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Editor's Update

This is a brief newsletter intended, primarily, to publicise the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

By the next issue there should be some feed back from the various consultations described in the

December issue and some updates on our various community efforts such as tree pit maintenance and general improvements to our environment.

I hope to see many of you at the AGM.

Chairman's Remarks

This newsletter includes the notice of our AGM to be held on Thursday 5th March, 2020. I am very pleased to advise you that as our guest speaker this year, we are delighted to welcome the Chairman of Bromley Civic Society, Tony Banfield. Tony is an accomplished speaker with a wealth of fascinating information about Shortlands and his talk will undoubtedly be of great interest to anyone living in our area. Do please come along – and enjoy the outstanding environment of the Bromley Court Hotel.

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who wants to take a more active part in our society and community. In particular, if you are interested in standing for election please do get in touch.

Many of our readers already use Twitter. Used properly, it is an essential and very useful way of communicating and we now use it regularly to keep members updated. Do please follow us using our Twitter name:- @RVResidents.

Community Issues

The benefits of using a net on your recycling bins

- You will be helping to reduce street litter on refuse collection days
- They are quick and easy to fit, just tie a knot through the hole on your bin and pull over the top using the red tags
- They are robust and withstand bins being stacked and thrown around
- Bins provided by the council do not include lids anymore. Bins are provided free from the council and can be obtained from:
- Bromley: <https://www.bromley.gov.uk/RequestContainers>
- Lewisham: <https://lewisham.gov/myservices/wastercycle/your-bins/order-a-bin>
- Nets can be obtained from your local library and cost £1.20 each
- You will be making the environment a pleasant place for yourself and others

Climate Protection

Following various discussions at recent members' meetings, we have been taking a more active part in campaigning for the protection of the environment and the climate. We are a founder member of a Bromley-wide initiative, provisionally called Bromley Climate Alliance, which is committed to working with a wide range of other Bromley groups and the Council to move towards a carbon-neutral future.

In particular, the Council has recently emphasised the need for all Bromley residents to take personal responsibility for their carbon footprint, a view we would endorse. Do please think about making a personal pledge to reduce your carbon footprint this year, for example, by taking one less flight. Sign up at - <https://climatepledge.global/>



**CLIMATE
NEUTRAL**
**MEASURE
REDUCE
OFFSET NOW**

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

[70 High Street, Bromley](#)

An application has been made for demolition of existing buildings (66-70 High Street), construction of a 16 storey mixed use building to provide 582sq.m retail floorspace (Use Class A1) and 68 residential units with associated disabled car parking spaces, cycle parking and refuse storage area.

UPDATES

[87 Beckenham Lane \(retail premises in Shortlands Village\)](#)

The application for the demolition of the building and side element was refused. Numerous different previous applications were also refused. The latest refusal has been appealed.

[1 Blyth Road](#)

The application for the demolition of the existing building and construction of a new three story apartment building with accommodation within the roof space for 10 two bedroom units with associated facilities, such as parking, cycle storage and bin storage, has been refused.

[2A Downs Hill](#)

The retrospective application for the retention of the external carport was refused but the decision has been appealed. The appeal decision is still awaited.

[17 Ullswater Close](#)

The application for demolition of detached garage and erection of three storey side extension and subdivision of plot to form new 3 bedroom family dwelling with associated parking was refused but a revised application for essentially the same scheme has been submitted.



RVR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

www.ravensbournevalley.org



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Thursday 5th March 2020 at 8pm

The Bromley Court Hotel, Bromley Hill, BR1 4JD

AGENDA

1.	Chairman's welcome and opening remarks	CL
2.	Guest Speaker: - Tony Banfield, Chairman of Bromley Civic Society on 'Conserving the Historic Environment of Shortlands'	
	<i>Break for Coffee</i>	
3.	Approval of Minutes of previous AGM	CL
4.	Chairman's Report	CL
5.	Treasurer's Report	DW
11.	Determination of subscriptions for 2020-21	DW
12.	Reappointment of Auditor	CL
13.	Election of Officers: members are invited to stand for election: please contact the Secretary	CL
15.	Chairman's closing remarks	CL
16.	Next Members' meeting: Thurs. 7th May 2020, 8pm at the Bromley Court Hotel	

CL: Clive Lees, DW: Dave Wiltshire

Posts for re-election

Present post-holders, who have indicated their willingness to stand again are:

Chairman: Clive Lees

Vice-Chair: Beatrice Osborn

Treasurer: David Wiltshire

Membership Secretary: Linda Müller

Secretary: Judy Adcock

Post for reappointment

Auditor: Alan Williams

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.rvr@outlook.com by 20th February, 2020.

General News

ROADS AND TRAFFIC

Following our persistent lobbying the council has proposed changes to parking in Crab Hill, Ravensmead Road and Ravensbourne Avenue. The consultation period has now elapsed and we await a decision on what will be implemented.

SHORTLANDS, RAVENSBOURNE AND BROMLEY BETTER VILLAGES UPDATE

Public consultations are finished for the “Co-design building stage”. Traffic counts are being conducted and other data collected for modelling traffic flows to identify the strengths and weaknesses of various options.

If TFL approve the design concepts that result from this process funding will be awarded for further design. There will then be a “Concept Design” stage followed by a “Detailed Design” stage during both of which there will be further public consultation. The goal is to commence the “Implementation Stage” in Autumn 2021.

More details of what will happen during these various stages can be viewed in the RVR Twitter Thread [here](#)

BECKENHAM PLACE PARK

Events Planned at the Mansion in February

A large number of concerts, classes and exhibitions are scheduled to take place in the Mansion.

They are listed at the Beckenham Place Mansion website, [here](#).

News about events planned in the park itself can be viewed at the Beckenham Place Park website, [here](#) which also has links to other local and London-wide events.

An update on the logistics for lake usage can be viewed [here](#).



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Elstree Hill / Erin Close / Hillbrow Road
Farnaby Road (1–81)
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