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RVPS Newsletter



Working with the community

Editor's Update

The newsletter issuing schedule has been a bit varied in the last year for which I take full responsibility. The intention this year is to publish four newsletters, one each quarter. The annual roundup newsletter which is printed and delivered by hand to all households in our area, will be published

in late summer or early autumn so as to give the road reps time to deliver it and collect the annual subscriptions at a convenient date. Don't forget that the society website is updated very frequently so you can get relevant news as often as you have time and inclination.

Chairman's Remarks

This newsletter includes the notice of our AGM to be held on 7th March, 2019. I am very pleased to advise you that the entertainment at the AGM will once again be supplied by musicians from St Dunstan's College, Catford. Members may recall their visit two years ago, which proved to be a resounding success and demonstrated a startling level of skill and virtuosity from a group aged between 12 and 17. We are delighted that they will be returning and strongly encourage members to come and watch.



A particularly important piece of business is to consider the resolution to change the name of the society to 'Ravensbourne Valley Residents', with an accompanying change of logo. If the name change is approved we will propose a new logo along the lines of the one shown here. This has been something that has been under consideration for some time driven by two factors. The first is that the existing name is a bit of a mouthful and the second is that the word 'Preservation' gives the strong impression that we must be looking after ancient castles. The proposed change of name deals with both these issues whilst retaining the phrase 'Ravensbourne Valley' to provide continuity.

Community Issues

Air Quality

Members will undoubtedly have heard of recent increased concerns about the poor air quality in London. Do please take every opportunity to contribute to improving the air we breathe – for example by turning off idling engines and by burning only dry wood in approved wood burners.

Snow Friends

We have had a very good response to our request to recruit new Snow Friends, who help to clear pavements for the benefit of everybody when it snows. However, with so many pavements, we would welcome more volunteers. A snow shovel and salt will be supplied, free of charge. Please contact RVPS@talktalk.net

Crime

We are aware that in December there were two burglaries in Madeira Avenue with access being obtained by breaking in at the rear. Do take the usual precautions when you leave your property unattended.

Lewisham and Catford flood alleviation scheme in Beckenham Place Park

The flood alleviation project has been suspended due to the costs being considered too high. A revised scheme may be submitted in due course.

Planning Issues

Further information and, in some cases, the history of the following applications can be found on our website by clicking on the title. Thanks go to our planning officer and webmaster for tracking the applications in our area.

NEW APPLICATIONS

[48 Farnaby Road](#) - Following the refusal of a previous application, a planning application has been made for the erection of a detached two bedroom dwelling facing Madeira Avenue on land formerly the rear garden of 48 Farnaby Road.

[Beckenham Place Park](#) - A planning application for listed building consent for internal and external refurbishment, repair and reinstatement works to the terrace of three cottages on the north side of the courtyard at The Homestead has been granted.

UPDATES

[Bromley Court Hotel](#) - The appeal against the refusal of the application to allow the driving test centre to remain at the temporary site at Bromley Court Hotel until 31 March 2019 has been allowed.

[Flat 39, Blyth Wood Park, 20 Blyth Road](#) - The appeal has been allowed against the refusal of the application for the change of use of ground and first floor from sports hall to residential, incorporating the existing residential unit in the roof space to form a single four-bedroom dwelling, new vehicular access on to Bracken Hill Lane and associated replacement fencing.

On the other hand, the appeal was dismissed against the issue of an enforcement notice for the unauthorised erection of an overheight fence, enclosure, hardstanding and unauthorised access. The enforcement notice is upheld.

[61 The Avenue](#) - The new planning application, with details of conditions submitted in relation to the application for the demolition of the house and erection of 2 two-storey detached dwellings, with accommodation in roof space has been approved.

[46 Ravensbourne Avenue](#) - The contentious application for the erection of a swimming pool/gym and 3 outbuildings (comprising storage container, storage shed and greenhouse) in the rear garden is still awaiting a decision.

[9 Bracken Hill Lane](#) - The application has been permitted for the erection of a two-storey two-bedroom dwelling house on adjacent land close to Karen Court and Blyth Road.

[50 Ashgrove Road](#) - The application for the demolition of the building and the construction of 2 two-bedroom maisonettes and 2 four-bedroom houses continues to be held up pending satisfaction of various conditions.

[10 Highland Road](#) - The planning application for the demolition of garages to the rear of 10 Highland Road and the erection of a single three-bedroom house has been permitted.

[Churchill Quarter](#) - An addendum has been issued to the planning statement relating to the demolition of 1-40 Ethelbert Close, 2 Ethelbert Road, 102-108 High Street and miscellaneous buildings to the north of Ethelbert Close, and the redevelopment of the site.

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 7th March, 2019. 8pm, Bromley Court Hotel

1.	Chairman's welcome and opening remarks	CL
2.	Entertainment—Big Band 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	MS
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 2019-20	DW
12.	Reappointment of auditor	CL
13.	Resolution to change the name of the Society to 'Ravensbourne Valley Residents' with change in logo	CL
14.	Election of Officers	CL
15.	Chairman's closing remarks	CL
16.	Next members' meeting: Thursday 2 nd May, 2019. 8pm at the Bromley Court Hotel	

CL: Clive Lees, DW: Dave Wiltshire, PO: Paul Osborne, MS: Markku Syvaniemi,

MW: Monica Wiltshire, EM: Euan McMaster, LM: Linda Müller

Election of Officers: Nominations are invited for the posts of Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and Secretary. The current Chair, Clive Lees, having served 5 years, must step down per the constitution, but may offer himself for re-election. Other post-holders will be 'rolled-over' if other nominations are not received.

Present postholders:

Chairman: Clive Lees

Vice Chair: Beatrice Osborn

Treasurer: David Wiltshire

Membership Secretary: Linda Müller

Secretary: Judy Adcock

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 23rd February, 2019.

General News

ROADS AND TRAFFIC

We are delighted to note that after persistent lobbying, Bromley Council has finally removed many tons of stones from the bottom of Elstree Hill which have been so unsightly and dangerous for at least 15 years. We are continuing to lobby Lewisham to do the same at the bottom of Hillbrow Road



We are equally pleased that after persistent complaints things seem to be moving regarding the unsatisfactory parking scheme in Crab Hill. Parking fees will soon be reduced by 50% and we hope to see improvements to, for example, yellow lines which will ease the flow of traffic, particularly in Ravensbourne Avenue.

SHORTLANDS, RAVENSBOURNE AND BROMLEY BETTER VILLAGES (SRBBV) SURVEY REPORT

You will recall that this survey took place last autumn and that RVPS members were among those participating. Many useful suggestions were collected to improve our area. The results of the survey helped to shape the bid and will be essential going forward in forming possible designs to overcome the issues highlighted. TfL will announce in February whether the bid is successful or not. The survey report can be found at the following link:

<https://share.sustrans.org.uk/share/Handlers/AnonymousDownload.ashx?folder=6060d431>

BECKENHAM PLACE PARK

Park Regeneration Heritage Lottery Fund scheme

The regeneration scheme continues apace. One of the most obvious indications is the new lake. Dredging is complete and filling is well under way. The filling and landscaping is due to be completed by May this year.



Artist's impression



As at 31st January, 2019



Play area construction nearby

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Downs Hill / Crab Hill
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