

## Some Local Events

*Syon Park – Enchanted Woodland*

*(Please note: this event has necessitated our access to the grounds via Syon Gate being closed).*

This event has started and will continue until Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December (Friday to Sunday only, 5pm to 8pm). Adults £9 Children £3. If you have a Syon Park pass, entry is free on production of the pass. There is also a similar event at the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, 'Christmas at Kew', 23<sup>rd</sup> November to 2<sup>nd</sup> January. Please visit [kew.org/christmas](http://kew.org/christmas) for more details.

**“No End of an Ass”: 18<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

...an hour of celebration of the history of stand-up comedy in aid of CRISIS at Christmas. Residents Club Room, Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2016, 07.15pm. Doors open 6.45pm. £10 entry which includes a seasonal drink. For more information [tomlevitt@hotmail.com](mailto:tomlevitt@hotmail.com) or 07946405779

## Marie Curie Coffee Mornings:

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December and Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January

10.30am to 12.30pm



**Dock Shop: Telephone: 020 8758 2997 Opening time 8am to 10pm, 7 days a week.**

**The shop has some great festive offers:**

- 3 bottles of Italian wine for £9.99!
  - Echo Falls and Blossom Hill Red/White/Rose 3 for £11.99!!
  - Special offers on Mulled Wine and various bottles of Champagne!!!
- ...and if you need your party clothes spruced up, there are also special offers on dry cleaning this month!

**Paypoint available from Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November.**

**The shop is open all through the holidays 8am to 10pm.**



# Brentford Dock Newsletter

November/December 2016

## Christmas Lights Switch on.



The Dock goes officially festive with the Christmas lights switch on party on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, with fun and festivities starting at 6pm (lights on @ 6.30pm).

This will be held outside the Dock office, with hot mulled wine, mince pies, carols by the Dock Singers and Father Christmas will be here too (so be nice – not naughty!)

There will be more lights this year, including a tree in Dock Road (our main entrance at the moment).

## Trees

Tree works will be completed by 25<sup>th</sup> November. A few 'arising' works have come to light which were not on the original list; notably pollarding of False Acacias opposite Marcus Court on Justin Close, crown reduction of 'Indian Bean' trees adjacent to Romulus Court, opposite the turning into Augustus Close and re-pollarding of the remaining Black Poplar on Julius Point (facing Thames). We would like to thank everybody for their co-operation in providing access for these works to progress smoothly, with minimal delays.

Further to requests in previous Newsletters, comments from Residents concerning views, light and general observations regarding trees and landscaping on the Estate have been passed to BDL's Arboricultural Consultants (ACS) and these are being formulated into a long term plan (30+ years) for the Estate as a whole.

This report will be considered by BDL Directors in the New Year, and will inform decisions on long term re-planting and tree conservation on the Estate.

## Lifts

As referred to in last months' Newsletter, new auto-diallers will be installed in all lifts before the Christmas break. These will enable lift occupants to raise an alarm in the event of entrapment or other emergency in the lift car.

It is anticipated that comprehensive refurbishment of all lifts on the Estate will commence in the New Year, subject to consultation.

## Augustus Close Bridge Works: revised completion date – February 2017



All addresses on the Estate have been written to by Hounslow Highways (HH) concerning the delay to the completion of the bridge renovation works on Augustus Close – now completing February 2017.

A further 'drop in' update session is being hosted by Louise Batts (HH Project Manager) on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December between 10.00am – 2.00pm in the Residents' Clubroom. This will be an opportunity to raise any queries or concerns regarding the works.

Following the success and popularity of the site visits, there may be further places available on for tours on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January – please contact the Management Office if you are interested in these. Previous site visits have given Dock Residents an opportunity to witness the problems that have been encountered during the course of the works and understand the issues which could not have been reasonably foreseen until the engineers got 'inside' the bridge structure.

We are in regular contact with Hounslow Highways to assess and review the ongoing 'temporary' traffic measures on Dock Road. We are pleased to say that, thanks to the patience and understanding shown by most, this has not been the disaster predicted by some.

We are also pushing the utilities companies (Scottish and Southern and National Grid) to fill and make good the hole at the bottom of the ramp; these were emergency works required to preserve the electricity supply to 6,000 properties in Brentford (including Brentford Dock). Though this has been averted, it has been necessary for SSE to liaise with National Grid, which has led to a more complicated situation...

## Heating Pipe Repair (before, during and after)



Following the discovery of a leak on a small section of above ground pipework in the back of garages to the rear of Galba Court on 7th November, repairs were carried out by Smith & Byford on Wednesday 16th November. Prior to these works taking place, it was anticipated that only Galba Court would be affected by these works (and they were written to accordingly) but it also became necessary to shut off heat to Romulus, Numa, Marcus and Julius Court for a short time in order to complete the works.

Please be reassured that this was an isolated issue – caused by a leak from above – and not indicative of a more widespread problem.

## New Parking Tickets -



We have recently changed the Company which provides parking control support for the Estate. The new company is CPM, replacing National Parking Control.



The new system operated by CPM is as follows:

- Our security guards will take photographs of the offending vehicle and the nearby warning notice (see left), using a smartphone.
- The ticket is then sent immediately to 'CPM'.
- **No physical ticket is issued at the time**, but our Security will place a separate notice so that drivers are aware that they have been ticketed.
- The owners of the 'offending' vehicle will then receive a parking penalty (£100) demand in the post.

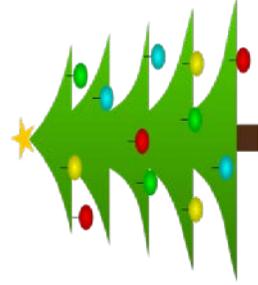
This means that there will no longer be the opportunity for vehicle owners to come to the office and ask for the ticket to be cancelled. There will still be a process for tickets to be cancelled, but this will incur a financial penalty for the Dock.

Exceptional and unusual circumstances will still be considered as the tickets are used to manage parking on the Dock and are not used to make money.

You are reminded that all vehicles on Estate roads must display a Brentford Dock Parking permit, available free of charge from the Security Office.

## Residents' Comments / Housekeeping Issues

- **Christmas parcels** – the festive increase in parcels being left with security has started. For the system to work for the benefit of all, please collect items promptly. No large / bulky / heavy items can be accepted. Parcels addressed to "Security Office" (rather than to flat address) will be returned to sender.
- If you have a parking space that you don't use the office would be happy to act as an intermediary and assist finding an individual that would like to rent a space: this benefits your pocket and the parking situation on the Estate
- Thank you to all those involved in making the Halloween Disco happen, it was very successful with 76 children attending (we have photos but not the space).
- **Cigarette butts** – there are still one or two smokers on the Dock who cause their neighbours grief by throwing cigarette butts to the ground. **THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE** please stop.
- **Barbeques** – Please be advised that the BBQ's left by the river side have been placed in the gardeners warehouse, where they will be available for collection for 2 weeks, before being disposed of.



**Brentford Dock Residents' Association**

## ***Christmas on the Dock***

***Thursday 1st December at 2.30 pm in the clubroom***

***DESIGN AND MAKE YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS CARDS***

***All materials provided.***

***Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 6.30pm***

***CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON and CAROLS ROUND THE  
CHRISTMAS TREE - and a visit from Father Christmas!***

***Outside the Dock office ( with mulled wine and mince pies)***

***For all the family! At 6pm.***



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***Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in the Clubroom.***

***SONGS AND CAROLS FOR CHRISTMAS***



***WITH THE BRENTFORD DOCK SINGERS***

***Refreshments to follow.***

# BDRRA

BRENTFORD DOCK  
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

## PROGRAMME: December 2016

All events are held in the Residents' Clubrooms. Everyone who lives on the Dock is welcome.

**CHRISTMAS ON THE DOCK**  
Tree Lighting and Carols, Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
Christmas Carol Concert, Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> December  
Thursday Talk: Design and make Christmas Cards. 1st December  
*Everyone welcome!*

## SCRABBLE

Every Tuesday morning at 10.00 am. *New players welcome!* With tea, coffee and a chat between games.

## COFFEE MORNINGS: *Everyone welcome!*

BDRRA coffee morning: **Wed, 7<sup>th</sup> December, 10.30 -12.00** *Mince pies, coffee and conversation - £1.50*  
Marie Curie coffee morning. Monday, **19<sup>th</sup> December.** 10.30 –12.30.

**MAH-JONG:** Tuesday, **6<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm.** Held in the small clubroom. *All welcome.*

## CRAFT WORKSHOP – *Stitch, knit, natter and more!*

Friday, **9<sup>th</sup> December, 11.00 – 12.30.** Bring your own project or try something new. All levels, including beginners, welcome. Refreshments included. Suggested donation **£3.00**

## WALKING GROUP with Margaret Thomas.

No walk this month, but Margaret has organised a sandwich lunch at the Brewery Tap on 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan, 2017 to discuss future walks. *Interested? Please come along to find out more.*

## FLM CLUB

Monday, **12<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm.** Showing: *Vertigo*, directed and produced by Alfred Hitchcock; starring Kim Novak and James Stewart. It will be shown in the small clubroom. Refreshments **£2.00**

## THURSDAY TALK *Please note date!*

Thursday, **1<sup>st</sup> December at 2pm.** *Design and make your Christmas Cards.* Organised by Carmela, who runs our craft workshops. All materials – and refreshments – provided. **£2.**

**iDock.** A community group to discover how to make your Smart devices – phones, tablets, laptops etc. - do what you want them to. Wednesday, **7<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm and 7.30pm.** Refreshments included **£1.00**  
Further details at [www.brentforddockcommunity.org.uk](http://www.brentforddockcommunity.org.uk)

**BINGO in the EVENING!** (in association with BDCTA): Friday, **9<sup>th</sup> December** at 7pm. *Cash prizes!!* £2.00 per book - to be purchased on entry. Refreshments 50p.

## COMMUNITY LUNCH

Thursday, **22<sup>nd</sup> December** at 1pm. Ann Howe's popular, delicious home-made soups and cakes, with tea and coffee included. Or bring your own wine – we have glasses! **£3.00**

**QUIZ – the next quiz night will be on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

**BDRRA** is the association for all who live on Brentford Dock.

We encourage and support a wide range of daytime and evening activities which are open to everyone.

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