

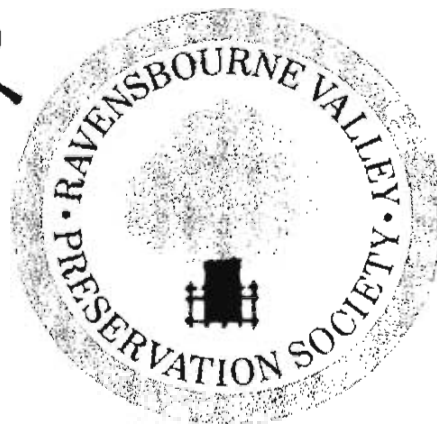
NEWSLETTER

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 3rd March

8.00pm

Bromley Court Hotel

EDITORIAL

This newsletter is to inform everyone about our forthcoming Annual General Meeting. Please make a note in your diaries and make every effort to attend. There will only 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, cannot vote.

Our guest speaker this year will be Neil Lloyd. His subject will be an illustrated talk on "A Kentish Conflict" which explains how the ruthless rivalry between two men shaped the railways of Kent. Two companies were involved in the development of the railways in Kent, the South Eastern Railway and the London, Chatham and Dover Railway. He will explain the development of their networks and the lack of links between them. That was largely due to the personal antagonism between the Chairmen of the two groups, Sir Edward Watkin and Mr. James Forbes. He also talks about later moves to deal with these difficulties. There were also problems which arose between Shortlands and Bickley where, for a while, both companies used the same section of track.

Neil Lloyd was a teacher for nearly forty years and for the last half of that time was the Deputy Headmaster of a large comprehensive school. He started to give evening talks back in 1987 and since his retirement has spent time in Europe researching further subjects for talks.

In the last Newsletter we reported that Wally Carlross had decided to stand down after 18 years as our Auditor. The first item after refreshments will be a presentation to Wally in recognition of his long and loyal service to the Society.

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 5th May - Members' Meeting 8.00pm, Bromley Court Hotel

Thursday 7th July - Members' Meeting 8.00pm, Bromley Court Hotel

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Thursday 3rd March 2011

Venue: Bromley Court Hotel

Time: 8.00pm

AGENDA

1 Chairman's welcome and opening remarks

2 Guest Speaker - Mr Neil Lloyd

Break for refreshments

3 Presentation to Wally Carloss

4 Approval of Minutes of previous AGM

5 Chairman's Report

6 Treasurer's Report

7 Planning Officers' Reports a) East
 B) West
 c) Roads & Traffic

8 Community Projects

9 Beckenham Place Park Representative's Report

10 Membership Secretary's Report

11 Determination of Subscriptions for 2011 - 2012

12 Election of Officers

13 Chairman's closing remarks

Posts for Re-election	Present Holders
Chairman	Leslie Watmore
Secretary	Tony Morton
Treasurer	Brian Sanders
Auditor	-

As mentioned in the previous Newsletter, Pura Atkinson has volunteered to fill the vacant post of Auditor. She has been proposed by Bob Skinner and seconded by Peter Pain.

All of the other present holders of office are willing 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 Chairman at least one week before the AGM. The Chairman's name and address can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.

SECURITY

On a recent Sunday one of our members was cleaning his car on the drive with the garage door open. He made a quick trip to the kitchen and on his return 2 minutes later he found two eastern Europeans examining the contents of his garage. When challenged (they could hardly speak English) they quickly left empty handed towards a white transit type van parked several houses away. Having warned about pick pockets in the town centre in the last Newsletter, it seems that some are now cruising the streets looking for easier pickings.

ROADS & TRAFFIC

After the last newsletter we received a constructive letter from Bromley's Highways Department about the Ravensbourne Avenue junction. Following the resurfacing of Ravensbourne Avenue we found that the un-used cycle lane markings had been omitted (as we had requested) but the central white line had been moved to the left making it virtually impossible for two cars to draw alongside each other and speed up the throughput at this junction. Two steps forward and one step back!

PLANNING

Cycle Path Preliminary surveys and consultation are underway to extend the new Beckenham Place Park cycle path along the unmade section of Ravensbourne Avenue. We understand it will be funded by Transport for London.

Travelodge Hotel - Blyth Road / London Road An application for signage at the hotel has been submitted. Included are 2 very large internally illuminated signs which would be very intrusive. We understand that these are to be refused by Bromley but a resubmission for smaller signs is certain.

113 Foxgrove Road The application for a lift overrun (see last Newsletter) will go to Committee early February. A refusal is recommended by the Planning Officers. If refused an appeal can be expected.

7 Calmont Road An oak tree which appeared to have a protection order was recently felled at this site. We investigated but Lewisham assured us that it was not protected. The felling of the tree allowed the owner to submit an application for a bungalow in the back garden. We have objected and await a decision.

45 Ashgrove Road Residents told us that a developer was interested in building on this land which may endanger two oaks. We arranged for Preservation Orders to be placed on them.

14 Hillbrow Road There was a risk of two protected trees at this property being felled. We gave support and advice to residents seeking to protect them.

Trees generally If anyone sees any work being done to a tree that you think might be protected because it is a good specimen or mature, depending on its location, contact the Tree Officer at either Bromley or Lewisham. The main numbers for Bromley and Lewisham are 8464 3333 and 8314 6000 respectively.

Finally - for those who are into such things -

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