

BARNMEAD ROAD NEWSLETTER SPRING 2006

Spring seems to have arrived at last and don't the planters look great! As the seasons progress and the other plants take over from the Spring bulbs, we anticipate a good show all year.

Recommended

It is planned to produce a 'Trade Directory' for our road. This would consist of names and contact details of trades people and services that we, as residents, have used and would recommend to our neighbours. This should be a useful document for everyone, but in order to produce it recommendations are needed. If you have used a plumber, builder, car hire firm etc and would like to recommend them for inclusion in the Directory, please complete the enclosed form and drop it in to Andy Coleman at no.58 or Rod Murdison at no.28.

MORE PLANTS

It is planned to make new planting areas opposite Kent House Station. These will be edged with railway sleepers to retain the soil and keep the cars off them. Volunteers are needed for a working party next Saturday morning to dig over the ground and manoeuvre the sleepers (gloves needed.) Initially the area will be planted with large Laurel bushes, but there will be lots of space that needs in-filling. It is not ideal for growing things - north facing, shaded by trees, dry soil and liable to 'urban pollution' and general commuter abuse. Plants that have been recommended for these conditions include Laurel, Yew, Skimmia, Euonymus and Christmas

Box. If you have any of these that you would like to donate to the project, or any other plants that you think might tolerate these conditions, please bring them along next Saturday morning. Any spring bulbs would also be welcome. You may have had some in a pot and be looking for a home for them. Herbaceous perennials that you are dividing or getting rid of would also help to fill up spaces. Bring them along.

REMEMBER! WORKING PARTY

9.30 am SATURDAY 29TH APRIL

BY KENT HOUSE STATION

Neighbourhood Watch

Tom Davies, no.39, and Geoff Koffman, no.30, have been liaising with other local groups to support our Neighbourhood Watch status. Do remember to report any incidents to them, so that they can keep a record. They would like to know of any incidents or crimes that are reported to the police, and also of any suspicious or worrying persons or activities. They are putting into operation a cascade system of phone calls so that residents at various locations in the road can be alerted if a situation develops.

There is a recommendation to beware of callers at the door. Always ask for identification and do not let anyone into your home if you are at all uneasy about them. Genuine callers will not mind waiting while you phone their office to check on them, or make an appointment at a suitable time, perhaps when you are not alone in the house.

Woof! Woof!

There have been several complaints lately about dogs barking. Please don't leave your dog in the garden barking and barking. Your neighbours don't enjoy listening to it or being disturbed late at night or early in the morning.

N.B. STREET PARTY DATE SAT. 1ST JULY