



# Brentford Dock Newsletter

April 2018

## Syon Park Reminder

All fobs not returned or renewed by Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May will be cancelled on the gate system.

The cost has increased this year to £60 for house and gardens and £50 for gardens only. New members will also need to pay a £10 (fully refundable on return) deposit for the key fob.

The closing date for applications is 1<sup>st</sup> September.



## Gardening Group Meeting: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April



There will be a meeting of the Gardening Group on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm in the Management Office.

All interested Residents are welcome to come along to discuss plans for the year ahead and any 'special projects' for consideration

## Hyperoptic – Service Upgrade

Those of you with a 'basic' 20MB subscription can upgrade this to 30MB at no extra cost by contacting Hyperoptic.

Visit [www.hyperoptic.com](http://www.hyperoptic.com) for details of special offers including their amazingly fast 1GB service – as used by this office!



## Reading for the Elderly

A Numa Court Resident who is a retired BBC Radio Drama Director, would be glad to hear from anyone elderly, or infirm who would appreciate being read to. If you would like to take advantage of this kind offer please contact Bill on: 020 884 70117.

[This item was in last months newsletter, but it was pointed out that if people had difficulty reading then they may not know about it - so if you know of someone on the Dock that may benefit from this please make sure you let them know.]

## Marie Curie Coffee Mornings:

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April and Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May

10.30am to 12.30pm



**Dock Shop: Telephone: 020 8758 2997**

**Many more electrical and DIY items now available in store.**

**Opening times - 8am to 10pm, 7 days a week.**

## The End of the Beast from the East?



Spring may finally be with us and the 'Beast from the East' confined to history. Thank you to all the many of you who came to the office, phoned or emailed your thanks to the cleaners and gardeners for the



fantastic job they did during this exceptional cold weather. At the worst of the freeze our gardeners were the only Ginkgo employees working in London.

We got through over 3000kg of salt and 100L of de-icer and are already restocking our remaining reserves. Roll on summer...

## Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ)

Some of you may already be aware of the outcome of the CPZ consultation carried out by LBH but for those of you who have not yet heard:

This consultation was triggered by a petition to LBH signed by 22 Residents (3.7% of the Estate). 595 addresses were consulted. There were 199 responses. (33% of Estate)

Of these 199 responses:

- 39 were in favour of a CPZ (20% of respondents)
- 160 were against a CPZ (80% of respondents)

Thank you to those who took the time to engage with this consultation which had a very good turnout and a produced a clear result.

We are aware that the parking situation on the Estate is not perfect but are pleased that Residents have elected to keep this unchanged rather than allowing LBH to charge Residents for something they already have, which would have resulted in less spaces.

A number of conversations will now take place with LBH as to how best to address parking on the Estate as a whole and keeping in mind the benefits of treating all parts of the Estate as a single entity.

Prior to the interruption of this consultation it had been intended to re-issue all parking permits in conjunction with the publication of the amended Parking Policy in January. This will now be done in the near future – watch this (parking) space...

## Foot Bridge Replacement



Works to replace the footbridge across the canal have made significant progress in the last week, with the main sections being lifted into position by an impressively large crane.

It is already clear that the new bridge will be far more accessible – by removing steps at each end – as well as looking far smarter than the old one. It is expected that the bridge will reopen within the next 2 weeks.

## Bike Owners

Please be advised that we will be embarking on a 'purge' of the bike stores in the coming weeks: there are a number of bikes which have flat, rotten tyres, are covered in rust and cobwebs or have major components missing and we will be removing these to make space for bikes which are used regularly.



Anyone with a bike in a store is advised to check on it after 13th April: if you find that it has been tagged for removal, please get in touch with the office to discuss. Otherwise, evidently 'dead' bikes will be removed during the week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> May. These will be stored for 2 months and then, if not claimed, donated to a charity which recycles them.

This will free up spaces for those who need them. You are reminded that cycles are not permitted on walkways though we appreciate there needs to be somewhere else for them to go – hence this action.

## Riverside Area

As the weather improves the Riverside and Barbeque area will be used more and more. We are extremely fortunate to have such a pleasant bit of the river to be enjoyed by all Residents.

Please remember that all Barbeques must be notified to Security, and that you are responsible for the conduct of your guests at all times.

Remember that the area is overlooked by many flats and everyone is entitled to a reasonable amount of peace and quiet – keep noise to a minimum.

## Development Consultation

Over 60 Residents attended the drop in session on 28<sup>th</sup> March to give their thoughts and ideas of the use and redevelopment of the Dock's underused buildings. It was encouraging to hear so many positive ideas which are now being considered by our development advisors, Playle & Partners LLP.

We understand that not everyone was able to have their say on the 28<sup>th</sup> and we are keen to ensure that

everyone can have their say on this important and exciting project.

A dedicated e-mail address has now been set up to enable all queries to be filtered straight to those dealing with the project:

**development @brentford-dock.co.uk**

Any queries, thoughts or ideas about the redevelopment should be sent to this address rather than the 'managementoffice' account for general matters.

An online survey is also being set up to gather ideas – details to follow soon.



## Urgent Request: Save Our Drains!!!



This is never a pleasant topic but in recent months we have had to deal with a number of significant drainage problems which could have been avoided.

On the left is a picture of one bin liner full of wet-wipes which was removed from a drain on the Estate. Bad enough in itself – but this was only one of SEVEN bagfuls.

The main drain beyond this point also had to be jetted clear and this took several hours and around £500 to put right – but could have resulted in a much worse outcome for the Residents 'behind' the blockage.

**Sorry to be so blunt about this but only human waste and toilet paper should go down the toilet.**

All drains on the Estate are maintained by us until the point where they connect with the pumping system maintained by Thames Water (Dock Road), so any blockages are paid for by us.

**Do not allow cooking fat, hair, dental floss, sanitary products, wet wipes, cotton buds etc. go down any drain as these can combine to make truly horrific blockages.**