

# **NEWSLETTER**

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**April 1993**

### Editorial

After the AGM nearly a month ago, it is timely to bring everyone up to date. Both those who came along and those who could not make it.

Firstly the AGM. Although we were scheduled for the Wellington Rooms as last year, in the event the Hotel had to make a last minute change and we used the Ravensbourne Suite. The Ravensbourne Suite was a bit smaller than the Wellington, but I think everyone managed to get in, get a seat and hear & see the speaker. If anybody had any problems or wants to comment, please let your Road Representative know so that they can raise it at the next members meeting on the 6th May. Or better still come along.

Our opening speaker this year was Muriel Searle, who has written some 20 books on local history, is a regular contributor to the local newspapers and is often asked to speak to local groups. She gave an illustrated ramble down the Ravensbourne from Martins Hill to Beckenham Place, using both archive and current material.

Subscriptions Once more it was agreed that the annual subscription should remain at £5 per household with senior citizens retaining the option to make a contribution (up to £5) if they wish to.

Our subscriptions have now been held constant for the 7th year running. In view of the general increases in costs and the increased activity of the Society, this must represent extremely good value for money.

Election of Officers Peter Pain and Leslie Tucker were re-elected as Chairman and Secretary respectively.

Alan Marks the Treasurer had to stand down as he had moved out of the Society's area. I would have liked to report that there was a keen contest for the vacancy - but there wasn't. However we did have one volunteer, Arthur Barwell.

We also needed an Auditor as Arthur May has had a stroke. Another volunteer, Wally Carlross was prepared to take on the job. Both Arthur and Wally were duly elected Treasurer and Auditor respectively.

The Society's appreciation of the work done by both of the outgoing officers was formally recorded.

Road Representatives Three of our Road Reps have retired for various reasons. They are :

Jo Lightfoot who looked after Farnaby Rd Nos 109 onwards.

Brenda Neve who covered Coniston Rd and associated roads.

And Tim McCarthy who dealt with Ravensbourne Ave (odd numbers).

The Society's thanks to them for all their past efforts.

Welcome to the volunteers who will be taking over. They are :

Mrs Johnson for Farnaby, Mrs Payne for Coniston and Mrs Huntley for Ravensbourne

#### Dates for the Diary

The next two members meetings will be held at 8.0pm in the Farnborough Room, Bromley Court Hotel on :

Thursday 6th May and

Thursday 8th July.

Please make a note and don't forget to come along.

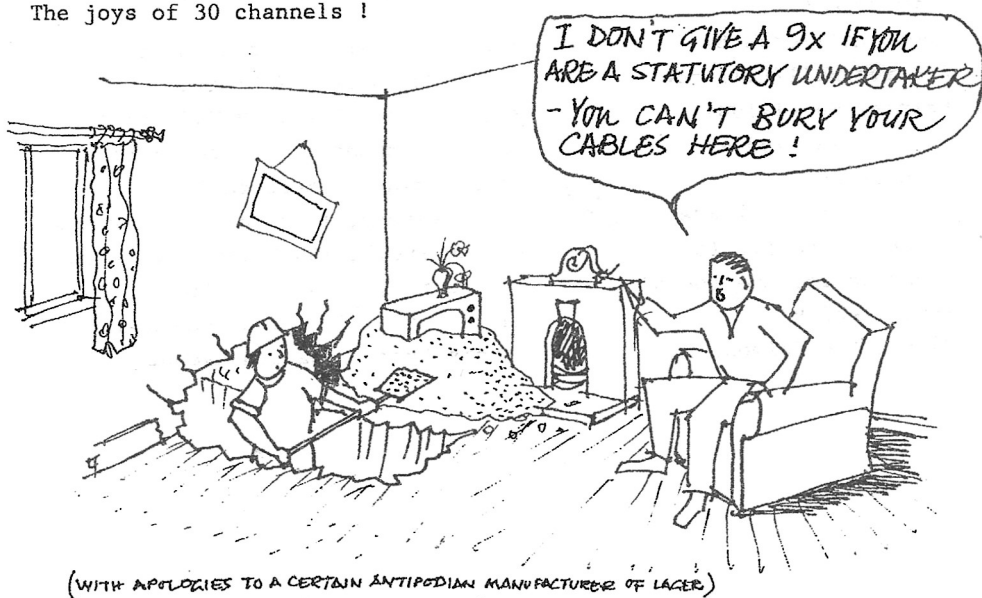
#### Beckenham Place Park

Those at the AGM heard it announced that David Lloyd Clubs had resubmitted proposals for the Mansion House and the Tennis Centre. We have restated our objections to these proposals to both Bromley and Lewisham as well lobbying our Ward Councillors in Bromley and Lewisham. We have also contacted the 4 local MPs and written direct to the DoE on the subject.

Subject to confirmation at the next Development Control Committee Bromley look set to oppose these new proposals. The DoE have written to Lewisham directing them not to grant planning permission for these schemes. The letter also tells Lewisham that the Secretary of State wishes to decide the applications himself and the Local Inquiry will consider all of the planning applications. However we do not yet know for certain the date of the Inquiry nor which Inspector has been selected to hear it. When we do know, all members will be circulated with the address and reference plus the points that should be made. Meantime we are building a case to oppose the proposals at the Inquiry. We shall be contacting the other interested groups to insure that there is minimal duplication of effort and to make best use of the range of available expertise. The latest rumour is that from the 1st May, David Lloyd will be taking over the golf course, the club house and security. Initial enquiries suggest that Lewisham have not yet but intend to reach a management agreement with David Lloyd to do just that, with a clause that if there is no approval for development then either side can withdraw. We are continuing to ask questions.

### Cable Television

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Treasurer	Arthur Barwell, 14 Grasmere Rd
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Planning Officer - Bromley	Bill Jamieson, 7 Bromley Avenue
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	Tim McCarthy, 79 Ravensbourne Ave
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	Tim McCarthy, 79 Ravensbourne Ave
Press/Publicity Officers	

Road Representatives

Bromley Ave/Karen Ct	Leslie Tucker, 5 Bromley Avenue
Grasmere/Highland Rds	
Coniston Rd/Ullswater	Mrs Payne, 68 Coniston Road
Hawkshead Closes	
Downs Hill/Crab Hill	Barbara Brown, 34 Downs Hill
Elstree Hill/Hillbrow	Carol Davidson, 27 Elstree Hill
Farnaby Rd (1-108)	Roger & Iris Legg, 39 Madeira Ave
Farnaby Rd (109 +)	Maureen Johnson, 69 Farnaby Rd
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Ravensbourne Ave (odds)	Mrs Huntley, 155 Ravensbourne Ave
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