



22 Beech Ride
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SPRING NEWSLETTER

Dear Member,

We extend a warm welcome to all new residents and hope that we shall have the opportunity of meeting you soon at one of our social functions

Once again, we are pleased to present you with information and activities of your Association which we hope you will find of interest. Since our Christmas Newsletter we started the New Year with a most enjoyable evening held at Mrs. Cutler's house, 18 Beech Ride. A splendid buffet was served, much wine consumed, raffle prizes presented and a cheque for £170, arising from contributions and the evening's proceeds, was donated to the Ethiopian Appeal.

I have also been asked by Mrs. Ann Raey to thank all the kind people who made her Christmas Sale such a success. The total amount raised was £167 in aid of Multiple Sclerosis Research. Many thanks to all who contributed to these events.

Before we were to enjoy the beauties of the Spring display on the Island and around the estate, which has looked particularly attractive again this year, the wintry snow almost prevented our exit on more than one morning. Thanks to the ready availability of salt and grit and the willing application by Mel Calvert and John Marsden, our passage was soon cleared.

With winter now almost a memory, it and the blossom nearly over, the grass is growing rapidly and volunteers to mow the Island will be appreciated by the Committee and all residents.

I have been asked to request members to refrain from parking overnight on service roads where at all possible, and to avoid parking on footpaths owing to the damage this is causing to the surfaces. Excessive speeding on estate roads is still a problem in some areas and members are asked to keep speeds down in the interest of safety for our children. Please also bring this to the attention of sons and daughters (and visiting friends) specially new licence holders. We wish to avoid taking any other action.

Still on the subject of highways and byways we understand that the pedestrian crossing on the Crowthorne Road near to Longdown Road is scheduled in this year's estimates and work is to commence shortly. Members will also have noted the proposed 'Options' for the Sandhurst Bypass, one of which is planned to connect the Owlsmoor spine road to the Crowthorne Road in the vicinity of Eagle House School. At the present time it is unclear how close the proposed road is planned to come to the rear of Spring Woods, but we are concerned about the affects of such a proposition. A public exhibition of the options is due to take place on 12th — 15th June inclusive, with a public consultation on the 14th June at 8 p.m., both events to be held in the Sandhurst Community Centre.

On Wednesday, 1st May, sixteen residents gathered on the train to Waterloo en route for a visit to the Houses of Parliament, and a conducted tour by our M.P. The party were greeted by Mr. Andrew MacKay at the Royal Entrance and they followed the path taken by the Queen when she opens Parliament at the beginning of each session. As our party moved through the various grand rooms Mr. MacKay gave them a most interesting description of each, explaining the functioning of Parliament and the reasons for certain long-held traditions. He likened the Lords and Commons to a pair of semi-detached houses — albeit rather large ones!

The tour was a great success and everyone agreed that it was in no small way due to Mr. McKay, whose interest and enthusiasm for the work of the Houses of Parliament was self-evident. Our thanks to Mr. McKay and the Hon. Secretary for arranging this visit.

A summer social event is being planned for mid-July which may take the form of a river trip. Please let us know if you're interested.

Property Valuations show a considerable increase during the past year with basic original houses £79-81,000. Basic original bungalows £54-62,000.

The 23rd A.G.M. will be held at Uplands School on Tuesday, 11th June, at 8 p.m.

The Agenda is as follows:

1. Minutes of A.G.M. held on 5th June, 1984.
2. Matters Arising.
3. Financial Report.
4. Chairman's Report.
5. Election of Officers and Committee.
6. Decision on Subscriptions.
7. Programme for 1985 — 1986.
8. Any Other Business.

The A.G.M. will be followed by a short talk on 'The History of Sandhurst'. Mrs. Kitty Dancy, a well known and respected resident has kindly agreed to talk to us. We look forward to seeing as many members as possible.

Once again our grateful thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Butcher, 25 Broom Acres, for printing this Newsletter.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID E. MARKBY,
Chairman.

