

BROMLEY PARISH CHURCH
ST PETER & ST PAUL

ANNUAL REPORT OF ST PAUL'S HOUSE
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2004

The Committee met with the occupants of St Paul's House every three months during the past year, usually followed by a meeting on their own. The Committee members are :-

Sheila Davis	Chairman
Don Mackenzie	Treasurer
Gillian Million	Secretary
Ralph Skelton	Maintenance Manager

The year 2004 was disheartening from a Management point of view. Following approval by the Parochial Church Council to let the downstairs suites to SLAM (South London and Maudsley NHS Trust) for use by BAIS (Bromley Advice and Information Service), there was long wait to hear if planning permission would be given.

No maintenance work or improvements could be carried out on the building and site which deteriorated over the months. Arrangements were made to clear rubbish from the site and for the garden to be cleared of fallen leaves and debris. Car parking became a nightmare for sub-tenants and hirers of the car park spaces as continual unauthorised parking took place. Sub-tenants' business signs were ripped down by vandals.

On a happier note, once planning approval was given for SLAM to rent the downstairs suites for 3 years in the first instance, plans were made for improvements to the building and site by SLAM and BPC, as Landlord, with work to start at the beginning of 2005. The work had to be prioritised into immediate, 3 year and 15 year needs.

The Management Committee and also the sub-tenants, who had certainly had a difficult time, began to feel more optimistic. Thanks were due to the co-operation of the sub-tenants in keeping the building running as well as possible.

Another downside of the continued vacancy of the downstairs suites was the loss of income for the project account due to lower rental monies received. However, it was expected that the payment of rent would be back-dated by SLAM once the contract was in place.

2005 will be a much better year for St Paul's House.

Gillian Million
Secretary