



NEWSLETTER

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EDITORIAL

This is a short Newsletter to acquaint members with recent events. They are:

- A decision in principle, taken at the last Member's Meeting, to make some changes to our financial arrangements.
- Some work done by Barbara Brown our Road Rep for Down's Hill & Crab Hill about future events on the Goan playing field.
- A report back on the AGM of the Beckenham Place Park Working Party at which the Management Plan was launched for wider public discussion.
- Some correspondence from Bromley Council inviting our attendance at a forum on the Millennium and indicating the possibility of support for local events.

Unless the sky falls in the next Newsletter will be in the Autumn. So I hope the weather is kind to those taking holidays during the "summer" months.

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 2nd July, Members Meeting, 8.00 pm Bromley Court Hotel.

Thursday 3rd Sept, Members Meeting, 8.00 pm Bromley Court Hotel.

Peter Pain (Editor)

PROPOSED CHANCES TO OUR FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

(Brian Sanders, Treasurer)

Those of you who didn't make it to the last meeting on May 7th, may be interested to learn of a proposal mooted and agreed in principle for a revision to the Society's banking arrangements.

At present the bulk of our reserve funds are invested in a National Savings Investment Account on 28 days notice. This provides a good rate of interest and it is intended to continue with this account unchanged. However for the purposes of instant access to meet day to day expenditure, the balance of our funds has for some years been deposited in the Stroud & Swindon Building Society Club Account. This arrangement only enables the Treasurer to make payments in cash, a rather "steam age" device in these electronic days. The proposal is to replace the Building Society account by two linked accounts with Girobank. A current account with a chequebook facility and a high interest deposit account. With this arrangement a minimum balance would be maintained in the current account and an adequate interest earning balance in the deposit account. Transfers could be made as necessary from the latter account to meet chequebook expenditure.

The proposal put to the meeting and approved in principle was:

1. That a Girobank Club Account and a Girobank High Interest Deposit Account be opened in the name of the Society.
2. That the authorised signatories for these accounts will be the following;
The Chairman
The Vice Chairman
The Secretary
The Treasurer
3. That cheques for payment from the Club Account will be signed by any two of these signatories.
4. That transfers of cash from the Deposit to the Club Account will be authorised by any one of these signatories.
5. That when these accounts are fully set up, this Society's account with the Stroud & Swindon Building Society be closed.

Whilst as I say, the motion was passed in principle, the meeting nevertheless agreed that the detail of the proposal should be circulated to all members via the Newsletter and that there would be a final confirmation of the matter at our next meeting on July 2nd. If you have views about this change which you wish to express, the meeting is open to all members or if you cannot attend, please drop a line to either the Treasurer or the Secretary. Their addresses are on page 4 of this Newsletter.

GOAN CLUB SUMMER EVENTS

Due to the diligence of Barbara Brown, she has been able to find out that there will be certainly two and possibly three events this year at the Goan Club's playing fields. These are between the River Ravensbourne and Warren Avenue. The known dates are Sunday July 19th and Sunday August 30th. The Goans have always expressed a wish not to annoy, but inevitably sound echoes in a valley such as ours and depending upon the prevailing wind and temperature layers in the valley, one side or the other can be affected.

In the past the Goan Club have always responded well to a direct and reasonable approach. But if all else fails, the Noise Officers in Lewisham and Bromley can be contacted on 695 6000 and 313 4830 respectively.

BECKENHAM PLACE PARK WORKING PARTY AGM

As reported in the last Newsletter this was held on Wednesday 20th May at the New Studio Club in Old Bromley Rd. The subject was primarily the Master Plan and public consultation on it's recommendations.

There were various speakers covering the need for a Plan, details about the Park such as ecology, buildings and history, as well as methods of funding and the recently approved Lewisham strategy for open spaces. The evening finished with a question and answer session which perhaps inevitably ranged wider than the Master Plan for the Park.

However, one message came over loud and clear. That was that Councillors not Officers hold the purse strings. Suggestions or complaints by members of the public i.e. users, should always involve the local Councillors. Not least because at the bottom of most decisions by Officers is money or more usually the lack of it

THE MILLENNIUM

Bromley have recently sent out a letter to all community groups inviting them to a Millennium Forum. The aim is to share information and to let the groups know how the Council may help with advice, liaison, publicity and possibly partnerships for Lottery funding. It is early days, but we shall be investigating the relevance of this to our own plans for marking the meridian and whether there is anything else we could do either separately or jointly with others.

There is quite an emphasis on community events, both short and long term. If any member is involved with other groups in these activities and has not heard from Bromley, they should contact Kirstin Liddell, Leisure & Community Services, Bromley Central Library. Telephone 0181-460 9955.

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