

BARNMEAD ROAD NEWSLETTER October 2005

CONGRATULATIONS!

Margaret at no.58 would like to thank everyone in the road who helped her raise more than £2500 for the 'Breakthrough Breast Cancer' 60km charity walk which she completed over the weekend of the 24/25th September. The walk started and finished at Greenwich Park and involved an overnight stop in tents in Finsbury Park where entertainment was laid on. It was an emotional experience to be one of over two thousand noisy and happy participants most of whose lives have been touched in some way by the disease. A combined total of £5.1 million was raised for the charity, an average of £2000 per walker. The money funds research into treatment.

OLD MAGAZINES WANTED

As an illustrator, Michael Hill at no.60 is looking for your old magazines. If you have any (less than a year old) that you have finished with, could you drop them off at the doorstep at no.60, or arrange for Michael to collect them. He is particularly looking for specialist, trade and subscription magazines, rather than newsstand or Sunday supplements. All magazines will be recycled, or passed to a good home.

Talking of good homes, Michael and Andrea who have been renting at no.60 for a couple of years are looking for a 4+ bed house in the street to buy. If you are thinking of selling give them a call on 020 8776 7984 or pop round to no.60 and save on those Estate Agents' fees!

GARDENING MATTERS

Plans have been agreed for new half-barrel planters to be sited at two of the corners at the Barnmead / Plawsfield crossroads. All planters, old and new, will be planted with new plants, which have been chosen to give a sense of uniformity to the road and hopefully will provide all year round colour and interest.

The successful programme of weed control will continue. Spraying made a big difference to the look of the road this summer, and, as there were fewer places for litter to accumulate, litter collection has been an easier task.

Soon the leaves will be falling. Watch for a notice about leaf clearing day in a few weeks.

AGM

The Annual General Meeting took place on 7th October at the Kenilworth Hall. Nicola Wyllie, our treasurer reported a successful year with even more road charges collected than in previous years. This means we have been able to maintain the road surface on a quarterly basis, which has been a big improvement, and build up a reserve for more work on the kerbstones – once we can source suitable ones. It was unanimously agreed that the annual road charge should be increased in line with inflation to £145 due 31st January 2006, discounted to £135 if paid by 31st December 2005.

Jim Clarke and Tom Davies have been attempting to work with Bromley Highways Department about possible measures for traffic calming in the road, but this department are extremely slow to respond to

requests for meetings and answers to questions. It may be necessary to call on local Councillors to press our case.

Fraser Beastall, our Chair, reported on recent happenings. Many neighbours will be aware of a planning application to build a terrace of 4 houses next to No.1 Barnmead Road – on the back gardens of Nos. 142-146 Beckenham Road. It is generally thought that the proposed development is not in keeping with our Conservation Area, in terms of design or building materials. Many residents have objected to the application and nearly 60 people signed a petition expressing objection to it. One of the local Councillors backs these objections. We need to work together to preserve the environment of our road, so that nothing happens that we don't want to happen.

Fraser was particularly pleased that the social events organised by the road are increasing and are well supported. The Street Party continues, going from strength to strength. The quizzes are very popular and make a good profit for our funds. A Book Group has been set up and had an initial meeting; members are busy reading 'The Dice Man' and will

meet soon to discuss it. The cricket games have involved neighbours of all ages. Play has taken place in Cator Park on Sunday afternoons, with the wicket kindly mown by former resident Lynda Townley. Next season Fraser hopes to arrange some friendly games against other groups.

Nicola is resigning as treasurer and from the committee and Fraser is resigning as Chair. A vote of thanks was given to them both. Sue Pagliuca takes over as Treasurer and Caroline Worsley as Chair. Good luck to both of them.

There was a well supported suggestion from the floor at the AGM that Barnmead residents should have occasional days when instead of parking on their drives, they all parked out on the road – as they are entitled, but often unable, to do. The first Tuesday in the month was suggested. Get out there early! November 1st; December 6th; January . . .

CHRISTMAS CARDS, GIFTWRAP & GIFTS

Nicola Wyllie No. 42

Thanks to everyone who supported Nicola's coffee morning in July. With Christmas only 10 weeks away and her Christmas stock having arrived weeks ago, she is having another **Coffee Morning** on **Wednesday 19th October 9.30-11.30** at no. 42

Barnmead Road. Friends and family welcome.

Don't miss out on the first mince pies of the year! If you are unable to come during the day but are still interested, give Nicola a call on 020 8659 2590, or drop in on your way home from work.

Phoenix offer a wide range of cards, gift wrap and poster gifts. The Christmas cards are sold in support of Cancer Research UK. 1p from every card is donated to the charity. Phoenix have raised over £145,000 for the charity in the last few years.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

Do you offer a service you'd like to advertise to your neighbours? We may be able to put it in the newsletter. Please send details to Caroline at no.55 or email to caroline@bmead55.fsnet.co.uk and if possible we'll include it.

Don Morrison at no.55, is available to deal with computer troubles; wired or wireless networking; hardware upgrades; database creation.

Phone 020 8659 5827

Sue Drury Professional bespoke picture framing. Oil, tapestry and embroidery stretching. Suppliers of quality prints.

Phone 020 8659 4732

Unfortunately incidents of petty crime continue on the road. Do remember to report them to our Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator, Geoff Koffman at no. 30.

Phone 020 8778 1155.

email geoff.koffman@gstt.nhs.uk

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Fraser Beastall	no.34
Jim Clarke	no.32
Tom Davies	no.39
Geoff Koffman	no.30
Sue Pagliuca (Treasurer)	no.15
David Thompson	no.38
Pam Thompson (Secretary)	no.38
John Waudby	no.16
Jane Wiseman	no.20
Caroline Worsley (Chair)	no.55