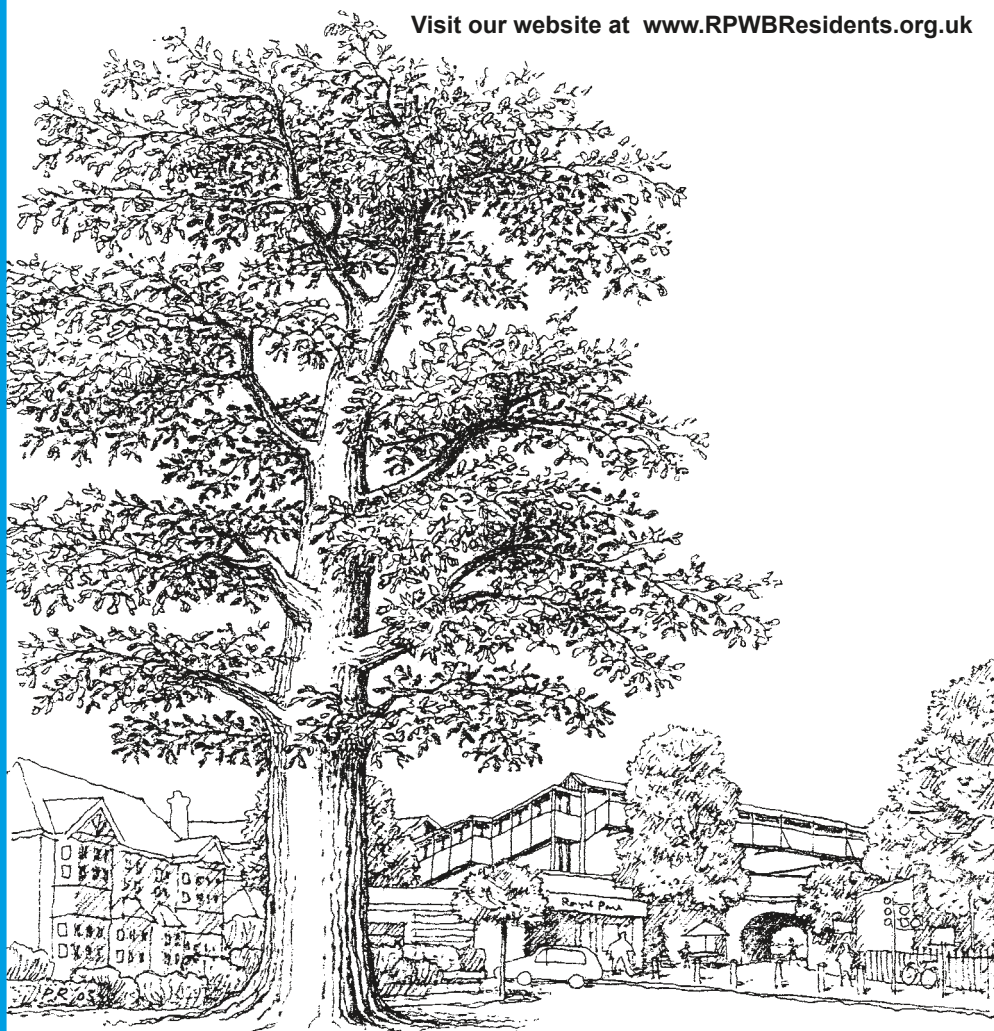


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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE ASSOCIATION 2017/2018

The recent heavy rains remind me that it was local flooding that led to the forming of the Association in 1928. We have continued ever since - even through the war years - so this year we are reaching our 90th Anniversary.

We intend to hold a dinner in celebration at Merton College, prepared by the catering students. We did this very successfully for our 75th Anniversary, and some of you were present then. It will be held in November, and we will send out invitations when we have a firm date.

We also intend to hold a summer party on the middle Saturday of Wimbledon fortnight, 7th July, as a thank you to all those who give their time and effort to keep the Association running. These are our Area-Co-Ordinators, our Road Stewards, our Committee, and the Management Group of the Residents' Pavilion. I would like to pay tribute to all these unpaid volunteers, who contribute so much to maintaining the local environment and the well-being of residents.

We will be producing a special Anniversary edition of The Guide in the Autumn. This will be in colour. We experimented with some colour in The Guide last Christmas with favourable comments. I anticipate that the Anniversary edition will contain items of interest from each of our 9 decades, as well as the usual up to the minute news.

I would like to single out for special thanks tonight for one member whose contribution has been wholly exceptional. This is Jill Truman who has been working for the Association for 50 years starting in 1968.

She has held nearly every office in that time (other than Treasurer since she claims she isn't safe looking after money) Starting with Advertisement Manager, then Association Secretary, ultimately being voted in as Chairman both before and after standing for Council. She doubled up as both Editor & advertisement Manager for a couple of years, until Dick Coleman stepped into the breach.

You may have seen from this month's Guide that she was recently in hospital with a serious condition.

I am sure Jill would also want to join me in paying public tribute to the other members of the Committee. **Clare Townsend** is our Minutes Secretary who with her husband our very exemplary Treasurer **John**, also organises our social events and much else. Together they form a double team and a joint whirlwind of energy.

As Treasurer, John Townsend manages to keep on top of a multitude of financial transactions and make them understandable. He will be presenting the accounts later in his usual enjoyable manner and I also want to thank Brian Lewis-Lavender for again auditing them.

Dick Coleman has brought huge enthusiasm to his role as Advertising Manager and has canvassed local businesses for new advertisements with great success, thus increasing the revenue that is vital if we are

to continue to produce The Guide monthly. We know of no other residents' association that so regularly communicates with its members.

This is a huge achievement by a great team of people. Andrew Barwick continues to be, as he has been for over ten years, our Distribution Manager, which is an onerous monthly task. In this he is assisted, again, by Dick, and by George Holder who looks after the postal members. They deserve an enormous thank you for their continued service. A relative newcomer to this team is Rosemary Wright, who is now assisting Andrew Barwick as our dedicated Membership Secretary.

Jerry Cuthbert is the Chair of the Residents' Pavilion Management Group and has overseen the transformation of a semi-

derelict tennis pavilion into a warm and welcoming community hall and continues to manage the bookings and lettings. It is now used on a very regular basis by a large variety of community groups, and this now increasingly contributes to the overall income of the Association. Jerry also keeps our website up to date with news and information about local matters, whilst our Webmaster Charles Briscoe-Smith, keeps our website up and running. This is now increasingly used as a point of reference for new entrants to the area, and for enquiries.

Jerry Cuthbert is also one of our representatives on the Raynes Park Association and Raynes Park Forum where he is relied on to provide very professional insight into Crossrail 2 and other environmental issues. David Freeman continues, as he has done for many years,

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to be our adviser on planning matters. He is extremely knowledgeable and advises the Secretariat and Members on the complex local planning laws which help us and them fight ill-advised planning applications; keeps us informed of applications in the pipeline and attends the planning committee when necessary to put across our point of view when we oppose a scheme. He also gives Jerry great assistance in running the Pavilion along with the Management Group who look after the grounds, non-keyholding hirers, and so on.

We have had very great help, as usual, from our local councillors, of all political persuasions, who attend our committee meetings. I won't mention any of those standing again by name tonight, given the imminence of the local elections, but they know who they are, and we thank them and wish them well. I can however, mention Mary-Jane Jeanes, who is not standing for re-election, but who has been an excellent councillor, and a very strong supporter of the Association. We hope that we can persuade her to continue to join the Committee and help us in future.

I feel I must mention two of our affiliated social activities. The Pavilion Social Club meets most Thursday afternoons and is much enjoyed by between 35 to 40 residents each week, with an overall membership of 45. They love the opportunity for social interaction, each other, and the expert and warm way in which it is run by Andrea Hannan and Jill Truman. The Pavilion Club runs coach outings that are open to non-members (this year it will be to Losely House, Eastbourne and Brighton and to the Annual Wisley Open Day, so well run up until now by Margaret Barratt, who has at last had to retire from this role. We thank her very much and wish her and her husband John all the best for the future.

I am also particularly pleased to welcome tonight Ruth Whitehead who will be speaking to us on the work of the **Paddock Horticultural Society**, which has many allotments on Cannon Hill Common. The Paddock also runs a tremendous social calendar, including regular Sunday Brunches, all delivered in a lovely friendly atmosphere.

May Fair – Saturday May 12th
St. Matthew's Church, Durham Road, SW20 0DE
11.30 – 2p.m.

Wide range of stalls with something for everyone including books, plants, home made cakes, jewellery, cards, bric a brac, toys, face painting, grand raffle, bottle tombola and fantastic refreshments.

Children's Royal Wedding Fancy Dress Parade

Join us for lunch and enjoy a glass or two of Pimms and real ale. There will be a ballet show by the pupils of West Wimbledon Dance Academy to entertain you while you enjoy the Fair.

Make a note of the date and come and join us!

At last year's summer party for the volunteers, Gordon Stratford unveiled the plaque for the flowering bird cherry tree we had planted in honour of Jan Bailey, his partner and our former Secretary. It was a moving occasion. It will be lovely to see it in bloom for the first time this year.

One highlight of our year was when 30 members were treated to an extended tour of the All England Lawn Tennis Club just before the Championships, led by the Chief Coach, Dan Bloxham, who lives in Raynes Park. We went around the show courts, and saw young people training as part of the Club's Junior Tennis Initiative, which goes to all schools in Merton. Later in the year we were also invited to their impressive ground off Grand Drive, where large numbers of pupils from a very young age were playing. Another happy event was the retirement after 45 years of unbroken service to the community of our milkman John Braden MBE. We organised a collection for him to which a huge number of people contributed, and we intend to present him with a cheque and the cards and messages after this meeting.

We had an Open Meeting in June at Blossom House School in Motspur Park, which has specialist therapeutic facilities for children with difficulties in speech and communication and were given an inspiring talk from its founder and Principal Joey Burgess OBE.

At our Open Meeting in September we had a presentation from the officers of the St Helier and Epsom Hospital Trust on the future for local hospitals and were given the assurance that no major changes would be made in the next few years, and after that not without extensive public consultation.

We have made representations on the proposed introduction of wheelie bins from next October and on the introduction of fortnightly collections, which we think is a mistake.

Additionally, we have made representations on several individual planning applications; on street cleaning; on problems with flooding; as well as on the parking restrictions in the Sir Joseph hood Memorial Playing Fields. We have kept people up to date with the latest news as to the closure of the tracks into Waterloo in August, and the plans for Crossrail 2 and Heathrow.

So, we look forward to another busy year to come!

John Elvidge

11 April 2018.

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Editor's Blog

Southern Gas Networks Replacement of Mains Pipes

At last some common sense! SGN are organising two drop-in sessions the first on **31st May from 12.30pm and 7pm at Raynes Park Library, Approach Road, SW20 8BA** and the second on **Tuesday 5th June at the Residents' Pavilion, 129 Grand Drive, from 10am to 8pm. on Tuesday 5th June**, so that residents can discuss with officials, the gas mains replacement works in Grand drive. which are to take place between 23rd July to 12th December 2018. These works will progress from **Bushey Road** to its Junction with **Westway**. SGN say "Members of the project team will be on hand to answer questions and talk through our plans in more detail. Maps and plans of our work will also be on display. We'll also be writing directly to local residents with more detail about how our work may affect them."

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Good Local Businesses

Last year, I think it was, Raynes Park Town Centre was in the running for one of London's best local high street awards, and prior to that was highly praised by the Evening Standard for its good local businesses, general buzz, and for 'bucking the trend'.

We are very lucky in our local centre. Two well-known coffee shops; two convenience stores from national retailers, and a very good Co-op. We have managed to retain our Post Office, and Raynes Park boasts a very good range of eating houses, from top-notch restaurants to reliable pub grub in a warm atmosphere.

I know we shouldn't be biased, but three of my favourites can be mentioned because they are well patronized by our 40-odd Pavilion Club members.

Lime & Thyme – delicious food, great service and lovely atmosphere.

Edward Rayne – good value for money, and again, great service and welcoming ambience.

The newest, opened only 6 months ago,

Earth to Table, is well able to face the competition. The varied menu includes Italian, Greek and Turkish dishes, organically grown vegetables and plenty of Vegan options. The food is very good, priced, and accompanied by lovely Latin American tunes from the "Best of Spanish Romantic Guitar Music".

Apart from the above, Raynes Park has many great retail and service outlets and a thriving social centre in the Methodist Church. All this is enhanced by the Raynes Park Association – an amalgam of the residents' Associations and representatives from local business, who have strived and succeeded in improving the Centre's environment, from stripping away huge and ugly advertising hoardings, to planting bulbs, and generally enhancing the street scene.

The latest project is the removal of the recycling bins in Approach Road and transforming the space they took up into an attractive green open space. As you will see elsewhere in the Guide, the RPA is also making great efforts to persuade the various Railway companies to improve the Station area and embankments. It would also be good if they could ensure that the Ladies Room on Platforms 1 and 2 is available. It seems to be permanently closed.

Holy Cross Summer Fair

Holy Cross will be holding a Summer Fair this year, rather than a Spring one as the date originally chosen turned out to be the Saturday of the Royal Wedding. Look out for details in the June Guide!

Finally, more sad farewells

We are very sorry to have to announce the sad death of John Holman at Easter, and of our Pamela Robinson, the artistic member of the Association's Committee, who designed the cover of The Guide. Pamela died peacefully on 18th April, following a short illness. She was surrounded by her family. There will be more about these two-lovely people in next month's issue.

Jill Truman



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RAYNES PARK ASSOCIATION

*Annual General Meeting
22nd March 2018*

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It has been a pleasure to serve as your Chairman for 2017, we have a great and willing team, including our Councillors, helping make sure Raynes Park continues to improve.

Thank you to all those who have helped with the clean-up days, planting bulbs, laying artificial turf, ably let by Tony Edwards; with Tony and Chris Larkman putting pressure on the Local Authority and Railway organisations to get positive change for the area; one day we will see the station south side plot of land resolved and the pavement enlarged!

Jerry Cuthbert's enthusiastic and professional work on the Cross Rail 2 sub-committee has not gone to waste, just not going to happen soon; let us hope a decision to progress the scheme is made soon and more especially that it come through and stops in Raynes Park.

We continue with the regular business breakfast in conjunction with the Merton Chamber of Commerce and our Community Fora is still the best attended in the borough; thank you to Alan Lavender for supplying the speaker system and of course our treasurer, George MacGillivray, for always being there to help lay out the chairs and organise tea and coffee at the Library.

The Christmas fair was fantastic, personally I think consolidating everything

on the Waitrose car park worked well. The Summer fair also continues to be a success. Well done to all those involved especially Tom Underwood, David Hurst and Nick Coke.

Chris Edge
March 2018



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RAYNES PARK STATION

MEETING

26th March 2018

In attendance

Stephen Hammond MP for Wimbledon, (Chair)

Dean Pettitt (Project Support Manager South West Rail)

Aeneas Tole (Senior Public Affairs Manager (Wessex) Network Rail)

David Castlo (Route Asset Manager – Buildings and Civils. Network Rail)

Nicholas Holloway (Crossrail 2 – Network Rail)

Chris Larkman (Raynes Park Association (RPA) Secretary)

Tony Edwards (RPA Vice Chair)

Chris Larkman outlined past discussions regarding rail and station improvements in Raynes Park. These were set within the Raynes Park Enhancement Plan. The Raynes Park Association is a local group consisting of residents' associations, businesses and other local organisations whose purpose is to work for the improvement of the town centre. The Association works closely with Merton Council.

For the past ten years, Wimbledon MP Stephen Hammond, has chaired meetings that looked at issues relating specifically to Raynes Park Station. These meetings have included representatives from NR and from SWT and now SWR.

Chris Larkman drew attention to the fact that Raynes Park exists because of the railway; and that because the railway is on a high embankment, it is very much

the visible focal point of the town.

Tony Edwards noted that the removal of hoardings and other works in Raynes Park, and the past commitment by NR to participating in environmental improvements (as seen in the site photographs of works co-ordinated by NR). However, Chris said that there have been difficulties in communications between ourselves and NR.

The Embankments

Until last year the NR representative was Paula Williams. Whilst she was helpful in many ways - and initially managed to get the embankment project moving - it was often felt that she was unable to do more because she appeared to lack authority in the organisation.

Communication had deteriorated since Kirsty Scott took over her responsibilities. Aeneas Tole apologised for previous

issues and confirmed NR wants to return to a good relationship with the RPA. He will arrange for Chris Larkman to have a dedicated point of contact with the authority to investigate issues internally and follow up on requests (including those of litter and vegetation).

Chris Larkman used the example of the embankments to illustrate the problems we have had. Paula Williams managed to get some funding for them to be terraced and planted with shrubs and bushes and contracted a company called 'New Leaf' to manage the embankments four times a year. Unfortunately, after the initial work the contract failed, and, despite our best efforts, NR did not reinstate the service. It was confirmed by Aeneas Tole that planting on the embankments will be investigated and works that can be carried out by the RPA advised.

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Station Entrance

Tony Edwards & Chris Larkman highlighted the station entrance. From Lambton Road, the station entrance looks a mess. Whilst SWT decorated and painted their area of the station, the main entrance area, the footbridge and the wooden fence in front of platform 1 badly need attention. The Association pointed out that such work should not be expensive. It was noted that the Association is prepared to try and obtain local sponsorship for some of this work if this was necessary.

David Castlo advised that NR had volunteer days which might offer some possibility for carrying out work to the wooden fence near platform 1 but it is not something that can be done at short notice. 12 weeks or more is likely to secure a temporary closure of the railway line.

Stephen Hammond questioned whether the footbridge work is in the CP 6 plan. David Castlo advised it is not included in the Wessex route plans for NR's CP6 funding period, as the station is on the proposed Crossrail 2 route. He explained that NR, as a publicly funded body, cannot spend up to 500k on a short-term measure which could be changed by Crossrail 2.

There is other safety-critical work NR must prioritise spending on.

Crossrail 2

Messrs Castlo and Holloway noted that Crossrail 2 would radically alter the Raynes Park station. It was confirmed that the business case for CR2 was under review and full discussion on more detailed proposals may not occur until next year. Mr. Holloway noted

that currently there is no published safeguarding zone, and there is a lot of conflicting development being proposed. This was making development planning difficult.

Rainbow Estate

It was confirmed that there was no safeguarding area identified for the Rainbow Estate. Chris Larkman raised the issue of the proposed kiss ad ride to the south side of the station.

Aeneas Tole and David Castlo asked questions during the meeting about Rainbow Estate planning consent.

NR undertook to investigate any work relating to this or ownership of the houses at the entrance which formed part of the access proposal. Mr. Castlo understood that there would be no intention to upgrade the station in the meantime, as major station amendments were proposed in the light of Crossrail 2 proceeding.

The south side area was inspected after the meeting and drawings showing the proposed adjustment of the public pavement were provided to NR for further information. Aneaeas confirmed (as per their letter to Chris Larkman of February 2018) that NR is working with the London Borough of Merton to transfer land to the authority. However, NR requires a permissive path agreement to take back the land should it be required for the construction of Crossrail 2.

Tony Edwards offered to supply further information in digital form to meeting members if this was helpful.

Chris Larkman



Housing Supply and Changes to Planning Guidance

I would like to draw readers' attention to the speech by the Prime Minister on 6th March regarding the "housing crises" and the provision of "affordable housing". The Government is concerned about both the shortage and cost of housing. It appears that developers are permitted to aim for a "suitable return" (i.e. profit) of 20% but often claim that they cannot achieve this AND at the same time deliver the proportion of social subsidised housing - either for sale or rent - which Councils want.

The Government is suggesting that the 'viability assessment' (through which developers can submit that they can only achieve a 20% profit on a scheme by reducing the proportion of social housing required by Councils) should be made public except in exceptional circumstances. Also, there is a proposal to urge developers to aim for a profit margin of about 6% when building social housing with the aim that this would guarantee an 'end-sale' at a known value. It appears that the Government is

keen to increase housing supply by encouraging developers to build more blocks of flats and convert and build on top of existing shops and offices provided that the final scheme is not higher than buildings in the immediate vicinity. In short to build upwards.

The 'permitted development' provisions (which originated in 2013 and currently extend to 2019) may also be amended to permit 'upwards extensions provided the extension is "consistent with the prevailing height and form of neighbouring properties". The Mayor of London (the Greater London Authority) is currently consulting on revisions to the London Plan (the GLA Planning Guidance document). One of the recommendations is that **London Councils should seek an "affordable" housing contribution of at least 35% but for large schemes, e.g. on former industrial sites, they should aim for a 50% contribution.** Such a high figure would probably meet with strong opposition by developers who would argue that they could not make a reasonable profit AND provide half the housing for 'social' needs.

David Freeman

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GRAND DRIVE CLOSED TO NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC DURING 2018

3rd April - mid-May 2018

23rd July – mid-December 2018

As you will know by now, to enable replacement of gas mains, by SGN (formerly Southern Gas Networks), Grand Drive will be closed completely to north-bound traffic in stages, starting on 3rd April 2018 and lasting until December 2018. Unfortunately, despite promises to the contrary, SGN failed to notify us of the details before we went to press for the April issue of the Guide, and we were only able to put the information up on our website before the works started.

For the sake of clarity, we publish the details below.

Section 1 – Northern end, from Bushey Road to the railway bridge in Raynes Park: will be Closed completely from 3 April to mid-May 2018.

Section 2 – From Meadowview Road northwards to Bushey Road: **Open for southbound traffic only** from 23 July to October 2018.

Section 3 – From Meadowview Road southwards to St Catherine's Close: **Open for southbound traffic only** from 23 July to December 2018.

Thus, Grand Drive will be closed to northbound traffic along its length (over one or more of the above three

sections) from 3 April to mid-May and then again from 23 July to December 2018.

[We are told that there will be diversions in operation for northbound traffic but where and when these will be has not been made clear.]

Obviously, this will continue to cause major traffic disruption in our area for most of the next nine months and the 163 bus route will have to be diverted.

Jerry Cuthbert

26th March 2018

[also see Editor's Blog]



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Paddock Horticultural Society

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On Saturday 10th March, for the reasonable cost of £7.50 per person, John and I joined forty members of the Paddock Horticultural Society in Heath Drive for an evening of fun, quizzes, raffles and food.

Beforehand, when we booked our places, we could choose fish and chips, chicken and chips or veggie rolls - and chips. We were advised to bring our own drinks which we all, very conscientiously, did.

The event was organised by local artist Cynthia Hatcher and master of ceremonies David Hatcher. We were all arranged in tables of eight and began the evening with a practice paper containing, of course, the obligatory non-solvable question which perplexed us all.

We, the participants, were an eclectic mix of keen competitors and laid-back socialisers but we all combined with our table companions to do our best. The questions involved general knowledge, anagrams and some cryptic clues. The sociable arrangement of the tables ensured that each group had people with different experiences, skills and knowledge. At one stage our own group even received a prize, a fun

sized bag of skittles per person! Then it was time for food. As usual, the marvellous volunteers ensured that it arrived piping hot from Kingfish and was as delicious as ever. We could choose strawberry or vanilla ice-cream for dessert.

Afterwards, David hosted the raffle, thereby boosting the Paddock funds, before it was time to clear up after another brilliant event at the allotments. Cynthia and David thanked us all for coming – but our gratitude is due to them for a friendly, well-organised evening.

Do come along to the AGM where you will hear all about the Paddock, its history, development and current activities, from Ruth Whitehead. You might discover that you have a desire to grow your own vegetables or perhaps to join as a garden member and join in the activities.

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June

Wednesday 13th - **OPEN MEETING 7.30pm**

Blossom House

Saturday 30th - A Summer Celebration

July

Tuesday 10th - Committee 8.00pm Pavilion

August

NO MEETING

September

Tuesday 11th - **OPEN MEETING 7.30pm Pavilion**

October

Tuesday 9th - Committee 8.00pm Pavilion

90th Anniversary Dinner TBC

November

Tuesday 13th - Committee 8.00pm Pavilion

December

Saturday 15th - **Volunteers' Party 7.15pm Pavilion**

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RAYNES PARK AFTERNOON TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

"Leading women forward"

In May the Raynes Park Townswomen's Guild ladies are continuing their usual pattern of lunches, visits, social events and monthly meeting. This will be held at St Saviour's Church Hall from 1.30 pm on Thursday, 17th May. The speaker will be Lyn Chalcroft, whose talk is entitled "Dem dry bones". The sales table will be 'Good as New'.

Planning for the 85th birthday of the Raynes Park Guild in June is now in full swing. Our Guild is one of the oldest in the Townswomen's Guild movement.

We are also planning our summer outing to the south coast, this year (see next column).

As previously this outing is open to all Residents Ass, Rendezvous Club, Pavilion Club, Friends, Relatives and local couples who would like to join us. Hope to hear from you.

Dorothy Raymond 020 8395 9489

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INTERESTED?

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(The old Raynes Park Residents'
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