



# NEWSLETTER

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## EDITORIAL

This Newsletter is to let everyone know about the coming Annual General Meeting, in March. The formal Notice and Agenda are overleaf.

Please make a note of the date and venue and make every effort to come along. Non-members and potential members are very welcome but of course cannot vote.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

8.00 pm, Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2002

Bromley Court Hotel, Wellington Suite

Our guest speaker this year will be John Ridley, Vice Chairman of the Crossness Engine Trust. The Trust is a registered charity, the members of which set themselves the enormous task of restoring the Crossness pumping station and its engines. Before Crossness was built London had outgrown its sewage system – which had developed piecemeal – and urgent action was necessary.

John's talk, with slides, will cover the historical background and compelling reasons for a modern system by the middle 1800s. He will go on to talk about the design and execution and finally the part played by the Crossness building. Doubtless he will also cover some of the trials and tribulations as well as the successes of the restoration project.

A separate matter from the AGM is the fact that Ray Territt has decided to stand down as the Road Representative for Madeira Avenue. Ray started as a Road Rep. back in 1994 and ever since has done sterling work delivering Newsletters

and collecting subscriptions. Unfortunately no one has yet replaced him, so we are hoping that someone in Madeira Avenue or a nearby road will volunteer for the job.

The Newsletter comes out 5 to 6 times a year and subscriptions are collected once a year. Currently there are 33 members in the Avenue. At present that is about the average commitment for a Road Representative.

If a potential volunteer wishes to know more about what is involved, please come forward at the AGM. If you cannot make the AGM and you want to know more about what the job involves, please contact the Editor, Peter Pain on 8460 2828 for queries about the Newsletters. Or if the query is about subscriptions, contact either the Treasurer, Brian Sanders on 8464 2575 or the Membership Secretary, Paul Bennett on 8466 1091.

### Dates for the Diary

Thursday 7 May, Members' Meeting, 8.00 pm Bromley Court Hotel

Thursday 4 July, Members' Meeting, 8.00 pm Bromley Court Hotel

Peter Pain (Editor)

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## MISCELLANEOUS

### What the Papers Say

"When the first fire-fighters arrived at the scene flames were bellowing out of the warehouse roof".

"Real flame gas fire, 3 killer watts, £110".

"Extinction ladder, 3 part, very good make, £30".

"We are now able to offer a low-cost neutering scheme for senior or unwaged cat owners".

"The corrugated building which served as the Methodist Church since 1875 was put on the market because a swindling congregation has forced its closure".