

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2010

Dear Members,

I trust that you all had a very pleasant Christmas, and New Year, and that the weather of snow and Ice did not overwhelm you. Well at least we have spring to look forward to, with the freshness of new buds on the trees and colourful spring flowers.

Unfortunately I have some sad news to convey, and that is one of your committee members Tim Brown passed away in hospital on January 25th, with the funeral taking place on February 4th, in Edinburgh. Our condolences will be conveyed accordingly, when we have more information.

AUTUMN EVENT

At our autumn event of 13th October 2009, when we welcomed Emily Gillott and Andy Gaunt of Nottingham Community Archaeology Team, presenting their archaeology work across Nottinghamshire. The arrangement was informative, entertaining and enlightened by two very enthusiastic, dedicated people. This was a joint meeting with "The Friends of Bramcote Old Church Tower". The attendance at this meeting was very disappointing and so have previous meeting's which have been arranged on your behalf, plus the fact that it is very hard to find speakers for conservation topics. Your committee of 10 people with two of these being co-opted, feel that we have an obligation to ask you the members, if you would be happy to only have one meeting per year, being the AGM, to be held in June 9th or 10th (to be confirmed), followed by a B.B.Q, at the White Lion public house, which we did last year with everyone enjoying the event. This was enhanced by a beautiful summer evening.

PLANNING

The plot of land 33-35 Cow Lane has recently been sold. This has already been granted a planning permission permit. The Bramcote Conservation Society will keep a keen interest at any further development.

Nick Palmer, our local MP keeps some of us informed of wider planning issues, which cover a much larger area, in particular the border with Erewash. This is conveyed via his newsletter, and web site, and we would inform you if we needed your support.

The important issues are the possibility of housing development on Toton sidings, Field Farm on Ilkeston Road, and Coventry Lane.

The Beeston Express is also a way of keeping informed of local issues.

One piece of information you may be interested in is the proposition to close the Stapleford recycling centre. A letter has been sent to Nick Palmer, who is forwarding this to Marcus Alton of Radio Nottingham, and also to Stan Heptinstall. I have written a letter to the Nottingham Evening Post.

The Old Church Tower

This is located within the Bramcote Conservation Area, and although it is administrated through "The Friends". We would value your support in assisting with the upkeep of the Tower. The Friends have to raise over £1,000 per year just for liability Insurance. We would appreciate help with any of the following:-

1. Sunday Openings, every Sunday commencing June 6th through to August 29th 2010, from 13.00 hours to 16.00 hours.
2. Hemlock Happening **12th June** from 12 noon until 17.00 hours. We are having a promotion stand for The Tower project, and the Bramcote Conservation Society.
3. Heritage Open Days **11th and 12th September** from 10.00 am to approx 17.00 hours

Do not leave it to the same few, please get involved. Your input would be gratefully valued. Please let Jean know. Thank You.

FRIENDS OF BRAMCOTE OLD CHURCH TOWER

There is a 60's night with Mike Tayler and his group 4 & a bit, taking place on February 27th, at Beeston Youth and Community Centre, West End, Beeston, commencing at 7.00 pm, the cost of which will be £12 inclusive of food (Pie and Peas with a sweet). We would appreciate your support at this event, contact Moira Robinson for tickets.

MEMBERSHIP

The society has a membership of 134. Over the past few years in addition to the AGM in June, we have organised two events a year with guest speakers, in spring and autumn. The range of topics covered has been varied and hopefully suitably relevant to aspects of conservation, be they local or more widespread. However we are often rather disappointed at the level of attendance which invariably comprises between 25-30 long established members. So bearing in mind the size of membership, we are keen to know your thoughts and suggestions on how we might increase attendance and support for our future programming. I have therefore enclosed a brief questionnaire for your response which we the committee would be very pleased to receive.

We would like to welcome anyone who would like to or willing to come onto the committee after the AGM, then please let Jean know.

SPRING EVENT

This will take place on Wednesday **April 14th 2010**. Bramcote Memorial Hall. Commencing at 8.00 pm.

The speaker will be Stan Heptinstall.

Please come and support this event and find out more about "Bramwell Nursing Home", and "Stapleford recycling centre".

Looking forward to seeing you then.

YOUR COMMITTEE ARE:-

Chairman = Jean Anthony

Vice Chairman = George Read

Secretary = Davina Jackson

Treasurer = John Hollingsworth

Moira Robinson, Keith Town, Tony Smith, Peter Hillier, Richard Oswin, Phil Sands

Yours sincerely
Jean Anthony-Chairman