

**56th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of BVRA
held on Thursday, 22nd May 2003 at 8.00 pm**

The following is a summary of the minutes of the above meeting:

1. The Chairman, Peter McLaren, welcomed members and guests to the meeting, including Borough Councillors Brian Cowle, Dr Lynn Hack and Roger Stamp, and County Councillor Angela Fraser. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Shirley Conacher and Chris Penfold.
2. The guest speaker, Mr David Lancaster, Governor of HMP Downview, gave an interesting and illuminating presentation on the management of difficult social issues associated with a women's prison. A vote of thanks to Mr Lancaster was recorded.
3. The minutes of the 55th Annual General Meeting held on 23rd May 2002, distributed to members of the meeting, were agreed and signed by the Chairman.
4. The Chairman presented a brief report on the Association's activities for the previous year 2002/2003.
5. The Treasurer's accounts, duly audited and distributed with the May 2003 News Sheet, were agreed and adopted unanimously.
6. Election of Officers (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer), Committee Members and Hon. Auditor for 2003/2004 was formally conducted by the Chairman. The following were duly proposed, seconded and elected to serve:

Hon Secretary: Mr J Nicolson;

Hon Treasurer: Mr P McLaren

Committee members: Mesdames Shirley Conacher, Sally Hull, Marjorie Reeve, Messrs Tony Ford, David Gradidge, Gerry Levy, Chris Penfold, John Quick, David Rudd, Michael Sawyer, Graham Ward and Dennis Woolmer;

Business member: Mr R Phillips

Hon Auditor: Mr Richard Bowes

7. There followed an open forum debate of local issues raised by members with our County and Borough Councillors. Among the issues discussed were:
 - Role of South East Regional Authority in strategic planning;
 - State of the Horseshoe roadway; and Winkworth Road;
 - Provision of a History Centre associated with the Library;
 - Refurbishment of The Well in Park Road;
 - Operation of CCTV in the High Street;
 - Planning developments, including Belvedere House, Victoria Public House and back garden cramming;
 - Waitrose crossing;
 - Work of the High Street Steering Group;
 - Lady Neville Recreation Ground;
 - Speeding traffic, Sutton Lane.
8. There being no further business, the Chairman thanked members for their attendance and support, and declared the meeting closed at 10.30 pm.