



**Berkhamsted
Citizens
Association**

NEWSLETTER

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Sad News

Members may have seen in the local newspapers the report of the sudden death in January of Peter Holt. As well as his many other activities in the town, Peter had been a member of the Citizens Association Committee since April 1990 and, at the same time, took over as editor of the Newsletter. He was an able and enthusiastic worker in both capacities and will be sadly missed by the Association. Our thoughts are with his widow Margaret and her family.

Annual General Meeting

The Notice and the Agenda for the AGM, together with the Chairman's Report for 1990, are attached to this Newsletter. Do try to come along to the meeting, which is at 8.00 p.m. in the Sessions Hall. AGM's have a reputation for being a bit dull, but this one is different - as well as the important business part of the meeting, there will be the Environment Award (of which more below) and a short talk by Keith Hunt, the Chief Executive of Dacorum Borough Council, so this is your chance to find out how some of your Community Charge is spent! And if you have not seen the redecorated Sessions Hall and the newly refurbished parts of the Town Hall, it is worth coming to the meeting just for that. You will be able to enter either from the High Street or the car park.

Volunteers Wanted

Under the Association's Constitution, half the Committee has to retire in rotation at each AGM (but is eligible for re-election). The Chairman, Vice-chairman, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Membership Secretary are appointed annually but are also eligible for re-election. Procedures for nomination are explained in the AGM notice. The Association is always looking for enthusiastic people to get involved in it's work.

Because of Peter Holt's sad death, one particular vacancy which needs filling is the editorship of the Newsletter. This involves encouraging and co-ordinating contributions from members of the Committee and the Association on five or six occasions through the year, putting these together and adding a dash of your own personal style. If you think you might be interested, do get in touch with our Chairman, Giles Clark, for further details.

Environment Award

As was mentioned in the November Newsletter, this is the eleventh year of the award scheme. The nominations short-listed are:

Black Knight Court
Church Gates, The Wilderness
The new Post Office
The Sports Centre
14 Torrington Road
The Town Hall staircase
The Youth Club

Quite a mixed bag! You may wish to have a look at the nominations yourself to come to your own conclusions, and then come along to the AGM on 20th March to see if you agree with the choice of winners.

Future Events

The Easter Ramble The Association's rambles are becoming increasingly popular, thanks to Keith Jenkins excellent planning and choice of hostelrys for the lunch-time rest stop. The next ramble is on Easter Monday, 1st April, and starts at 10.30 a.m. from the junction of Cross Oak Road and Shootersway. Details of the route and destination will be announced nearer the time.

Spring Outing It is some time since the Association has organised a trip away from the town so we hope that members will find the visit to Benington Lordship, which has been arranged for 19th May, of interest. Benington Lordship, which is about five miles from Stevenage, is a Grade I listed castle with a 19th century folly. There are seven acres of gardens with herbaceous borders, a water garden, rockery and a lake, and also a small nursery selling some of the plants on display in the gardens. Further information will be circulated shortly.

Finally, a word from our Membership Secretary:

More members mean more funding, more volunteers and perhaps, more important, more influence. The best people to recruit new members are each one of us, the existing members. If you believe in the work we are doing, you can really help us by getting others to join the Association. If every "household" member recruited just one new "household" member, we would not only double our membership, but take the individual membership up to 2000.

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