



NEWSLETTER

FROM THE WELL HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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OCTOBER 2005

TRAFALGAR BEACON LIGHTING

The beacon will be erected on Thames Water's Reservoir site on Well Hill Lane a day or two before the beacon lighting on Friday 21st October.

Provisional schedule for the evening is:

Friday 21st October

6:45pm hot drinks and soup

7:00pm Canon Leslie Virgo will bless the beacon and lead prayers for those who have fallen to give us the freedom and way of life we now enjoy

7:15pm Beacon will be lit

7:30pm Torch lit procession to the Rock and Fountain

See noticeboards, Parish flyers and the website <http://www.whra.org.uk> for final details.

Don't forget to get your competition entries in! Deadline is noon 21st October.

KEEP OFF THE GRASS!

Residents who look after land outside the boundary of their property are being reminded by Kent County Council that it is an important part of the highway.

In some cases the land that people are tending includes 'service margins' which run alongside roads without footways. Kent Highway Services wants to make it clear that this land needs to be kept as highway for two reasons:

- It provides a sight line that allows pedestrians and other vehicles to be seen by drivers

- It may contain the cables and pipes that provide telephone, electricity, water and gas to nearby homes and which may need to be dug up in the future.

Residents who are tempted to include this as part of their garden and plant it up are being asked to think again.

Although residents are sometimes allowed to plant these areas, they should apply for a licence from Kent Highway Services. Trees, rockeries and fences are not allowed and if a utility company digs up any plants it will be down to the householder to re-plant them.

Your local Kent Highway Services office will be able to advise on the details - call 0845 8247 800.

NEW POWERS TO DEAL WITH HIGH HEDGES

Neighbours who cannot resolve their disputes over high hedges can now ask local authorities to step in, decide if the height is unreasonable and specify exactly what action must be taken, under The High Hedges (Appeals) (England) Regulations 2005/711, ISBN 0 11 0725522 TSO, £3, which came into force on 1 June (<http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2005/20050711.htm>). Explanatory notes are available at http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/em2005/uksiem_20050711_en.pdf.

<http://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/environment/1755.asp>

WARM WELCOME TO THE HILL

To

Andrew and Kim at Rivendell Well Hill Lane.
Gary at Maryleigh, Pump Lane

SADLY MISSED

Well Hill's longest resident, Fred Weedon, passed away on the night of Sunday 18th September.

Jenny Lougheed, who recently moved to Well Hill, has died suddenly whilst visiting family in Jamaica.

WHRA COMMITTEE



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ROCK & FOUNTAIN

Although the Rock & Fountain has a sign up saying it is closed, it is expected to re-open in about 2 weeks time, hopefully in time for the Trafalgar celebrations.

BROMLEY HERITAGE TALKS **October - November 2005**

The 'Bromley Heritage' talks are organised by the London Borough of Bromley and focus on natural and built heritage issues. Held in the Committee Rooms at the Civic Centre, Stockwell Close, Bromley, talks last 45-60 minutes. Please arrive at 6.45 pm for a prompt 7pm start. Admission is free and open to all.

WED 19 OCTOBER

"Bromley's Building Design Awards Scheme"

Peter Martin

Peter Martin, Head of Heritage and Urban Design asks why do we have a design awards scheme and what is good design anyway? He will look at award winning buildings, both-good and-bad,in

Bromley and elsewhere around the world. Finally he will be asking for nominations for next year's awards in 2006.

WED 02 NOVEMBER

"Proposal for Crystal Palace Park"

Robin Buckle & Roger Frith

Robin Buckle and Roger Frith of the London Development Agency will present the details of the Crystal Palace Park Framework Plan that will be the subject of public consultations from October to November 2005.

WED 16 NOVEMBER

"A new school for Bromley"

Roger Winkley & John Drewery

John Drewery and Roger Winkley of Barron and Smith, architects of the Bishop Justus school nearing completion on Bromley Common, will talk about the thinking behind the innovative and sustainable design of this important new building in Bromley.

WED 30 NOVEMBER

"Town Hall to Civic Centre"

Douglas Black

Doug Black,- Principal Conservation Officer will delve into the history of civic architecture in Bromley with particular reference to the old town halls of Penge, Beckenham, Bromley and Orpington. There will be an exhibition on the 40th Anniversary of the formation of the Borough.

These talks are organised by Heritage & Urban Design (HUD), based in Environmental & Leisure Services at the London Borough of Bromley. For more information about the work of HUD, see www.bromley.gov.uk. Please contact Gwen Exford on tel. 020 8461 7646 or by e-mail on gwen.exford@bromley.gov.uk if you wish to attend any of the talks. Please leave your name, the talk title and a daytime contact telephone number or e-mail address. This information will help us to gauge numbers or to contact you if necessary.