



# NEWSLETTER

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## EDITORIAL

My apologies for the long gap between this and the last Newsletter. It is not that nothing has been happening, but this summer other things seem to have got in the way and prevented me from sitting down and putting it together. Normally an earlier Newsletter would remind everyone that the yearly subscriptions were due, but the Treasurer tells me that most have been collected, although he understands that some are still outstanding. Please help him keep our accounts straight and if you have been out when your Road Rep. called, why not make contact to let them know when you are in.

Whilst on the subject of representatives, David Young has had to stand down as Roads & Traffic Rep. and also as our delegate to the Bromley Residents' Federation. If anyone is prepared to take on one or both of these jobs, please contact our Secretary Roy McCarthy on 0181-460 7417.

A longer Newsletter will follow in the New Year which will be distributed to all residents in our area.

Finally, may we wish all our members a Happy Christmas and all the best for 1999.

## Dates for the Diary

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January, Membership Meeting 8.0 p.m. Bromley Court Hotel.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March, Annual General Meeting 8.0 p.m. Bromley Court Hotel.

**Peter Pain (Editor)**

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### MILLENNIUM PROJECT ( Marking the Meridian )

Leslie Tucker has made considerable progress with the design of, and obtaining quotations for, the proposed marker posts in Farnaby Road. It looks as though he will be able to keep within the budget provisionally agreed at the last AGM. Making progress with Bromley Council for the erection of the markers and their future care proved more difficult. But he has now succeeded and is currently tidying up loose ends to put a coherent proposal to the next Members' Meeting before final decisions are made at the next AGM.

An initial meeting is scheduled to consider whether to have an unveiling / handing over ceremony and if so what would be appropriate. By chance Bromley recently called a meeting of groups intending to mark the millennium, which Leslie Tucker attended. He came away with some useful ideas, contact names and telephone numbers.

### BECKENHAM PLACE PARK

#### Consultation Draft Management Plan

Following the Public Meeting at which the main subject was the Management Plan, several comments have been forwarded. The Plan was also exhibited at Libraries in Lewisham and Bromley, but that did not produce any comments. The Plan is now being revised to reflect the comments received and to take account of more up-to-date information which had been obtained after the Plan was printed. The Plan will then be re-submitted to Lewisham's Leisure & Environmental Services Committee for final approval and adoption.

Whilst that has been progressing, Lewisham have carried out a "Soft Marketing" of all of their Leisure Centres including the Park. The aim was to attract private finance. After strong comments by the Working Party, Lewisham and the consultants they employed seem to have accepted that it is inappropriate to lump the Park and Leisure Centres together and we have been assured that they will be separated. Time will tell.

#### Summerhouse Field

Earlier plans to re-start pitch sports on Summerhouse Field in conjunction with the Goan Club - using their pavilion and grounds have been put on hold following the torching of their pavilion. Even before that things were getting confused, as apparently the Goan Committee agreed the joint venture by only one vote. The minority then came up with a plan to buy out the majority and presumably continue to do their thing. However, the burning down of the pavilion seems to have caused second thoughts. The terms of any insurance for the pavilion or indeed whether it was insured are not known.

Meantime whilst everyone considers the next step, Lewisham's Sport & Recreation Section are seeking planning permission to erect temporary huts on the site of the old Summerhouse Field pavilion so that football pitches can be marked out and used. Until planning consent is given 3 pitches will be marked out on the Common near the railway and the changing room facilities near Old Bromley Road will be re-used.

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## PLANNING

### Unitary Development Plans (UDP)

**Bromley** Following written submissions to discussion papers by various interested groups, including ourselves, Bromley have called 4 meetings at different venues to discuss the main issues. Leslie Tucker and Paul Bennett have attended on our behalf. The next stage is likely to be the issue of a complete Draft UDP followed by a Public Inquiry.

**Lewisham** Earlier in the year Lewisham issued several discussion papers to which we responded. No more has been heard.

### Planning Applications

**Lewisham** The earlier application for 2 semi-detached houses near the corner of Coniston Rd and Hillbrow, has been revised to a single detached house. This does not appear to conflict with the UDP so is likely to be approved.



As we are nearing Christmas, one of our members thought that others might be interested in their recipe for a Christmas cake. They assure me that it is much more fun making it than buying from a shop.

### Christmas Fruit Cake Recipe

#### Ingredients

1 cup water	2 cups dried fruit	1 cup brown sugar
1 cup sugar	1 tsp salt	8 ozs nuts
4 large eggs	1 tsp of baking soda	juice of 1 lemon
1 bottle of whisky		

#### Method

Sample whisky to check for quality. Take a large bowl. Check whisky again to be sure it is of the highest quality, pour 1 level cup and drink. Repeat. Turn on the electric mixer, beat 1 cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add 1 tsp sugar and beat again. Make sure the whisky is OK. Cry another tup. Turn off the mixer, break 2 eggs and add to the bowl and chuck in the dried fruit. Mix on the turner. If the fried fruit gets stuck in the beaterers, pry it loose with a drewscraver. Sample the whisky to check for tonsisticity. Next sift 2 cups of salt, or something. Who cares ? Check the whisky. Now sift the lemon juice and strain your nuts. Add 1 table spoon of sugar, or anything you can find. Grease the oven and turn the cake tin to 350 degrees. Don't forget to beat off the turner. Throw the bowl out of the window, check the whisky again and go to bed.



# HAPPY CHRISTMAS !



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