

Bexley Borough Neighbourhood Watch Association



Newsletter New Year-January 2012

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WELCOME 2012 As we welcome in a new year we look to continue to try and expand Borough wide, with the aim of having watches in as many roads/streets as possible.

Of course without the huge support we get from our volunteers this would not be possible and with closer ties with both Bexley Council and Bexley Police we are hoping to have an even more successful year than 2011.

So a big thank you for all your hard work in 2011 and hopefully we will strive to keep in touch with our increasing number of coordinators in the coming year.

BBNWA-NEEDS YOUR FEEDBACK Many of our coordinators have said that they do not find our twice yearly coordinators meetings necessary and we are now looking to reduce these to once a year. Also as we work more closely with Bexley Police we are looking to ensure that all such meetings will be attended by PCSO's. I appreciate in some parts of the Borough this happens but in others they

often do not make the meetings for various reasons.

In addition we want to have a new fresh approach at these meetings and realise that just going over items that coordinators are already familiar with is not the way forward. We cannot do this without your feedback, so please let us know what sort of subjects and the shape you would like our meetings to take. Are in favour of only one co-ordinators meeting a year? You can either contact us by telephone on 0208 284 5537 or email-bexwatch-office@btconnect.com

BBNWA-BOROUGH

NEWSLETTER-We had 10,000 A5 size newsletters printed, which have been distributed borough wide either by the Office via our Coordinators and by Bexley Police Cadets. They are also available at all Libraries in the Borough. These newsletters are for general release, written with the hope of attracting new coordinators/watches.

NOMINATED NEIGHBOUR SCHEME is now being run solely by NW if you have any vulnerable people in your watches that would like to be part of this scheme please contact the office, we will explain how it works and send you the appropriate forms/window card.

DIGITAL TELEVISION CONVERSION-2012 NO ONE WILL "COLD CALL" FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONVERTING YOUR TV, therefore if someone knocks claiming to be from a digital television company offering to tune your television they will be bogus, **DO NOT LET THEM IN**

WATCH & SNT OF THE MONTH-Our Nominated Watch is;- **COLD BLOW CRESCENT** Working as part of Cold Blow Crescent Residents Association NW covers just fewer than 100 homes with a 99% membership and approx. 60% on email contact. Established in 2002 and the current coordinator Mr Dana Wiffen took over in 2005 supported by 2 deputies-Tina Whiffin and Andria Lawrence. Dana was voted Vice Chairman of BBNWA in 2011.

Our Nominated SNT is;- ST.MARY'S WARD Team NW-Liaison is **PCSO Phil Reith** who has been a PCSO for 8 years. The rest of The Team are;- **PCSO-Roxanne Perrin, PCSO-Vicky Sangster, PCSO-Stephanie Smith & PC's-Martin Kerry & John Mahoney,** not forgetting their long serving **Sergeant-Alison**



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Bateman who has been a police officer for 24 years. **WELL DONE & A BIG THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.**



Police warn residents to be wary of card scam Bromley Police are reissuing their warning about a scam in which fraudsters use false pretences to try and get people's bank cards, there have been 25 attempts to perpetrate this scam across the borough in the last two weeks.

The scam works by the victim initially receiving a phone call, or number of phone calls, from someone claiming to be from their bank or credit card supplier. The caller obtains personal details from the victim before advising them that they need a new card and telling them that a courier will visit them shortly to collect their old card. A person, dressed to look like a courier then arrives at the door to take the card.

A spokesman for Bromley Police said: "It is important that residents are aware of the tactics used by con-artists. Never-ever disclose your bank details to anyone cold calling. Banks will never call you asking

for personal or account information as they already have these details, and neither will the Police. If there was a problem with your card and it needed to be replaced the bank would write to you advising you to cut the card up. You should never give out bank details or other personal information over the phone, whatever the reason behind the request



BCPEG's next public meeting is on 26th March 2012 @ 7pm at Bexley Civic Centre Bexleyheath DA6 7LB- **SUBJECT-"Sentencing Council"** -all welcome.

TAKE A TRIP BACK IN TIME



Do you remember when these buses ran red and green on local routes, well if like me you like a bit of yesteryear nostalgia.

Kent boasts several heritage railways and a visit can be a

great day out, often with old buses like the one in the photo running at their stations. For further information please check out the following web-sites; - [East Kent Railway www.eastkentrailway.co.uk](http://www.eastkentrailway.co.uk) [Sittingbourne & Kemsley Light Railway- www.sklr.net](http://www.sklr.net) **Both open from March/April 2012**

Erith Station-Latest-MP-

Teresa Pearce -is petitioning SE-Trains to think again about not installing a lift & their plans to close the ticket office. <http://erithwatch.ning.com>

NOTICE TO ALL NW-COORDINATORS-

Please notify the office if you have resigned or are moving away from the area.....also if you were not on a computer when you became a coordinator but now have an email address, please let us have it asap.

Diamond Jubilee Street

Parties-see our special newsletter for full information about organising a street party for your watch area.

Consider our environment - please do not print this email unless absolutely necessary.

