gave a fascinating talk on the background to St Catherine's House (just off Queens Road at the top of Surrey Street), which is now part of Notre Dame School, where he was head of geography before he retired.

There were no changes to the Committee this year – but we would very very much like to welcome new committee members if anyone is interested!



The Garden Club:

This new group meets to exchange plants, advice, ideas and enthusiasm over a mug of tea or coffee about once a month in the growing season. Next meeting will be next year when the sap starts rising. Laurie Christodoulides suggested an Open Gardens event next spring raising funds for charity (Diabetes / Parkinsons were suggested) – open to all, charging an entrance fee. Contact Laurie on 07943632041 or juno41@icloud.com if you would be interested in showing your garden!

Parking changes:

Following consultation earlier in the year, there have been some changes to parking restrictions in this part of the city. Double yellow lines and residents parking on Long John Hill should make that less of a challenge to negotiate. In our area, 24 hour restrictions have been extended to Southgate Lane, Carrow Hill and Corton Road (now with parking both sides at the Bracondale end, a change we strongly opposed). On-street parking restrictions at the top of Bracondale itself seem to be unchanged (8am to 6.30pm only).

History Group new book out in December!

The latest Bracondale book is almost ready to go to press – *Bracondale – a village within the city* tells the story of some of the past residents of Bracondale who have led notable or interesting lives. The book includes photos from the Jarrold family (who lived at what is now 34 Bracondale) from the early part of the last century, new drawings from Helen Hoyte, and lots more. Price to residents will be £10 (we expect about £14 from Jarrolds / City Books).

Contact Lesley / Rosemary to order your copy.

We need new members to join the committee!

We are always looking for new members to join the committee, and would welcome any interest from residents, especially anyone who is new to the area and would like to get involved. Meetings take place about eight times a year, and are friendly, fairly informal occasions where we discuss local issues and upcoming events. The Association depends on its members willing to serve on the Committee and some have contributed well beyond the call of duty.

Contact Rosemary 07774 846927

BRA – Membership Subscription 2017 – if you have not yet paid for 2017

I enclose £..... (Yearly £2 or Ten Year £18 per membership)

Name(s):..... Address:.....

Please return to the Membership Secretary – Lesley Whitby (9 Corton Road / tel 461253)

Bracondale Residents' Association - Christmas Party 2017 – Cost:- £7.50 members / £8.50 guests.

I / We would like to attend the Christmas Party on Saturday 16th December / N^o attending membersguests.....

I enclose £..... cash / cheque - payable to Bracondale Residents' Association.

Name(s):-..... Address:-.....

TICK IF YOU CAN HELP WITH FOOD [] What would you like to bring?

TICK HERE IF YOU CAN HELP CLEAR UP AFTERWARDS []

Please return by Friday 8th December to Lesley Whitby (9 Corton Road) or Rosemary Duff (7a Bracondale)

REQUEST TO ALL MEMBERS FOR CONTACT DETAILS: It is really helpful to be able to get in touch by email and/or telephone. If you haven't already given us these contact details please could you complete the following: (We do not share our mailing list with non-members!)

EMAIL ADDRESS.....

TELEPHONE 01603..... MOBILE