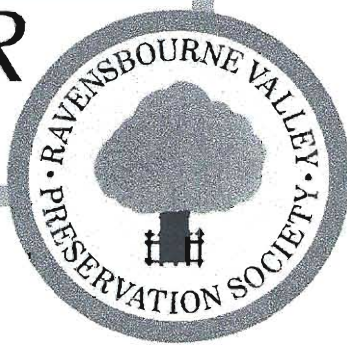


NEWSLETTER

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, 8th March 2007 at 8pm
Bromley Court Hotel - Wellington Suite

EDITORIAL

This newsletter is to advise everyone about the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. The formal notice and agenda are overleaf. Please make a note of the date and venue in your diary and make every effort to come along. There will be a limited number of agendas at the door, so please keep this newsletter and bring it with you. Non- members are welcome to attend but, of course, cannot vote.

Our guest speaker this year is Frank Whiting, the Town Centre Project Director for Bromley. Some of you may not be aware that Bromley are looking at a variety of changes (hopefully improvements) for Bromley town centre. Some are further forward than others and some are simply aspirations. Mr. Whiting will be able to tell us the thinking behind the proposals, what will be gained, what may be lost and when it might all happen.

Before he became Town Centre Project Director, Frank Whiting was the Chief Property Officer for Bromley. He is a Chartered Surveyor who came to Bromley in 1986. One of his first tasks was to acquire the land for the Glades shopping centre and for the "Kentish Way" relief road. This promises to be an interesting talk about something which will affect us all.

Maureen Johnson who has been Road Rep for part of Farnaby Road for the last 14 years, has regrettably had to give up because of back problems. We are very grateful to Maureen for delivering Newsletters and collecting subscriptions - in all weathers - for that length of time. Fortunately Peter Clarke, who took over from Audrey Burford and already does part of Farnaby Road, has volunteered to do Maureen's half as well as his own.

Whilst on the subject of Road Reps, Daphne Robeson who covers Oaklands and Spencer Roads, for various reasons is finding it increasingly difficult to deliver her newsletters. There are about 3 dozen to deliver up to 5 times a year including one to all households. At the very least she would welcome some help. Are there any volunteers? Please contact the Editor, Peter Pain on 8460 2828.

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 8th March - Annual General Meeting 8.00pm - Bromley Court Hotel

Thursday 3rd May - Members' Meeting 8.00pm - Bromley Court Hotel

Peter Pain (Editor)

PLANNING

126 Madeira Avenue:

The application for 8, 4 storey town houses on the site was considered at the Plans Sub-Committee No. 3 on the 1st February. It was refused without debate. Unfortunately neither Councillor Hastings nor Councillor Maly were able to speak on our behalf although the latter did send a supportive E-mail to the chairman. That left us without a councillor, which meant that instead of being one of the first applications to be heard, about 30 people had to sit it out for nearly three hours until our turn came. Strangely no one was there to speak on behalf of the developers. Although our Vice Chairman took the opportunity to speak against it for the 3 minutes that are allowed. Undoubtedly nearly 60 letters of objection and the petition of 117 signatures helped. It is now a case of waiting to see what happens next.

BECKENHAM PLACE PARK

In the last Newsletter we reported that Lewisham were seeking approval to employ Land Use Consultants to advise about a range of options for the Park - excluding the Mansion. Those options were listed in full in our previous Newsletter. That approval has now been given by the Mayor and Cabinet and the consultants have started work. They should produce a draft report sometime in April. We are told that, apart from Councillors and officers, the Working Party will be among the first to see it.

Regarding the Mansion the debate has not moved very far forward but English Heritage are involved as is Lewisham's Programme Management and Property Group. In that context "programme" has been used as an alternative to "project". Once again it is a case of watch this space.

ENVIRONMENT

Old Mobile Phones:

If anyone has an old mobile phone and doesn't know what to do with it, Bromley has introduced a recycling scheme for phones and accessories. They can be handed in at any local library and at the main reception desk at the Civic Centre. Alternatively they can be posted to FREEPOST, Bromley Fonebak Recycling.

Free Leaflets:

To keep down the amount of litter in town centres, Bromley have introduced a licencing scheme for anyone distributing leaflets in the town centres. The licence costs £25 per day. The exception is non-commercial literature such as political, charitable or religious. The high streets affected are Bromley, Orpington, Beckenham, Penge and West Wickham.

Junk Mail and Telephone Calls:

If anyone is fed up with and wants to opt out of the delivery of unsolicited junk mail, the number to ring is 08457 950 950.

Similarly with telephone calls, To avoid unwanted sales calls ring the Telephone Preference Service on 08450 700 707.

If you are unfortunate enough to be suffering from silent nuisance calls, ring 0870 444 3969.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Thursday 8th March 2007

LOCATION: Bromley Court Hotel

TIME: 8.00 pm

AGENDA

1. Chairman's Welcome and Opening Remarks
2. Guest Speaker - Frank Whiting - Town Centre Project Director , Bromley

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 2007/8.
10. Election of officers.
11. Chairman's closing remarks.

POSTS FOR RE-ELECTION

Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer
Auditor

PRESENT HOLDERS

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 before the AGM. The name and address of the Secretary is on page 4 of this Newsletter.

From the previous Newsletter you will know that Leslie Tucker intends to stand down as Planning Officer after this AGM. According to the RVPS Constitution this post is not subject to a formal voting procedure. A proposal will be made at the meeting on how this position is to be filled.