



Broomwood Community Association

Broomwood Voice

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Following last month's lead article about requests for info and consultation concerning the development plans for Broomwood Estate. David Acton leader of Council, has responded as follows ...

Exciting plans for the Broomwood Estate

Open letter from Trafford Council Leader, Councillor David Acton.



Dear Residents,

First of all I would like to take this opportunity to thank your community association for giving me the opportunity of speaking directly to you through your newspaper.

The tone of the last edition of the Broomwood Voice was very negative which I feel is unfortunate. That negativity appeared to be aimed at the Council. I think that is unfair when I know the Council has worked hard to improve the Broomwood Estate. I would like as respond as follows:-

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Firstly, I think it would have been more positive of the editors of the newsletter to have listed some of the more positive initiatives undertaken in partnership with other agencies and community groups and supported by your Council.

For instance: -

- Completion of the refurbishment and enhancement of the Wates Houses*
- Development of the Broomwood Partnership*
- Major improvements to Brookes Drive*
- Major improvements to the school*
- Five year management Plan for improvements to Broomwood Woods*
- New Play Area and Sports Facilities*
- Improved Street Lighting*
- Improvements to Council Housing Stock (window replacements etc)*
- Community Development Worker*
- Supported summer activities during school holidays*
- Improvements to the bus service in the evening*



**The Missing
Slide Is
Found on
New Play Park**



Wates House



Brookes Drive

These initiatives are the result of extensive consultation with yourselves through the 'Planning for Real' exercise in April 2000 and the further consultation carried out in 2001 by South Trafford Primary Care Trust on the 'Healthy Living Project in Broomwood'. We intend to continue having a dialogue with the community on future initiatives. Currently, the Council is working on new draft and exciting proposals, which would see the regeneration of the Broomwood area, including physical improvements to increase local community facilities. It is felt that an easily accessible, refurbished, attractive building functioning as a youth and community centre could become a key focal point for the local area. With access from early morning until later at night and many services, activities and opportunities available, this would become the very heart of the community and an asset with something to offer everyone. We are looking carefully at this issue and we are committed to working with local residents to hear their views on any possible proposals we consider. In order to fund this initiative it maybe necessary to dispose of pieces of unused land to enable local people of all ages to gain enhanced community provision. It is important to stress that no decisions have been taken as proposals are still in their infancy.

Once again I would like to take this opportunity to thank Broomwood Voice for giving me this opportunity of speaking directly to you and hope that we can continue to work together to bring about a brighter, better local environment for all of you.

Yours sincerely

Councillor David Acton.

E-mail us at info@broomwoodvoice.com or by writing to Broomwood Voice, c/o K. Gleave, 169 Redbrook Rd, Timperley



Stop-Look-Read



All Residents Of Broomwood Estate.

Please Come To The Next B.C.A Meeting.

The stock transfer of your homes will be discussed by Mr.M.Corfield from TMBC at our meeting on 29th ,Sept.

Stock Transfer means the disposal of our homes to a private housing Co-op. We need to know what this means. Rent, Repairs and many other issues need to be clarified before we can vote for who will control our future.

HEAR ABOUT YOUR HOME

**29TH SEPTEMBER 2003
BROOMWOOD SCHOOL
THE MUSIC ROOM @ 6-30PM**

New Evening Bus Service For Broomwood

Broomwood has a new bus route connecting us to Altrincham & Sale. The 266 is to run hourly between 8.50pm to 10.50pm. For more information Tel 0161 228 7811

Did You Know..

...That if a carer takes a disabled person to UCI cinema (Trafford centre) the carer gets in free!!!

...That the Next Health Walk is on Wednesday 24 September, assembling at 11 am at the Youth Centre.

...That G-force have arranged for arts & craft sessions for Parents and Children. The free sessions are to be held at Broomwood school on Wednesdays at 3.15pm ring 374 9236 to book.

Broomwoodvoice

Is an

'Awards For All' Winner!

Building on the success of the first year of our publication the 'Awards for All' organization has agreed to fund the doubling in size of the 'Broomwoodvoice', for 12 months.

One of our readers, Anne has written to us saying "I actually look forward to receiving the Broomwoodvoice leaflet every month. As a single parent who works full time, I don't get to hear all the gossip or any potential plans for the area, so it's nice to be kept informed. Thank you."

If you have any stories, articles or photos please contact us and we will try to include them in our forthcoming newsletters.

Election Notice

The elections for the committee of Broomwood Community Association will be held on 29/09/03 at the Annual General Meeting of the BCA. If you have a nomination please contact Paul on 282 0757 or Email us at info@broomwoodvoice.com

Park Opening

The Play Park & 5-a-side pitches that have been constructed beside the Youth Centre are to be officially opened by our Mayor on Tuesday 23rd September . There will be a Clown to entertain the Children, A Football competition and a barbeque for residents. The fun starts at 5pm and finishes at 7pm.

Prize Competition

This month is simple just drop me a line with your name, age & address and tell me how many times does the word "Broomwood" appear in this issue.

Congratulations to Mrs Bevens winner of last months competition She said "it was a wonderful surprise". She was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers by Georgina age 6.



Five a Day on Fridays



Are you getting enough fruit and vegetables? Doctors recommend that we eat five pieces of fresh fruit and vegetables each day. Since April 2003 younger pupils in Trafford have been given one piece of fruit each day. Broomwood Primary School has been promoting healthier eating for some years banning sweets and instead selling fruit at cost price. These efforts have gained it a Healthy Schools Award. But what about the adults?

Health visitors, Ruth Speight and Sue Long conducted some research among the Health Walkers and the Over 50's on the availability of fruit and vegetables to Broomwood people. They concluded that there are some local sources but the choice and range is limited so people shopped outside the area. By boosting general interest and consumption of fruit and veg our nearest shops (on Briarfield Road) could benefit.

On Friday 18 July the Broomwood Fruit and Veg Market was launched at the Youth Centre. Supplies are delivered by the Timperley cross roads greengrocer, Ian Moores at a small discount which we pass on to our customers. Now the new term has started a bright **5 A Day** banner attracts passing parents at the end of the school day. Popular fruits have been bananas and nectarines. Onions, carrots and lettuce are the favourite veg.

Food for thought.....

Would you like to get involved in the Friday market?

Are there any local gardeners or allotmenters who want to sell their surplus produce?

Where are the nearest allotments? Sometimes an allotment can be difficult for one person or even one couple to manage on their own. Is their interest in sharing one?

For more information phone Vincent (980 0696)

“Remember” Friday is Fruit and Veg Day

...2pm – 4 pm at the Youth
Centre



Residents on Fruit & Veg day

Altrincham General Hospital Threat of Closure?

Altrincham General Hospital is under threat of closure according to campaigner Mrs Pat Morris. Mrs Morris said “they are closing the hospital by the back door.” Mrs Morris told Broomwood voice that King Edward Ward had been closed and staff have been moved to Trafford General some to permanent posts. The health chiefs said in the local press in July “we have no plans to close Altrincham or any other Hospitals” but Mrs Morris is very concerned so much so that she has organised a Public Meeting to be held at Altrincham Leisure Centre on September 30th at 8pm in Practice Hall No 2. If you care about the future of your health service come to the meeting as your support is vital.



Award for G-Force Youth Club



Above- Paul & Tina Huxley, PC Richard Sinclair & Dave Whittaker with the award

The G-Force Youth Club has recently received an award from Sir Professor Nectar Mallick, the High Sheriff of Manchester. The 'Certificate of Service' was given for the work done *'in recognition of the valuable contribution'* to the Broomwood Community.

The award was presented by the retiring Chief Superintendent, Alan Hutchinson, to Dave Whittaker and Paul & Tina Huxley during a ceremony held at GMP Headquarters.

Dave Whittaker later commented about how proud he felt on receiving the award and said *"this award belongs to all the Young People, volunteers and workers involved, who are doing marvellous things around the Estate. The residents of the Broomwood can rightly feel proud of them"*.

The Mgmt Committee of the BCA say -
'Well done G-Force!'

Good Buddies

Arrive at Broomwood School

Did you know there is an after school club at Broomwood Primary School? We are open between 3pm. & 6pm. every evening. Your child will be able to join in with a wide range of activities, enjoy games or read a book, watch a video or play a computer game while being supervised by our friendly staff. A light snack is also provided.

Good Buddies are also to run a Holiday Club Based at the school. It will be open during School holidays between 8a.m. and 6p.m. We welcome all enquiries. We can be contacted in school between 3p.m. & 6p.m. or you can ring 0161 374 3611 or mobile 0794 738 2041.

We offer reasonable rates and you may be able to get help with your child care costs. Contact us to find out more!

Over 50's Group 'Big Day Out' to Llandudno

The over 50's summer trip this year was a fabulous success being described by those that went as an *'Excellent day'* and *'very, very good fun'*.

The day out was a roaring success with everyone. Following on from this the next trip is on 17th Sept to Oswaldtwistle to visit an *'olde worlde'* mill, shops and cafe and then a guided tour of areas of local interest.

The club itself has been running for many years now and is a large well established group who meet every Friday, 1.30 to 4pm at the Youth Centre. They are always looking for new members so if you would like to join just turn up and you will be assured of a very warm welcome. For further details please ring Cath on 980 7988.



Over 50's All Ready To Go!

Coniston Walk Gardening Club



Residents of Coniston Walk decided they would like to see some flowers in the gardens outside their homes. They wanted to bring all the residents together so Mrs Shelia Taylor, Mr William O,Hara and Ms Jane Weedon started the club in August.

The housing Association Maritime felt this was a great idea and have contributed to the Club.

All the hard work is starting to pay off as the garden is starting to look good, however, it will take a good while to take shape.

All the residents are showing a great deal of interest and we have had many donations.

Any tips or advice would be greatly appreciated. We know we have a large area to deal with so we are taking it one step at a time.