



# NEWSLETTER

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## EDITORIAL

The AGM was well attended again this year. The visiting speaker, Rob Wilkinson, from the Kent Air Ambulance Trust proved to be an excellent speaker. The Trust mainly operates South of the M25, but quite often, on request, they fly further West into Sussex and even North if necessary. He recalled one such incident when they had to over-fly Heathrow for an emergency and all commercial flying ceased for about 15 minutes while they flew in for the patient, collected and then flew back. Mostly they attend road traffic accidents when ambulances cannot get through, but they also do a lot of hospital transfers when either speed is of the essence or the patient is not well enough to be moved by road.

He emphasised how well the Trust was supported by the people in Kent and that allows them to retain their independence. Other helicopter emergency medical services are either managed by the Police or a NHS Trust. The former are dual purpose machines so may not always be available and the latter impose various controls even if the NHS funding is minimal. Following past practice, when our speaker comes from a charity, we have sent a donation to the Kent Air Ambulance Trust.

After refreshments we settled down to the business of the AGM.

The key decisions taken were:

Tom Griffin volunteered to take over as Secretary from Roy McCarthy. Roy has been Secretary for some 5 years and he was warmly thanked for his efforts over that time.

Subscriptions remain unchanged at £5 per household and Senior Citizens and members in special financial situations may subscribe as they think fit.

Following a report on progress, it was agreed that we continue to explore projects which benefit the community. The most immediate one was a donation of £250 to the Valley School to fund a coach trip for a Summer Field Study for Year 2 children (6 year olds) to Lullingsstone Park Field Study Centre.

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The project will be a "Mini Beast" search and study, something that normally would be beyond the School's resources. After the visit the School has promised to let us see some of the children's work resulting from the trip.

Other projects still being explored and discussed with Bromley are:

- The provision of a bench(es) by the bus stop near the junction of Farnaby Rd/ Ravensbourne Ave and
- Improvement to the corner sites at Bromley Ave/Farnaby Rd/Warren Ave and also at Downs Hill/Ravensbourne Ave.

Thanks were also extended to Miss Frenkel for the facilities at the Bromley Court Hotel.

### **Dates for the Diary**

Thursday 3rd May, Members' Meeting, 8.0 p.m., Bromley Court Hotel.

Thursday 7th June, Members' Meeting, 8.0 p.m., Bromley Court Hotel.

Peter Pain (Editor)

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### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH (Arthur Barwell)**

#### **Tips from the Metropolitan Police**

1. Hide your car keys - houses are being broken into just for the car keys (and then exit the car!). High value cars are favourites. In one case reported, the keys were hooked through a broken window.
2. Lock your car at the petrol filling station! Recently a driver didn't, had his car stolen and the Insurance Company refused his claim because they said he was negligent.
3. Bogus callers (again). The first caller is bona fide (Identity card etc), the second caller - a few minutes later - is a crook ("my mate forgot to write down the number of your meter").

### **TREE WARDEN NEWS (Arthur Barwell)**

#### **Ancient Tree Survey**

As part of Bromley's Bio-diversity Action Plan there is to be a survey of ancient trees in the Borough over the next 2 to 3 years. The Tree Wardens have been asked to help with this survey. If anyone knows of an ancient tree will they please get in touch with Arthur Barwell (Tele/FAX: 8464 9688 or email: arthur.barwell@btinternet.com).

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## BECKENHAM PLACE PARK

As previously reported the original 11 Tenderers were reduced to 5 and later 3. Each of the final 3 had weaknesses. Following a meeting with each of them the problem areas were identified, they were formally advised and invited to produce a best and final offer. Those "offers" still had problem areas or lacked information and the last meeting of the Evaluation Group decided that further letters would have to be sent spelling out the areas of doubt. Assuming the Tenderers respond in time, the next meeting of the Evaluation Group has been set for the 26th April. It now seems certain that the long term Contractor will not be in position by mid-May as originally intended.

## TRANSPORT ISSUES

### Rail Underpass Shortlands Junction

Since the Inquiry last December nothing more has been heard, although a decision should be imminent. Meantime, Rail Track have contracted a certain amount of maintenance and embankment clearance.

### Traffic Calming Ashgrove/Calmont Rds

Work has now been completed. The cushions are to a new design and not as vicious as some. Nevertheless they seem to have the desired effect and most vehicles no longer exceed the speed limit.

## PLANNING ISSUES

### Unitary Development Plans

Bromley have now published their "First Deposit Draft". We had previously commented on their "Skeleton Draft" and the new publication is currently being scrutinised before making any further comments of objection or support.

Lewisham had produced their "Deposit Draft earlier and we made 29 comments. Of those comments 18 were supportive and 11 objected. Of the 11 objections 4 were accepted, 4 were rejected and 3 are still outstanding. On balance the reasons given for the rejections persuaded us that there would be little mileage in pursuing them at a Public Inquiry.

### Planning Applications

There have not been any new applications since the Christmas Newsletter.

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Bromley Ave. / Karen Ct. /  
Grasmere / Highland Rds.  
  
Coniston Rd / Ullswater  
& Hawkshead Closes  
  
Downs Hill / Crab Hill  
Elstree Hill / Erin Close / Hillbrow  
Oaklands / Spencer Rds.  
Farnaby Rd (1-108)  
Farnaby Rd (109 +)  
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