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David Thompson	No. 38	Newsletter
Jane Wiseman	No. 20	
Caroline Worsley	No. 55	Committee minutes & Street party

Margaret Davies (No.39) is our tree warden.

WEBSITE. Don't forget the Barnmead Road website, maintained by Tim at No.13 (tim@crayford.net). If you want to see the website, go to <http://www.barnmead.co.uk>. It would be good to expand the content of the site. And if you would like to receive communications by e-mail, let Tim know, so that he can add you to the list.

WE NEED NEWS FOR THE NEWSLETTER. Write us with news, views or gossip - typed or handwritten to David Thompson at No.38, or by e-mail to dthomp1059@aol.com.

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NEWSLETTER

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Extraordinary General Meeting

At the EGM held last month, it was agreed that the Committee should appoint a legal representative to explore the legal status of the road with a view to establishing where we stand in terms of ownership and rights. Following this decision a representative from Project Partnership has been appointed to act on our behalf and preliminary work has begun.

Lighting up our lives

You will have noticed that all the new lights have been installed and they have even been painted black. Following a hold-up caused by the state of the old wiring, the project is now ready to go ahead into the final phase. You will already have received a notice warning that the electricity in the road may have to be turned off on

Thursday 6th May between 8.00 am in the morning and 4.00 pm in the afternoon.

EDF Energy who are doing the work have also recommended that everyone should ***keep their freezers closed and even wrapped in a blanket if possible*** and urge us to ***switch off and unplug sensitive equipment such as televisions, videos, satellite equipment, computers and fax machines.***

An Elephant Does it Quicker

Since the last Newsletter we had received a visit from a professional firm who came to give all the drains in Barnmead and Plawsfield Road a good wash out. In the past, a dedicated team of local heroes has been responsible for digging out the drains by hand, one at a time, using some of the most ingenious and imaginative tools that man could devise. As a general rule it took three men three hours of back-breaking slog to clear out one drain sump and even then not get to the very bottom of the matter. A Newsletter reporter out on location on the day of the professional visit observed a single drain being cleaned up and washed completely clear in just over seven minutes. The vehicle used with its long pipe and sucker used to be called an elephant for obvious reasons so let's look forward to a regular visit from the elephant to keep all our drains working at their best.

Dusty Business

After much discussion about the amount and quality of dust in the Road and particularly after the use of used road chippings, Joyce Roberts took the initiative and sent a sample of Barnmead Road dust to Bromley Council and asked them to get it analysed. Duncan Philips at Bromley very kindly got the job done by Kent Scientific Services and the following is a very reassuring result:-

"As expected it didn't show anything of any concern. 0.0057% (56.7 mg) of lead were found. This is exceptionally low as we typically consider less than 500 mg/kg as being uncontaminated. The sample contained 10.3% calcium and as a comparison, Portland Cement would typically contain 46% calcium. No hydro-carbons or petroleum vapours were found, although this was entirely expected as they do evaporate quickly.

So, in essence, the sample was inert and should give you no cause for concern. Of course, if there are any specific things that you are worried about and would like a re-sample then this can be done".

New Residents

A very late but very warm welcome to Rod and Merle Murdison at no. 28. They should have been included a long time ago but the wayward editor forgot - many apologies to Rod and Merle but nevertheless a warm welcome to Barnmead Road.

STREET PARTY

Don't forget that the Street party will be held this summer on Saturday 26th June and the band will be '*The Green Band*, same as last year. There will be the usual food and of course, a raffle will be held to raise money for the street. If you would like to donate a raffle prize this year then please contact Caroline Worsley at number 55. It is also hoped that there will be something arranged for the younger generation in the afternoon so let's hope for some warm summer weather for the usual barbecue and entertainments. And remember, it's not just for residents of the street, you can bring your friends and relatives as well to make the evening go with a swing.

Street Quiz

Yes - Ken Simpson has done it again! He's put together another set of mind crunching questions to tax your brains and make you merry. The quiz will be held at the Rachel Notley Centre on Friday 14th May at 7.30 pm. There will be the usual fish supper and a raffle so get your teams together now for another Barnmead Road special.

There's no time like the present

There are still a few residents who have not yet paid their Road Charge. Please remember that the quality of the road relies on your payment and support. So please, make the effort, and drop your payment in to our Treasurer, Nicola Wyllie, at no. 42.