



Brentford Dock Newsletter

September/October 2017

Improve your English

A Dock Resident is a volunteer English teacher at a Community school in Ealing. The classes are held at Elthorne High school which is just a quick bus ride on E8 (2 stops past Boston Manor tube station). Classes are accessible for those on low incomes and held between 7pm and 8.50pm on Mondays and Wednesdays.

For further details see the advert on the Noticeboard.

Great River Race

The weather was not kind to this year's event with windy blustery conditions turning into a proper British summer downpour. Despite this, over £800 was raised for the RNLI, so thanks to all those who braved the elements and well done to everyone who gave up their time to make it such a successful afternoon..

Dog Area



The small garden at the rear of Romulus Court next to the canal has been designated an area where dogs can be exercised off lead.

As you can see from the photo there is a bin for dog waste directly by the gate - so please use it.

Dogs must be kept on leads in all other parts of the Estate

Marie Curie Coffee Mornings:

Monday 16th October and 20th November

10.30am to 12.30pm



Walking Group

The Walking Group will be visiting Hounslow Heath via Crane park, on 25th September (meet by the bike stores at the top of the Dock Road ramp at 10am, bring a packed lunch.)

The following walk on 30th October will be going to Crystal Palace.

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

Path Resurfacing Works



The first phase of the path resurfacing (Julius Point to Dock Road) is progressing well and on schedule to be completed by the beginning of October, although this is subject to the weather.

We have received a number of favourable comments concerning the new paths, as well as the efficiency and good conduct of the contractors – and we appreciate your patience during these works.

We have been alerted to some damage to the grass at the side of the new paths and this will be reinstated as the works progress and re-seeded where necessary.

Fire Safety

Please see inside for Fire Safety information, which has been revised following our recent Fire, Health and Safety inspection.

We were advised to remind Residents that the greatest fire risk is from a fire within your home so it is important to ensure that you have working fire alarms. If you have any concerns and want to book a home safety visit, the London Fire Brigade will do so (free of charge). Contact them at: <http://www.london-fire.gov.uk/HomeFireSafetyVisit.asp> or by telephone on 0800 028 4428.

Trees

The Board of Directors has commissioned an ongoing review of the size and type of trees planted on the Dock, under the expert guidance of our arboriculturalists and as this topic affects everyone living on the Dock, the Board has requested that our arboriculturalists present an overview of their ideas and recommendations at the next AGM, early next year. Further details and the date of the 2018 AGM will be confirmed in the next Newsletter.



Heating



The heating will be turned back on on Monday 25th September. This will coincide with some maintenance works which may result in a temporary loss of heat and hot water to a small section of Romulus Court on the 25th but this will only be for a couple of hours.

Numa Court – New Director

We would like to welcome Dr Aneeta Cameron to the Board of Directors, following the recent election. She will be primarily representing the interests of Numa Court (Block 1f). Shareholders in this section have been written to concerning this change.

Outdoor games

Please let the Office know of any suggestions for outdoor activities / games which may be suitable for use on the Dock; these will then be considered by the Board of Directors in time for next Spring.

Watch this space for details of a table tennis tournament early next year (sponsored by Michael Richards & Co).

Parcel Service

With the increasing use of online shopping services the convenience of our parcel holding service is increasingly important to many Residents. But it is essential that parcels are collected promptly from Security as storage is limited.

If you were at home and the courier company did not attempt to deliver to your address, please make complaints to the company you ordered from: Security will only accept packages that the courier company has attempted to deliver.

The right is reserved to refuse parcels, at the discretion of the Office / Security.

Fire Emergencies

What to do if Fire Occurs in your Building

Fire – Safety Information

1. Most fires in blocks of flats start in one of the Residential dwellings.
2. It is unlikely that fire will spread to escape routes or adjacent flats if the front door to the flat at the source is kept closed. Self closing devices, if fitted, should not be disabled or the door propped open. It is essential that damage to front doors is repaired as soon as it occurs.
3. Communal areas must be kept clear of any obstructions or materials which could become fuel in a fire. This will ensure that you can leave the premises quickly and safely, if necessary.
4. If you are affected by smoke, heat or flames – or you are directed to do so – you must leave the building immediately.

Action to be taken in the event of Fire

Whether you are in your flat or not, if you are affected by smoke, heat or flames or given warning of fire:

- Immediately evacuate the premises
- Do not stop, except to close the entrance door to your flat behind you
- Call the Fire Brigade on 999 and then Brentford Dock Security on 07970 143 999 once you are in a position of safety, outside the building
- Stay outside until you are told it is safe to return.

The golden rule: “If in doubt, get out!”