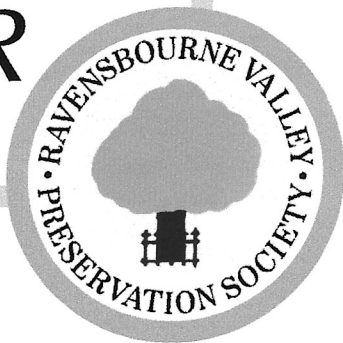


NEWSLETTER

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EDITORIAL

This Newsletter is to remind everyone about the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. The formal notice and agenda are overleaf.

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
8.00pm Thursday 25th March 2004
Bromley Court Hotel

Our guest speaker this year will be Bob Neill, who is the Greater London Assembly member for Bexley and Bromley. He has been asked to take as his subject "What has the GLA done for us?" Currently he is chair of the Planning and Spatial Development Committee and a member of the Budget Committee. In addition he takes a special interest in Policing, Planning, Transport and Arts Policy.

He was educated at the London School of Economics and is a barrister specialising in criminal law. He is also a member of the Arts Council.

If you have questions or views about the GLA and how it impacts on the life of the people of London, I am sure that he would be glad to hear them when it comes to question time.

If you have read this far you may be wondering why the AGM is some 3 weeks later than usual this year, it is because the Wellington Rooms are being refurbished and the work runs into March. Hopefully the builders and decorators will keep to schedule and we will be able to enjoy a new look Wellington Suite.

After refreshments we will deal with AGM business. We are still looking for a Road Rep for Elstree Hill - a very light load. Will somebody please volunteer as the people who are currently plugging the gap are the same people who also do other work for the Society. In fact the person who will be delivering this Newsletter to members in Elstree Hill already does 3 other jobs for the Society. If anyone is willing to volunteer please make yourself known at the AGM or, if you cannot attend, telephone the Secretary, Tom Griffin on 8313 0306 or the chair, Elizabeth Davies, on 8460 0189.

Whilst on the subject of Road Reps, our Road Rep for Oaklands Road is looking to move home and in due course we will need a replacement. Again, as with Elstree Hill would any volunteer please make contact.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday 6th May, Members' Meeting, 8.00pm, Bromley Court Hotel.

Thursday 1st July, Members' Meeting, 8.00pm, Bromley Court Hotel.

Peter Pain (Editor)

BECKENHAM PLACE PARK

At the risk of pre-empting the Working party representative's report, I am sure that everyone will wish to know that Lewisham have severed negotiations with the preferred tenderer for the management of the park, buildings and golf course. The official reason is that Lewisham was not happy that the tenderer had or could, obtain financial backing for what they proposed to do in the time scale that Lewisham wanted them to do it. It is suspected that another reason could be that the tenderer kept on enlarging the proposals that he had made in his "best and final offer". Each enlargement reduced the likelihood of him getting planning approval - bearing in mind that we are talking about statutorily listed buildings and metropolitan open land..

For the foreseeable future Lewisham will continue to manage the park but, almost certainly, will sub-contract some aspects such as the golf course, catering, grassland management etc.

Xampuls of tripographical horrors - **Typos to you!**

From the Kingsbridge & Salcome Gazette: "Wild mushroom mouse, set in a bed of crisby leaves".

From a Royal Navy handbook: "All officers when embarking or disembarking are salted by the officer in charge of the boat".

From the Portsmouth News: "The limousine is powered by a Bentley 400bhp twin turbot".

NOTICE FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Thursday 25th March 2004

Location: Bromley Court Hotel, Wellington Suite

Time: 8.00pm

AGENDA

- 1 Chairman's welcome and opening remarks.
- 2 Guest Speaker - Bob Neill, GLA member for Bexley and Bromley.

BREAK FOR REFRESHMENTS

- 3 Minutes of previous AGM.
- 4 Chairman's report: (including Community Projects).
- 5 Treasurer's report.
- 6 Planning officers' reports - a) Bromley
b) Lewisham
- 7 Beckenham Place Park Working Party Representative's report.
- 8 Membership Secretary's report.
- 9 Determination of subscription for 2004/5.
- 10 Election of Officers for 2004/5.
- 11 Chairman's closing remarks.

Posts for re-election

Present Holder

Chairman	Elizabeth Davies
Secretary	Tom Griffin
Treasurer	Brian Sanders
Auditor	Wally Carlross

All of the present holders are prepared to stand for re-election. If there are any nominations to stand against them, then the names, plus a proposer and seconder, should be sent to either the chairman or secretary prior to the AGM. Their addresses are on the last page of this Newsletter.

R.V.P.S. OFFICERS (February 2004)

Chairman	Elizabeth Davies, 12 Ravensmead Road, BR2 0BT
Vice Chairman	Peter Pain, 74 Madeira Avenue, BR1 4AS
Secretary	Tom Griffin, 9 The Chestnuts, Oaklands Rd. BR1 3SJ
Treasurer	Brian Sanders, 41 Farnaby Road, BR1 4BL
Auditor	Wally Carlross, 28a Parkhill Road, BR2 0LF
Planning Officer-Bromley	Leslie Tucker, 5 Bromley Avenue, BR1 4BG
Planning Officer-Lewisham	Paul Bennett, 12 Elstree Hill, BR1 4JE
Membership Secretary	Paul Bennett, 12 Elstree Hill, BR1 4JE
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Roads & Traffic Rep.	Arthur Barwell, 14 Grasmere Road, BR1 4BA
Tree Warden	Arthur Barwell, 14 Grasmere Road, BR1 4BA
LBBRF Delegate	
Police Consultative Com. Rep.	Kay Lincoln, 12 Ravensmead Road, BR2 0BT
BPP Joint Working Party Rep.	Peter Pain, 74 Madeira Avenue, BR1 4AS
Hon. Legal Advisor	Richard Thomas, 118 Ravensbourne Ave, BR2 OAX

ROAD REPRESENTATIVES

Bromley Ave./Karen Ct./ Grasmere / Highland Rds. Brackenhill Lane	Leslie Tucker, 5 Bromley Avenue, BR1 4BG
Consiton Rd / Ullswater & Hawkshead Closes	Barbara Price, 85 Coniston Road, BR1 3BZ
Downs Hill / Crab Hill	Barbara Brown, 34 Downs Hill, BR3 5HB
Elstree Hill / Erin Close / Hillbrow	(POSITION VACANT - VOLUNTEERS PLEASE!)
Oaklands / Spencer Rds.	Daphne Robeson, 2 Lynton Court, London Rd.
Farnaby Rd (1-108)	Audrey Burford, 90 Farnaby Road, BR1 4BH
Farnaby Rd (109 +)	Maureen Johnson, 69 Farnaby Road, BR1 4BN
Madeira Avenue	Brian Atkinson, 94 Madeira Avenue, BR1 4AS
Ravensbourne Ave. (evens)	Ann Rowsell, 164 Ravensbourne Avenue, BR2 OAY
Ravensbourne Ave. (odds)	Ann Freiter, 128 Ravensbourne Avenue, BR2 OAX
Ravensmead Road	Kay Lincoln, 12 Ravensmead Road, BR2 0BT
Warren Ave./Calmont Rd / Ashgrove Rd./Belgravia Gdns	Alan Weatherley, 50 Warren Avenue, BR1 4BS