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BEWARE - BURGLARIES TO STEAL CAR KEYS

Please be aware that there have been some burglaries around the borough mainly overnight, to take car keys, and then stealing the cars off the drives.

This is NOT a crime wave, but something which has happened on and off for some time now, and has been happening recently again.

The message is remind residents NOT to leave their car keys in their hall, or handbags in view of the front door, to put these things away, and to ensure that UPVC doors are double locked, as they can be opened by putting an implement through the letterbox and lowering the door handle.

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Crime type	Crime count	Crime rate
Total notifiable offences	96	6.75
Residential burglary	3	0.21
Burglary other	12	0.84
Theft of motor vehicle	2	0.14
Theft from motor vehicle	20	1.41
Robbery business	1	0.07
Robbery personal	2	0.14
Violence against the person	15	1.05
Most serious violence	1	0.07
Anti-social behaviour	54	3.80

Area	June	July	August
Copers Cope	61	90	96
Bromley	1832	1871	1881
MPS	70992	71840	67995

Nearby wards

Ward 	Crime count	Crime rate
Bellingham	128	9.38
Bromley Town	230	15.86
Clock House	74	4.70
Copers Cope	96	6.75
Downham	123	8.59
Kelsey and Eden Park	103	6.98
Penge and Cator	147	8.81
Shortlands	24	2.58

Source: <http://www.met.police.uk/teams/bromley/coperscope/index.php>

BEWARE - VIRUS PHONE SCAM FROM INDIA

Virus phone scam being run from call centres in India. The scam always starts the same way: the phone rings at someone's home, and the caller - usually with an Indian accent - asks for the householder, quoting their name and address before saying "I'm calling for Microsoft. We've had a report from your internet service provider of serious virus problems from your computer."

Dire forecasts are made that, if the problem is not solved, the computer will become unusable.

The puzzled owner is then directed to their computer, and asked to open a program called "Windows Event Viewer". Its contents are, to the average user, worrying: they look like a long list of errors, some labelled "critical". "Yes, that's it," says the caller. "Now let me guide you through the steps to fixing it."

The computer owner is directed to a website and told to download a program that hands over remote control of the computer, and the caller "installs" various "fixes" for the problem. And then it's time to pay a fee: £185 for a "subscription" to the "preventative service".

The only catch: there was never anything wrong with the computer, the caller is not working for Microsoft or the internet service provider, and the owner has given a complete stranger access to every piece of data on their machine.



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The proposals to change the shape of the Beckenham Parliamentary constituency, on which the Boundary Commission is now seeking public comment, mainly restore it to the shape it had before the last set of changes - a shape that gave the Conservative Col. Bob Stewart well over half the total vote.

The proposals would restore to Beckenham the wards of Clock House, Penge & Cator, and Crystal Palace, and take away leafy Keston & Hayes, Coney Hall and Bromley Common, which would become part of Bromley & Chislehurst constituency.

Copers Cope ward, Kelsey & Eden Park, West Wickham and Shortlands remain part of the Beckenham seat as before, and constitute about 58% of its total electorate. Overall, the constituency will be more as it was when held by the previous M.P. Jacque Lait.

It is, perhaps, the classic middle class constituency as shown by the 2001 Census figures: the population of 81,653 then was 93% white, 81% owner-occupier, 74% Christian, and 52% female and among its 16 to 74 year olds, only 19% had no qualifications compared with 25% graduates.

Some of those figures will, of course, have changed in the past decade, and the proposed constituency will be less homogeneous, but it is doubtful that the proposals will give Col. Stewart any sleepless nights.

If you have any comments, they can be e-mailed to London@BcommEngland.x.gsi.gov.uk or posted to the Boundary Commission for England, 38 Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BQ.

75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS ON BECKENHAM GREEN

On Sunday 11 September, the Copers Cope Area Residents' Association celebrated 75 years by hosting a Fun Day for the Beckenham towns folk. As well as a mini-funfair there were also a number of very interesting and entertaining acts on the open-air stage.



This included an energetic and varied Boxing demonstration and Boot Camp training routine performed by Bodyfit, a dance theme performed by infants and juniors titled "Under the Sea" (hugely engaging) followed by senior dancers from the same Indelible Studios based at Citygate and run by Melanie Berry, a very talented dancer in her own right. Last, but by no means least, a medley of songs from the musical "Secrets", performed by newly qualified graduates of KSA Performing Arts, who base themselves at Beckenham Halls, and truly excelled in the versatility of their song and dance. All of this was interspersed with big band and other period music of the 1930's.

Despite the uncertain weather forecast the bad weather held off until the early evening, fortunately after most of the clearing up had been completed. The event was jointly organised by CCARA and Beckenham Town Centre Manager Nicola Musto.

We thank all of those who visited us at our stall. It was a great opportunity to talk to our existing members and to welcome new members.

Many of the traders in town donated generously to the event. We thank you for your support. In return we hope Beckenham residents continue to support our local traders.

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In November Bromley Council will be holding their annual public meetings entitled '**Tough choices - we want your views**' where Councillors and senior council officers will talk and listen to local residents and businesses about the difficult decisions that need to be made as we set the budget for 2012-13.

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Linking the Localism Bill and the Draft National Planning Policy Framework

Far-reaching and significant changes have been introduced in the town and country planning process by virtue of the combined effect of the Localism Bill and the Draft National Planning Policy Framework document. Whilst the initial period for public consultation in both cases has expired, continuing developments and consultations are expected. As an example, the Department of Communities and Local Government recently published a consultation related to the Framework on possible Neighbourhood Planning Regulations, closing on 5 January 2012.

The Localism Bill is a massive piece of proposed legislation dealing with five principal areas of interlinked policy themes, only one of which is planning - the others being local government, housing, community empowerment and the special position of London. The Third Reading of the Bill in the House of Lords was scheduled to take place on 31 October 2011.

The proposed Planning Framework was not available for inspection until after the Localism Bill had passed House of Commons scrutiny, which led to the provisions in the Bill being passed to the Lords surviving practically unscathed.

The Lords deliberations and proposals have reflected some of the public disquiet caused by the publication of the Draft Framework document and when the amended document is passed back to the Commons it will be within a very different political climate where further amendments linking the two packages of planning legislation and planning policy will doubtless be implemented.

It is expected that the process leading to enactment of the Bill will now be extended beyond the timescale originally allocated, as discussion continues between the two Chambers until a final version is agreed for Royal Assent and implementation.

The clear policy objective of Government embodied in both documents to shift the balance of power away from central government to local authorities and to local communities, to give the people more say in what goes on in their community and reduce delays and bureaucracy within the planning process remains undiluted but the proposed changes are complex and the provisions are difficult for local communities to navigate, let alone completely understand. Once the associated Regulations are added to the Localism Act the complexity is likely to increase.

It is to be hoped, therefore, that the forthcoming Residents' Association Planning Seminar organised by the Town Planning Department of the Borough of Bromley to be held on 12 November 2012 (to be attended by CCARA representatives) will give greater insight into the extent to which top-down planning is to be abandoned and what mechanisms empowering local interest groups such as our own will be introduced within the new planning regime locally.

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A BASTION OF OUR ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES 90

Local residents who have recently joined the CCARA may be unaware that Colin Watts, a former Chairman and long-standing member of the Executive, celebrated his 90th year. During a short break in Fun Day entertainment, our Chairman, David Ververs, took to the stage with a short address in recognition of the hours and hours of his time that Colin has in the past given to the community. These were David's words:

"We are delighted to see you here to join in our Fun Day. May I now ask you please to welcome our Guest of Honour, the CCARA's President, Colin Watts.

The CCARA was founded in 1936 and today we are celebrating the Association's 75th Birthday. Colin has been a member for many decades and is here now for our special anniversary. In a few days time Colin will have his own special day -he will be celebrating his 90th Birthday. So we would like to take this opportunity to give him a small gift in recognition of his many years of dedication to the CCARA and its objectives.

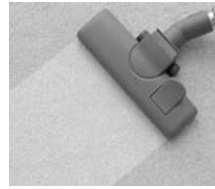
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Then we all sang Happy Birthday to You.



**All contributions no matter how big or small,
on any topic would be greatly appreciated.**

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NEW CASES AND UPDATES ON EARLIER APPLICATIONS

194 Bromley Road:

An application in 2007 to demolish the rather dilapidated existing building, originally the Coach House to the former Oaklands Manor House, was strongly resisted by near neighbours with the support of one of our Ward Councillors. The proposal was refused and an appeal against this decision dismissed in December 2007. A subsequent application that had taken account of the Inspector's comments on the design quality of the scheme and failure to take the opportunities for improving the character and quality of the area was approved by an LBB Plans Committee in 2008. The building on the site was demolished about a year following the consent and more recently some work started on the permitted scheme. Various applications earlier this year for amendments to this consent have not succeeded but a more recent request that appears to take account of comments from local residents was permitted at Plans Committee on 27th October.

Site of 84-86 Overbury Avenue:

An application was recorded for a part two/three storey block to comprise two and three bedroom flats with vehicular access onto Stanley Avenue and Overbury Avenue, 13 parking spaces, detached car ports, storage, etc. These are amendments to a permitted scheme from 2007 allowing a detached two-storey four-bed house with integral garage and a part two/three storey terrace comprising 2 five bedroom and 4 four bedroom houses with associated access and parking. This revised application was considered by a Plans Committee on 13th October and consent was refused for the reasons of size and bulk, constituting cramped over development detrimental to the character of the area.

Land Rear of 86-94 High Street:

It was reported in the July Express that an application was lodged on 30th March for an extension of time for implementation of consent granted on appeal in 2004 (despite considerable opposition from local residents and strong objection by the CCARA) for a 3/4 storey block of 39 flats with 32 parking spaces. It now appears that this request for the time extension is still pending decision. In May the developer held a consultation exercise at the Beckenham Halls with a view to a revised application to reconfigure the site. Many people visited the exhibition on the day and in general there were comments that a revised layout might be more acceptable. A fresh application was lodged in early July and is now being considered by the Council. A number of local and not so local residents have raised objections but the CCARA has taken the view that, as there is an extant appeal consent, there is little doubt that development of some kind will take place, so changes to create a more open appearance might be considered the lesser of two evils.

R/O 80 High Street:

Consent was given in July 2010 to an application by the Diocese of Rochester for reinstatement of the building extensively fire-damaged in 2008. Then in September 2010 plans submitted with a Building Regulations application indicated that the works proposed would involve an increase in height and alterations to the elevational appearance and therefore that these changes would require planning permission. An amended plan sent more recently to the LBB showed the increase by four courses of bricks to the height of walls to eaves level prior to reconstruction of the roof. A complaint that work was already in progress, followed by a site visit early in September 2011 led to consideration as to whether it was expedient for the Council to take enforcement action. The agent for the owner was reminded that planning consent was required and was invited to submit an application. Works on site were suspended, the retrospective application was received by the Council on 20th October and the matter was therefore discussed again at a Plans Committee on 13th October. The new application will be considered in due course by a future Plans Committee but it was decided to retain the authority to serve an enforcement notice if works recommenced meanwhile.

Land rear of 91-117 Copers Cope Road:

As previously reported this is The Old Nursery where consent was given after the LBB refused the application, then contested the Inspector's decision to uphold the appeal but lost the case in the High Court. A later application that would have made it unnecessary to demolish houses on the road frontage was refused for reasons of access and pedestrian and vehicle safety. A further revised application for some reconfiguration of the site was approved at a Council Plans Committee on 9th June. The most recent application for variation of conditions related to replacement of the same number but of different trees from those that had been stipulated in the original proposal and this amendment also was approved on 18th October.

The Beckenham Kent County Cricket Ground, Worsley Bridge Road:

Following the report in the July Express on the application for development to provide better facilities for the club on this site, Sport England, as a statutory consultee, has raised a number of concerns based on their Playing Fields Policy. Apparently these concerns relate mainly to the area north of the car park that has previously been used as a junior football pitch and also to the all-weather pitch which would be re-sited within the grounds as a result of this proposed development. Whilst this organisation has no specific policy on enabling development, their letter to the LBB Case Officer states that there is scope to consider such proposals only where the benefits to sport significantly outweigh the detriment caused by loss of an existing playing field and where there is no permanent displacement of existing sport. Sport England have therefore requested a great deal of further information (much of which was given in the Design and Access Statement sent to the Council with the planning application) and meanwhile have submitted a holding objection on grounds of insufficient information.

CCARA'S CONCERNS ABOUT THE NEW PROPOSED PLANNING REGIME - LETTER TO SECRETARY OF STATE



In early October Copers Cope Area Residents' Association took the opportunity of writing to the Secretary of State, Department for Communities and Local Government, the Rt Hon Eric Pickles MP, drawing his attention to its concerns over the contents of the Draft National Planning Policy Framework document. A copy of the letter can be found on the CCARA website under the Planning heading.

The contents of the Draft, comprising less than 60 pages as a replacement for up to a 1000 pages of planning policy, hit a national nerve leading to over 10,000 responses received by Government within the 12-week consultation period, which ended on 17 October 2011.

Campaigns from the National Trust, Campaign to Protect Rural England and the Daily Telegraph (amongst many others) raised the profile of the subject matter with concerns that the proposed new planning regime could give developers a right to build.

Our own Council was concerned with the relative brevity of the document and the risk of ambiguity in interpretation and conflict between sections. Furthermore, there was no reference to the London Plan in the Draft, which is an important layer in the planning process within the London boroughs.

Following the closure of the consultation period Government has already clarified some of the major criticisms, restating the priority to be given to "brownfield" over "greenfield" sites in both urban and rural areas and adding to the document a definition of "sustainable development" which was missing. The new Draft will come under further scrutiny over the coming weeks.



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BROMLEY INTRODUCES FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS FROM ALL FLATS ACROSS THE BOROUGH



Some while ago Bromley Council started to collect food waste for recycling but at first only from individual houses. Since the spring of this year maisonettes have had this opportunity also and, with the final phase running from 17th October, the scheme is now rolled out to every household in the borough.

We were informed that the process had been “trialled extensively” but attempts to find out the specific locations suggest that the claim refers only to the trials prior to initial collections from houses not from flats. Seemingly very little thought had been given to methodology for applying the system where up to 200 households may be living within one estate! We should congratulate the Waste Manager who devised a programme to deliver thousands upon thousands of caddies and a huge number of brown wheelie bins within a period of less than two weeks. However, it is a pity that the two letters and a leaflet sent out to advise flat dwellers of this new service did not give consistent information and that general advice on the LBB website gives little idea as to how this may relate to blocks, particularly large blocks, of flats.



Firstly, a word of warning on Caddies. Some open plan flat dwellers may not be happy to keep food waste in their kitchens until the compostable liner bag has been filled and they have been known to re-site the caddy to the landing outside their front door. This is probably not a good idea; reasons of health and safety, and sometimes also the lease to the flat, usually preclude the storage of “objects” in communal areas.

Next come Brown Wheelie Bins. The “Collecting Your Kitchen Waste” Step 3 in the leaflet tells us to put the compostable bag in the food waste wheelie bin. What we are not told here is that the brown wheelies must be kept in the same place or very near to collection points for plastic bottles, cans and glass and for the paper and cardboard.

The reason for this is that the same contractors who collect these items for recycling on alternate weeks will be the same as those who now collect food waste from the same site on a weekly basis. This may be fine where existing recycling storage units still have space for additional bins. But on the introduction of recycling collections several years ago some estates built housings in dimensions that accorded with advice from LBB waste collection management as to the maximum number of Eurobins they must be able to accommodate and assurances that food waste collections would never be introduced for flats in Bromley. So that does now leave some in a bit of a quandary!



The next problem is cleaning the brown wheelies: the type delivered to blocks of flats is not the same as those provided to individual householders - these lids cannot be opened by residents. Environmental Services seem to be of a view that there will be no seepage from compostable bags and therefore bins will not need to be washed out - after just two weeks some of us would beg to differ!

Thirdly, there is serious lack of clarity over Low Grade Plastics. These include yoghurt pots, spread containers, ice cream tubs and food trays that are not recyclable but can be sent for incineration and turned into electricity. The two letters sent to flat dwellers to announce the introduction of food waste recycling stated that all plastics can now be put into green-lidded wheelie bins. We have elsewhere been assured that individual householders who have a green box collection can recycle these items because the contents of green boxes are sorted. However it is very unclear that this sorting arrangement will definitely apply also to blocks of flats provided with 660 or 1100 Eurobins to collect recyclable glass, paper, etc.

The Council's green leaflet advises that you can choose to put low grade plastics in the landfill waste bins. So unless you are able to get a pretty cast-iron guarantee from the LBB that your glass and plastics Eurobins will be emptied when they contain all grades of plastic recycling, you may find it advisable to put low grade plastics in refuse bins and not in recycling bins.

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Should LBB recycling contractors deem your recycling bins to be contaminated, you are strongly advised to seek agreement with the Council that these bins will then be emptied by the (landfill waste) refuse collectors and you should not be charged. Waste collection is an element in council tax; do you really want to pay twice?

Most of us are keen to be environmentally friendly and at the same time we have no wish for large amounts of our Council Tax to be wasted on landfill tax for so-called refuse that could be recycled. However, the impact of widening an existing scheme to cover a wide range of different circumstances needed some thought and plain common sense seems to have got lost in the rush to implement necessary budget cuts.

ZIZZI’S HAS A BOWIE MAKEOVER



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ST PAUL'S CHURCH, BRACKLEY ROAD



Dear Neighbours,

My name is Revd Vince Short, Vicar of St Paul's Church. I am writing to introduce myself to those of you who have not yet met me and also to highlight some of the Community and Church activities we have going on.

The new Bishop of Rochester, The Rt Revd James Langstaff, made me Vicar of St Paul's at a special service back in January.

Following our move to Beckenham from Istead Rise, near Gravesend, my wife, Veronica, and I have settled very quickly to life in Beckenham. We have appreciated the warm welcome and community spirit both in the local neighbourhood and the Church.

Having learnt a little about the important work of the CCARA from the website, may I also invite you to visit www.stpaulbeckenham.org.uk & www.the4oclock.co.uk where you can find more information about our activities. I look forward to meeting many of you in years to come.

Yours sincerely,

Revd Vince Short

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Christmas Day

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