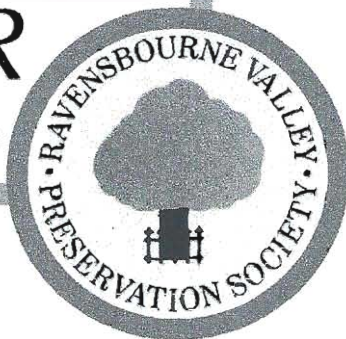


NEWSLETTER

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EDITORIAL

This newsletter is to advise everyone about the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Please make note of the date in your diary and make every effort to come along.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 9th March 2006
Bromley Court Hotel - Wellington Suite

There will be a limited number of agendas available at the door, so please keep this newsletter and bring it with you.

Non-members are welcome to attend but of course, they cannot vote.

Our Guest Speaker this year is a magistrate of many years experience, Joe Burchell JP. He has been a magistrate for 27 years and currently sits at Marylebone court. He is chairman of the Inner London Magistrates Association and a Freeman of the City of London. For good measure he is also a member of the London Football Association and a qualified referee. Before retiring he worked for 40 years in the motor trade, after retirement, apart from his magistrate's duties, he is also a consultant in business management and law. One of his main charitable interests is the Coombes Trust which is a respite home for children.

We hope that he will tell us something about how one becomes a JP, the training and what is involved. Plus various "tales from the bench" and conclude with an overview of changes over the years - especially some of the more recent proposals.

This promises to be a very interesting talk.

Earlier this year our chairman received a letter from a young lady, Kirsten Shepherd, who lives in Brackenhill Lane and is seeking sponsorship. She has been selected to represent Kent County Guides at an international guiding camp in Switzerland later this year. Our constitution does not provide for such a situation so she has been sent a "sorry but no" reply. It is understood that she will be raising funds locally by offering to clean cars, do gardening etc. So if she calls, and an individual member feels like supporting her - that is what it is all about.

Dates for the Diary (in addition to the AGM)

Thursday 4th May - Members' Meeting 8.00pm - Bromley Court Hotel

Thursday 6th July - Members' Meeting 8.00pm - Bromley Court Hotel

Road Representatives

Following the unexpected death of her husband, Audrey Burford has decided to leave the area to live near her daughter. Audrey has been the Road Representative for part of Farnaby Road (Nos 1 -108) for over ten years and she will be greatly missed. Unfortunately we do not have a replacement ready and waiting in the wings. If anyone in Farnaby Road, or nearby roads, would be willing to take on the job, could they please contact the Editor or Secretary: their telephone numbers are 8460 2828 & 8313 0306 respectively. The task is not too onerous, it mainly entails delivering about 40 newsletters 4 or 5 times a year and collecting the annual membership subscriptions for the households concerned.

PLANNING

Some developments since the last Newsletter.

100/102 Madeira Avenue: The application for a block of 14 , 2 bedroom flats was refused by Bromley. The developers have now submitted plans for 7, 4 storey, 4 bedroom town houses. This proposal is just as high as that for the earlier block of flats and even longer than their superstructure would have been. As in the case of the flats the excavation for the houses would be down to street level. Many letters of objection have been sent plus a petition with even more objectors signatures than that against the flats. Surprisingly one of our Councillors has said that they have also received letters of support - which is puzzling. We shall be able to find out more when all of the correspondence is made available to the public before the Planning Committee meets.

8, "Kowloon" & "Penfro" Highland Road: This application is really 2 separate ones from the same developer for a combined total of 22 flats, 4 with 1 bedroom and the rest with 2 bedrooms. We and many others have objected and the application was refused. Doubtless further applications or appeals will be made.

3, Highland Road: A very recent application has ben lodged for another house to be demolished and replaced by a block of flats in this road. An earlier application last year was withdrawn. We shall be considering our response.

TRANSPORT

Warren Avenue: When he was collecting subscriptions last year Clive Lees, the Road Rep or Warren Ave/ Calmont Road, heard many complaints about speeding traffic in Warren Avenue where there are no traffic calming humps. He distributed a questionnaire and the results indicated a preference for either a digital speed sign or spot police traps. He contacted Bromley, an officer came along and agreed that there was a problem. Warren Avenue now has a solar powered digital speed measuring sign which also counts the number of infringements. Future action will depend on the results and possible budget constraints.

A more complete report on these and other matters will be given at the AGM.

FREEDOM PASS

In case any of our members who are 60 or over missed the announcement in the Local Press, Freedom Passes expire at the end of March. The nearest places to us for renewals are Beckenham Library and Bromley Civic Centre. Proof of name, address and date of birth plus the expired pass are required. Renewal is in groups based on surname. They are:- A-D 6-7 Feb; E-J 20 Feb- 3 Mar; K-R 6-17 Mar; S-Z 20-31 Mar. Further information on www.bromley.gov.uk or call 8461 7334 or 8461 7301. There are further dates in April for those who cannot make the above times.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Thursday 9th March 2006

LOCATION: Bromley Court Hotel, Wellington Suite

TIME: 8.00pm

AGENDA

- 1 Chairman's welcome and opening remarks.
- 2 Guest Speaker - Joe Burchell JP.

Break for Refreshments

- 3 Minutes of previous AGM.
 - 4 Chairman's report.
 - 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 subscriptions for 2006/7
 - 10 Election of officers
 - 11 Chairman's closing remarks.
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Posts for re-election

Present holder

Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer
Auditor

Elizabeth Davies
Tom Griffin
Brian Sanders
Wally Carlross

All of the present holders are prepared to stand for re-election. If there are any nominations to stand against them, names, plus a proposer and seconder should be sent to the Secretary prior to the AGM. The name and address of the secretary is on page 4 of this newsletter.
