



NEWSLETTER

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This Newsletter is to advise everyone about the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. The formal notice and Agenda are on the last page (page 4).

There will be a limited number of spares available at the meeting, so please bring this Newsletter with you.

Non-members are welcome, but they are not eligible to vote.

Our guest speaker this year will be Peter Price our Member for the European Parliament. He will be talking about his job with particular reference to London and the South East. His secretary tells me that he has a prior appointment at Bexley and there is a possibility that he may be delayed. If that happens, we will reverse the order of events and start with the AGM.

We will also be inviting our two Ward Councillors Messrs Hollobone and Wilkinson. We hope that their commitments will allow them to attend and stay on for the mid-evening break for an informal exchange of views on local issues over a cup of tea or coffee.

Regarding the business of the AGM, four posts are up for election, the Chairman, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Auditor. All four are prepared to stand again. But, if you would like to see a change please send your nominations to Leslie Tucker , 5 Bromley Avenue, telephone 081-464 4734.

This year we also have a proposal for a change to our Constitution at Section 5, which deals with Accounts. The change has been proposed by Arthur Barwell our Treasurer and it is seconded by Ann Rowsell one of the road reps for Ravensbourne Avenue.

The Present Section 5 reads :

- a) The Treasurer shall cause accounting records to be kept in accordance with the requirements of law.

- b) At the Annual General Meeting in every year the Treasurer shall lay before the Society a proper income and expenditure account for the period since the last preceding account together with a proper balance sheet made up as at the same date. The accounts shall have been properly audited by a person who does not normally attend Members Meetings.

The Proposed Change is :

- a) The Society's financial year shall commence on January 1st.
b) All incoming monies shall be recorded as income for the financial year in which it is received.
c) All outgoing monies shall be recorded as expenditure for the financial year in which it is spent.
d) At the Annual General Meeting the Treasurer shall lay before the Society a proper income and expenditure account for the period since the last preceding account together with a proper balance sheet made up as at the same date.
e) The Treasurer shall cause accounting records to be kept in accordance with the requirements of law.
f) The accounts shall be properly audited by a person appointed annually at the Annual General Meeting. The Auditor should not normally attend Members Meetings.

The Background and Reasons for the Proposed Changes

For historical reasons following the start of our Society, subscriptions are from the 1st June and our accounts are recorded from the 1st January. In itself that is not a problem. However under the present accounting arrangements, income from subscriptions is credited over two accounting years although we debit expenditure for the year in which it occurs.

These arrangements cause additional work for the Treasurer and create complications if - for whatever reason subscriptions are not collected before the end of the financial year. They also make it unnecessarily difficult for the membership to understand the accounts.

The new sections a), b) & c) address this problem and aim to rationalise our accounts.

Sections d), e) & f) are the old sections a) & b) but with the addition that the Auditor should be elected each year at the Annual General Meeting. Something we have always done but it has not previously been formalised in the Constitution.

We have taken professional advice on these changes from two Accountants and a retired Company Secretary. They see no problems with the proposals. However, if anyone has an amendment that they wish to submit, please send or deliver it to the Secretary at least 7 days before the AGM. Any amendment should have a proposer and be seconded.

R.V.P.S. Officers

Chairman	Peter Pain, 74 Madeira Avenue
Secretary	Leslie Tucker, 5 Bromley Avenue
Treasurer	Arthur Barwell, 14 Grasmere Rd
Auditor	Wally Carloss, 28A Park Hill Rd
Planning Officer - Bromley	Bill Jamieson, 7 Bromley Avenue
Planning Officer - Lewisham	Paul Bennett, 12 Elstree Hill
Membership Secretary	Paul Bennett 12 Elstree Hill
Newsletter Editor	Peter Pain, 74 Madeira Avenue
BR Link/Bromley Committee Reps	George Hodson, 20 Ravensbourne Ave Tim McCarthy, 79 Ravensbourne Ave
Tree Wardens	Arthur Barwell, 14 Grasmere Rd Tim McCarthy, 79 Ravensbourne Ave
Press/Publicity Officers	

Road Representatives

Bromley Ave/Karen Ct Grasmere/Highland Rds	Leslie Tucker, 5 Bromley Avenue
Coniston Rd/Ullswater Hawkshead Closes	Margaret Payne. 68 Coniston Rd
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
Madeira Ave	Peter Pain, 74 Madeira Avenue
Oaklands/Spencer Rds	Joyce Varney, 1 Lavinia Ct, Oaklands
Ravensbourne Ave (evens)	Ann Rowsell, 164 Ravensbourne Ave
Ravensbourne Ave (odds)	Ann Huntley, 155 Ravensbourne Ave
Ravensmead Rd	Kay Lincoln, 12 Ravensmead Road
Warren Ave/Calmont Rd	Dennis Dyer, 7 Warren Avenue

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE Thursday 3rd March 1994
LOCATION Bromley Court Hotel, Wellington Room
TIME 8 pm.

AGENDA

- 1 Chairman's welcome and introductory remarks.
- 2 Guest Speaker - Peter Price MEP.
A talk on the European Parliament and its bearing
on London and the South East.

***** Break for refreshments *****

- 3 Minutes of last AGM
- 4 Chairman's Report
- 5 Secretary's Report
- 6 Treasurer's Report
- 7 Planning Officer's Reports a)Bromley b)Lewisham
- 8 Membership Secretary's Report
- 9 BR Channel Tunnel Rail Link Report
- 10 Tree Warden's Report
- 11 Motion to amend Section 5 of the Constitution
- 12 Determination of Subscriptions for 1994-5
- 13 Election of Officers

Posts requiring election

Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer
Auditor

Present holders

-Peter Pain
-Leslie Tucker
-Arthur Barwell
-Wally Carloss

ERRATUM

Many will recall that last year, Arthur Barwell undertook the Treasurers job with some reluctance. It is with regret that we learn that Arthur intends to resign as our Treasurer. I am sure that everyone will agree that the Society is deeply indebted to him for the work and constructive input he has made to the job over the past year.

We now seriously need a replacement. If anyone will take on the Treasurers job or knows of someone who will do so. please contact either Leslie Tucker the Secretary on 081-464 4734 or Peter Pain the Chairman on 081-460 2828 as soon as possible.
Thank you.