

Bexley Borough Neighbourhood Watch Association



Newsletter April/May-Spring 2012

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OUR 2012 AGM-Is on Monday 11th June @ Bexley Civic Centre-Council Chamber from 7.30pm-(Although this date is yet to be confirmed by the council)
We invite all our coordinators and deputies to attend. We will be looking to elect a new Chairman, Vice Chairman & Treasurer, your attendance is important to us and we hope you can attend and can consider standing.

SORTING OFFICE CLOSURES & POSTAGE INCREASES-The Royal

Mail sorting offices in both Erith and Belvedere have recently closed, at the same time all postage prices have increased. We have purchased a large number of stamps in order to reduce the impact of these increases on office costs.

Council approves New Asda Store Application at Lower-Belvedere next to B&Q

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM CHANGES-Why?-It appears that over the last few months the Police force in Bexley is in constant change, "musical chairs" seems to be

the current practice as Chief Superintendents and even our Borough Commander has been moved on to another area (Tower Hamlets). Many PCSO's have been recruited to become PC's leaving gaps in the ward SNT's, as replacements do not seem to have been recruited in time. We are constantly telling those in charge of the police that consistency is important for an efficient police force. The safer neighbourhood teams need to be stable in order to build rapport within communities and with our coordinators. **We need team members to remain constant in our wards and not to be constantly moved around.**

PCSO's are Important to us.-It is unfair and unjust for the national press to criticise PCSO's by calling them "Plastic Police", they are our beat officers, without them on patrol crime would increase drastically. Most of those PCSO's that are NW-liaison officers work really well with our coordinators and they along with our coordinators are the eyes and ears on the streets and this goes a long way to deter crime in Bexley and help give us the good crime ratings

The Mayor constantly sings about.

There is hope we have recently heard though that new PCSO's are being recruited as replacements, this is great news, and we look forward to them joining our teams in the future. This was confirmed by Boris Johnson in Bexleyheath on Tuesday 1st May 2012 during his election campaign.



Our Secretary Claire Tack at our stall on the "Crime Awareness" day at Blackfen -25th April 2012

NEW BOROUGH COMMANDER-On Monday 16th April 2012 our new Borough Commander Chief Superintendant Victor Olisa took over from Dave Stringer who has moved to Tower Hamlets. BBNWA welcomes Victor and we hope we can work closely with him in continuing to keep Bexley safe.



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NEW NW SNT GUIDE BOOKLET- As soon as we have the final proof back from the Police it will go to print and be distributed.



BCPEG's next public meeting is on 28th May 2012 @ 7-9pm at Bexley Civic Centre Bexleyheath DA6 7LB- Its BCPEG's AGM and includes "Preparing for the Olympics" by Commander Bob Broadhurst. **BBNWA** was pleased to note that 15 NW-Coordinators were present at their 26th March meeting, showing great support for our colleagues at CPEG.

BBNWA-NEEDS A NEW TREASURER ARE YOU INTERESTED???-We are urgently seeking a street co-ordinator to act as Treasurer as from the AGM in June. Please contact the BBNWA office on Tel. No. 020 8284 5537 or email us as above if you are able to fill this vital role. **YOUR COMMENTS ARE IMPORTANT TO US**-As we progress with our expansion please send us your thoughts and ideas and any additional input to assist our expansion for 2012 and onwards. Please contact us as above

WATCH & SNT OF THE MONTH-Our Nominated Watch is;- **CROOK LOG RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION & NW** covering 30-60 Crook Log, Adams Square, Portman Close, Regency Way and Gainsborough Square-Covering 115 properties Operating in its current form for 12 years. **Gordon Tall** is the coordinator and also sits on Danson Ward Panel. He is assisted by a number of deputies whom cover different roads. They are **Peter Allen, Robert Townsend, Kelly & Tracy Kane.**

Our Nominated SNT is;- DANSON Team NW-Liaison is **PCSO Geoff Worrall** The rest of the Team are;- **PCSO-Lovyna Dee, & Nicola Laing, & PC's Tony Champion & Trevor Hamshere** and the team leader **Sergeant Andrew Kleywegt . WELL DONE & A BIG THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT**

PLOT WATCH-Allotments joining our Plot Watch scheme are up to 22 to date. Watch out in our next newsletter for more information and details about a possible BBC TV Programme on this.

Diamond Jubilee Street Parties-BBNWA is happy to note that to date 52 approved applications have been received by the Council of these 22 are from NW-Streets.



Ray receives his award from Boris Johnson

A HISTORY OF NORTH CRAY-Is a new book by one of our coordinators Jean Gammons. Anyone who enjoys this beautiful area and would like to learn more about its interesting history can purchase a copy of this book for £5.00 directly from Jean. Please contact Dana via- email d.wiffen2@ntlworld.com and your interest will be passed onto Jean Gammons.

It is NW-Week 16th-24th June Look for our stall in Bexleyheath on 16th.....

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