

Bracondale Residents' Association

Autumn 2018 Newsletter



CHRISTMAS PARTY – Saturday 15 December

We are very grateful to Jane Kennedy and John Maddison for once again agreeing to host our Christmas Party at their wonderful home: The Manor House, 54 Bracondale. The date will be Saturday 15th December and, as usual, the party will run from 19:00 to 21:00

As in previous years, any surplus we make will be shared with a local charity.

To make the party a success, we need **volunteers to help with the catering**. Please let us know if you are able to help. The reply slip is overleaf.

URGENT CALL FOR NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Several members of the Committee have served well beyond their term and need to pass on the baton at the next AGM. In order to do this seamlessly we need an idea **now** of who would be willing to stand for election for the following roles: Chair, Secretary and Membership Secretary.

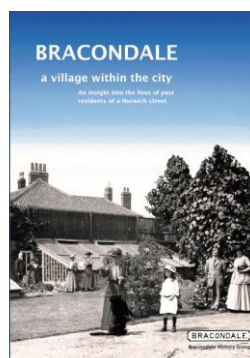
The Committee has friendly, informal meetings about every 6-8 weeks in the evening. If you are new to Bracondale, it is an excellent way of meeting the neighbours and making new friends! And if you have lived here for years we would welcome an experienced voice.

We have made similar appeals in the past with little or no response but this year **IT IS VITAL TO HAVE YOUR SUPPORT** or we shall have too few to form the committee. **THE FUTURE OF THE ASSOCIATION IS IN YOUR HANDS**. Please contact the Committee at: bracondaleresidentsassociation@gmail.com or call 0774 846927 (Rosemary) to find out more.

2018-19 SUBSCRIPTIONS

If you have not yet paid this year's subs, please complete the payment slip overleaf and send it with your payment to Lesley at 9 Corton Road
Subscriptions remain at £2 per person per year or £18 per person for 10-year membership.

THE HISTORY GROUP's latest book, *Bracondale –*



a village within the city, has been very well received since its publication last December. Jarrold's have just placed an order for more copies, and we are giving a talk about the book to the Norwich Society History Group in January.

Copies will be available at the Christmas Party, or from Lesley (9 Corton Rd), Pam (25 Bracondale), Ed (62 Bracondale) or Rosemary (7a Bracondale). Members' special rate is £10.

CITY WALLS – PATHWAY AND STEPS

A resounding cheer for the volunteers who have been busy picking up litter and cutting back vegetation along the city walls footpath and steps off Carrow Hill. Many thanks to Jane Kennedy for setting up and keeping this worthwhile initiative going. If you would like to help contact Jane at The Manor House.



CORTON HOUSE

Maria Widdrington, Activities Co-ordinator at Corton House, contacted us recently to invite BRA members to join in with their entertainment programme. They are also looking for volunteers to help with activities, fete, coffee morning or serving coffee to their Residents. Please contact Maria on 01603 620119 or email m.widdrington@cortonhouse.co.uk
Corton House is a not-for-profit Residential Care Home with a Christian ethos on City Road.

Committee members

Dave Plummer: *Chair* (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* (9); Anna Bentley; Janey Bevington; Marian Davies; Felicity Devonshire; Sarah Hill; Sheree Leeds; John Madison
email: bracondaleresidentsassociation@gmail.com

BOOK CLUB

Now in its 4th year the Book Club meets every 4-6 weeks. Books chosen this year include:

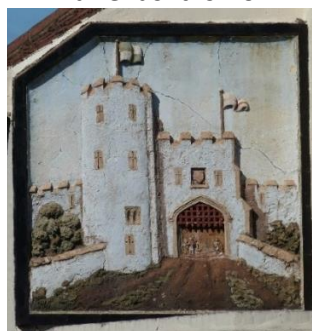
The Hare with Amber Eyes by Edmund de Waal; Our Souls at Night by Kent Hartford; The Little Red Chairs by Edna O'Brien; Elisabeth is Missing by Emma Healey; The Witch of Exmoor by Margaret Drabble; Maus by Art Spiegelman; The Bell Jar by Sylvia Plath and Flight Behaviour by Barbara Kingsolver. January's meeting will be on 14th January at 1 The Shrubberies to discuss Ordinary Thunderstorms by William Boyd.

GARDENING CLUB

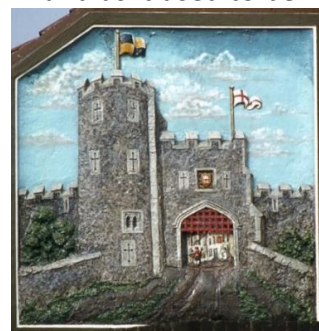
Following the very successful Open Gardens in early June, the group has met in August and October. The notes of the meetings can be found under Discussions/Gardening on the BRA website <https://www.bracondaleresidentsassociation.org.uk> where you will find links. The next meeting will be at Bridget's house in January - time tbc
To join contact Keri Williams (80 Bracondale) or email bracondaleresidentsassociation@gmail.com

APPEAL FOR FUNDS TO RESTORE THE MORAY-SMITH PANEL ON THE BERSTRETE GATES PUB

Panel as it is now



and as it used to be



The Association is raising money to restore the bas-relief panel on the wall of the pub to its former glory. We have already raised over £2000 towards the target of £5000 and really appreciate the contributions from members and others. You can still chip in and can enclose your donation with your party booking or you can make a payment online from the link on our website.

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2018 Cost:- £7.50 members / £8.50 guests

PLEASE KEEP PAYMENTS FOR THE PARTY SEPARATE FROM OTHER PAYMENTS

I / We would like to attend the Christmas Party on Saturday 15th December from 7-9:00PM

N^o. of 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 7TH DEC TO LESLEY WHITBY (9 CORTON ROAD) OR ROSEMARY DUFF (7A BRACONDAL)

MORAY-SMITH APPEAL

PLEASE KEEP DONATIONS FOR THE APPEAL SEPARATE FROM OTHER PAYMENTS

NAME(S) ADDRESS.....

Enclosed is a donation to the Moray-Smith appeal £..... cash ☐ or a cheque ☐ payable to *Bracondale Residents Association*. Donations with this slip to Keri Williams at 80 Bracondale or Lesley at 9 Corton Rd or Rosemary at 7A

MEMBERSHIP SUBS FOR 2018-19 PLEASE KEEP PAYMENT OF SUBS SEPARATE FROM OTHER PAYMENTS

Enclosed is: cash ☐ or a cheque payable to *Bracondale Residents Association* ☐

in payment of membership dues for one year (2018 / 19) ☐ (£2 each) **OR** for ten years (2018 to 29) ☐ (£18 each)

NAME(S)

ADDRESS POST CODE

Payment with this slip to Lesley Whitby at 9 Corton Road or Rosemary Duff at 7A Bracondale