



**Berkhamsted  
Citizens  
Association**

# NEWSLETTER

February 1989

## The Annual General Meeting

With this month's Newsletter come the papers for the Annual General Meeting. The Chairman's Report (the account of the Association's activities over the past year) makes extremely good reading.

The Annual General Meeting is always a very popular meetings, with its mix of business, Environment Award and speaker.

New members for the main committee are very welcome. Please nominate someone you know who has a contribution to make and would enjoy working with a group of like-minded people, committed to the aims of the Association. That person may well be yourself!

The short list for the Environment Award is as follows:

Housing at Heron's End, Northchurch  
Refurbishment of the National Westminster Bank  
Cavalier Court Housing (off Chesham Road)  
Refurbishment of High Street shop (Ile de Beaute)  
Housing at Ravens Wharf (by Ravens Lane)  
Renovation of St. Peter's Church  
New hall at Berkhamsted School for Girls  
Rebuilding of the Boat Inn (Ravens Lane)  
Berkhamsted Elderly Care Unit, Gossoms End

You have time to look at each, and make up your mind, bearing in mind the following criteria;

- i) Quality of design, taking into account style, aesthetics, innovation and function
- ii) Blending or contrasting with neighbouring buildings and enhancement of immediate environment
- iii) Quality - materials, workmanship and durability
- iv Benefit to the community.

The speaker is to be Russell Craig, Hertfordshire County Conservation Officer, who will be talking about the Authorities contribution to conservation, with particular reference to Berkhamsted.

## Street Lighting

In January's Newsletter we reported our intention to make representations to the County Council requesting that our street lights are kept on all night.

Here is the encouraging reply we received:

"Dear Sir,

STREET LIGHTING - HOURS OF OPERATIONS

The current County Council policy is for street lights in residential roads in Dacorum, Three Rivers, St. Albans, East Herts and North Herts to be extinguished at midnight and switched on again at 06.45 hrs (GMT).

As all time control is adjusted automatically by a solar dial mechanism no manual adjustments are required throughout the year.

However for your information the County Council is currently reviewing this policy. There is a strong possibility that, subject to financial approval, most of the lights on part night operation may be changed to all night lighting in the coming financial year.

Yours faithfully,

N. G. Knott  
County Surveyor"

Dacorum Volunteer Bureau - could you help in Berkhamsted?

"The Berkhamsted office of the Dacorum Volunteer Bureau would be happy to talk to you about the wide variety of voluntary work in the town, both during the day and evening, and at weekends. The office is open on Tuesday mornings between 9.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. at Gable House, Prince Edward Street and the number to ring is 866051.

One of the many groups who are looking for volunteers at the moment is a new day club which opened in September at the Douglas Gardens Sheltered Unit. The club, called "Neighbours", is for the people who live at Douglas Gardens and Lagley House. There is a cross section of members, some very fit and active, some physically frail, but they all have one thing in common, they really enjoy their new club where they play cards, darts, do craftwork, exercises and have speakers.

However, we do need volunteers to help on Wednesdays between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., chatting to the members, making tea, dishing up lunches (no cooking) and clearing away. You could help weekly or fortnightly for a whole day or part of it.

If you are interested in this or any type of voluntary work, contact us now.

Diana Sell/Pippa Davies"

Litter

We were pleased to read in the Berkhamsted Review that David Sherratt praised the Association's efforts to reduce the amount of litter in the town. There are indeed many individuals who take the trouble to pick up litter and should be thanked.

The Guardians of the Countryside do an annual litter sweep of the Common. Please phone Liz Hutchinson on Berkhamsted 864440 if you are interested in contributing to that effort.

The dates of our next canal litter sweeps are:

Sunday 19th March and Sunday 2nd April. Do join us at 9.30 a.m. at the steps of the Lower Kings Road canal bridge, bringing your own rubber gloves. We provide the black sacks.

## Activities

### EASTER RAMBLE

Easter Monday (27th March)      10.30 a.m. meeting at the top of  
Cross Oak Road

(NOT the station as stated in the  
last Newsletter)

Bring the family and friends (and dogs) with you.

Citizens' Comments - the spot for your opinions, ideas and grumbles.

"Shopping in Berkhamsted on a Saturday with my handicapped son would once have been unthinkable without the car! But, oh dear - where to park? Now thanks to London County buses, it is very easy and quite enjoyable. We catch the little bus from Northchuch shops on the hour. The bus travels all round the roads and Durrants Estate before dropping us directly outside Waitrose. It can be hailed and stopped practically anywhere. I see many elderly and handicapped people using the bus which really is a great asset and help. Congratulations London County buses.

Yours faithfully,

Anne Piercy

PS, I understand the bus also travels round the Ashlyns Estate,

### ADDENDUM

Please note that Councillor J. Carter lives at 1 Ruscote, Cross Oak Road, Berkhamsted HP4 3NA.