Brentford Dock Newsletter

January /February 2017

Silent Witness



You may have spotted the Dock in some recent episodes of 'Silent Witness'. This was filmed here last year.

We appreciate that the filming may have caused some inconvenience at the time, but most of us enjoy seeing the Dock on the television and it is a source of income that we can spend on improvements such as the River side picnic tables and other 'non-Service Charge' items.

Brentford Dock Residents' Association & Social Events (See Enclosed Listings)



Brentford Cruising Club is always looking for new members – and you don't even need a boat to join!

The next events are drinks and dinner at the Thames Restaurant on Friday 10th February and then the 'Spring Cruise' on Saturday 11th March followed by drinks and buffet at the Brewery Tap

Contact can be made via <u>www.brentfordcruisingclub.co.uk</u> And further event details are posted on the Notice Board outside the Management Office

Marie Curie Coffee Mornings: Monday 20th February & 20th March 10.30am to 12.30pm



Dock Shop: Telephone: 020 8758 2997 Opening time 8am to 10pm, 7 days a week.



PayPoint is now available in the shop – enabling you to pay a wide range of bills (hooray!) and also top up mobile phones and purchase e-credit to use online.

Welcome to 2017!





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A belated Happy New Year to all... looking forward to Spring!

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Annual General Meeting – This Thursday

Just a reminder that the AGM of Brentford Dock Limited (all flat <u>owners</u> are Shareholders in BDL) is on:

Thursday 26th January at 8.00pm in the Residents' Clubroom, 1 Augustus Close

All Shareholders will have received papers for this meeting just before Christmas. The formal part of the meeting will be followed by presentations on matters which have progressed in the last 12 months, and a 'preview' of the year ahead.

Cycle Security Stamping

Further to enquiries received concerning 'postcode' stamping of bikes by the Police, a local session has been arranged at <u>Brentford Lock West between</u> <u>11am and 1pm on Friday 27th January</u> (in the underground car park).

You will be able to leave your cycle to be stamped and collect it later: you will need to write your name address, postcode and mobile number and affix it to your bike



For more details please contact the office or the Safer Neighbourhood' team on 0208 247 6415 or email syon.snt@met.police.uk



Communal Window Replacement

Please note that over the next few weeks 'The Window Centre' will be on site replacing communal windows across the Estate.

These works will improve the appearance of stairwells, landings and bike stores and contribute towards reducing the ongoing maintenance costs of the Estate as a whole, which will in turn help keep Service Charges under control.

Initial trial installations (to address any technical issues) have been carried out at Nero Court (1st level of windows by the lift) and will continue next week in Nero Court before continuing in Otho, Galba, Romulus, Numa and Marcus Courts

The Window Centre – Individual Flats

The Window Centre is offering preferential rates for individual householders on Brentford Dock – see inside for further details. We will be contacting those of you who registered an interest last year but want to make sure that no-one 'misses out'.



Their Surveyor – who is overseeing the installation of the Communal Windows – is Alan Barber and he can be contacted directly to arrange a quotation visit by email to <u>alan@eehg.co.uk</u> or calling him on 07886 860 089.

There is of course no obligation to use The Window Centre - and we would always recommend that alternatives are investigated and considered – but those flats which have already had their windows replaced have been pleased with the results.

We will be writing specifically to all owners of flats who still have some or all timber windows remaining, to encourage as many as possible to replace these with uPVC units as this will greatly reduce the future maintenance costs which are borne by <u>all</u> leaseholders in each block; at present around 85% of flats have replaced their timber windows.

House-Keeping Concerns

- <u>STILL we receive complaints about cigarette butts being thrown from balconies</u> <u>and windows</u>. This is both dangerous and disgusting: I wonder where those doing this think they go – and indeed who clears them up? If you see anyone doing this please contact the office and we will contact those responsible.
- <u>If you have contractors working for you in your flat</u> it is a good idea to let your neighbours know how long any noisy works are going to go on for: people are far more tolerant of 'home improvements' when they know the end is in sight!

Contact Emails For Block Directors

We would like to welcome Ade Greenhalgh as the new Director for Section 4 (Romulus Court block 1d & e); some of you may know Ade from the successful iDock residents group.

As advised back in October, all Dock Directors now have dedicated email addresses that are used for all Company related email correspondence, and this has been amended below to reflect the changes on the Board.

Directors can be contacted on;

| Servius & Galba | Katherine Baxter | servius.galba@brentforddock.com |
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| Maurice & Leo | Veronica Wray | maurice.leo@brentforddock.com |
| Galba & Romulus | s Roy Swainston | galba.romulus@brentforddock.com |
| Romulus | Ade Greenhalgh | <u>romulus@brentforddock.com</u> |
| Numa | Phil Stephenson | numa.west@brentforddock.com |
| Numa | Vacant | numa.east@brentforddock.com |
| Otho | Chris Birch | otho.syon@brentforddock.com |
| Otho | Mike Edwards | otho.thames@brentforddock.com |
| Nero | Vacant | nero@brentforddock.com |
| Julius & Marcus | Paul Booth | julius.marcus@brentforddock.com |
| Augustus Close | Brigid Scott-Baker augustus@brentforddock.com | |
| Commercial | Leslie Ferber | <pre>commercial@brentforddock.com</pre> |

Please note that Veronica Wray wears two 'hats': matters relating directly to Maurice or Leo Court should be sent to the 'Block' email address, whereas 'Company' matters should go to 'Chair'.

You may also note from the above that there are currently 2 vacant 'constituencies' on the Board; if you are a shareholder and would like to discuss these please contact, in the first instance: chair@brentforddock.com

Obviously if you are not able to use email you can still write a letter and put it through the letter box in the office and – if marked 'Private & Confidential' - will be passed unopened to the addressee.