

## BVRG DECEMBER UPDATE

Hope you're all well and getting ready for the festive season! Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year from everybody at BVRG.

### STEERING GROUP MEMBERS

Since September, we have gained some additional steering group members and have now built up a very effective team to focus on the licensing issues amongst other things. The Steering Group consists of the following people:

Sarah Greer (Chair), Paul Watts (Treasurer), Anne Rosen (Secretary), Vicky Penner (Membership), Barry Rosen, Frank Smith, Sam Hall, Simon Foy, Frances Waite, Jon Penner, Jim O'Connor (council liaison), Richard Senior (licensing), Nick Sales (police liaison) and Kate Pritchard (licensing). We also have a number of other members helping out with distribution and events which is excellent.

### PROPOSED TELEPHONE MAST IN TRANQUIL VALE

Some of us have been written to about this by the London Borough of Lewisham. The proposal is for the installation of a 10 metre high 'telecommunications' lamp post housing 2 antenna measuring 0.75m, to provide 3G coverage on the traffic island at the junction of Tranquil Vale and Royal Parade. There will also be additional equipment and metre cabinets on this location. Many of us are unhappy with the potential health hazards since this location is within range of lots of residential properties and John Ball primary school. Visually, it will be situated in a very prominent position right by the heath.

Objections to this need to be in by Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December to Planning Service, London Borough of Lewisham, Laurence House, 1 Catford Road, London SE6 4SW or alternatively email [planning@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:planning@lewisham.gov.uk) If you are keen to object, please mention the visual issue as well as the potential health issue. It is apparently difficult for councils to turn down these mast applications on the basis of perceived health risks alone at this point in time.

### LICENSING

Much work has gone into this over the autumn. Members of our Steering Group have met with local councillors twice and also had a formal meeting with the police in November. Our Licensing team have worked very hard putting together two responses to the draft licensing documents of the London Boroughs of Lewisham and Greenwich. This involved the proposed 24hr drinking bill which is due to be introduced next year. These responses are available to members on request.

### CAVE AUSTIN

As you know, Cave Austin were applying to extend their public entertainment licence to include all of their three floors every day of the week and there was a public meeting in November to decide this. It was a partial victory for residents – some of the councillors are very supportive. Cave Austin has been granted this extension on Fridays and Saturdays on the ground floor. This is also only being granted if they double glaze the downstairs windows. The council has also made it a condition of the licence that they set up a dedicated phone for residents to be able to complain about noise and anti-social behaviour should it arise. We have asked the Council for clarification on a number of procedural points that came up at this meeting.

**BVRG BIRTHDAY PARTY** BVRG will be one year old in February!! We will be organising an evening in the village for members and tickets and details will be available in January.

We've had an excellent year in 2004 and have gone from an original membership of 8 people to over 330 local neighbours. Our main focus so far has been on late licensing and anti-social behaviour in the village. Although we are keen to get involved with other issues, we are all volunteers with limited time and resources. If there is an something you feel strongly about that we may not be covering currently, we welcome people on board to help organise campaigns.

**Thank you for all your support this year.**