### Bexley Borough Neighbourhood Watch Association

#### Newsletter Olympic/Late Summer Edition Sept 2012

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## **Olympic Torch Passes Through Bexley**



On Sunday 22nd July there was a once in a lifetime experience when the Olympic Torch Relay came along Bourne Road and up **Gravel Hill towards Bexleyheath.** I have never seen so many people, thousands lined the route and gave evervone involved a rousing reception.

The Olympics are now over but what a superb example was set by all involved it was great to see that manners still exist and that we can still feel proud to be **British-Well done team GB** 



#### Mascal Horse Mount **Show & Family Fun Day** Monday 27th August 2012



Horse Watch first hand

We have been about out in our community this summer, raising the profile of NW & recruit trying to more also members and promoting one of our new initiatives The Crayford **Fun Day & Mount Mascal** Horse Show & Family **Day.** We were also present at The Danson Show in July. We would like to thank those organisers for inviting us and we hope that from The Mount Mascal Day can we

#### continue to build on our Horse Watch project.

This is a message from NW-London Re: the Election of Police & Crime Commissioner for our area. Please note- the candidates for the post of Police and Crime Commissioner for your area are being selected in time for the elections on 15th November. It is important that they understand the role of volunteers in their area and we need to be keeping up the pressure to ensure that they don't dismiss Neighbourhood out of hand, and forget what they promised during the election

### CAPTION COMPETITION-Answers on a postcard!!



This named stall at Mount Mascal's fun day seemed ideal for our Tony Alcorn to front. Claire Tack could have been in the photo too lol.



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#### **CRAYFORD FUN DAY**



Claire Tack & Stuart Bartle at our stand on 22<sup>nd</sup> August -photo Pam Bartle

Please be warned about burglars marking your property. It has become increasing common for burglars to target your property by marking your property in advance with a UV pen.

Recently two men were observed by several Neighbourhood Watch residents walking very slowly up and then down their road taking 'too much interest' in types of cars on residents drives and side access. The Police were called and the men were stopped and questioned. They were carrying a rucksack which contained several UV marker pens. It is believed that the pens are used to mark gateposts, walls cars informing burglars which properties to target at a later date.

Please warn your neighbours of this practice and encourage them not to leave their dustbins at the side of their property as they can be used to climb over side gates.



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# Senior Officers spend an evening back on the beat

In Bexley-Borough Commander Victor Olisa was called to a snatch theft of takings from a ticket office in Danson Park and conducted a drive-around with a witness to look for suspects.

Victor has asked to meet the BBNWA committee and a date has been arranged for September. We will report on this meeting in our next issue



BCPEG's next meeting is in the hall at the back of Crayford Mosque on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October. There will be a presentation on the usefulness of CCTV in combating crime, & the Launch of The Big Bexley Crime Survey

#### **PLOT WATCH EXPANDS**

**Following** 2 successful attempts at filming for a BBC2 programme on allotments in the UK, we await the third section of filming in Bexley, when it is hoped to film a NPT patrolling an allotment together with local NW coordinators. meanwhile are awaiting permission from Bexley Police to see this project finished.

**FAITH WATCH-** As many different places of worship sign up to be part of BBNWA, we are planning to have a meeting later this year to point out the benefits of joining.

# The process for checking NPT dates for Street briefings is;

Log onto www.met.police.uk

On the home page look for the heading 'Local Policing' (top right) and enter your postcode in the box. Another page will display a map of your Ward. Under the map is listed your Ward name i.e. Colyers, click on the name

Next page shows photographs of the NPT personnel and the heading 'Come and see us'. The drop in surgery dates are listed. To check the street briefing dates

you will need to click on the orange square for lists of all arranged meetings

NEXT TOUR-Following on from our successful tour of CORY's, the planned tour for Coordinators of The Crossness Engine Old Works will be in 2013, as at present they are not offering non-open day tours as there is too much work being carried out on their site during weekdays. They hope to start up tours again next year. Please consider our environment - please do not print this email/newsletter unless absolutely necessary.

