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on Braiswick Edited by Scott Greenhill

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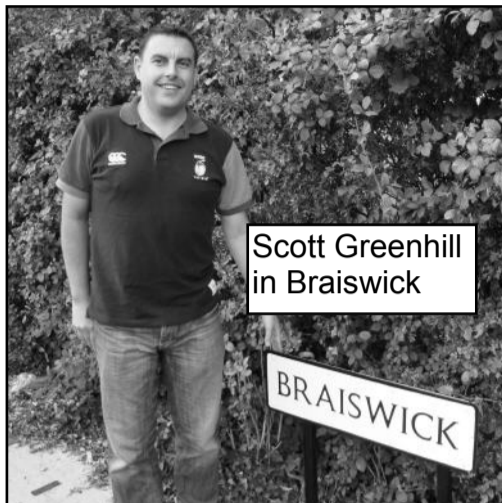
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Thank You Braiswick!

Scott, Martin and Anne wanted to thank the Braiswick Residents' Association for their warm welcome at their annual meeting on November 4th.

New Lib Dem team member Scott Greenhill was held up at work but managed to get to the middle of the meeting. Scott has also been appointed as a Parish Councillor.

We have taken away a number of issues and will report back to residents once we have answers.



Scott Greenhill
in Braiswick

Planning Application Called In

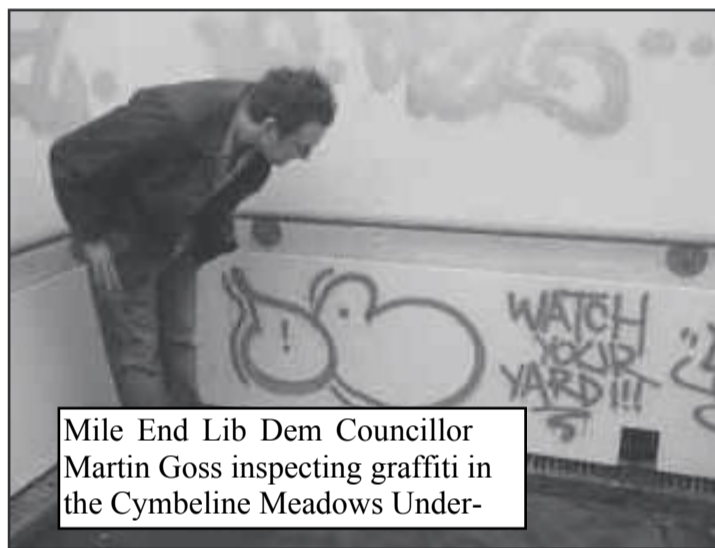
The out-building behind the converted flats at the entrance to Braiswick which has been half-built and didn't have original planning permission has been called in by Cllr. Martin Goss. It will be presented to the Planning Committee in December.

The residents who have raised objections to the application will receive letters so they can present their concerns to the Planning Committee.

We will keep you informed of progress.

Cymbeline Meadows Underpass

Martin has been chasing Essex County Council and Network Rail to sort out the disgraceful state of the Cymbeline Meadows underpass which comes out on New Braiswick Park.



Mile End Lib Dem Councillor
Martin Goss inspecting graffiti in
the Cymbeline Meadows Under-

All of the lights have finally been repaired, so none of the bulbs are out. The drains have been unblocked where a contractor had poured cement down them and the final graffiti is set to be removed shortly. Network Rail wanted to paint over the graffiti in black paint, but Martin managed to get Essex County Council to order the correct colour paint and provide it to Network Rail – what a mess!

Speed Watch for Braiswick?

A number of complaints about speeding cars coming off the West Bergholt Bridge into Braiswick have been raised with the police by Scott, Anne and Martin. Speed checks are being carried out, but the police have few resources.

It is possible that residents of Braiswick could start their own speedwatch scheme which would be supported by the police. Residents would come equipped to carry out their own speed checks with a police provided radar gun and forward the details of any speeding motorists to the police.

Please contact Scott, Anne or Martin for details if you are interested in taking this forward.

Bergholt Road Play Area

A group of local residents have got together and started a project to raise £105,000 to revamp the Bergholt Road play area. Initial grant funding requests have been submitted and we await feedback.

The group is chaired by local dentist Stephen Pitt and Scott Greenhill is also part of the group.

If you would like to get involved in this group please contact Scott.

Bob Russell calls for release of rescue dog

Colchester MP Bob Russell has directly challenged Cabinet Minister Hilary Benn MP over the plight of Essex Fire and Rescue dog "Darcy" who is currently in quarantine for six months after returning from Indonesia where she worked with members of the Lexden-based Urban Search and Rescue service following a major earthquake in that country.

Mr Russell is pictured with "Darcy" whom he met when he visited members of the specialist rescue service on a fact-finding visit last year.



He said: "It is a ridiculous state of affairs. Darcy is a trained rescue dog - she should not be locked up away from her place of work and those with whom she is trained to work. There could be an incident tomorrow where she could help save lives of people trapped in collapsed buildings, but because of the strict letter of the law she is banned from duty.

"There needs to be a degree of flexibility and common sense with the quarantine laws. I will continue to push the government to resolve this speedily."

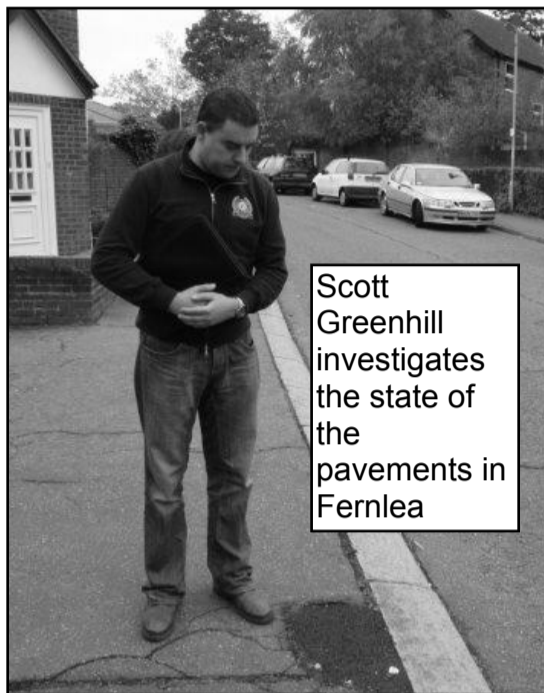
Darcy is a five-year-old Border Collie. She is the only Fire and Rescue dog in Essex.

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Fernlea Update

Residents in Fernlea will be aware that Scott, Anne and Martin have requested for a survey to take place of all roads and pavements off the Fernlea development.

It transpires a survey has now been carried out and we await the results of this shortly.



CAR BREAK INS

The police have warned us that thieves have been targeting cars where Sat Navs have been left in the car.

The police remind all Sat Nav owners to remove the Sat Nav and their cradle from the car, or lock them in the boot.

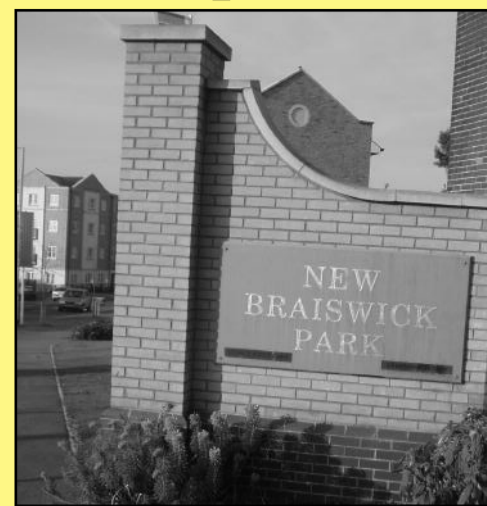
It is also worth wiping off the windscreen marks where the cradle is normally stuck to the screen.

New Braiswick Park Development

Phase 3 of the New Braiswick Park development has commenced building. A playground, community facilities and family housing will be part of this phase.

Concerns have been raised about the lack of protective fencing which should be next to the railway line where Phase 4 at the back of the site will eventually be built.

We have taken these issues up with the relevant builders and local authorities. If you have any further concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.



Westminster column - Bob Russell standing up for Colchester

Bob Russell continues to work an 80 hour week for his constituents in Colchester. Recently he secured a commitment from the Prime Minister to look into the controversial plans to close two Secondary Schools in the south of Colchester, and has been invited to a meeting with a Local Government Minister to discuss proposals for Colchester to break away from Essex County Council to stop our town suffering from poor decisions made in Chelmsford.

Bob's claims for attending to Parliamentary business in London in the last financial year, were the lowest of any MP in Essex or Suffolk, and amongst the lowest 10% in Britain. All this whilst having the highest attendance record for any MP in East Anglia!



Bakers Lane

Pressure continues from Scott, Anne and Martin for improvements to Bakers Lane. We have again requested further surveys to be carried out on the road by Essex County Council Highways. The Bakers Lane lamp post wrapped in tape is also due to be replaced shortly.

We will keep you updated on progress.

Flooding in Braiswick

The flooding issues in Braiswick at the bottom end of the road are starting to progress positively. Scott, Martin and Anne are working with local residents, Braiswick Golf Club, Moody Homes, Colchester Council and Essex County Council in order to resolve the issues once and for all.

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Please return to: **Mile End Focus Team, FREEPOST NAT6287, Magdalen Hall, Wimpole Road, Colchester, CO1 2BR**

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