



Newsletter  Christmas/New Year-2012/13

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year- from Chairman Dana Wiffen

The first 6 months have been busy and eventful. We have increased our membership during 2012 and have also been working to recruit for our non-residential watches supporting places of worship, allotments and stables as they have increasingly become targets for thieves.

It has become more evident as cutbacks affect Bexley Police over the next few years that Bexley Borough Neighbourhood Watch will be expected to step up along with other safety groups in the borough in order to try and ensure Bexley remains one of the safest boroughs in London.

In addition we are moving from Belvedere Police Station in December and are to take up new office space in Bexleyheath Police Station, this should benefit all concerned as we will be able to work more closely with other voluntary groups as well as being at the heart of Bexley policing.

Our attempts to expand and reach all corners of the

Borough have added additional costs to our limited resources and we have been really grateful of the sponsorship monies received from Cory Environmental and hope to be able to renew this partnership in 2013/14 and onwards.

I spoke recently at Bexley AGE UK's AGM and was asked to talk about the value of the over 60's to voluntary organisations such as ours. This was not a difficult subject as many voluntary groups in Bexley and the UK rely heavily on the support of retired volunteers. Without them many such organisations would not survive and whilst we are very happy to also include a growing number of younger volunteers as well, the value of the over sixties is immeasurable.

I would like to thank all our coordinators & deputies for your support during 2012.

PLEASE NOTE: *If anyone would like to discuss anything to do with NW please let me know.*

We have tried to keep in touch via these newsletters, our office and our coordinators meetings and hope you have not felt neglected during the year.

[Your BBNWA committee also wishes you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.](#)

CHRISTMAS SAFETY AWARENES CAMPAIGN

We have been out and about in Bexley Borough before Christmas reminding people to be extra careful and vigilant over this Christmas period and to also try and tap into the festive spirit to see if we can recruit new coordinators at the same time. By the time you receive this newsletter we will have already completed most of our dates, which included Morrison's at Welling, Erith and Sidcup, B&Q Belvedere, Asda Bexleyheath and hopefully Crayford Sainsburys.



Our stand at Morrisons Erith on Thursday 22nd November

OUR NEW OFFICE ADDRESS-As from 5th December our office address will be

Bexley Borough Neighbourhood Watch
Bexleyheath Police Station
2 Arnsberg Way
Bexleyheath
Kent DA7 4QS





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Remembrance Day-2012



Photo-Remembrance Day in Bexley Village

It is so good to see the large turnout throughout the Borough remembering those that were lost in both the 1st and 2nd World Wars as well as other conflicts since.

A good 200 plus were at Bexley Village's Remembrance Day ceremony and BBNWA Patron-James Brokenshire laid a wreath in honour of those lost.

THINK SAFE-As
Christmas approaches
remember to lock PVC doors,
your windows and to not
leave anything visible in
vehicles or near the front
window of your property.

If you go away over the Christmas period ask a neighbour to keep an eye on your property and to put your bins away after collection.

Enjoy great views and a unique ride across the Thames on Emirates Air Line



This cable car across the Thames can be boarded at the Greenwich Peninsula



We have been asked by some SNT-NW liaison officers for our coordinators email addresses, we are unable to give these out but if you would like your local team liaison to email you please email your relevant contact and tell them you are happy to receive emails from them or let them know when they visit you.

CHECK YOUR VEHICLE TYRES-It is a good time to check your tyre tread before winter sets in and we get icy roads.

BOBBY VAN PROJECT

It is great to report that despite rumours to the contrary that the Bobby Van Project is alive and well-They offer a home security survey, and will help you secure your property if you have had a break-in. For further information telephone 020 8854 1113 or email: bobby.van@victimsupport.org.uk

Bexley AGE UK-AGM

I had the pleasure of being invited to Bexley's Age UK AGM, held at the Civic Offices on 23rd October.

They have pop-in parlours in Welling, Bexleyheath, Sidcup, Thamesmead, Slade Green, Belvedere & Northumberland Heath and provide many other services for further information Telephone 020 8300 0883.

Photo-Danson Hotliners line dance for members at the AGE UK AGM

