



FRIENDS OF BRAMCOTE  
OLD CHURCH TOWER  
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It's difficult to believe that it's 5 months since the last newsletter! So here's a quick resume of what's happened since then.

September's Heritage Open Weekend was another great success. It attracted many people who hadn't visited the site before as well as others who had come back for another look, to see what else we had been doing.

The Quiz night in October was well attended and a good time was had by all. The food was delicious.

In November, Radcliffe-on-Trent Male Voice Choir performed at St Michael's Church Centre and treated us to a wide variety of music. Victoria Gray, the mezzo soprano soloist, delighted us all with her superb singing.



Also in November, the Trustees and members of the management team met with Anna Soubry, our local MP, on site to discuss with her the Tower project and our progress so far. This was her first visit and she was very impressed. Peter explained about the stone restoration work and she promised to do what she could to ensure we were able to continue our work. It was a bitterly cold morning so many thanks to Anna for staying as long as she did!

The onset of the cold snap meant we needed to protect our stone seating and we're sure you will have noticed the hessian covering we've put on. Hopefully this will have prevented any damage but we won't remove it until the worst of the winter has gone (we'd like to think it has!)

### **The work of the Trust**

It is almost 12 months since we became a Trust and the 5 Trustees dedicated to overseeing the restoration project are:

Chair	Peter Hillier
Secretary	Michael Lyons
Treasurer	Moira Robinson
PCC representative	Dr Dennis Witcombe
PCC representative	Martin Plackett

Dennis and Martin are both members of St Michael and All Angels Church and are the 2 representatives nominated by the PCC.

Peter, Michael and Moira are all members of Bramcote History Group and Peter was Chairman of Bramcote Conservation Society for 8 years until June 2009.

If you wish to contact any member of the Trust, please do so by phone or by visiting the website.

The Management team within the Trust consists of a small group of 'Friends' who organise the events programme and look after the day-to-day running of the site. There is always room for more helpers so please consider giving some of your time. Perhaps you would like to help serve refreshments at some of our events, help tidy up grass clippings a few times a year, deliver Newsletters, sell raffle tickets at events—the amount of time you give is your choice but we assure you that it would be most welcome.

The Trust will be holding its first **AGM** on **Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>** at St Michael's Church Centre. You are all most welcome. The formal part of the evening will start at 8pm followed by a visual presentation about the project, what has been done so far and what is planned for the future. We'll send you further details nearer the time.

## **2011 Programme of Events**

The Management team have put together another programme which we hope you will enjoy.



Our first event for 2011 is on **Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup>**.

Last February we organised a 60s night with music provided by 'Four and a Bit'. It was a wonderful evening and so many people asked if we would be doing it again that we contacted the band to arrange another date. We have booked the same venue—Beeston Youth and Community Centre at West End, Beeston—and will be providing food during the interval.

The doors open at 6.30pm, as does the Bar, with the band starting at 7.00pm. During the interval, as well as serving food, we will be drawing the raffle.

Last year many people entered into the spirit of the evening and came dressed in their 60s gear. This year we've extended the 'timescale' to include the 70s too so that gives you lots of scope for dressing up! There will be a prize for the 'Best Outfit'.

Ring any of the Management team to buy your tickets or to donate a raffle prize.

## **Prior notice of some other events for 2011**

**Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup>** Once again we will be at the Hemlock Happening at Bramcote Park.

**Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup>** Peter Hillier will be running his third Art Workshop on site. This is an opportunity for anyone who would like to spend time painting or drawing the Tower, as well as other aspects within the site, to join others for the day. The 2 previous workshops have been well attended so early booking is recommended.

**Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup>** During the afternoon, 1-4pm, we will be having a Plant Sale. There will be plenty of plants for you to buy as well as a lovely cup of tea!!

**Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup>** Come and visit us on our stall at Beeston Carnival.

**Sunday July 24<sup>th</sup>** Last year's Strawberry Fair was so successful that we're having another one. Delicious strawberry teas--scones, jam, cream—and a chance to meet up with friends for the afternoon.

The Tower will be open every Sunday, from 1.00pm-4pm, during June, July and August. If you haven't yet visited us we look forward to meeting you one Sunday.

Further details of all events will be sent at a later date but if you need any information, or can offer your help, use the contact details below.

Thank you all once again for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you soon.

**For any information, and to purchase tickets, please contact:**

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Friends information can also be viewed on [www.bramcoteconservation.org](http://www.bramcoteconservation.org)