



BVRG UPDATE MAY 2004

THE FIRST BVRG MEMBERS MEETING - TUESDAY MAY 18TH AT 7PM

As we mentioned in the last update, Blackheath Concert Halls have very kindly donated their Great Hall to us for our first ever full members' meeting. We would love as many of you as possible to join us on **Tuesday May 18th at 7pm**. We'll keep it as concise as we can and will be introducing you to the steering group, discussing issues that are affecting Blackheath and updating you on membership. We'll also be asking for your ideas for a summer party in the village which will be our first more sociable BVRG event. Hopefully, the Halls will be keeping the bar open for us (still to be confirmed) so we can give them some revenue in return.

O'NEILL'S HAS WITHDRAWN THEIR LATE LICENCE APPLICATION

Some of you may already know about this - Lewisham Council has written to us to confirm that the O'Neill's licence application to extend their opening hours **has been withdrawn!** It seems that well over 100 objection letters were sent to the council, many of them via BVRG. This has clearly made a huge difference which is really excellent. We suspect that the level of objection was so large, the brewery became worried that their existing hours may be examined more carefully again, so tactically withdrew from this specific application. They will almost definitely re-apply when the 24 hour licensing bill goes through in July (and when they think the residents won't notice!) so we may need to go through the same process in a few months time.

Thanks again to everybody who wrote letters - every single one made a difference.

MEMBERSHIP

BVRG now has over 140 members and is still growing! Please let us know your email address if you haven't already since it's a lot cheaper communicating with you this way and limits the money spent on printing and paper etc. We are a voluntary group relying at this point in time on donations so would like to keep costs to a minimum if possible.

PUBLICITY

Some of the shops in the village have put our poster in their windows so you may have seen our logo around the area by now. We have also produced A5 flyers that a team of people will be delivering to residential roads around Blackheath over the next few days.

The Guide magazine is also very supportive of BVRG and has promised us some more coverage / space over the next couple of months.