



May 2015 Edition

The Review

**You are invited to the
WEST BECKENHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
AGM**

**to be held on Thursday 4 June 2015
at 8.00pm at Venue 28 (the Studio, as was)
The speaker will be Rob Vale of LB Bromley's
Trading Standards.**

Among the topics he will cover are rogue traders, and mass marketing scams.

Do stay for wine and nibbles which will be served afterwards

EDITOR'S INTRODUCTION – by Judith Niechcial

Welcome to the Spring edition of *The Review*.

The great news is that the long derelict Grade 2 listed building in the heart of our community, The Studio, now re-named 'Venue 28', has risen like a phoenix from the ruins and is now OPEN! Regular readers of *The Review* will have followed the various vicissitudes the building has suffered over the years since The Studio closed. It is now owned by Citygate Church, but will operate as a separate entity,

Other big local news is that the Mayor of London's plans for a Chinese entrepreneur to develop the Crystal Palace 'top site' and park have come to nothing. Read more below.

Judith Niechcial

Venue 28 opens



On the evening of 27 March 2015 the great and the good of Beckenham converged on the new *Venue 28* for a stylish champagne reception to mark its opening. Members of Citygate Church conducted small groups of guests around the large number of spaces available for events from large wedding receptions to intimate therapy rooms. The renovation is of a high standard, retaining many of the original architectural features of the building, for example the staircase and the large windows. Pastor Julian Melfi of Citygate spoke of his vision, and the three year project bringing it to fruition. 28 March was an open day for everyone to see the transformation. If you missed that, come to our AGM and see for yourself. There are spaces of all sizes available to rent by our local community. Charges for the rooms are variable with higher charges for corporate events and lower charges for community use.

Opportunities to volunteer locally

There is a fantastic tradition of volunteering in our local communities and many activities that support vulnerable people would not happen without volunteers. People with a wide range of skills and knowledge are needed to help out in day centres, provide administrative support for local voluntary groups, speak up on behalf of vulnerable people, get involved in sports groups, or become trustees.

Whatever it is you would like to get involved with, the Volunteer Centre Bromley can help you decide what would suit you best. With over 350 vacancies covering volunteering with older people, young people, plants, computers, cameras, DIY, sports, driving, art materials, or managing people and projects, there is something to suit everyone.

What some local volunteers have said:
“... it makes me feel valued and I can fit it in with my work.”

“I help him out every week. We’ve become friends.”

“... school is such a friendly place to volunteer.”

“I never knew I could use my computer skills to help other people.”

For a confidential, one-to-one discussion, or just to ask a question about volunteering contact the Volunteer Centre Bromley on 020 8315 1905, or visit

www.communitylinksbromley.org.uk.

Alternatively, have a look at the national volunteering database www.do-it.org.uk.

Adult Education

Adult education provision in Bromley is under threat. A report on a proposed 're-organisation' gave as one of the options not providing adult education at all. Another mentioned centralising provision at the Widmore Centre, with the Kentwood Centre being closed. Fortunately that report was withdrawn and the management of Kentwood issued the following statement:

'Following the withdrawal of the report on a Reorganisation of Bromley Adult Education College from the agenda of the Education PDS on Tuesday evening, I have now been advised that the Local Authority will wait until the outcome of the first stage of the market testing process is known before

considering any further or alternative options for future adult education delivery. Curriculum managers will now start the planning process for the 2015/16 academic year, using all our three centres and to include both accredited and non-accredited courses'.

Charges for classes have increased in recent years, and concessions reduced, but the standard of teaching in a range of different subjects is high. Enrich your life this summer by joining a class/classes, and support the college at the same time. The brochure is available from Kentwood or Widmore Centres or at the website www.bromleyadulthoodeducation.ac.uk

Bromley Tree Symposium

At an event in the Council Chamber on 18 March 2015 members of Residents' Associations from across the Borough heard some fascinating facts about trees in Bromley. We have 300 acres of woodland, and 36,000 trees in public ownership, that is in parks, cemeteries, streets. The oldest tree is a 700 year old yew tree in the churchyard at Downe.

A very knowledgeable arboriculturalist, Julian Fowgies, told us that the Council surveys trees on a regular basis, and any necessary work is then carried out by a contractor. He gave a presentation about tree diseases, for example ash dieback, canker of horse chestnuts, and oak processionary moth. This latter is a really virulent pest, and causes dangerous skin rashes and lesions if you touch the nests they build on tree bark.

Several participants were interested in Tree Preservation Orders but these were unfortunately not covered, as they apparently come under the heading of

Planning. (There is meantime some good news - a permanent TPO has recently been attached to the oak tree down Merlin Grove). In relation to the felling of trees due to alleged subsidence, he did say that each type of tree has a 'zone of influence' for its root system, which should provide guidance as to whether an individual tree is to 'blame'.

The Council is not responsible for trees in gardens and other private land. For advice on these you can contact the Forestry Commission at www.forestry.gov.uk.

The main purpose of the event was to encourage people to become Tree Friends to help care for street trees, and we were shown little videos of how to water newly planted trees, and prune off basal growth. The Council can provide good quality secateurs and heavy duty purple sacks, and also give training to groups.

WBRA signed up to this scheme. If you would like to become a 'tree friend' let us know, and you can get more information on the 'Tree Friends' section of the council website.

Planning - Report by Marie Pender

Rising Sun pub Upper Elmers End Road
In the last Review we reported that officials had recommended refusal of permission to demolish this pub and replace it with flats and a supermarket. Sadly the planning committee granted permission, and the pub is now surrounded by hoardings prior to demolition. Slightly on the plus side, the overwhelming white "plastic" looking facade, to which WBRA objected as changing the character of the area, has been altered to a finish more in keeping with the surrounding buildings.

213 Kings Hall Road

The original application for the erection of 6 houses (3 pairs of semi-detached) with an access road, at the rear of 213 Kings Hall Road was refused and an appeal dismissed on the grounds of adverse effect on the character and appearance of the area, and the proposal being unsustainable in environmental terms. A new application has been made for 5 houses (2 pairs of semi-detached and 1 detached property).

Pheonix House, Croydon Road Beckenham

WBRA had objected to the demolition of one of the few remaining Victorian buildings along Croydon Road for the construction of 6 x three bedroom and 2 x five bedroom houses. Pheonix House was formerly a maternity home. We asked that it be converted to flats instead. It was refused by the committee on the grounds that, by reason of the number of units on a restricted plot with lack of amenity space, it would be an overdevelopment of the site. However, permission was granted on appeal.

Harris Academy, Lennard Road

Major changes are planned for this Harris Academy including part refurbishment/ part demolition of existing buildings and erection of part two/ part three storey building comprising sports hall, main hall, sixth form centre and teaching accommodation with single storey kitchen extension to western elevation and ancillary development.

A consultation meeting was held on 17 October 2014. Plans were available around the room to show local people how the new buildings would look. The front of the main building is listed and will not be changed. There will be major internal changes and some of the smaller surrounding buildings will be replaced. Demolition work was due to begin around March 2015, with full

demolition for 3-4 weeks in May /June. Completion is planned for April 2017. Work on site will be 8am to 6pm on weekdays with 8am to 1pm on Saturdays if needed. They do not plan to work on Sundays or Bank Holidays. They have processes to monitor dust, noise and vibration.

Parking is likely to be an issue during construction. Project Manager, Ron Francis, said the workers would be encouraged to use public transport, and of course New Beckenham station is close by, but that the company cannot force their workers to use the train. Early arrivals for work starting at 8am can soon lead to parking problems. Some parking bays along Reddons Road are to be suspended to allow access for larger vehicles to the site. Further consultation meetings are planned during the work.

Marqueen House; Ironstone House and Provident House



Under new, and supposedly temporary, Permitted Development Rights (PDR), planning notifications have recently been made for the three very large office buildings surrounding Burrell Row (above the White Horse pub and the Gas Showroom and back over Faversham Road) to be converted to flats. See below for a report on the effect of these PDRs on our High Street. Each of these large office blocks would

contain 18 one bedroom flats. There is limited opportunity for the council to refuse under these PDRs. But there is no car parking provision, and the applicants propose that the occupiers be ineligible to apply for residents' parking permits under the Controlled Parking Zones in Faversham and Shaftesbury Roads. We understand that the space standards are below the minimum level and would represent unacceptable density with the High Street.

County House - Report by Alan Freeman

On the same subject, conversion work is in progress at County House, the six storey office building on the corner of Beckenham / Mackenzie Road. Permission was granted on appeal for change of use from commercial to residential use. There will be 65 one bedroom flats and 10 two bedroom flats, which seems excessively intense. Unless some of the parking area is given up, there is no amenity space provision for recreational activities or garden.

Previous tenants of this office building have been the police sapphire unit, a sexual crime detachment, NHS Direct, Her Majesty's customs, an adoption society and various diverse companies over the years, including the South London Press. There have been problems with drivers taking a short cut the wrong way up the one way Mackenzie Road into the car park. Luckily no accidents have occurred but there have been near misses. The local Police Safer Neighbourhood team have issued warnings that prosecutions would entail if anyone was caught in the act. Although people do have to have somewhere to live, it is a shame that the various jobs to local residents are no longer available. There may also be more pressure on overflow on-street parking.

Too many offices being converted to flats?

In 2013, Eric Pickles (Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government in the coalition government) made a so called temporary relaxation of planning rules to allow offices to be changed to residential use without planning permission. This was supposed to last only until May 2016, by which time the use as housing should have begun. However, in 2014, Eric Pickles consulted on this relaxation being made permanent.

In Beckenham's High Street, these permitted development rights have been approved for over 18,000 sq ft of office space, the largest being Duncan House in Burnhill Road but also in 10 conversions above shops and restaurants. In Beckenham Road towards Penge, 12,000 sq ft in the conversion of County House (see above) and nearly 3,000 sq ft in other buildings has gone through.

We all know that we need more housing. But what effect will the loss of office space have on the High Street? If fewer and fewer people work in and around the High Street, there will be fewer and fewer customers for local shops during the working day. These working people will instead be commuting to Bromley, Croydon or central London, buying their lunches, convenience foods and even clothes and shoes where they work. It is surely not a coincidence that Beckenham has a wide range of individual shops such as clothes, shoe and gift shops. We risk losing them and having yet more estate agents, hairdressers, tan shops, betting shops, cafes and restaurants that depend on evening and weekend trade. Copers Cope Area RA and WBRA have asked our MPs to oppose the proposal to make the relaxation of planning laws permanent. Both Jim Dowd and Bob Stewart have written to Eric Pickles. As

there is now a Conservative Government, there may be renewed proposals to make these provisions permanent. If that happens we can expect to lose more of our day time economy as we become a dormitory town. Surely the three years between 2013 and 2016 are more than enough to dispose of genuinely “surplus” office space?

Bus Routes 352 and 354 – Sunday Running

Following representations by WBRA and CCARA over the last few years and a petition organised by Passengers First Alliance for the 354, Transport for London have told us that they propose that both routes will run on Sundays and Bank Holidays from September 2015. Thanks to our GLA member, James Cleverly for his support. TfL was supposed to be formally consulting on this proposal in May through notices at bus stops and contacting existing passengers by email. The consultation will just be “to ensure that there are no specific circumstances that may require us to modify what we are proposing to do”. We haven’t seen any notices yet, but do look out for them and respond.

Public Toilets in Beckenham

The Public Toilets in Beckenham at Thornton’s Corner (and those in Penge) closed on 1 April, despite vociferous opposition led by The Beckenham Society.

Copers Cope Area Residents’ Association successfully applied to have the toilets listed as an Asset of Community Value, which means that the council have to offer it to a local group or other provider before selling it on the open market.



Thornton's Corner in 1978, photo courtesy of Ian Muir

This location is of course of prime importance to the centre of Beckenham, affording great views of “Church Hill”. There is great concern about whether the flower bed area would be included in any sale. This has not been ruled out by Cllr Smith. The Executive and Resources Policy Development & Scrutiny Committee will decide on the sale of the toilets at Penge on 15 May.

There are now eight Community Toilets in Beckenham High Street. You don’t need to make a purchase to use them:-

- Waitrose, near Beckenham Junction Station
- Deli Nene, 545 High Street (not yet available due to building work)
- Beckenham Public Halls, 4 Bromley Road
- Cafe Nero, 164 High Street
- Costa Coffee, 194 High Street
- Sainsbury’s, 181 High Street
- Odeon Cinema, War Memorial
- The Spa, 24 Beckenham Road.

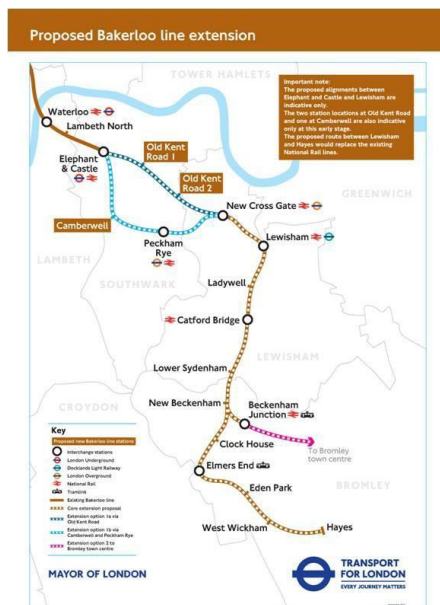
This is the sign to look out for:



Sewer Vents

Thanks to those of you who identified badly corroding sewer vents in our streets. Thames Water have agreed to re-paint those in Manor Way and Copers Cope Road. They consider the ones at Shrewsbury Road/ St James Avenue and Maberly Road / Ancaster Road and near the Kendall Road entrance to Churchfields Recreation Ground to be in good condition. If you spot others in bad condition, please let us know.

Bakerloo Line Extension



Transport for London (TfL) published, in March, the results of the consultation on the proposed extension to the Bakerloo Line to Hayes and Beckenham Junction. They received more than 15,000 responses. Overall, support for extending the Bakerloo line was high. More than ninety five percent of responses expressed support for the principle of extending the line to some extent. 64% supported extending the line to Camberwell and Peckham Rye, 56% supported the extensions to Hayes and Beckenham Junction, and 60% supported extending it to Bromley. Only

30% supported it terminating at Lewisham.

WBRA have five of the affected stations on the Hayes line in our area. At our Forum meeting with Copers Cope Area RA in October, the feeling of the meeting was opposed to the extension and WBRA duly put in objections. We believed that the current rail service is good. Although the consultation document said there could be "up to" 15 trains an hour on the Hayes line, we suspected that most of these would terminate at Lewisham. Passengers from our area would not be able to travel to London Bridge or Waterloo East without changing from tube to train at Lewisham, though they could travel direct to Charing Cross and Paddington on the tube line. We were also wary of the pressures on local development since the line would be partly funded by contributions from constructing new homes.

The next steps are for TfL to continue reviewing the case for the extension in view of the consultation feedback and carry out further investigations into route options. They will also be working on responding to the issues raised in the consultation, with an aim to release this report later in the year.

Town Centre Team and the High Street

At last, BT have moved their services to allow the main work on the re-alignment of the junction to start.

Copers Cope Area RA have won £20,000 from the Mayor's High Street Fund to improve the state of the many alleyways leading off the High Street. Through the Town Centre Team, we aim to clean them up and give them names so that they feel much more part of the

High Street. The Beckenham Society has found names with historical connections to Beckenham or the location of the alleys.

The Town Centre Team is also applying for Purple Flag status for the Beckenham night time economy. Purple Flag is run by the Association of Town and City Management and is similar to Green Flag Award for parks and Blue Flag for beaches. Purple Flag status is given to town centres that meet or surpass the standards of excellence in managing the evening and night-time economy. It involves meeting a comprehensive set of standards, management processes and good practice designed to help transform town and city centres at night. Winning the Purple Flag is a positive sign of an entertaining, diverse, safe and enjoyable night out.

Water Fountain



The water fountain at Hacks Hairdressers at the junction of High Street and Burnhill Road/ Kelsey Square has been renovated. The plaque records that the building housed Beckenham's first volunteer fire brigade from 1872-1884. The lion's head spout was used to refresh the horses borrowed from nearby residents and businesses whenever a fire broke out. Water was piped from the Thames by the then Lambeth Water Company.

The existing conservation areas in the High Street have been merged so just one conservation area covers the whole of the High Street.

Croydon Road Recreation Ground Bandstand – information provided by Friends of Croydon Road Recreation Ground www.becrec.net

'This is the last remaining traditional bandstand in the Borough of Bromley. It has always been the focal point of the park and the community since the recreation ground was gifted to the urban district Council of Beckenham and opened to the public in 1898.

London Borough of Bromley has been managing an application for Heritage Lottery Fund grant and tells us that the tendering process for the bandstand restoration has identified costs significantly in excess of the original project costs. The Council, with Friends of Croydon Road Recreation Ground, are looking at ways to reduce costs and secure additional matched funding, they also intend to apply for a higher level of grant under a different Heritage Lottery Fund programme. If this is successful, practical work could start summer 2016, with a launch in the autumn.'

The Friends group is looking for new members. The annual subscription is £5 per household. Keep up with events and fundraising for the bandstand restoration appeal.

Coming events at the Bandstand.
Bromley Concert Band - Sunday 14th

June, 3pm.

Dizzy's Family Festival - Sunday 12th

July from mid-day -Dizzy's Diner in the High Street will be holding their annual Family Festival around the bandstand lawn.

BecRecFest - Sunday 12th July from

5pm - On the Bandstand we will be featuring some local music groups until 7.30pm. Entry £5, children free.

Lewisham Concert Band - Sunday

27th September, 3pm

Markets on the Green

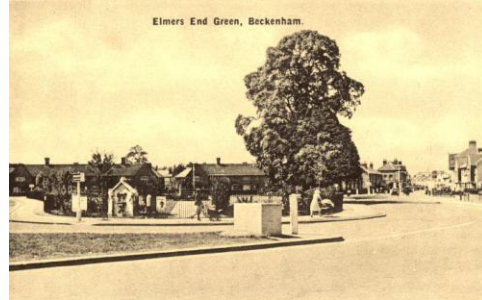
The summer markets on Beckenham Green will be on 18 July and 19 September.

Elmers End Green

We reported in the autumn Review that the Executive Committee of LB Bromley dismissed without much discussion our application for the Green to be listed as a Town Green. This would not have made much difference to the planning status of the land, but it would have given recognition to the 300 year history of this small triangle of land. We think it is important that the people of Elmers End and wider Beckenham and Bromley know of this history, so we are working with the parks department of the council to produce a plaque setting it out. We will use £1000 from the council (money provided by Tesco for their Tesco Local at the War Memorial) and top up with some windfall money WBRA have recently acquired. There has been no planning application on the toilet block. It is now over a year since it was sold.

Talk to school children about Elmers End Green - Report by Arnjali Rowe

Our Chair, Marie Pender gave a talk about the Green to a Marian Vian School assembly on 16 March 2015. The photo shows the Green in 1940, with a water fountain, bottom left corner.



She explained that Elmer's End was mentioned in the reign of Henry III (1216-1272) over 800 years ago. Elmer's End could have been named after a local landowner called Ralph Aylmer; Elmer's End means "the end of the parish of Aylmer" and over many centuries 'Aylmer' become 'Elmer'. She showed the children pictures of the Green which has remained in the same shape and form for over 300 years.

She also pointed out the roads Broomfield and Groveland which were marked as fields in a map dating back to 1723 and asked them if any of them lived down these roads. Another landmark they could easily recognise is the local pub the 'William IV' which dates back to 1868 and is now called 'The Elm Tree'.

The kids were interested and Marie kept the pace lively and her commentary simple and appropriate for her audience of 9-11 year olds. Her power point presentation had interesting maps and drawings designed to keep the youngsters engaged. Marie showed them pictures of the school site in 1930, the local church St James's and the original school St James's School, started in 1879, which later became Marian Vian School.

Mr Ian Redgrave the headmaster was given 300 hand-outs summarising the talk and he complimented Marie, saying her talk was spot on!

Beckenham Place Park - the end of Golf and the Mansion? - Report by Cliff Watkins



After retiring from the steel industry in 1998, I became interested in local history and joined the Friends of Beckenham Place Park, inspired by John Cator who built the mansion there in 1780 and whose family owned and developed half of Beckenham.

As a Friend I discovered that, to me bizarrely, it was Lewisham Borough Council (LBC), not Bromley, who were responsible for the park. On behalf of the Friends in 2000 I wrote to LBC a letter complaining about the very sad state of the BPP Mansion.

Today visitors can enjoy the magnificent countryside of the park afforded by its use as a municipal golf course. From the mansion, fairways, like sunbeams, stretch across the valleys into the ancient woodlands. I enjoy this view as a member of the Beckenham U3A (University of the Third Age) whose walking group uses the park twice a week.

Last year Lewisham Council was offered £4.9m from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and the Big Lottery to make the park more attractive to a wide range of local and regional visitors. Plans are being drawn up for the new park to be completed in 2017. But these plans require the closure of the 18 hole golf course and do not including any money

to restore the mansion house which requires a further £3 million which LBC has to provide.

The Park Friends are not amused. Personally, I am worried that there is no mention of matching funds from LBC. Failure to meet this aspect of a HLF grant of £3.25 on offer to LBB for the Bromley Museum in Orpington meant the money was withdrawn. As Lewisham have failed to find funds for Beckenham Place Park for decades, one must fear for the fate of this wonderful parkland and its mansion.

There are no plans to renovate the mansion. The grant is to be used for designed landscape. A landscape which will disturb wild habitats and cut down perfectly good trees just for the sake of aesthetics. It is also a landscape which has no relevance for local people. Lewisham Council refer to restoring historic, heritage landscape; however that 18th Century landscape was only ever enjoyed by the landowners and their invited guests. Ordinary people only had access to the estate in order to work on it.

(It is to be deplored that renovation/restoration of the mansion house and the 'Homesteads' is not included in the HLF bid. If Bexley can make such a stunning success of the revitalization of Danson House and park, why cannot Lewisham do something similar with our beautiful public assets? *Ed.*)

Federation of Residents' Associations AGM and Meeting, 19 March 2015

The Chairman's report to the AGM listed the main issues the Federation had dealt with during the last year:

- LED street lights
- Library gardens and restaurant plans
- Crystal Palace
- Biggin Hill hours extension application
- Queens Gardens
- Loss of parks and open spaces
- The Civic Society and 'Site G'.

The main officers re-elected were Bob Hadley - Chair, Bernard Waine - Vice-chair and Katrina Iddon - Secretary.

We heard about

- on-going difficulties around creation of a 'Heritage Centre' at Biggin Hill.
- that Sundridge Park Mansion is being turned into flats,
- that you can contact the DVLA to find out if a vehicle is taxed
- that services at Beckenham Beacon are now provided by a private company.

Courses for Carers

1. Carers Bromley in partnership with Mindcare is providing a series of six workshops at Bromley Mind, 20b Hayne Road, Beckenham BR3 4HY, to enhance carers' knowledge of Dementia and support available to enable them to effectively support their relative or friend. These are free. They take place in June at 11am to 2pm. Please contact Alice Cordell on 0208 663 0499

2. Bromley Carers Education Programme - CEP is an 8 week course for mental health carers. 'On this course, you will be equipped with knowledge about mental illness, challenging behaviour and mental health services, alongside learning and reflecting about

your role as a carer, looking after yourself and maintaining your own mental health and sense of wellbeing. Each session allows you to explore your own circumstances, difficulties and emotions, whilst also learning from and being supported by group members and facilitators. Whether you are new to caring, or just want to refresh your knowledge and approach, sign up to one of the 2 courses.' A light buffet is provided. The course is free, every Monday for 8 weeks from 14 September 2015. Venue to be confirmed.

Libraries

Bromley and Bexley joint library service is looking to out-source their library provision to a private provider. The Bromley Times reports that the matter will be put to public consultation before any decision is taken.

Bromley Youth Music Trust

Following successful lobbying by supporters of this wonderful music education centre who opposed Bromley Council's threat to stop all cash funding from 1st April 2015, funding has only been reduced by about 50%. This means that the trust can continue to operate while having *some* breathing space in which to attract other funding. If you are interested in helping secure the trust's financial future you can do so on-line by following these links [Donate](#) and [Become a Patron](#).

'Fix My Street'

A website makes it really easy to report issues that the Council need to attend to, for example fly-tipped material, broken paving stones, overhanging vegetation. You enter a postcode and click on an interactive map to pinpoint the problem. The website address is <https://fix.bromley.gov.uk>

Crystal Palace Park



Readers will remember that in 2013 the Chinese ZhongRong Group were given a 16 month 'Exclusivity Agreement' to develop their plans to build a commercial development to resemble a replica of the original Crystal Palace on the top site, and re design some of the park. This was a scheme backed by the Mayor of London, Boris Johnson.

Bromley's Director of Regeneration, Marc Hume, wrote to ZRG ending the exclusivity agreement because ZRG had not met some basic requirements. Not mincing his words he writes that these terms are, *'fundamental to the Council because of its obligations as a public body to safeguard the historic and sensitive nature of the site, and to preserve the rights of the public at large in respect of the site, as well as ensuring that the various statutory limitations on its future development ... can be satisfied. Having considered the amendments you have made to the draft agreement and lease, it is clear that you have taken no account of the Council's concerns and have ignored our requirements. The result is ...that there is no realistic prospect of us reaching a satisfactory agreement on these and other matters and, consequently, no point in renewing the Exclusivity Agreement or continuing discussions any further.'*

We wonder how much money the Council has spent negotiating this failed scheme? Meanwhile the Council is planning to set up a Trust to manage the park, and to develop a 'sustainable' business plan, including 'revenue generating activity'. Car parking charges may be introduced. Further funds are being spent on yet more 'consultants' to advise on these options. Aspects of the previous and controversial 'Masterplan' that are planned are conservation of the dinosaurs and of the six sphinxes, building of a new and enlarged café, removal of hard standing, removal of turnstiles, and building of a new skate park. The rusting concert bowl is deemed not fit for purpose, and will not be restored. The Greater London Authority is adding some £2 million investment to Bromley's funding

Litter

Our area seems to be even more prone to the blight of litter. For example around Kent House Station the litter bin is always over-flowing. WBRA has asked the Council to provide more bins and collect more regularly. Several of us are to be seen looking like bag-ladies, going around with a spare plastic bag picking up discarded fast food containers and cigarette packets. Please do make sure you 'take your litter home'!

Beckenham Beacon and PRUH

WBRA has learned that the Urgent Care Centres at Beckenham Beacon and the Princess Royal University Hospital are now provided by a private company called Greenbrook Healthcare. This transfer from public ownership has had no publicity, and is an example of the so-called privatisation of the NHS. Jim Dowd MP is looking into this issue, and we hope to find out more about this shortly.

Councillors for the wards served by the association (e-mail: firstname.surname@bromley.gov.uk)		
Penge & Cator	Cllr Kathy Bance, 17, Pawleyne Close, Penge, SE20 8JH Cllr Peter Fookes, 63, Bramerton Road, Beckenham, BR3 3NY Cllr. Kevin Brooks, Members Room, Civic Centre, Stockwell Close, BR1 3UH	07943 062569 8658 7498 07710 368929
Clock House	Cllr Vanessa Allen Members' Room, Civic Centre, Stockwell Close, BR1 3UH, Cllr Ian Dunn Members' Room Cllr Sarah Phillips, Members' Room	07710 386918 07710 386922 07794 686588
Kelsey & Eden Park	Cllr Peter Dean, 5A Manor Road, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 5JB Cllr Alan Collins 3 Red Roofs Close, The Avenue, Beckenham, BR3 5YR Cllr Diane Smith, Merryn, Warren Rd, Hayes, BR2 7AN	07831 428913 07548 097494 8462 5061
Bromley Council, Civic Centre, Stockwell Close, Bromley BR1 3UH 8464 3333 (Except Leisure & Community Services Dept: MyTime Leisure Trust, info@bromleymytime.org.uk)		
Mayor of London: Boris Johnson, London Assembly Member for Bromley & Bexley: James Cleverly GLA, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London SE1 2AA - 020: 7983 4000. james.cleverly@london.gov.uk		
(As of 1 May 2015) our MPs are: Beckenham : Bob Stewart MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA -Tel: 7219 3000. bob.stewart.mp@parliament.uk Lewisham West and Penge : Jim Dowd MP, Same address. dowdj@parliament.uk		
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Alternatively, please complete "Your Details" section and enclose a Cheque made payable to West Beckenham Residents Association