

BVRA newsheet

FROM THE BANSTEAD VILLAGE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION – TAKING ACTION TO SUPPORT OUR VILLAGE

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BANSTEAD MAY FAYRE by Sarah Lees (May Fayre Programme Co-ordinator)



It's coming up to our grand May Fayre again. You may recall that last year's event was fantastic and a wholly combined effort from the May Queen committee, sponsors, volunteers, participating groups, the people of Banstead and of course the sun which made it the most successful May Fayre to date.

The Banstead May Fayre started in 1985 in Banstead as a small village Fayre. It has grown into a large parade along the high street, a whole community day and annual fund raiser. Money raised on the day combined with sponsorship and fund matching is donated to the May Queen's group's charity of choice. The group's colour scheme of white, pink & green represent the *tree blossoms* of the Village and the *mint*, as Banstead was once known for its mint!

You are warmly invited to join Amelie, Lauren and Sophie, your 2019 Banstead May Queen and Princesses in raising money for The Breck Foundation at this year's Banstead May Fayre.

The Fayre starts on **Saturday 4th May 2019** with a parade down Banstead High Street at 11:30am with the crowning of the May Queen and Princesses in the Orchard of All Saints Church at 12noon. The group is also in great need of new volunteers to help plan the event and run it on the day. Please email us at BVMQG.newmembers@gmail.com if you have any time to get involved and want to see this wonderful event continue for years to come. For more information about the day, please visit our website at www.bansteadmayqueen.co.uk or check out our Facebook page. We look forward to seeing you there!



Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Executive Committee extends a warm invitation to all members of the Association to the

72nd Annual General Meeting to be held at:

Banstead Preparatory School (formerly Greenacre), Sutton Lane, Banstead
on **TUESDAY 21st May** commencing at 7.30pm and concluding by 10:00pm.

Our guest speaker is **Nigel Ellis** - RBBC Greenspaces, Trees and Woodland Officer.

Please note there is free parking available in the school car park
and tea / coffee will be served from 7:00pm

Please bring this invitation with you to the meeting. See back page for agenda.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR by David Talbot



Spring is in the air.. As I write this report it seems that spring is on its way, with flowers, bushes and trees in bud. Please don't blame me if it's snowing as you are reading your copy of this magazine, just blame it on our fickle weather..!! Christmas / New Year seems a long time ago and yet I hope you all had an enjoyable time and found time to visit the splendid Christmas Spectacular put on by Michelle Cass and her colleagues at the Banstead Business Guild. Our thanks to them for a great evening.

Our village is changing too with the final stages of the Development Management Plan being presented soon. This will govern the changes in our village over the next few years and provide more housing for the growing band of people wanting to live in Banstead. Change is inevitable and our role is to shape such change to be in keeping with the nature of our village. The Development Management Plan covers the major changes in Banstead including possible changes to our lovely and much used Community Association Hall, the developments in the Horseshoe and the proposed developments at Wellesford Close. Other developments that are being considered are the re-placement of the old Priory School at the library end of the High Street with a retirement home and the developments at the old Sutton Hospital site in Belmont, some of which could have a significant impact on us.

At the maintenance level, we can report that the drainage problems outside the Victoria Chemist, which we have christened 'Lake Victoria' and which require major works to repair the broken soak away and the re-surfacing of deplorable Avenue Road are on the Surrey County Council repair list, please watch this space for future developments.

While on the subject of planning, I'm sure that you are all aware of the changes that are being proposed for Heathrow, with additional flights planned over our village.

It is with great sadness that we hear about the road accident fatality on our High Street. Our condolences to those families affected. Please take care.

On a lighter note, I am pleased to report that the plans for our village sign, championed by our own Brian Ransom, are progressing well with delivery expected later this year. Well done to Brian for all his hard work progressing this new addition to our lovely village.

For more details please checkout our website (address on front cover) and our newsheets - if you are not already a member of our organisation please join us (subscription just £3.00 per year). Our email address is shown on the front page. We would love to hear from you.

Just a quick reminder of our AGM, which is on Tuesday 21st May at Banstead Preparatory School at 7:30 - we would love to see you there.

WHEELBARROWS by David Talbot

We need your help..

We have decided to sponsor our own wheelbarrow at the library end of the High Street and we are looking for a volunteer or perhaps two to help us plant it up and maintain it.. All tools, soil and plants will be provided.. Please contact us if you are able to help - our email address is on the front cover.



PLANNING MATTERS by Catalina Vassallo-Bonner

We have had the usual crop of proposed extensions in the village which will or will not be approved by the Council's Planning officers.

Of importance to Banstead are two local developments, one on the Priory School site and the other at Wellesford Close. McCarthy and Stone have acquired the Priory site and are proposing the demolition of the school in order to build 44 one and two bedroom apartments with parking for 30 cars. Many of you will have attended the exhibition at the Day Centre on Saturday February 23rd and as a result will have an idea of the project. The other proposed development, which depends very much on the DMP consultation and the Inspector is the building of a 70 bedroom residential nursing and dementia home on the old allotment site at Wellesford Close. That would have parking for 26 cars.

We also have news, for which you have to search on the council website, of the Consultation on the Inspector's proposed amendments as a result of the Development Management Policies Inspection. Assuming that the Inspector and the Council Executive members approve the content the Consultation will run from March 6th to April 18th. After which it should be plain sailing to the members of the council ratifying it early summer. It has been a very long process. Next will come the review of the Core Strategy which was adopted in 2014. The consultation on that will not happen until 2020.

WINKWORTH WOODLAND COMMUNITY PROJECT by Brian Ransom



If you have passed the woodland at the bottom of Bolters Lane, hopefully you will have noticed the display of snowdrops, primroses and now daffodils along the Winkworth Road side of the plot. In years to come, the snowdrops should spread and form the white 'drifts' of blooms that makes them so attractive whilst the additional daffodils, planted in the verge during last autumn, have thickened up the display and we will again plant even more this year.

We have once again been awarded a supply of wildflower seeds from Kew Gardens "Grow Wild" project. This year, we aim to extend the wildflower area to run alongside the Bolters Lane pavement and make an even larger display.

Last year, most of the seed we scattered did not take in the very hot, dry weather and only the seeds potted up and grown on in our member's greenhouses survived when planted into the open corner of our patch. This year, seven volunteers will grow the seeds in pots until ready to plant. For other information visit Facebook: Winkworth Woodland Community Project.



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BANSTEAD VILLAGE IN BLOOM by Brian Ransom (BViB / BVRA co-ordinator)

Preparations for our 2019 entry into the South East in Bloom competition are underway. Reigate and Banstead Borough Council [RBBC] have planted up their High Street containers and they are looking lovely once more, as are the five wheelbarrow planters sponsored and planted by our local schools. Even the small heathers on the Zizzi roundabout are colourful right now set alongside the small narcissus planted amongst them.

This year's colour theme: PINK, PURPLE & LIME

For this year, bicycles planted with summer bedding will be placed on the Sutton Lane/Winkworth Road and Zizzi roundabouts. Another four wheelbarrows will be placed at the Library end of the village with an oversized one positioned on the Zizzi roundabout. Warren Mead School, Woodmansterne School, Sunrise Home and BVRA will sponsor the wheelbarrows. The oversized wheelbarrow will be funded by BViB as the roundabout itself is already sponsored.



To improve the War Memorial area, BViB volunteers have replanted the large flowerbed nearest the memorial and intend to place a new wheelbarrow planter beside the existing one sponsored by Banstead Preparatory School. Lastly RBBC will improve the planting in Lady Neville Park when funds are available.

Other projects: BViB and All Saints Church volunteers have been working hard on Friday mornings in the Churchyard Memorial Garden and in The Orchard, making a real difference to the appearance of our village, as have the BViB Litter Picking Group. On their Monday morning excursions, they have cleared over 252 bags of

litter from around the local roads, which is fantastic. If you would like to help with either group please email: kerry.garner@outlook.com for more information.

PLEASE HOLD THIS DATE by Marion Hayns (BViB)

Hopefully you will have noticed the regular Monday litter pick group out and about in their distinctive yellow vests emblazoned with the BViB logo and mission statement '*Working together to enhance our Community*'. As an adjunct to this we are once again holding our annual **Village Megaclean** where we get to wash down the street signs in addition to sorting out all those nooks and crannies that harbour so much detritus. Please join with us on **Saturday June 22nd (revised date)**, meeting as usual in the car park of Banstead Community Hall, Park Road at 9.30 where litter pickers, hi-viz jackets, purple bags and gloves will be made available.

Following that at 11.30 we will make our way to the Orchard area in front of All Saints Church in the High Street where Tim Vine has very kindly agreed to judge and award the prizes to the scariest 'Alien from Outer Space.' This competition, which is to form part of our BViB entry this year, involves the local brownie and beaver packs who have been set the challenge of constructing a figure from all the stuff likely (or indeed astonishingly) to have been found littering our local streets and pavements. Following this Sevenoaks Hearing, who are donating the prizes for the children have kindly offered to allow the winning Aliens to park in their shop window for the next 2 weeks. We look forward to welcoming you there!
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INFRASTRUCTURE by David Gradidge

DOUBLE YELLOW LINES



Surrey County Council in their annual review of parking is proposing to install double yellow lines on a number of Banstead roads. This review was proposed at the Local Committee meeting on March 4th (this is the joint meeting between Surrey and Reigate and Banstead Borough Council). If approved, it will go out to public consultation, and if there are not too many objections something might happen in due course.

There are maps on the Local Committee web site, but here are brief details –

- Yewlands Close. The entrance off Park Rd
- Park Road – opposite Castle House
- Commonfield Road – Two small stretches on the entrance road
- Fiddicroft Road – on the first corner by the circle
- North Acre – on the first bend some 50yds down.

None of these proposals seem to be more than 20yds or so.

ROADS AND PUBLIC FOOTPATHS

Surrey County Council have also updated and revised Operation Horizon. This details work on local roads and footpaths that are scheduled from 2019/20 onwards. Don't hold your breath on any of these as some have already been deferred and deferred again.

Roads

- A217 – Lyme Regis to Garratts Lane – 600m and Avenue Road – 165m

Public Footpaths:

- High Street – both sides – 1100m x 2 and High Street to Sandersfield Gardens – 190m
- Winkworth Rd – Brighton Road to Croydon Lane – south side – 725m??

OTHER MATTERS

We continue to pursue Surrey Highways over the ever lasting issue of Lake Victoria. We had hoped that they might be planning to create a new soak away before the end of March, but it has all gone very quiet with no new communications.



Another concern is the roundabout on Croydon Lane.



Many of you will have noticed the damage to the rustic fencing and the control boxes near the wireless mast. I am told that the three cars have gone off the road here very recently. One cause is the basic shape of the roundabout which allows traffic from Croydon to negotiate the area without slowing down. Another is the fact that traffic coming up Sutton Lane cannot see past the vegetation on the roundabout to spot who is turning towards Croydon.

FINANCES by David Gradidge

At the time of writing, the accounts are full of estimates, so what you see below, will be subject to some revision. Also, we have not finalised all the possible good causes that we might support.

At our last Committee meeting at the end of February a number of possibilities were agreed, but it is likely that some will be deferred until next financial year – 2019/2020.

- Trees in the High Street. We need to replace one on the corner of Harbourfield Road. This won't be done until September. There are also 2 stumps at the start of Park Road.
- The Village signs in Garratts Lane and Sutton Lane need repainting.
- As reported before, a number of redundant posts will be removed. Slow process.
- We have agreed to fund a new wheelbarrow in the High Street.
- We will contribute to the fund being set up for replacing and improving the Village lights.
- A contribution to the Downlands Trust. They support conservation work locally and the surrounding area.
- Provide a bench/s in a suitable location.

EXTRACT FROM THE ACCOUNTS

	2018/9	2017/8
	£	£
INCOME		
Subscriptions & Donations	5650	5806
Sundry Income		150
	<u>5650</u>	<u>5956</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Production of News Sheets	1396	1402
Less Contribution	-300	-400
Hire of rooms	143	339
Printing, postage & stationery	700	156
Web Site	141	130
Subscriptions	111	116
Insurance	80	80
Sundry expenses	100	44
Refurbishment of Village Benches	139	
Donations	1440	2910
Tree replacement Fund	750	750
Excess of Income over Expenditure	950	429
	<u>5650</u>	<u>5956</u>

BANSTEAD ORGAN AND KEYBOARD CLUB by Sue Poulter (Banstead Organ and Keyboard club).

The Club has been in existence for over twenty years, originally being called Croydon & Sutton Home Organ Club. In January 2006 the Club was renamed as the Banstead Organ & Keyboard Club when we moved to Banstead.

We are a friendly group of people who just enjoy live music. All our meetings have a top professional artist playing the latest instruments. Our shows cover every kind of music – Big Band, Jazz, Show Music, Light Classics, Pops etc and a lot, lot more all the ingredients for a highly entertaining evening in our comfortable venue, where refreshments are available in the interval.

We are always pleased to have new members join us on a yearly membership basis and of course we will be pleased to welcome visitors. We meet in the Church Institute and the first visit is free!!

ROADS STEWARDS by David Gradidge

I am not posting specific vacancies in this issue. Vacancies occur all the time so I will just detail the basic requirements.

1. To deliver the Newsletter 3 times a year in April, September and January.
2. To collect the subscriptions of £3. There is no set time for collecting. The financial year starts on April 1st. I urge people to finish collecting by the end of October.
3. Do not go round more than 3 times. The aim is 60% the first go, 30% the next and 10% for the last time.

You meet some very nice people. Ideally, the steward lives in the road and then you generally know what is going on. No problem if you don't live in the road – just a bit more of an effort. If you would like to get involved, please contact me on 01737 353981 or email dgradidge@waitrose.com.

Shirley Conacher

With much sadness, we must pass on the news that Shirley has died following some medical problems. Shirley, with her husband John, was a stalwart of the Association, a member of the Executive (until recent years) and a hardworking road steward.

Our deep condolences to John and the family.

VILLAGE SIGN by **Brian Ransom**

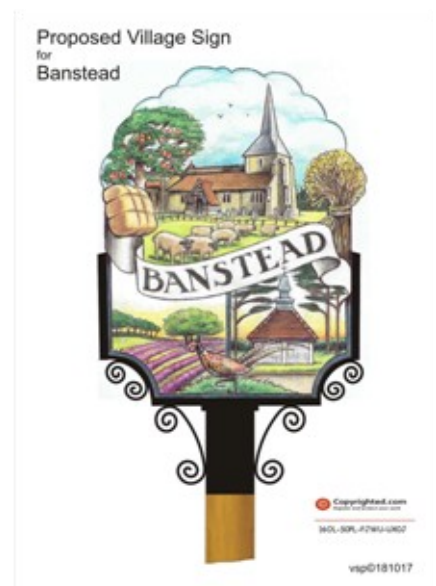
In the last newsletter there were four other village signs before ours in the queue, now there are only two. They are for the villages of Great Addington in Northamptonshire and Albury near Guildford, Surrey. The company making the signs is called the 'Village Sign People', a small company consisting of Harry and Pamela Stebbing plus Diana the artist.

A quick guide to the process of making their sign. Once the artwork is finalised, a full sized and shaped 'backboard' is made, for example ours is shaped for trees and clouds. Upon the backboard, multiple layers of clay and plaster of paris are built-up from which the artist sculpts the image in 3-D, producing the 'pattern' for casting. Once cast, the aluminium casting has to be 'fettled'. This is a process of smoothing the rough edges prior to the two coats of primer being applied. The casting is then given an undercoat before painting with enamel gloss paint. Each application of one colour has to dry and harden to prevent different colours 'bleeding' into each other or the possibility of damaging soft, previously painted areas when working on the next part. Of course the more detailed the artwork, the longer it takes, even more so with a double sided sign.

Where we are now: The pattern for Great Addington has been sent for casting and should be ready for fettling by the end of March. The

backboard for Albury's sign has already been made and work has started on building up the pattern. When the Great Addington casting is returned, Diana will concentrate on the painting and once this sign is finished, work on the pattern for Albury can be continued. When

that is completed and sent for casting, then work on our own Banstead sign can start. As you can see, the complicated process of production could mean delays with any of the Village signs and so to predict a date now for erection of the Banstead sign, could prove difficult, as it is heavily dependent on the artist's availability. The turnaround time at the foundry is also unpredictable as it is extremely busy. My personal expectation is for installation of the new Banstead Village sign to take place in late September or October. The Village Sign People have pledged to keep me informed of their progress.



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FUTURE EVENTS

Our AGM - Tuesday 21st May - AGENDA

1. Welcome by chairman David Talbot
2. Minutes of the 71st AGM - summary distributed to members at the meeting
3. Address from Nigel Ellis - Reigate and Banstead Borough Council Greenspaces, Trees and Woodland Officer, following which he is happy to answer questions from the floor.
4. Report by the chairman., including our slightly modified constitution.
5. Presentation of the accounts for the year – extract printed on page 6 of this newsheet
6. Election of Officers, Secretary, Treasurer and Independent Examiner.
7. Welcome to our local Councillors, followed by Open Forum debate
8. Any other business.

BANSTEAD ARTS FESTIVAL (27th April to 11th May 2019) by Jeff Young)

This year's Festival includes a wide range of events, full details of which will be available on Banstead Arts Festival Society's website www.bansteadarts.co.uk .

The evening concerts will be held at the Banstead Community Hall. Tickets are £15 and school pupils free. The Festival opens on 27 April with the ZRI ensemble who will be presenting the Brahms' Clarinet Quintet along with Hungarian dances, gypsy tunes and Jewish melodies. Then on the 4th May the welcome biennial visit of the Yehudi Menuhin School Orchestra, under their charismatic new Music Director Oscar Colomina i Bosch. Finally, on the 11th May, there will be the annual Young Musicians' Showcase, ticket price £10.

There will be two lunchtime concerts in All Saints' Church, High Street, presenting young musicians from the Royal College of Music – on 30th April star tenor Joel Williams and on the 7th May the Chloe Piano Trio. Admission by programme £8 on sale at the door Two coach trips on Wednesday 1st May and Thursday 9th May will explore 'Legal London', taking in Lincoln's Inn, the Old Bailey, the High Court and the Inner and Middle Temple. Poet Joshua Seigal again adjudicates our Schools Poetry Competition and as always, the participation in the Festival by other local societies will ensure a truly varied fortnight.

Box Office: Banstead Library, The Horseshoe, or www.bansteadarts.co.uk To reserve tickets: 01737 350288 or email: marionh.bafs@hotmail.co.uk

OTHER ITEMS - A selection of events around our village

Wednesday 24th April - Jacqui Arnold 'Moment in Time' - Banstead Flower Club

Monday 29th April - Musical evening with Andrew Nix - Banstead Organ and Keyboard Club

Wednesday 1st May - The Metropolitan Police Choir - U3A / BAFS

Friday 3rd May - Anthea Streeter 'Charles Rennie Macintosh' - Arts Society / BAFS

Saturday 4th May - Banstead Village May Fayre - see front page for further details.

Sunday 5th May - Sponsored Charity Walk - Rotary Club

Friday 10th May - Illustrated Talk 'Banstead at Leisure' - Banstead History Society

Saturday 25th May - Quiz Night - Banstead Rotary

Monday 10th June - Musical evening with Paul Roberts - Banstead Organ and Keyboard Club

Saturday 22nd June (please note date change) - Village Megaclean - BVIB

Sunday 30th June - Banstead History Research Group - Colin and Jean's Charity Day

Monday 8th July - Musical evening with Dirkjan Ranzijn - Banstead Organ and Keyboard Club

Saturday 13th July - Banstead Village Day - Rotary Club

Please see our website (address on front cover) for further details and other events..