



**Berkhamsted  
Citizens  
Association**

# NEWSLETTER

June 1985

## Little Haven

A recent walk down beyond the Amenity Tip has revealed what a pleasant little haven the Canal Fields (and that stretch of the canal ) has become. It always was a pleasant spot but looked neglected. Now a little care and clearance has transformed the area and each year it will get better. The swings and play area seem to be very popular with children and their parents, and the initial concern that it would be the haunt of inconsiderate teenagers seems to have been unfounded. Many trees have been planted and given a chance to develop they will complete the general improvement. The "lake" and the Bulbourne on the south side of the canal are also developing into a haven for ducks, and the original clearance necessary to build the bridge is now being overtaken by Mother Nature so that the over-manicured effect is disappearing. It's all very promising - in three years it should have matured very nicely. It still looks a little bare in places, and some stones have been hacked out of the bridge lining. Attention to this detail is necessary unless we are to return to the uncared for look. For example, the wood of the bridge and ramps will need regular treatment, and the tow path under the bridge is full of holes. The banks of shrubs look a little forlorn but it is early days yet. Next autumn more planting will finish the effect. Maybe volunteer groups can plant daffodils, and other bulbs in small clumps so that the approaches to the bridge can be more colourful. It's a pleasant spot for a 25 minute walk - highly recommended. All we have to do is to remove that Tip!

## Bowling along

The other promising feature is the Bowling Green now near to completion. This is a good example of Dacorum providing needed facilities and giving us all the opportunity of using it, and running it amongst ourselves without having to rely on the Council. Details below indicate what is the current situation on the Bowling Green.

## "Public Meeting - Proposed Bowls Club

A meeting is being held at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 9th July at Gable Hall, King Edward Street, Berkhamsted, to discuss the findings of the Feasibility Committee formed at a public meeting early in the year. The Committee's brief was to establish whether it would be practical to form an independent Club using the bowling green now being constructed in Canal Fields.

It would appear that with the assistance promised by Dacorum Council and if 120 members join, that a club can be financially self-supporting and viable.

At the meeting on 9th July interested persons will be advised of the proposals for a Clubhouse and of the various facilities available. The green will have 6 bowling rinks and it is considered that the maximum membership initially will be 120 ladies and gentlemen.

People interested in joining will be able to do so at the meeting. The joining fee will be £15 and the annual fee, which will not be payable until March 1986, will be £25.

The green will not be available for playing until May 1986 and by then the Clubhouse and other work will be completed.

In order for the project to proceed it is essential to have a firm idea of the likely numbers of members and present indications are that the Club will be unable to take all the applicants who have indicated their intentions to join. So it will be first come first served.

In the unlikely event of insufficient people joining at the meeting the green will be administered as a public bowling green by the Dacorum Council. This would not have the facilities of a Clubhouse nor the opportunities to play other Clubs, Tournaments, etc. and would in that case be very sad.

So if the residents of Berkhamsted want to have their own Bowling Club, they should attend this meeting and 'join the Club'."

#### Summer Party

Twice a year, in December and June, BCA members who are often involved in the serious matters of the environment, are known to let their hair down in joining together over a glass (or two).

Our Summer Party this year is on:-

Saturday June 22nd at 7.00 p.m. at Sunnyside Church Hall. Please note the change of time - the last newsletter indicated a 6.30 start. Sorry about that! Tickets are attached, and you are cordially invited to come and enjoy what we hope is a lovely summer evening, and a chat with other members.

Sunnyside Church Hall is the winner of our Annual Environment Award, and as it is slightly off the beaten track, i.e. the High Street, it will be a useful way for many of us to have a good look round this fine new building, which is in high demand for use by many organisations and clubs. We normally have our Summer Wine on Fridays, and this year thought that the Longest Day, June 21st, would have been appropriate - but we found that it was already booked way back in March!

Look forward to meeting you there!

#### Summer Visit

This will be on Monday 8th July at 8.00 p.m. to visit and have a guided tour of St. Mary's Church, Northchurch. Our guide will be Mr. Derek Roberts. Car parking in the school playground, off New Road. There is a footpath from the rear of the car park into the church grounds.

#### Jubilee History

We hardly dare say this because of the various delays in the preparation of our 60 year history, but (cross fingers) we believe that copies will be available for sale at our Summer Party on 22nd June. The price is £1.50 for members and £1.95 to the public. These will be on sale at P.C. Birtchnells, Potters Pride (Town Hall) and Anglia Building Society.

#### Ohio Youth Choir

Following their success last year The Ohio Youth Choir are once again giving a performance in St. Peter's Church, Berkhamsted, on July 2nd at 8.00 p.m. in aid of the Cancer Research Campaign. Tickets priced at £2.00 per adult and £1.00 for under 18's are available from Mrs. U. Soole, telephone Berkhamsted 74424, Mrs. H. Briscoe, telephone Berkhamsted 2864, or at St. Peter's Church from 7.30.p.m. on July 2nd.

Berkhamsted Citizens Association

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