

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2009

Dear Members

Rather like Spring, this newsletter is a little late this year as we have been eagerly awaiting the official announcement and leaflet from Broxtowe Borough Council on the approved extension to the Conservation Area which was granted last November. Everyone living in the Area should now have received a leaflet giving all relevant details. Those of you outside the Area will find a copy enclosed. If for any reason you do not receive one then please do not hesitate to get in contact, with me or any member of the committee.

Since last autumn a number of things have been happening.

Old Tower Project.

After the successful launch of the Friends of Bramcote Old Church Tower on 28th October at the Memorial Hall there are now over fifty signed-up friends. Phase One of the project is now almost at its conclusion. On site, three stone seats by sculptor Andy Smith have been installed with accompanying text by Pat Ashworth carved in granite taking as their themes; History, Community, and Nature. A stained glass window designed and produced by ESCAPE Group of Eastwood will be installed in the Tower before the end of April and hopefully will be approved by the resident bats! It will be an exciting compliment to the seats and will give the site an absolutely unique focus. If you have not already visited recently please do.

The next Phase will be the restoration of the Tower itself and the major funding for this will be sought from the Heritage Lottery Fund through the auspices of a trust which is in the process of being established.

The Tower will be open every Sunday in June/July and August from 12.00pm – 3.00pm and in addition the Friends Management Group have arranged a number of exciting events over the year, details of which will be available on the Conservation website www.bramcoteconservation.org and also in the local press etc

Planning and Development

60 Bridle Road is beginning to rise at long last, slowly! We recently registered our objections to development at 104 Cow Lane which we were pleased to see that Broxtowe planners have rejected. However the developers are taking it to appeal, so we will watch with interest the outcome. At least with Conservation status it will hopefully make it that bit more difficult for certain types of planning application to gain approval or so we hope?

You will probably have noticed that Moss Drive has just been resurfaced and we are promised the same for Town Street during this coming financial year. It is hoped that certain stretches of pavement will also be included particularly

towards Cow Lane junction and in front of the Grange, which is now becoming particularly hazardous

Neighbourhood Watch

If you are not already aware, Bramcote Village now has a NHW established at the end of last year by Jo Starbuck from Hanley Avenue. We have given our full support to the scheme and are represented by committee member Tony Smith.

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AGM

This year's Annual General Meeting will take place on **25th June at the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm prompt**, so please put this important date in your diary now! It will be followed by a different kind of event, details of which will be posted to you in due course along with the agenda and chairman's annual report. This report I have to tell you will be my last, as I shall be standing down after eight years in the post. David Martin will also be stepping down as Secretary but we shall both continue our close association with the Society. So any nominations for these offices or for committee members, would be gratefully received.

I would like to thank you for your continued support and I trust you will all be renewing your membership. If there are any suggestions, proposals or queries you may have do not hesitate to contact either myself or any member of the committee. Your comments are always most welcome.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the **AGM on 25th June.**

Best wishes

Chairman