



Brentford Dock Newsletter

June/July 2017

Riverside Area – The Good, the Bad and the Ugly



Following the accidental damage to the shrubs on the riverfront (caused by carelessly disposed of barbeque coals), we have received a number of favourable comments about the new view which has opened up as a result. The railing has now been underplanted with roses and two new benches will be installed in the near future (awaiting delivery).

We remind anyone with young children that they must keep a close eye on them when playing near water, although we have taken reasonable steps to protect the edge. The riverside area is extremely well used during hot weather and this inevitably creates a lot of rubbish. Please take rubbish home with you whenever possible: although the bins are emptied on a Saturday morning these are not then emptied until Monday morning. If bins are full, do not add to them (see above). Also, remember that the 'Hot Coals' bins should not have any other rubbish in them, as this is likely to catch alight.

Marie Curie Coffee Mornings:

Monday 17th July

10.30am to 12.30pm



Walking Group

The Walking Group will be visiting Trent Park, Enfield on 26th June (meet by the bike stores at the top of the Dock Road ramp at 10am). Piccadilly line to Oakwood Station, bring a packed lunch. The following walk will be on 31st July going to Holland Park..

Dock Shop: Telephone: 020 8758 2997 Opening time 8am to 10pm, 7 days a week. PLEASE SEE SPECIAL OFFERS IN STORE AND THE NEW RANGE OF PHONE ACCESSORIES.

Grand Augustus Bridge Opening



There will be an 'official' opening ceremony for the newly refurbished bridge(s) on Augustus Close on Saturday 8th July, between 12 – 2pm.

[Augustus Close will be closed between 11am – 3pm: please follow diversion to Dock Road]

Light refreshments will be available in the Residents Clubroom, as well as some activities for children.

The bridge will be opened by the Leader of the Council (Steve Curran), along with other ward councillors and the Mayor and a plaque unveiled.

We then hope that the bridge will enjoy a long and uneventful life, having figured prominently in life on Brentford Dock during the last 12 months!

Table Tennis



We are pleased to see that the table tennis tables are already getting regular use by young and old alike.

We have asked the shop to consider stocking bats and balls but in the meantime – if you don't already have your own, or just want to 'have a go' – we have 3 pairs of bats and a lot of balls which are available to borrow from Security for a £10 returnable deposit.

We would ask anyone using the table tennis tables to be considerate of neighbours – particularly on long summer evenings when windows are open.

Congratulations to Imran



Imran one of our dedicated security guards has won a national award from Trigion Security for outstanding service.

We fully endorse this award and thank all our security staff for the work on our behalf.

The award was presented by Trigion's Operations Director and South East Regional Area Manager.

Dolphin Visit!



It is difficult to make out in these photos but an eagle-eyed Resident spotted a dolphin fishing in the river off of Julius Point.

This was logged with the Thames Marine Mammal Sighting Survey, which records sightings to monitor the condition of the river.

House-Keeping & General Interest

- **Gardening Group Meeting**– There will be a gardening group meeting and weather permitting a walkabout on Tuesday 11th July, meeting at the office at 6.30pm. All residents are welcome.
- **Brentford Dock in Bloom**– Sponsored by Michael Richards & Co -to enter you can fill in a form in the security office or email Ade at ahgadrian@gmail.com
- **Cigarette Butts**– Some smokers are still throwing cigarette butts from balcony's or windows which end up in communal areas or fellow residents property. This is totally unacceptable and must stop.
- **Food Waste** – **Please do not put food waste in plastic bags into the food waste bins only use paper or biodegradable bags. If there is plastic in the food bins then the council will not empty them and we all suffer!**

Fire Safety

Following recent tragic events at Grenfell Tower, we would like to provide a reminder and reassurance concerning fire safety provisions on the Estate.

The buildings of Brentford Dock are very different to 'high rise' blocks and we work closely with our safety advisors and the London Fire Brigade to continuously review our fire safety measures; this has maintained an excellent fire safety record which we are obviously keen to continue. Safety equipment (such as dry-risers) are regularly maintained and tested and access roads around the Estate are kept clear in case they are needed by emergency services

There has been much discussion of 'stay put' policies and continue to advise that in most circumstances in the event of a fire you should stay in your home until directed otherwise. The construction of buildings on the Estate provides effective 'compartmentation' and ensures that any fire in a flat would have difficulty spreading.

However, if a fire were to break out and you found yourself directly affected by heat or smoke you must:

- **Immediately leave the premises**, closing the front door behind you and ensuring that all persons in your home are with you
- **Call the Fire Brigade (999 or 112)**, even if it only seems a small fire

Communal areas (corridors and stairways) are kept free from combustibles for your safety: the most likely source of a fire is in your home and there are simple steps you can take to reduce the risk of fire and :

- **Ensure that you have a working smoke alarm** fitted in your property and that you test this and replace batteries regularly
- **Make sure that you have a 'fire escape plan'** and ensure that anyone in your home is familiar with it: discuss what you would do in the event of a fire in your home
- **Ensure that all electrical equipment is safe and properly maintained**
- **Do not store anything which could burn easily in escape routes**, or near electrical or gas installations

We periodically issue general fire safety advice to all Residents and Leaseholders, based on Fire Risk Assessments (FRA's) which form part of our general Health and Safety procedures. Prior to recent events we had already commissioned a full review of FRA's and will advise accordingly once these are complete.

Further information can be found on www.brentfordock.com under Fire Safety