

BARNMEAD ROAD NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2006

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The 22nd Annual General Meeting was held last Friday at Alexandra Infants' School. Our local Councillor John Getgood attended, along with a good number of residents.

Thanks were given to David Thompson and Geoff Koffman for the work they have done on the committee. They have decided to stand down this year. Four new members were elected: Sheila Grewal, Gabby Koffman, Rod Murdison and Sarwan Singh.

Caroline Worsley, the Chair, reported on the many activities and achievements of the previous year:

- regular weed control programme
- employment of a gardener
- all planters cleared and replanted
- new 1/2 barrel planters installed
- construction and planting of two new areas outside the station
- removal of two dead street trees and planting of replacements
- regular road surface maintenance
- continuation of kerbstone work
- drains cleared out

- litter rota turns now every 9 months
- improvements to Plawsfield Road entrance
- Neighbourhood Watch representation at liaison meetings
- website updated
- new letterhead designed and in use
- objection made to planning application for flats in adjoining Conservation Area
- objection made to 24 hour liquor licence at Total garage
- objection made to planning application to build four houses next to no.1 Barnmead Rd
- Barnmead Book Group running successfully
- fantastic Street Party in July using newly bought barbecues

Jim Clarke gave a slide presentation showing ideas for new signage in the road. The meeting gave the go-ahead for the installation of road name signs in the coming year and wholeheartedly supported plans for improving signage generally in future years, as funds allow.

An increase in the annual Road Charge roughly in line with inflation was agreed. The charge will be £150 due by 31st January 2007, discounted to £140 if paid by 31st December 2006. The charge for Meadside Close will be £37.50 and £34 respectively.

The road maintenance and improvements are funded almost entirely from the road charge raised, with the occasional extra donation, plus any profit from the street party and quiz nights. Paying your road charge enables us to improve the environment of Barnmead Road for the benefit of us all.

BOOK GROUP NEWS

The book group has now been running for a year. We meet every month at someone's house and discuss the book we have been reading over a glass or two of wine and choose another book.

Books read so far:

The Dice Man - Luke Rhinehart

The Queen's Fool - Philippa Gregory

Cloud Atlas - David Mitchell

The Time Traveler's Wife - Audrey Niffenegger

The Constant Gardener - John Le Carre

Love - Toni Morrison

My Sister's Keeper - Jodi Picoult

Wuthering Heights - Emily Bronte

A Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian - Marina Lewycka

Moon Dust - Andrew Smith

The Kite Runner - Khaled Hosseini

The Sea - John Banville

Next month some of the group are going to see 'The Alchemist' at the National Theatre.

New members to the book group are welcome. At the moment we are an all women group, but men are welcome too. If you are interested, contact Caroline Worsley at no.55, 020 8659 5827.

NEWSPAPER DELIVERY

Would you like to have a daily paper delivered? If 15 or more households in the road request a delivery, one of the local newsagents will arrange it.

See Pam Thompson at no.38 if you are interested in this service.

TRADE DIRECORY

Rod Murdison is still waiting for the last entries for the Trade Directory before it is printed. If you haven't yet given him your list of recommendations for plumbers, restaurants, chimney sweeps, piano tuners, etc, etc, etc, please do so asap. Jot them down on a piece of paper and drop them in to Rod at no.28.

Committee members

Fraser Beastall	no.34
Jim Clarke	no.32
Tom Davies (Vice Chair)	no.39
Sheila Grewal	no. 9
Gabby Koffman	no.30
Rod Murdison	no.28
Sue Pagliuca	no.15
Sarwan Singh	no. 9
Pam Thompson (Secretary)	no.38
John Waudby	no.16
Jane Wiseman	no.20
Caroline Worsley (Chair)	no.55

Don Morrison at no.55 is able to offer Maths tutoring for GCSE and A level.

He is also able to offer computer support.

Phone 020 8659 5827

Sarah Kelly at no.44 is willing to walk your dog for you.

Phone 020 8778 3983