

3 Justin Close (old office conversion)

As reported last month, BDEL put this property on the market with local Estate Agent, Xavi & Co. as a sole agent for 4 weeks. Details can be viewed at: www.xavico.co.uk/property-for-sale-justin-close-brentford-pi2-470.htm and From 24th March the property will also be marketed by Townends and Hunters.

Grounds / Clubroom



Work on the grounds continues and the gardening projects at the rear of Numa Court have now been completed. Some of the plants have been moved and replanted outside the Clubroom in an area that was looking bare.

TV System, Syon Park, BDRA - enclosures

We hope that you find the additional information on the attached pages useful and informative – this is always a busy time of year and there was so much to tell you that extra pages were required!

Brentford Dock Residents' Association & Social Events

Please see list of events attached and details of the BDRA AGM.

Next Marie Curie Coffee Mornings: Monday 21st March and Monday 18th April, 10.30am to 12.30pm.

Dock Shop: Telephone: 020 8758 2997

New Special Offers include 2 litres of milk and a Kingsmill loaf of bread for a £1. Two bottles of wine for £5.99. Many other special offers available. COME AND SEE US!



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Dogs and the Dock



The "Dog" Meeting held in the Clubroom on Wednesday 12th March was well attended by an equal number of dog owners and non-dog owners. The meeting was convened to discuss various ideas that owners had suggested. One of these was the proposal that dogs should be kept on a lead at all times on the Dock as owners felt that this was the best way to control their animals. This suggestion has now been voted on

and agreed by the Board of Directors. This means that the BBQ area will no longer be an off lead dog exercising area. The rationale for this is that the area is used for picnics and any trace of dog urine or mess on the grass is too unpleasant for other Residents.

The meeting also agreed to canvas Residents' opinions on other dog related issues – so we would like your views please on the following:

- Should dogs be restricted from the BBQ area altogether during the summer months, as they are on many UK beaches?
- Should we consider a fenced off area specifically for exercising dogs?
- Are more dog waste bins required on the Dock? (An extra bin has been agreed for alongside the canal? (Outside Numa Court).

Please email your answers to the Management Office:

managementoffice@brentford-dock.co.uk - alternatively - drop us a note.



Canal and River Trust



Thank you to the Canal and River Trust for dealing so swiftly with the boat that had sunk causing an eyesore outside Galba Court.

Ballymore (and LBH) also took swift action to remove the travellers who were trespassing on their land. Thanks to all for their help.

Bulk Waste (again)



4 mattresses = additional charges to BDL of £80, currently paid from Service Charge !

The photo on the left shows the bulk waste store as it was on Friday 11th March after the build up of waste had been fully removed and the area had been completely cleared. The photo on the right shows the store 4 days later on 15th March.

See below for details of how we are recovering some of the costs associated with bulk waste arising from sub-let properties but we remind all that there are costs associated with the disposal of all bulk waste which are paid from Service Charges.

Registration of Sub-Let Properties

All owners with alternate correspondence addresses have been written to with details of a new scheme to ensure that we have the most up to date details for properties which are let on the Estate.

The letter which has been sent gives the opportunity for owners of second homes to declare this, which exempts them from the administration and bulk refuse charges of £200 which will be levied on each sub-let property.

We hope that the need for the introduction of this scheme and the clarification of the occupation of the property is understood by all.

Syon Park season 2016 - 2017



The new season for Syon Park starts on 1st April. Rules, conditions and an application form are attached with this News letter. Prices have remained the same and members can now get a 10% discount on all stock items in the Visitor Centre (but not the Garden Centre) on production of their member's pass. Those of you that don't want to renew your membership can return your key card and we will refund your £10 deposit.

Residents' Comments / Housekeeping Issues

- When contacting the Office please email managementoffice@brentford-dock.co.uk not individual members of the team - this way we can pick up messages daily even when team members are away from the Office.
- The AGM presentations are now on our website at: brentforddock.com (in the News and Board Minutes Section).
- Fire safety – prompt action by our Security team prevented what could have developed into a fire in one of the bin rooms. Smoke was reported in the bin chute by a Resident, Security investigated and found smoke coming from the bin that was placed under the chute. We can't be sure, but we think that this was caused by a cigarette being thrown down the chute. This also brings us to the question of cigarette butts being thrown over balconies, etc. PLEASE – if you are a smoker – THINK! Dispose of your butts safely and not down bin chutes or into your neighbours' gardens/balconies.
- Bin chutes again – there has been an increase in blocked bin chutes. These chutes were designed for supermarket sized bags only - so please don't try and shove large bags, or other large items down the chutes. Instead, take them down to the bin rooms please .
- Watering – please be careful when you're watering your window or balcony boxes as if you use too much water it will, of course, fall on to your neighbour's property, or even on to your neighbours themselves - which is likely to cause offence!
- The book exchange next to the Security Office continues to be a really popular service but can we ask you to restrict this area to books ONLY please, as we just don't have room for toys and other larger items.