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Editor's Update

As usual, the first edition of the year contains the details of the society AGM, to which all members are invited. Those who attended last year will be pleased to learn that the String Ensemble from St Dunstan's College will be entertaining us again this year with a

selection of popular and well known tunes. Do please come and see these astonishingly talented young people who amazed us last year.

The agenda will be emailed out about a week before the meeting and posted on our website.

Chairman's Remarks

I am delighted to report another successful year with thriving membership, strong finances and a deepening sense of community spirit amongst our members. I would very much like to say thank you to Beatrice Osborn and Richard Thomas who have stood or are about to stand down as, respectively, Secretary and Planning Officer. We are, obviously, very grateful for their commitment over a number of years. I am also grateful to Paul Osborne for taking over planning and to Judy Adcock who will be putting herself forward at the AGM to be elected as Secretary. Thank you also to all the Officers, Road Reps, and our Local Councillors who help to maintain our area. Thank you, all.

Do please come to the AGM where the entertainment promises to be first class with the opportunity to mingle with other members afterwards.

General Information

RVPS Chairman wins national award

A trust that looks after six primary schools in Bromley has won a national award. Further details here:-

[http://www.newsshopper.co.uk/news/15570095.Trust that looks after six Bromley primary schools wins award/](http://www.newsshopper.co.uk/news/15570095.Trust%20that%20looks%20after%20six%20Bromley%20primary%20schools%20wins%20award/)

Riverside responsibilities

A number of members have queried their responsibilities regarding the river. Generally, so called 'riparian' owners are responsible for their half of the river. Further information can be found here:-

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/riverside-ownership-rights-and-responsibilities>

Lewisham Council Waste Collection

If you are experiencing any problems with the fortnightly waste collection please contact your Lewisham Councillor, Cllr Bourne Cllr_Andre.Bourne@lewisham.gov.uk

Japanese knotweed

Do keep looking out for this because if you or your neighbour has it in your garden, it will be hard to sell your house! Millwall football club have recently been treating a patch of it at their training ground.

Playing field next to river Ravensbourne

The playing field sometimes known as 'Goan' or 'Times' has changed hands a number of times recently and has been partially fenced. We will keep you informed about future plans for the site when we learn more.

Air pollution

Bromley Council has asked us to remind our members that we are in a smoke free area and as you may have seen in the press recently, London air is particularly polluted with the Mayor being concerned about pollution from domestic fireplaces. Being in a smoke free area means that only specified (i.e. smokeless) fuels can be used in a grate and wood burners must be of a 'permitted' type.

The Mayor is also seeking to reduce smoke pollution from wood burners so do please use these thoughtfully. For more information please see:

[http://www.bromley.gov.uk/info/413/pollution_control - air_quality/551/smoke_control_areas](http://www.bromley.gov.uk/info/413/pollution_control_-_air_quality/551/smoke_control_areas)

Planning Issues

RVPS has been involved in monitoring all the planning applications, objections, enforcement orders, etc. made in our area in the last year, of which a partial list is shown below. Further details of these and others are on our website.

Our thanks go to Richard Thomas for his sterling work in this area and we welcome Paul Osborne who has recently taken over from Richard as Planning Officer.

NEW APPLICATIONS

1 Ullswater Close - The application for a single-storey rear extension and first floor extension, and subdivision of the property to form two 3-bedroom houses has been permitted. Application ref. [17/02763/FULL1](#)

Shortlands Golf Club - The application to extend licensing hours has been partially agreed. Sale or supply of alcohol up to midnight only will be permitted on Friday and Saturday. The full outcome of the hearing is posted on our website. Application ref. [17/00634/LAPRE](#)

Oaklands Court, 6 Oaklands Road - A new application has been made for the construction of 3 two-bedroom dwellings (1 pair of semi-detached houses and 1 detached dwelling). Application ref. [17/05229/FULL1](#)

Bromley Court Hotel - An application has been submitted on behalf of the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) to allow the driving test centre to remain until 31 March 2019. Application ref. [17/05825/RECON](#)

Rear of 8 and 10 Highland Road - The application for a development on the land of garages including demolition of garages and erection of five terrace houses has been refused. Application ref. [17/04981/FULL1](#)

UPDATES

Oak Dene, Oaklands Road - Application permitted for a two-storey side-and-roof extension and a single-storey rear extension. Application ref. [17/02728/FULL6](#)

61 The Avenue - The application for the demolition of the existing dwelling and the erection of two blocks of flats was refused but the applicant appealed the decision and the decision is awaited. Application ref. [17/01955/FULL1](#)

50 Ashgrove Road - The application for the demolition of the building and the construction of 2 two-bedroom maisonettes and 2 four-bedroom houses has been refused. Application ref. [DC/17/100897](#)

81 Ravensbourne Avenue - A decision for planning conditions has been issued on the applications. Application refs. [17/01137/FULL1](#) & [17/01137/CONDIT](#)

Blyth Wood Park 20 Blyth Road - Application refused for change of use of ground and first floor from sports hall to residential. An appeal against the decision has been made. Application ref. [17/03032/FULL1](#)

Ambleside, rear of 13 Calmont Road - The resubmitted planning application for the construction of a single storey building to provide a children's crèche has been refused. Application ref. [DC/17/103830](#)

24 Downs Hill - The application for a non-material amendment to the granted planning application for the demolition of the host dwelling and erection of a new detached house has been refused. Application ref. [17/00812/AMD](#)

100 Madeira Avenue - The appeal against the refusal of the outline application has been allowed. Outline planning permission is granted for demolition of the existing property and the erection of 2 three-bedroom townhouses and 1 four-bedroom townhouse. Application ref. [17/02290/OUT](#)

2 Ullswater Close - Permission has been granted for the felling of 4 trees, but two new trees must be planted. Application ref. [17/02986/TPO](#)

14 Highland Road - Minor material amendment granted to allow a variation of the planning permission for single storey side and 4 storey rear extension. Application ref. [17/04326/MATAMD](#)

If you learn of a planning application that you do not see in the News section on our website, please let the planning officer know as we may be able to help with any appropriate objection

RVPS Annual General Meeting

Notice of the AGM of RVPS

Thursday 1st March 2018, 8pm Bromley Court Hotel

1.	Chairman's welcome and opening remarks	CL
2.	String Ensemble from St Dunstan's College	
3.	Approval of Minutes of previous AGM	CL
4.	Chairman's Report	CL
5.	Treasurer's Report	DW
6.	Planning Officer's Report	PO
7.	Roads & Traffic Report	AS
8.	Community Projects & Tree Officer's Report	MW
9.	Beckenham Place Park Representative's Report	EM
10.	Membership Secretary's Report	LM
11.	Determination of subscriptions for 2017-18	DW
12.	Reappointment of auditor	CL
13.	Election of Officers	CL
14.	Chairman's closing remarks	CL
15.	Next members' meeting: Thursday 3 rd May, 2018 8pm at the Bromley Court Hotel	

Approximate timings are:

8pm Chairman's introduction

8.05 String ensemble, programme will be published on our website

8.45 Refreshments

9.15 Society Business

Posts for re-election, with present holders:

Chairman	Clive Lees	Vice Chair	Linda Müller
Membership Secretary	Linda Müller	Treasurer	David Wiltshire

Post for appointment: Secretary. After many years of valuable service for which we are indebted, our existing Secretary, Beatrice Osborn is standing down. Judy Adcock has offered to fill the role in future.

We invite members to stand for election. Should you wish to stand for any of these posts please send a nomination signed by a proposer and seconder to the secretary at secretary.rvps@outlook.com by 16th February 2018.

If you have missed your road rep collecting this year's subscriptions, kindly deliver/post your £5 subs (with your name & address) to our treasurer, Dave Wiltshire, at 10 Crab Hill, BR3 5HE. Thank you sincerely.

General News

RVPS TREE FRIENDS

Nine new or replacement trees requested by RVPS tree friends in the monthly action list to Bromley Council have been planted which is very pleasing.

Group work has included more ivy removal from fences, and tidying and planting in the 'Triangle' of common land at the junction of Ravensbourne Avenue and Downs Hill. We shall be planting daffodil bulbs there this autumn.

The main project for 2018 is the planting of annuals in tree pits in Farnaby Road and Madeira Avenue. This will include seeking advice from Mark Byfield, Arboriculture Officer for Bromley Council, canvassing nearby residents and planting on 20th May.

ROADS AND TRAFFIC

Following a dramatic car accident on Farnaby Road, the police have been running speed checks and the Council plan to move the flashing speed indicator to where the accident happened. We continue to lobby the Council about excessive speed but members should feel encouraged to contact our Councillors with concerns. We still await a parking review by the Council of the parking system introduced around Ravensbourne Station. Concern that the lack of use of the pay-by-mobile spaces has increased the speed of cars on Crab Hill seems justified by a recent accident here requiring the Air Ambulance.

BECKENHAM PLACE PARK

Lewisham and Catford flood alleviation scheme and Park Regeneration Heritage Lottery Fund scheme

There have been a significant number of planning applications submitted, many of them approved. Our website summarises them and provides pointers to the details. See here:-

<http://www.rvpsbromley.org/beckenham-place-park.php>

Two of major interest are: a short-lived application to use the Mansion House as a private school; the addition of a mounded garden similar to this:



Park Amenities

The events that have taken place in the park have generally been welcomed.

Plans and ideas for this year include: a flower show; a new mountain bike trail; restoration of the pond by the Mansion House; improved signage; Open House day; park feast; musical events; improvements to sensory garden; sound walk and related app; photography competition; controls on dog-walking.

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Farnaby Road (82-194)	Kay Shaw	169 Farnaby Road, BR2 0BA
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