

# BRACKENBURY

## RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

### NEWSLETTER 16 MAY 2017

#### A message from the BRA Committee

Save the date! The next Brackenburg Residents Association AGM will take place on 4 July at 7:30pm at the Grove Neighbourhood Centre.

We will send out more details soon. Looking forward to seeing you there.

#### News:

##### The Brackenburg Parklet is finally here!



Brackenburg Residents Association welcomes the initiative from London Borough of Hammersmith to install a 'Parklet' in the centre of Brackenburg. The Parklet is proving a popular place to meet - particularly when the weather is good. Being near our local deli we now have something of a pavement cafe, a highway safety feature, and a community meeting place.

For more information about parklets please visit the [Cyclehoop website](#).

##### Last chance for Residents to register to vote

H&F Council is reminding local residents that, with only weeks to go until the snap General Election on June 8, to make sure they are registered to vote. **The deadline is 22 May.**

If you are not currently registered or recently moved into the borough, it's important that you register now. If you are unsure if you are registered, call the council on 020 8753 4466 or check online. The easiest and quickest way to register is online at the government's [Register to Vote site](#). Registration only takes a couple of minutes.

##### Badge Saying 'Please Offer Me a Seat' Now Available

A new badge helping to make travelling easier for Londoners who find it difficult to stand is now available.

The blue Please Offer Me a Seat badge is available to disabled passengers and those with hidden conditions, illnesses and injuries, to help them find a seat on public transport. The badge and card can be used on all TfL services – London Underground, London Overground, TfL Rail, London Buses Docklands Light Railway, Tramlink and River Services – as well as on station platforms or waiting areas.

The badge, and accompanying card have been created following requests from customers who can struggle to get a seat as their need is not immediately obvious. A six week trial with 1,200 people was held in autumn last year to test the new badge and card. More than 72% of journeys were found to be easier as a result of the badge, and 98% of people taking part in the trial said they would recommend it to somebody who needed it.

The free badge and card is now available through [TfL's accessibility pages](#).

##### Improving Lyric Square Ahead of 2017 Summer Celebrations

Work has begun giving Hammersmith's Lyric Square a facelift ahead of this year's summer activities. H&F Council says the limestone paved surface is being 'grit blasted' with a machine that will give it a deep clean while also improving the surface texture. The work will last for approximately four weeks and requires small areas of the square between Beadon Road and King Street to be fenced off so contractors can work safely.

The council says the paving was first laid when Lyric Square opened in 2005 and has undergone several improvements, but **this is the first work to improve the paving surface across the whole square.**

Contractors are working Monday to Wednesday, 8am until 6pm, but will not work on Thursdays or Fridays to avoid disrupting the two food markets, open on these days between 8am and 5pm. The work will also take place on weekends, from 8am to 4pm. The improvement works were approved by Hammersmith & Fulham Council in March and follow trials of the grit-blasting technique in the square in 2016.

##### Ravenscourt Park Paddling Pool Opens for Summer

The very popular Ravenscourt Park paddling pool, at the southern end of the park close to Hammersmith's King Street and Ravenscourt Park tube station, was recently refurbished at a cost of £25,000, with repairs to the pipework and surfaces.

Kids can also bring along their buckets and spades as the adjoining sand play area is also open.

The facilities, in two of the borough's 11 Green Flag parks and open spaces, are absolutely free for residents and visitors to enjoy.

##### Kings Mall shopping centre artists' studio

KM Residency is the name that has been given to the former toiletries and cosmetics store in Kings Mall, which is for the time being home to six artists at work. The collaboration between Hammersmith & Fulham Council, Kings Mall and Hammersmith London has seen the vacant space handed over to young artists to enable them to create their work without the expense of studio fees.

The studio will remain a creative space for as long as the retail unit is vacant: creating both a community benefit, and a local attraction, from a temporary disadvantage. KM Residency could hold as many as 15 artists, and Hammersmith & Fulham Council has been contacting colleges around London to offer access to space – which is otherwise in short supply for young artists.

KM Residency is open now in Kings Mall Shopping Centre for inquisitive passers by.

#### Events:

##### ICC next Tea Dances: 18 May, 15 June and 20 July

Our next tea dance takes place on **Thursday 18 May**. Tickets are on sale here, over the phone or at the centre.

Where: 5 Blacks Road, Hammersmith, W6 9DT - When: 18 May 1.30pm - 4.30pm - Cost: £5

Live Music by: Mustang - Pat Nugent. There's a RAFFLE and prizes!

UPCOMING DATES: **15 June** - Live Music by: Declan Gaynor, **20 July** - Live Music by: Country Gem

##### The Secret Garden at the Lyric Theatre 30 - 31 May 2017

Performed by a stunningly talented all-child cast, London Children's Ballet productions are the best way to introduce young audiences to ballet. The Secret Garden will be LCB's first ever one-act ballet, and is beautifully narrated to help younger audience members.

Tickets: £10 - £35. Running time: 45 mins. Ages: 3 - 12 yrs

##### Shepherd's Bush Comedy Festival 1-4 June

Hammersmith & Fulham Council and PJB Management announce this **4-day festival of comedy hosted by the newly refurbished Bush Theatre.**

Names include Nina Conti, Shaun Keaveny, Tim Key, Joseph Morpurgo, Geins Family Giftshop, Sunday Assembly, Stand-Up For Kids, Tom Allen, Spencer Jones and more acts to be announced.

Please click [here](#) for more details.

##### HF ArtsFest is Back for Fourth Year from Saturday 3 June

Now in its fourth year, HF ArtsFest has become an unmissable annual event in our local cultural calendar.

With an array of engaging, multi-disciplinary arts, **there is something for everyone and many events are absolutely free.**

High profile events during the ArtsFest include the new Comedy Festival at the Bush Theatre, Bushstock Festival at Bush Hall and Fulham Symphony Orchestra performing in Lyric Square.

Working in partnership with our borough's world class arts venues, it also provides a unique opportunity for local artists to showcase their work and to benefit from performing and working with professional venues. The programme includes visual art exhibitions, theatre, comedy, circus, music, dance, play readings, physical theatre performances and interactive workshops.

This year's HF ArtsFest includes some exciting new community projects with professional artists working with local residents who will present dance, photography and play readings in venues across Hammersmith and Fulham.

You can view the full programme on the [HF ArtsFest website](#).

##### Unity Day: help celebrate H&F's diversity on 11 June

H&F Unity Day has become an annual event after the success of last year, which saw thousands march in protest against a rise in reported hate crime.

Like last year, **marchers will gather in Shepherds Bush Green before progressing down Goldhawk Road, through Hammersmith and into Ravenscourt Park where a celebration of H&F's diversity will be held with entertainers and speakers.** It will take place on Sunday 11 June.

This year's line-up will be announced soon. It will feature singers, dancers, circus acts and other entertainers who will be joined by speakers representing our diverse community. There will be stalls selling food from all over the world, and the chance to find out more about the fantastic work of charities and community groups across H&F.

##### Fulham Symphony Orchestra: Beethoven and Walton – 17 June 2017

Beethoven – Triple Concerto for Piano, Violin and Cello featuring the Linos Piano Trio.

Walton – Symphony No. 1

**Saturday 17 June 2017, 7.30pm, Hammersmith Town Hall, London W6 9JU**

Conductor: Marc Dooley, Leader: Tom Evans

To book please click [here](#).

##### 'The Great Get Together' 17 and 18 June

Residents across Hammersmith & Fulham are being urged to 'get together' on the 17 and 18 June, as part of a national celebration of what we have in common.

**The Great Together, being held in memory of the late Jo Cox MP, will see dozens of organisations including The Big Lunch and the Jo Cox Foundation joining forces to invite people to come together with friends, neighbours, and others they don't yet know for street parties, picnics, barbecues, and bake-off competitions. It follows the first anniversary of Jo Cox's murder on 16 June last year.**

H&F Council wants to see as many people as possible taking part in The Great Get Together, and will work with residents to help make all the events being held a great success.

The Great Get Together is expected to be the biggest event of its kind since the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 and the weekend will be an opportunity to celebrate all that Britain's diverse communities hold in common.

You can sign up to host a Great Get Together event, or find out what is happening in your area, by visiting [www.greatgettogether.org](#). You can find guidance on holding street parties on the [H&F website](#).

#### Planning:

##### Landmark House

**A planning application for a hotel and offices on the site of Landmark House, between the back of Boots/M+S and the main road, is currently being considered by LBHF.**

Following widespread concern at the height of the hotel tower, the application design was amended, and the tower height is now 21 storeys plus the ground level storey. The development is intended to be a first step in a new vision for the town centre, which will be described in the emerging Local Plan which is due to be available for public consultation later this year; this includes the enhancement of King Street, which is considered essential to maintain the prosperity and sustainability of our town centre. The Landmark House proposals can be seen on the [LBHF Planning website](#), under reference 2017/00172/FUL; the consultation period is closed, but comments can still be submitted.

##### Consultation on basement conversions

Hammersmith & Fulham Council wants to know what local residents and businesses think about two frequent planning issues.

National permitted development rights allow developers and homeowners to convert the basements of residential properties without seeking planning permission. Some say developers digging-up and extending of basements can cause noise nuisance, and disruption to a local area, as well as dramatically increasing population density. Others believe this gives extra freedom to developers, and can give homeowners more scope for expansion without council involvement.

A similar law also allows developers to convert office space and light industrial premises into residential accommodation without asking the planners.

The council could choose to do something about these issues. Following the introduction of the Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 we can use what is known as Article 4 Directions to require all developers and individuals to apply for planning permission before pressing ahead with such plans.

We've launched a consultation to hear what you think – whether you are in favour, opposed, or have something else of value to bring to the discussion. **Just let us know your thoughts by 5pm on 6 June.**

Have your say here: [www.lbhf.gov.uk/article4directions](#).

The Secretary of State will take a decision – informed by the responses to the consultation – which will become legally binding across the whole borough on 26 April 2018.

#### Community Safety:

##### SNT March 2017 Crime Report

Please click [here](#) to download the full report.

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##### A message from PC Ron Keulen

*«I am writing to let you know that Hammersmith and Fulham borough will be launching the use of Body Worn Video (BWV) cameras on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2017*

*The introduction of BWV to Hammersmith and Fulham is part of the world's largest global use of BWV within a police service, with the aims of modernising the Metropolitan Police (MPS) through technology, enabling frontline police officers to be more effective and strengthening the police/public partnership.*

*The introduction of BWV will see the following benefits:*

- *Increasing the use of technology within the criminal justice system for more efficient and effective justice for victims*
- *Greater transparency of policing; improving the investigation of complaints*
- *Making stop and search more accountable to communities*
- *Video captures events in a way that can't be represented on paper*
- *Offenders are more likely to plead guilty, if they know they have been recorded; potentially speeding up the criminal justice process*
- *BWV will be incident specific and will not be used to indiscriminately record Londoners*

*We're looking to gauge feedback from the public and London's communities about their feelings around BWV.*

*You can give your feedback and/or comments to the sender of this letter or your local Safer Neighbourhood Team, find yours here [Team Finder](#).*

*More information on the use of BWV and how the footage is managed can be found at [www.met.police.uk/BWV](#).»*

##### A message from the Hammersmith and Fulham Borough Commander Gideon Springer

Hammersmith and Fulham are pleased to confirm that as of 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017, all wards within the Borough will have had an uplift of its Neighbourhood Policing teams with a second Dedicated Ward Officer (DWO). All 16 teams within the Borough will now consist of two constables and a PCSO supported by Sergeants. This is in line with the Mayor of London's Policing Strategy. All Dedicated Ward Officers have been drawn from existing non-dedicated neighbourhood roles, and will be 'ring-fenced' from being called away to other duties. They will be visible to our communities with local patrolling being key. Also linking in with our ward officers within Neighbourhood Policing are our enhanced dedicated Schools and the Local Authority funded officers for Shepherds Bush Green, Hammersmith Broadway and Fulham Broadway.

The Dedicated Ward Officers, both known to the community and by the community, means stronger relations between Londoners and their police officers, where local communities are served by dedicated officers they know and trust, and who understand the area and challenge of Local Policing. The aim for these officers is to improve trust and confidence in the Police and to keep communities safe whilst both detecting and preventing crime.

Borough Commander Chief Superintendent Gideon Springer said *«Dedicated Ward Officers working within our communities are key to driving confidence within Hammersmith and Fulham, these officers build relationships with the public and businesses within the Borough and the partners that work with them. I have every confidence that these officers will enhance the excellent work taking place to deal with local priorities and issues that affect our communities».*

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