



**Berkhamsted
Citizens
Association**

NEWSLETTER

End May 1989

Extra Special Summer Wine

Together with your newsletter is an invitation to the BCA Summer Wine on 30th June 1989 at the Court House.

This is an annual event. You may remember last year's, held at the National Film Archive.

This year marks a special celebration. Dacorum has a new Mayor - Councillor Betty Lees. She is the first Mayor of Dacorum Borough Council since 1974 to come from Berkhamsted. In fact, it's a double first for Berkhamsted, because the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Ken Coleman, is also from our town.

They are our Special Guests at the Summer Wine, so do come and meet them and enjoy the refreshments.

We shall be serving a wine and finger buffet generously priced for us by Cynthia Wheatley of Fruits of the Earth, who catered for us last year at the Film Archive.

BCA Committee 1989/90

The main committee members elected at the AGM in March, together with those who continue for their second year, are listed on a separate sheet, attached to your newsletter. You will also see the membership of sub-committees as well as our representatives on other bodies.

We hope you will class this as information useful to you and file it accordingly. When you want to contact the committee on any issue you will have an indication of who might be most appropriate to phone or write to.

Environment Award

If you were there, at the BCA AGM. you will know that the Award went to the Elderly Care Unit at Gossoms End. We hope you will go and look at the building, if you haven't already.

Easter Monday Ramble

20 members plus one dog enjoyed our walk to Wigginton in ideal weather conditions and lunch time refreshments at the Greyhound were very welcome. It was nice to see many new faces and we look forward to meeting them again together with our familiar supporters on the Autumn Ramble in October.

At last a Borough Conservation Officer

We were pleased to hear recently of the appointment of Mr. Graham Bailey as the Dacorum Conservation Officer. Until his appointment in April, Mr. Bailey was employed in another department, so he brings with him a lot of useful background knowledge on the Borough's historic assets as well as its conservation needs. We wish him success in this challenging, newly created post, one which this Association has been pressing for over a number of years.

The Town Meeting

Many will have read accounts in the local press of this meeting which took place on April 24th in the Civic Centre. Despite it being a cold and wet evening, there was a good turnout and our Association was well represented.

Most of the current Issues of concern were given an airing, and on many, our councillors sincerely promised to do their best whilst having little in the way of executive power to influence matters.

It was surprising that so many in the audience thought that our Council could control or rather limit the amount of development in the town. Unfortunately, they have only an advisory role, Dacorum Borough Council takes all the decisions, and these have to be within the law. The law is based on the presumption to develop unless there are sound recognised reasons for a refusal.

One of the recognised criteria is that an application should conform to the District Plan. You may wish to note that Dacorum Borough Council will be issuing a draft District Plan for public consultation in the Autumn of 1989. The Association is already on the mailing list so the committee will be responding on behalf of the membership. However, individual opinions are also influential, particularly when numerous! The draft copy should be available in the library soon after the time of issue.

Berkhamsted Sports Centre

The start of the Centre was planned for May and, according to plan, work has started on the site in Lagley Meadow. It is really heartening to see progress on the leisure facility which Berkhamsted has needed for so long.

Annual Meeting with Dacorum Borough Officers and Chairs of Committees

Members of BCA main committee are soon to have their annual meeting with DBC Officers and Committee Chairmen. We will report back in the next Newsletter on the issues we talk about.

Membership

So far this year, 298 households have paid subscriptions, 44 of which are 5-year subscriptions.

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Berkhamsted Citizens' Association

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