

Newsletter **Copers Cope Area Residents' Association** 

March 2013

## **AGM & OPEN MEETING**

THURSDAY 28 MARCH 2013, 8.00 pm Beckenham Public Hall,

Bromley Road, Beckenham

#### **FUTURE OF BECKENHAM BEACON**

Guest Speakers from Bromley Clinical Commissioning Group to address residents on their plans for the Beacon

The Annual General Meeting of the Copers Cope Area Residents' Association from 8pm to 8.30pm. Bromley Commissioning Group from 8.30pm to 9.30pm. Residents will also have an opportunity to address our councillors and MP.

Please do come and join us from 7.45pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Founded in 1936 to protect and promote the local interests of residents of central and northern Beckenham

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#### **BECKENHAM BEACON - FUTURE PLANS**

Beckenham Beacon

As many will have heard the South London Healthcare Trust (SLHT) went into administration. One of the proposals the NHS Trust Special Administrator (TSA) has recommended is that the SLHT terminate its lease at the Beckenham Beacon and thus stop providing services at the Beacon.

Currently the NHS Bromley Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) pays the SLHT to provide services at the Beacon. When SHLT pull out Bromley CCG will need to commission care from another provider. The TSA recommend the SLHT hand over the Beacon to Bromley CCG on 1 June 2013 (and the Secretary of State for Health advises it must be done by 1 October 2013 at the latest).

The 1<sup>st</sup> of June will soon be upon and as yet Bromley CCG has issued no formal plans for the Beacon. They have advised that they still want to have GP and practice nurse services, access to a service dealing with minor injuries, and a range of outpatient and diagnostic services and tests such as blood tests and X-rays, delivered at Beckenham Beacon. They are also looking at options around other primary and community care services.

We understand they are in negotiation with Kings College London to provide services at the Beacon, and that Kings College also want to enhance services at the Beacon. (Note: another of the TSA's recommendations is that Kings College London take over Princess Royal University Hospital, this is expected to happen some time between June and October.)

Naturally residents are concerned that the services provided at the Beacon will change. We may get some new services, however there are worries that key services currently provided at the Beacon may move, perhaps to Princess Royal Hospital Farnborough or even Kings College London. To address this and give residents the opportunity to have their say we have invited Bromley CCG to speak at our open meeting on 28 March 2013 (8pm Beckenham Public Halls). We hope the following will be covered.

- Update on negotiations with Kings College London.
- Confirmation of specific services that will remain at the Beacon.
- Future improvements/opportunities for the Beacon that have been confirmed or are being explored. (Note previously the CCG advised Intermediate Care Beds being provided could be considered).

We encourage all Beckenham residents to attend this meeting, you do not have to be a member of our Association.

Further information can be found as follows:

- TSA recommendations: www.tsa.nhs.uk
- Secretary of State for Health decision regarding report: www.dh.gov.uk/health/2013/01/slht-decision/
- Bromley CCG: www.selondon.nhs.uk/your\_local\_nhs/bromley/local\_clinical\_commissioning\_committee

#### PLANNING AND LICENSING UPDATE

#### Stables Green / Rear of 86-94 High Street

APPLICATION TO REGISTER LAND AS A TOWN OR VILLAGE GREEN

As previously reported planning permission was given for construction of 3 blocks of 4 storey flats on the site, however, local residents backing on to the site formed Central Beckenham Residents' Association and lodged an application for the site to be designated a 'Town Green' (which would supersede the planning permission). Unfortunately the application was not successful, the public enquiry in regard to the Town Green Application did not support a town green and thus Bromley Council declined to register land as a town or village green so the development will go ahead.

### APPLICATION TO CHANGE THE USE OF THE SITE ABOVE TO 100% HOUSING ASSOCIATION STOCK

The original development proposal was to provide 15 affordable housing units (35% of the site), the remainder were for private sale. However the developers have now applied to Bromley Council to change the use of the site above to 100% housing association stock (i.e. 'council housing'). There is local opposition to this change of mix in the housing.

Residents wishing to object can do so in writing or email to Bromley Council at:

Kerry O'Driscoll Housing Dept London Borough of Bromley Civic Centre Bromley BR1 3UH

Email: kerry.o'driscoll@bromley.gov.uk

You must ensure that you quote the planning reference (PINS Ref. APP/G5180/A/11/2167690) and provide your full name and address including your post code. Failure to provide these details will mean your comments will not be not accepted.

#### Sainsbury's applies for licence to open 24 hours

Beckenham Sainsbury's has made an application to open 24 hours, including selling alcohol every day from 6am till midnight). We will update you on the outcome of the application.

#### Odeon Beckenham granted licence to sell alcohol

Objections to granting the Odeon cinema an alcohol licence were raised by residents, police and a Copers Cope Councillor. The licence has been granted and the Odeon may sell alcohol between noon and 10pm.





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#### LOCAL MARKET FOR BECKENHAM?

A Local Produce & Craft Market is being planned for The Green on Saturday 18th May. As its name implies, this will have stallholders who's wares have been predominantly grown or produced in Kent - fruit, vegetables, meat, crafts, skills... Morris Dancers... and who knows what else! Make sure this new venture receives your full support and perhaps Beckenham could benefit from regular markets making local produce and crafts available at reasonable prices.

Let us know if you have a favourite farm shop, producer or crafts people that you think should be at the Market on The Green. (Email to: chairman@coperscope.org.uk or write to: 1 River Grove Park, Beckenham BR3 1HU).

#### WHAT'S NEW ON THE HIGH STREET

Since the last edition the following are new to our High Street.

#### Aldo's Coffee & Sandwich Bar



Aldo's is new to the High Street... well, the sign is! Maria's has gone - but rest assured, Maria is still there. It's a new name, new colour, and new menu, but the same excellent food and wonderful warm welcome.

#### **Basil Restaurant**



Following the success of its sister restaurant in Bromley, Basil has come to Beckenham.

Located in the Old Police Station, Basil offers specialty pizzas and calzones, finest steak, meats and burger on their vast menu including salads, seafood and pasta. There is also live music and a large choice of champagnes, cocktails, wines and beers.

#### Deli Nene



Deli Nene is more than a child friendly coffee bar and delicatessen - it's designed with young children in mind.

There's a fun, colourful children's area stuffed with toys and books to keep your little ones entertained while you grab a bite or just a coffee. While the back section is the perfect place for the family treat, the front of the deli is a calm haven, serving organic coffee, delicious cakes, and wholesome lunches. You can take treats home too, from their Deli Shop.



#### Sapore Vero



A new wood fired pizza experience at 78 High Street.

The pizzeria "Sapore Vero" - Italian for "real flavour" - has been named to reflect the aim of its proud manager, Guiseppe... to provide "real flavour" in every single pizza served. Look out for the attention grabbing giant flame that marks it out at night.

#### Coming Soon.... A Hotel on the High Street after 60 years

The former Beckenham Constitutional Club at 80 High Street (above the Big Breakfast café) closed in 2009, this historic building is currently undergoing conversion to soon offer the first hotel in Beckenham High Street for nearly 60 years. Bromley Council Planning unanimously voted in favour of this project that should stimulate the local economy and offer a valuable service.

The venture is to be called BB-Beckenham Hotel-Apartments (www.bb-beckenham.com) offering 15 high-quality rooms, all with ensuite, TV, Wifi, tea point and fridge. Initially it will be on a half-board basis, with breakfast offered to the guests downstairs in the Big Breakfast café. It is planned to be open for business around Easter time.

#### BECKENHAM GEMS BECKENHAM TOYS, 226 HIGH STREET



Many longstanding residents of Beckenham, now middle-aged or in their latter years of life, will have a vivid memory of being taken as a child to the local toy shop on the High Street. For most of us the excitement was watching its working Hornby

train set in the window even when the shop was closed, all you needed to do was insert a (pre-decimal) penny in the slot at the side and off the model train would go on its track through a papier mâché landscape. On two floors inside was a vast Aladdin's cave of toys.

It is good to know that Beckenham Toys still remains part of the High Street, still has lots of toys for sale (even to an adult eye the shop looks large and well-stocked) and still has a Hornby train set in the window, which you can now watch working free of charge!

Beckenham has a fine tradition of independent shops, as the recent Town Centre project has shown. There has been a Toy Shop in the same place on the High Street for over 70 years, originally owned by Hamleys but is now a family run business. The present owners of 3 ½ years, Gary and Emma Crawford, aim to offer an extensive range of top quality toys at competitive prices and, of course, a high level of personal customer service. For instance they run a Christmas Savings Club which helps spread the cost of Christmas toy purchases and a new Ecommerce website is currently under development and is due to launch in April. This will enable customers to buy online and then either request delivery or our click and collect service.



The photograph at the top is from 1965, with the shop on the far right; note the stacks of boxes and board games in the upper windows.

The photograph to the left shows inside the shop today.

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#### Bromley Trading Standards Rapid Response Team Phone: 07903 852090

The term 'Rogue Trader' or 'Cowboy Builder' is used to describe criminals who target homeowners. They make fraudulent and untruthful statements and carry out shoddy work with the intention of obtaining as much money as they can. The people involved in this type of crime are plausible, convincing and organised. Our experience shows they favour the vulnerable members of the community, particularly the elderly, frail and lonely.

Typically, these rogue callers will arrive unannounced and point out work that they say is needed at a resident's home. This includes gardening, driveway, roofing and building work.

By law, traders have to provide customers with a written document which sets out their right to change their mind to a written or verbal contract. Rogue traders rarely give out this information.

Not only does Bromley Trading Standards work very closely with the Police and Safer Neighbourhood Teams, they also have regular meetings with banks and post offices throughout the borough. Often a confused or frightened victim is driven to the bank by the rogue trader to withdraw large cash sums for payment, Bank and Post Office staff are encouraged to contact the Trading Standards emergency number if they have suspicions over a withdrawal.

Bromley Trading Standards have produced a sticker to put in your door to warn doorstep callers to leave. You should find a sticker inside this edition of The Express. Trading Standards Rapid Response Team operate an emergency number, this should be used if you, a friend or

## neighbour are in need of urgent help concerning a cold caller. Trading Standards Rapid Response Team 07903 852090

Another lucrative activity for fraudsters involves targeting vulnerable people by SCAM MAIL or SCAM CALL. Letters being sent to people promising that they have won large sums of money in a prize draw, often based abroad. If these letters arrive at your home then BEWARE as they are simply trying to tempt the receiver into sending their personal bank details or sometimes a cheque to claim the so called (non-existent) "winnings". If a person responds to a letter their name is sold on to similar fraudsters who will then target the consumer with further scam mail.

If someone you know or are looking after replies or tries to claim the 'winnings' fraudsters will tempt the person to send more money to claim the non existing prize! The scam may then escalate to them receiving telephone calls. These are very professional sounding but only have one object in mind which is to obtain more money! You should <u>never</u> reply to these letters or phone calls or be tempted to send off money or bank details. If someone you are caring for or you know has replied to scam mail, please call Trading Standards on 020 8461 7709.

A comprehensive booklet on scams written in conjunction with the Metropolitan Police is available from Trading Standards, please call Jonathan Gurr on 020 8461 7709 for a copy.

#### Common and recent scams:

- Calls being made to people from fraudsters pretending to be from well known computer companies such as Microsoft. The caller tries to pretend there is a problem with the person's computer and persuades them to enter a program to remove a virus! This is again a CON as there is often no problem with the computer but instead the caller is now able to download financial information from the person's computer. In some cases they persuade the person to then pay large sums of money varying from £90 £180 on their credit card for the non existing repair!
- A letter from a so called Far Eastern bank suggesting there are millions of pounds left intestate by a person who died many

years ago who has the same surname. To claim the money, personal bank details are requested in order to transfer these funds into your account. Again this is one huge scam!

 Letters with the promise of financial rebate from Government organisations such as The Inland Revenue. Such scams clone a reputable internet site and attempt to persuade the person receiving the message to download their bank details with the promise the rebate will be sent to their bank account! Always remember that any large financial body such as a bank or the Inland Revenue will never contact anyone by email or text requesting financial information!

As a final message, please remember, if the promise seems too good to be true it certainly is!

#### Trading standards contact details

Email: trading.standards@bromley.gov.uk

• Telephone: 020 8313 4830

Fax: 020 8313 4450

Address: Civic Centre, Stockwell Close, Bromley, BR1 3UH

Rapid Response: 07903 852090

#### REPORT ISSUES TO BROMLEY COUNCIL ONLINE



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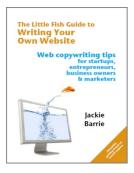
### BECKENHAM TOWN CENTRE WORKING GROUP AND TRANSPORT FOR LONDON BID FOR FUNDS

As you may have heard the bid submitted by Bromley Council and their appointed design consultants (East) for funds from Transport for London's (TfL) Local Implementation Plan Major Schemes programme has been unsuccessful. Beckenham will not be awarded any funding for major town centre improvements. We understand TfL liked the design and it will be resubmitted in 2014/15 when the Bromley North Scheme currently being funded by TfL is finished (as there were so many bids this time TfL felt it could not award funds to Beckenham as Bromley Borough already had some funds for Bromley North). TfL did award some funds to realign the junction at Southend Road/Rectory Road/Albemarle Road/High Street.

There is, however, £200,000 available to make capital improvements to the High Street. Items under consideration include installing two new Town Signs at the War Memorial and crossroads of High Street and Manor Road that match the one on The Green, improving the signage to significant places such as the trains, trams, parks, shops, library and cinema, installing Wayfinder boards carrying clear maps of the area, and replacing the dilapidated litter bins.

#### LOCAL BECKENHAM AUTHORS

Louise Swatton, a teaching assistant from Beckenham has published a book of poetry and sonnets after being inspired by literature lessons she attended at work (Darrick Wood School). Her book Totally Exposed is stocked at Beckenham Bookshop in the High Street.



Local author Jackie Barrie has recently published her third book of business tips for small businesses and startups. 'The Little Fish Guide to Writing Your Own Website' is out now in Kindle and ebook for an introductory price of £1.49, and in traditional print on Amazon for £9.99. Her first two books in the series covered marketing and networking, and both reached top 10 in Amazon's marketing category. For more information, please see www.comms-plus.co.uk.



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#### CRIMES IN COPERS COPE WARD



#### Total notifiable offences January 2013

Crime type	Crime count
Total notifiable offences	78
Residential burglary	8
Burglary other	7
Theft of motor vehicle	4
Theft from motor vehicle	8
Robbery business	1
Robbery personal	2
Violence against the	15
Most serious violence	2
Anti-social behaviour	43

#### Nearby wards Aug 2012

Ward	Crime count
Bellingham	104
Bromley Town	190
Clock House	59
Copers Cope	78
Downham	107
Kelsey and Eden Park	101
Penge and Cator	135
Shortlands	21

#### Last three months trend

Area	November	December	January
Copers Cope	99	64	78
Bromley	1813	1637	1710
MPS	67235	62479	63219

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

#### COPERS COPE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS DROP-IN

Why not go along and meet your local Safer Neighbourhoods Team in their drop-in surgery at the Police Office, Albemarle Road, Beckenham on Monday 25 March 2013 at 7pm.

#### ADVICE FROM YOUR SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD PANEL



Beckenham continues to have a low crime rate, but it's always worth taking extra care. For instance, a number of garages, especially those tucked out

of sight at the back of blocks, have recently been broken into. As a preventative measure there are several makes of 'Garage Defenders' you could install, or at least do get your garage contents security marked using UV pens, SmartWater or Selector DNA. The warning 'property marked' signs that come with these products act as good deterrents.

When you're shopping make sure your wallet is out of sight and your bag is held securely. Don't hang it on the trolley - you may think you're only looking away for a moment to reach for something or peer at a price, but you're distracted for longer than you think and your handbag could be gone when you turn back.

Over the coming weeks, your local police team has been asked to prioritise burglaries, both residential and non-residential, making extra patrols of the alleyways and accesses to garages, and robberies from individuals, especially in the High Street area.

Let us know if you have any particular priority for the local police team and we will put it forward at the next meeting of the SNP. Email us at chairman@coperscope.org.uk or write to CCARA Suggestions, 1 River Grove Park, Beckenham BR3 1HU.







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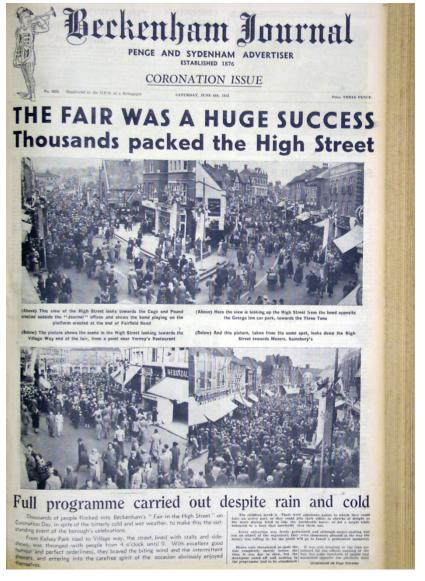




#### **60TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR QUEEN**

#### **Courtesy of Cliff Watkins**

The Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II took place in Westminster Abbey on 2 June 1953. In Beckenham on that day, Victor Thornton got permission from Beckenham Borough Council to close the High Street and huge crowds massed in Beckenham to celebrate a Coronation Fair. The Beckenham Journal (then a broadsheet newspaper) gave over the whole of the front page to the event.



#### WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE CCARA COMMITTEE?

During the AGM on 28 March 2013 members will be voting in new officers and committee members to run the Association.

The committee posts for officers are:

- Chairman
- Secretary
- Vice-Chairman
- Treasurer

There are also several posts for ordinary members, we specifically need the following roles to be covered:

- Planning
- Health

If you have some spare time and an interest in these areas we would be grateful for your help.

Nomination for any of the above posts, which may be made by any two CCARA members with the consent of the nominee, must be received by Saturday 23 March 2013. We always welcome new committee members and ask that you complete the nomination form below which should be returned by post to C Ross, 14 Parkwood, Beckenham BR3 1TR or scanned and emailed to chairman@coperscope.org.uk

#### NOMINATION FORM FOR CCARA 2013/2014 COMMITTEE

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Consent signature of nominee:

#### St Paul's Church, Brackley Road

This edition of The Express includes Easter, which for many means chocolate eggs. We invite you to explore the deeper meaning of Easter at any of the events going on in the week 24<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> March.

For more information on any of the events mentioned here please contact our administrator or check www.stpaulbeckenham.org.uk

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#### **Our regular Sunday Services:**

8am, 10:30am, 6:30pm weekly & 4pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday each month.

#### **Mothering Sunday**

All Age Service with distribution of Posies

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 10:30am

#### Children's Easter Craft Club

Wednesday 3rd April 10am – 12pm

#### **Church Open**

View the Easter Floral Decorations Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2pm-4pm

#### Sunday 24th March at 4pm

A special service for Palm Sunday

#### Stainer's Crucifixion

with St Paul's Concert Choir

#### Palm Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March

10.30am Service
Procession with Palm Crosses

#### Maundy Thursday 28th March

7pm Last Supper Meal

#### Good Friday 29th March

11am Churches Together Walk of
Witness in High Street
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for meditation & half-hourly Bible readings

2pm-3pm Good Friday Service

#### Easter Sunday 31st March

8am Communion

10:30am All Age Communion

#### Exploring Christianity - Supper, Video & Discussion

Do come to our Alpha Course starting in April ~ all welcome

#### All welcome - Men's Socials and NEW for 2013 - Ladies' Socials

7.30pm, usually in the halls, entrance on Lawn Road Ladies' Group – Film Night on Tuesday 9th April Summer Punch & Party Food on Friday 21st June (venue tbc) Men's Group – 'My visit to Palestine' on Wednesday 15th May Barbecue on Wednesday 10th July

#### "Coronation" Street Party - Saturday 29th June

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