

Broomwood Community Association's Broomwoodvoice.com

Issue 18 - October 2005

Youth Centre to be refurbished

Since our last issue many things have been happening on Broomwood, the most exciting of which is the confirmation by the TMBC Council Executive that they intend to go ahead with the redevelopment of the Broomwood Youth Centre. This is extremely good news for our area and something that is welcomed by all members of our community. Below is a copy of the record of the decision made by the Council Exec

RECORD OF THE DECISION

Proposals for the Future of Altrincham Youth Centre, Broomwood

(1) That part of the capital receipt generated from the sale of land at the Broomwood, be used to refurbish Altrincham Youth Centre.

(2) That the centre becomes a mixed use facility which will include community, youth and office provision.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

To enable community facilities to be developed on the Broomwood.

Around £300,000 will be spent on renovating the run-down building and £125,000 on running costs and improvements, including setting up a learning disability centre. BCA wishes to express our sincere thanks to all those that have been involved 'in the behind the scenes' process which has taken many years and has now reaped this wonderful reward for our community.

It is also good to see that the plans not only entail refurbishment but have been modified to include running costs to secure its future.



Some winners with their scarecrows

Broomwood Art Day

Following the success of last years first ever Art Day we, at BCA decided to hold this years event at the more central location of the Broomwood Primary School. We had over 100 entries by locals aged between 6 and 94 years old and the quality of the entries was magnificent. They ranged from fine watercolours depicting local beauty spots to graffiti art landscapes of outer space! We also had a scarecrow making competition that were grouped together into a musical band! Many entries won prizes and many more received commendations by the Judges who commented on the very high standard of the entries and the difficulty they had choosing the winners. This year we also had lots of free activities such as pavement art, watercolour lessons and decorating biscuits as well graffiti art and a coconut shy. With over £80 being raised for the OAP's Christmas party on the refreshment stall and BBQ we all agreed it was a runaway success. BCA wishes to thank you to all those of you that supported this event and well done



Just some of the entries on the day



Your next BCA general public meeting is on 17th October

At the Broomwood Primary School.

The meeting starts at 6.30pm

This is also our 3rd Annual General meeting
ALL RESIDENTS AND PUBLIC WELCOME

A free 'fun filled' family day out

Come to the Broomwood woods on 26th October, 10am to 3pm and enjoy a free BBQ, try your hand at making your own bird box as well as other wood art. See professional wood carvers in action
PLUS prizes and competitions for all ages.

Email us at info@broomwoodvoice.com or by write to Broomwoodvoice, c/o K Gleave, 169 Redbrook Road, Timperley.

Broomwood Community Association's
Broomwoodvoice.com

Broomwood

The new home for the 'world class' Timperley Brass band



Timperley Brass Band reforms with some serious talent

Earlier this year, Timperley Band folded and the bands then Chairman, Tony Kennedy was in the process of winding up the bands affairs, including disposing of the instruments. A very unhappy time, particularly for Tony as much work had been put in to get the band up and running only a few years earlier.

In June 2005 a group of 'friends' who live in the area approached Tony to see if there was any possibility the band could be reformed. Ordinarily, Tony would not have considered such an approach as sustaining a reasonable standard band is very difficult and much hard work. What changed Tony's mind was that the group of 'friends' are players from some of the top brass bands in the country, in addition to one of the most talented young brass band conductors in the UK, David Evans.

The project to reform the band started in earnest with several planning meetings and the work began to attract high standard players to join the 'friends' (a total of 28 are required for a full brass band), secure somewhere to practice, acquire the necessary additional instruments and equipment and begin to engage the community in the project.

The sheer hard work put in by the project team has produced some quite staggering results. Consequently on Wednesday 14th September, Timperley Brass band held it's first rehearsal at the **Broomwood Primary School** with twenty players, week by week this is expected to increase until a full compliment of regular players are rehearsing every Wednesday. The calibre of the new band cannot be under estimated, the players secured already are quite breathtaking, having played with previous bands including Black Dyke Mills, Fairey FP Music (formerly Fairey Engineering), Leyland, Fodens and Wingates, all household names in the brass band world. A number of the players are accomplished soloists in their own right, the list of honours the players in the band have won between them with former bands are too many to mention but include National and European Championships, many have played in most of the major concert halls around the UK and some overseas.

The band is led by the inspirational conductor David Evans. David is recognised as one of the most gifted and flamboyant young conductors in British Brass Banding and a sought after commodity, having conducted a number of the country's premier bands including, Yorkshire Imperial and Fairey FP Music Band. Beginning his banding career as a Euphonium player in the Midlands with Desford Colliery Band, David from the age of 16 was a member of the band during their hat-trick of wins at the National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain.

Other major contest successes followed, eventually David joined the world famous Black Dyke Mills Band with whom he won various honours including the European Championships in 1991, playing the Baritone. David's interest in conducting started at this point whilst also playing as a guest in Brighouse and Rastrick, Grimethorpe & Fodens Band.

In 1989 he moved to Manchester to study at Salford University under the tutelage of Roy Newsome and David King who inspired him to take up conducting. Ever since, David's conducting ability has gone from strength to strength winning many honours and praise along the way. He even appeared in the motion picture "Brassed Off" David is currently head of music at a comprehensive school in Bury.

The local community will be very much a part of the future success of Timperley Band. Through the pages of Broomwoodvoice and other publications regular reports on the bands progress will be provided, along with details of the forthcoming concert schedule. The band is deeply indebted for the initial help and support provided by Councillor Ray Bowker and head of the Broomwood Primary School, Mrs Ann Wood who's contribution has been immense.

For further information, or if you have a little spare time to help with the administrative side of the band, please contact Gary Winson Band Manager 0161 980 5611 or via email gary@sm603.fsworld.co.uk

BCA OFFERS A WARM WELCOME TO TIMPERLEY BRASS BAND AND WISHES THEM EVERY SUCCESS FOR THE FUTURE!

Don't forget your next

BINGO SESSION

At Broomwood School
Tuesday 11th October

EYES DOWN at 7.30pm

**EVERYONE
WELCOME**



PROBLEM WITH DOGS?

Trafford Dog Warden number is
912 4873



Broomwood Bears

Still have a few places available for the
October half term holidays

Why not give them a call on
980 4968 and speak to THE OFFICE



G-FORCE YOUTH CLUB UPDATE

The G-Force members are at it again!

In the last month over 16 of them have signed up to do the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme with G-Force and are currently either learning to ski and/or going on weekend long hiking expeditions up in the hills of Derbyshire.

Add to that a summer of canoeing, water-sports, paint-balling, lazer quest, rock climbing, film making, graffiti art in Altrincham, more art Days, Trips to Granada to see programs being made, football at Man Utd, loads of trips out, girls sessions, football comps and trips to Southport PLUS LOADS MORE.

Watch out for half term holiday activities on the notice boards

If you know anyone that wants to join in with what's going on, or if you want to join yourself, why not give us a call on 374 9236 or call in at 100 Mainwood Road and ask Paul or Tina for an application form.



Broomwood Hotel closes its doors for the last time

After almost 50 years of service to the Broomwood community it is with a sad heart that BCA has to report the closing of the Broomwood Hotel. In its heyday the pub was a thriving, well frequented hostelry appreciated by the whole community with a wonderful record of helping the community at large and creating many happy memories for those who used to attend its fun days and its OAP's Christmas Parties. The more recent years though, have brought decline and many problems and challenges for the numerous Landlord's who have tried very hard keep it open. The problems came to a head in the last 3 months with the recent series of 4 separate terror attacks involving masked gangs wielding baseball bats, carrying vicious weapons, with a firearm on one raid wrecking vital pub equipment and leaving a customer requiring hospital attention.

These most recent problems put the final 'nails in the coffin' of the Hotel and it has now been boarded up prior to its disposal by the management Company.

What now for the building?

Well let us hope that some use is found for it, or the land that it sits on, and quickly; so that the heart of Broomwood isn't blighted by a derelict building allowed to go to rack and ruin.

Fireworks -THE FACTS

We are coming close to bonfire night with all the concerns that can bring.

New laws have been introduced since last year and in an effort to help you decide what you need to be aware of BCA have listed all the regulations below:-

Possession of Fireworks by under 18's

It is now a criminal offence for a person under 18 to possess a firework in a public place. This is enforced by the Police.

11pm Curfew on the use of Fireworks

The new regulations make it a criminal offence to let off fireworks after 11pm This is also enforced by the Police.

Category 4 Fireworks

These are the largest type of firework and should only be used by professional display operators. It is now an offence to possess a category 4 firework. Please report any unlawful use to the Police

Sale of Fireworks to under 18's

It is a criminal offence to supply fireworks to persons under 18. Every year Trading Standards and the Police send underage volunteers into shops to see if they will sell fireworks to children. All complaints about the underage sales of fireworks should be passed to Trading Standards who enforce this part of the regulations.

Fireworks may only be supplied within set periods (15th October to 10th November)

Please report any retailer selling outside of these dates to the Trading Standards on 912 3845 or e-mail trading_standards@trafford.gov.uk

Please also be aware that pets and animals are at risk of hearing loss and other injury.

PLEASE HAVE FUN ON BONFIRE NIGHT BUT NOT AT EVERYONE ELSE'S



Wanted

A base guitar, electric or double base player and piano/organ player to form a Trio with drummer. Place for rehearsal secured

Ring Joe on 980 8435 for details

This years O.A.P's Christmas Party on Sunday 11th December

Notices will be put in the local shops and on the notice boards soon with details of how to book



G-FORCE MEMBERS AWARDED FOR THEIR WORK IN THE WOODS



This Document is to certify that with regard to their activities for nature

G-Force

Has been judged to have attained
SILVER STANDARD

2005



Crime and Disorder on Broomwood

At the last Broomwood Community Association public meeting in September it became very obvious that there was a great deal of concern in the community about the rise in violent crime and disorder on Broomwood with many residents saying they felt that it was unsafe to travel about after dark. It was also stated that with the dark nights drawing in even more and the historical problems around bonfire night, the misuse of fireworks and the assaults on the buses that had occurred previously, that action should be taken before things got any worse.

At this stage it was agreed that the Association would formally write to Greater Manchester Police informing them of the problems and asking for new initiatives to combat the problems. It was also agreed that BCA should write to the Chief Executives and/or Leaders of Irwell Valley Housing Association, Trafford Housing Trust and Trafford Council asking for their help.

At the end of the discussion the Association expressed its appreciation of the work done so far by all these agencies and that these comments were not meant to be criticisms of them but a means of sharing information so that resources could be targeted accordingly.

We will be issuing an update at our next Community meeting as to any progress.

In the meantime it was agreed at the meeting that your Broomwoodvoice newsletter would carry the following information encouraging residents to report all incidents in the hope that the more these incidents are reported the more resources would be deployed to deal with these issues. So.....

....if you are aware of any criminal incidents on Broomwood please consider reporting all of them directly to the Police

They can be contacted in the various ways listed below:-

- Greater Manchester Police Main number is 872 5050
- Or why not ring our Local Bobby PC Scott Brady direct on 856 7527/8
- Also the local Inspector, Inspector Simon Wright is also another option on 856 7530, his direct line.
- You can also e-mail PC Brady on scott.brady@gmp.pnn.police.uk

ALL CALLS ARE TREATED IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE

AND don't forget 999 should ALWAYS be used in any Emergency

...and the more these problems are reported, the more resources the Police will consider putting into our area to sort them out.

You can also email wendy.ratcliffe@traffordhousingtrust.co.uk who is also there to help