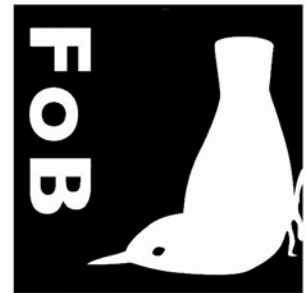


Newsletter

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**FRIENDS OF
BERENGRAVE**

Annual Subscriptions

At our AGM, on Tuesday 5 June, the membership voted to increase our annual subscriptions from £1.00 to £5.00 per person per annum. This may seem an excessive leap, but ...

- No other similar organisation in the Medway area has a membership fee as low as was ours.
- During our two years of existence, our administrative costs have been partially offset by a £150.00 start-up donation from a local Masonic lodge.
- Last year the council paid for our insurance. This cannot be guaranteed in the future. The cost of this insurance alone is nearly twice our income from membership fees.
- In addition to the insurance, membership fees have to cover such things as envelopes, postage, printer ink cartridges, printer paper and card, affiliation fee to MUP&GSF, and, when our LHI grant runs out, printing, photocopying and consumables for our display system.

I think you will agree that there is no way we can continue with a £1.00 membership fee. I do hope that this increase will not put you off continuing your FoB membership. If you have not already paid, please either send your £5.00 cheque to the FoB Treasurer at 45 Chalky Bank Road, ME8 7NP, or if your area is covered by one of our Reps., please pay when they call on you.

AGM 2007

Approximately 30% of members attended. This was a very good turnout for an organisation of our type. The existing committee was unanimously re-elected.

Chairman

Brian Baker
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Pat Clare
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Rep. for Macklands Estate

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Copies of the Chairman's, Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read. The Treasurer also provided an independently checked copy of our accounts. This was unanimously accepted by the members present.

Copies of the three reports and the balance sheet will be sent to all members with the minutes of the meeting.

Riverside Event

The 'Countryside Experience', will be held on Sunday 1st July. We will need **volunteers** to help with the stand. If you would like to help, please let me know on Tel: 01634 233014. The event will be open to the public from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm, but some volunteers will be needed from about 09:00 to help erect the gazebo & stand.

Memorial plaque

At last we've got the plaque from Gravesham Council. It is our intention that it will be

displayed to the public, for the first time in many years, on our stand at the Riverside 'Countryside Experience'.

Escorted Walks

Don't forget the two escorted walks on **Sunday 24th June**, one at **10:00** and one at **15:00**. Both will leave from the entrance in Berengrave Lane, just below the junction with Chalky Bank Road, and are expected to last about 2 hours. Anyone interested in attending, just turn up on the day. Don't be late, as I will leave on time.

Vandalism update

The three vandalised notice boards have not been forgotten. An insurance claim has been submitted, but the council are awaiting permission from the insurers to go ahead with the repairs.

Chairman
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