



**Berkhamsted  
Citizens  
Association**

# NEWSLETTER

July 1987

## A Newsletter - but still no Newsletter Writer!

Just before the BCA Committee takes a recess for August, several members have contributed to this July issue of the Newsletter. We hope you find it interesting and informative. Do please communicate your comments on the content to any member of the Committee whose names, addresses and phone numbers were in the May issue.

We should particularly like to invite you to consider whether you would enjoy putting our newsletter together. There are five issues planned for 1987/88 - September, November, February, April and July. If you would like to consider what's involved (without obligation!) please phone me, Hazel Ward, on Berkhamsted 5604.

## Planning News important to Berkhamsted

The Erostin proposals for 'The Bourne Centre' (the town centre redevelopment) have recently been, on display at the Civic Centre, Berkhamsted. There appears to have been a lot of positive thinking by those responsible for the scheme design although judgements are as always subjective when it comes to elevational proposals involving the new alongside old and familiar buildings. We should bear in mind that it has taken well over three years for a serious plan to be put forward in response to the Dacorum brief and if the centre of the town is not to be left to stagnate, we should try to be constructive.

Department of the Environment guidelines to planning authorities currently state that listed buildings should be kept in their original positions and only re-located as a last resort in preservation. Architects Lyons Sleeman and Hoare are to be commended for having conceived a scheme that features the Grade II listed barn (which is presently a part of Mcllroys premises) as an archway entrance to the proposed mall, which would give more members of the public a chance to appreciate its crafted construction.

As always, traffic and parking need special attention and we are asking Dacorum Borough Planners to give special attention not only to the longer term traffic needs of the town centre, but also in particular to the interim measures that will be necessary during construction if the development goes ahead. Perhaps phased construction or advance provision of parking spaces offer advantages. The period of construction, as with most projects, bypasses included, invariably means some inconvenience. We hope that townsfolk will take the trouble to find out the pros and cons of the proposals and make their considered views known to councillors and the Planning Authorities concerned. Dacorum Borough Council's Development Control Committee will consider the applications on 20th August.

The site adjacent to Hall Park Garage has been the subject of several planning applications recently and it does look as if dwellings will be erected on the site, which we think is a much better option than D.I.Y. retail premises.

### The Bypass

At last the Department of Transport's side roads order for the town's bypass has been published, and the BCA officers have had so much contact with the design engineers at the Eastern Regional Office at Bedford that they were kind enough to send us a set of the documents including the drawings.

One could perhaps argue that the passing of much time has led to some improvements in the scheme. The dual carriageway bypass no longer includes a roundabout at the Chesham Road junction with four new slip roads. Let us hope that a further public enquiry, that looks likely, can be carried out without too much delay.

### Litter

Here is a matter close to the hearts of many members and also of town councillors. We have carried out several litter sweeps along by the canal, and have been in touch with Dacorum Borough Council Works Department not only to gain an understanding of current litter clearance measures that they carry out but also to see how the Association can co-ordinate its activities on litter clearance.

### Berkhamsted Youth Club

Following the offer from Dacorum Borough Council of a parcel of land at Lagley Meadow for the citing of a Youth Club, the Management Committee is to engage a firm of architects to draw up plans to the outline planning stage. Fund raising is, as always, of the utmost importance and, in addition to local people, Trusts and companies who support charity youth projects are to be approached. Let's hope that this really is the beginning for the achievement of a much needed basic local facility.

### Community Adviser Scheme

The Hertfordshire County Emergency Plans Officer, Mr.D.Moses, wants to recruit more volunteers in Berkhamsted for the Community Adviser Scheme in connection with Civil Protection. An introductory meeting on 13th May at Berkhamsted Civic Centre was very poorly attended, though our representative was there amongst the few. For details, write to Mr. Moses, Emergency Plans Section, Goldings, North Road, Hertford SG14 2PY, or phone Hertford 555670.

### New Club

Age Concern Dacorum has recently launched the Sunflower Club, a club specially for the elderly mentally infirm. At present six members meet every Thursday at Sunnyside Church Hall. The club's organiser is Mrs. Sheila Clarkson. Volunteers are required to assist in various ways and training will be given. Please contact Janet Rogers at the Dacorum Volunteer Bureau, H.H. 47209, if you would like to help.

## The new Town Council

The Committee was very pleased to meet recently with a number of town and borough councillors, known and new, and to share with each other our concern to enable Berkhamsted to be a pleasing place in which to live. We trust BCA members will find the attached list of Councillors and Committees useful, and encourages you to talk to your elected representatives.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 18th October      Autumn Ramble.    10.30 a.m.    Berkhamsted Station

November      WATCH THIS SPACE

Friday 18th December      Carols and Mince Pies  
Old Hall, Berkhamsted School.    8.00 p.m.

### 1988

Friday 1st January      New Year Ramble.    10.30 a.m. at Berkhamsted  
Station

February      WATCH THIS SPACE

Wednesday 23rd March      Annual General Meeting and Environment  
Award.    8.00 p.m.    Sessions Hall

Monday 4th April      Easter Ramble.    10.30 a.m. at Berkhamsted  
Station

Friday 17th June      Summer Wine  
7 p.m.    Court House

BERKHAMSTED TOWN COUNCIL

Members of Berkhamsted Town Council elected 7th May 1987

<u>WARD</u>	<u>COUNCILLOR</u>	<u>TELEPHONE</u> <u>BERKHAMSTED</u>
Sunnyside	BENNETT, T.W. Longhays, Garden Field Lane, Berkhamsted	2522
Castle	BURLES, Mrs G.J. Windy Ridge, 6 Finch Road, Berkhamsted	2264
Castle	*COLEMAN, K.J. Kenslea House, Frithsden Copse, Potten End	6344
Sunnyside	COOK, J H.G. 21 Castle Street, Berkhamsted	6278
Shrublands	CRAWLEY, Mrs. J.V. 1 Whitewood Road, Berkhamsted	4122
Sunnyside	*GINGER, P.J. 2 School Gardens, Water End Road, Potten End	73916
Shrub lands	HILL, T.R.C. 67 Shrublands Avenue, Berkhamsted	72544
Castle	OKONSKI, P.J. Lismere House, Bank Mill Lane, Berkhamsted	4328
Shrublands	RIX, Mrs Y.B. 44 St. Mary's Avenue, Northchurch	4198
Shrublands	ROST, Mrs H, Norcott Court, Dudswell, Berkhamsted	6123
Sunnyside	SHERRATT, D. 317a High Street, Berkhamsted	5128
Sunnyside	TUCKER, Mrs F.E. Swing Gate House, Swing Gate Lane, Berkhamsted	6440
Castle	WESTBEECH, Mrs M.G. 11 Priory Court, Chesham Road, Berkhamsted	

\* Also serve on Dacorum Borough Council as representatives for Berkhamsted, together with:

CARTER, J. 1 Chalet Close, Shootersway Lane, Berkhamsted	6134
DUNBAVAND, Mrs J.A. Little Oaks, Darrs Lane, Northchurch	75250
HARNAN, F.D. 24 Cross Oak Road, Berkhamsted	5458
LEES, Mrs. 13 Hall Park Hill, Berkhamsted	3010
PEAKE, R.W. Lismere House, Bank Mill Lane, Berkhamsted	4328

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PROPOSED COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 1987/88

1. Town Planning & Development Committee:

Councillors

K.J. Coleman	)	
D. Sherratt	)	
P.J. Okonski	)	Mayor & Deputy
T.W. Bennett	)	ex officio
Mrs. M.G. Westbeech	)	
J.H.G. Cook	)	

2. Finance & General Purposes Committee:

Councillors

Mrs. J.V. Crawley	)	
D. Sherratt	)	
K.J. Coleman	)	Mayor & Deputy
J.H.G. Cook	)	ex officio
T.R .C. Kill	)	
Mrs. H. Rost	)	

3. Leisure, Recreation & Arts Committee:

Councillors

Mrs Y.B. Rix	)	
Mrs M.G. Westbeech	)	
Mrs F.E. Tucker	)	Mayor & Deputy
Mrs G.J. Burles	)	ex officio
Mrs J.V. Crawley	)	

4. Allotments Advisory Committee:

Councillors

P. Sherratt	)	
J.H.G. Cook	)	
T.R.C. Hill	)	Mayor & Deputy
Mrs F.E. Tucker	)	ex officio
Mrs H. Rost	)	

5. Road & Home Safety Advisory Committee:

Councillors

Mrs H. Rost	)	
Mrs G.J. Buries	)	
T.W. Bennett	)	Mayor & Deputy
Mrs Y.B. Rix	)	ex officio
P.J. Okonski	)	

6. Bank Mandate

Councillors	Mrs J.V, Crawley
	Mrs Y.B. Rix
	D. Sherratt
	P.J. Ginger
	Mrs F.E. Tucker