



**Berkhamsted  
Citizens  
Association**

# NEWSLETTER

July 1988.

Here is the Summer issue of the Newsletter, the last before the Committee takes a short break from meetings in August to gather strength for what lies ahead from September.

## Book of Walks

It may not seem like summer, and it may not have been ideal walking weather recently, but the BCA Book of Walks continues to sell well; in fact so well that we have ordered a reprint!

We are now thinking of producing a second volume (Book of Walks 2) in a similar format but covering a different section of the local countryside. Would anyone interested in helping with this project please contact Eric Drake on Berkhamsted 73122.

## Summer Wine

Fortunately we were Blessed with a fine sunny evening for our Summer Wine event at the British Film Institute in Kingshill Way. About 150 members took the opportunity to visit the buildings which won our 1987 Environment Award (and nobody fell foul of the rather lively automatic doors!). We are very grateful to Mr. Rex Belgrove and his colleagues for their hospitality and for the trouble they took to explain the fascinating work done at the Conservation Centre. Thanks also to Fruits of the Earth for the excellent catering.

## Canal Use - Boat Rights

Some members have been walking along the Canal recently and have queried the possible misuse of the canal and adjacent facilities by boat owners and/or hirers. We are currently trying to find out what regulations exist. If, in the meantime, you observe what you consider to be misuse, please advise the British Waterways Board. The office concerned is:

Patrol Office,  
Bulbourne Works,  
Bulbourne Telephone Tring 6127

## Noise Pollution

If you are suffering from someone else's excessive noise, you might like to know that it is sometimes possible to take action. For example, particularly loud construction activity can be restricted to defined periods during the day. If you want advice, contact:

The Principal Environmental Health Officer,  
Dacorum Borough Council,  
Civic Centre,  
Marlowes,  
Hemel Hempstead,  
Herts. Telephone Hemel Hempstead 60161

## On a Brighter Note

The Association is to apply again for up to 600 daffodil bulbs from the Hertfordshire Groundwork Trust,

Last time we planted the bulbs on the castle banks facing the railway. The conditions for planting are that the flowers should be in the public view in urban areas.

Now, members, can you suggest where we might plant the next 600 bulbs? If you can think of sites in Berkhamsted which might be appropriate, please phone a Committee members. (The list was with your May Newsletter.)

#### The new Mayor of Dacorum and 'Community Wheels'

Hazel Bassadone, the Mayor of Dacorum, has adopted 'Community Wheels' as her special charity for her year of office.

'Community Wheels' intends to raise £25,000 - with all our help

- to replace their tired old Ford Ambulance
- to obtain a 'Special Needs' bus specifically to look after the more remote rural areas
- to convert a suitable vehicle to be a Mobile Information Office
- to create a Capital Fund reserve of £5,000 as a starter for their future vehicle replacement cycle.

If you would like to know more, phone Dacorum CVS on Hemel Hempstead 53935 and Hemel Hempstead 62597.

#### So you're a Good Driver?

Of course you are. It's the driver in the other car that isn't.

If you want to be even better, the County Road Safety Unit is planning just the thing in Berkhamsted. Starting on Tuesday 13th September, for six weeks, is an Advanced Driving Course.

The theory sessions, between 7.30 and 9.30 p.m., will concentrate on driving techniques for skidding, cornering, reversing and travelling at speed. You will have the opportunity to take a 45 minute assessment drive with a trained observer, and see a demonstration drive by a police officer. All for £10.

If you are interested, phone Hertford 556090. Early application is advised.

#### Berkhamsted Youth Club

We're glad to report that the difficulty over access to the proposed new youth club building may have been resolved. The plans for the new Berkhamsted Sports complex, on the same site (Lagley Meadow) were passed by the Borough Council on June 23rd. It is proposed that the Youth Club should share the same access from Shrublands Road.

Meanwhile, the Management Committee is still hard at work raising the balance monies needed, from local and national companies and charitable organisations.

### Sports Hall - a start in early '89

At a meeting with DBC's Director of Leisure Services, Mary Pedlow, and Chairman of the Leisure Services Committee, Berkhamsted's Robert Peake, members of the BCA Town Amenities sub-committee asked for more information about the Sports Hall to be made available to the public. The plans will go forward for detailed planning approval in September, so will be on view at that stage at the Civic Centre, Berkhamsted.

### The next Newsletter

If you have an idea for the October Newsletter which would be of interest or concern to Berkhamsted Citizens' Association members, this would be most welcome. Please phone Hazel Ward on 024 029 287.

(Lastly, if you have not yet paid your BCA subscription, you will find a letter with this Newsletter especially for you.

No letter means you are a good paid-up BCA person.)

Now let's all enjoy the rest of the summer!