

WELCOME to the first edition of *Beckenham Matters*, published every two months by Beckenham Business Association (BBA) and Beckenham Town Centre Manager

Do Up Our Alley



Beckenham has been awarded £20,000 from the Mayor's High Street Fund to improve the alleyways off Beckenham High Street. 15 alleyways between Beckenham War Memorial and Beckenham Junction have been earmarked for improvement. A clean-up day on 10 July included volunteers from Copers Cope Area Residents' Association, local business representatives and Beckenham Town Centre Manager Cheryl Curr, who together tackled some of the larger areas. **Caffè Nero provided refreshments for volunteers.*

New powers for Sunday Trading

Mayors and local councils are to be given new powers to relax Sunday trading laws for high street stores to allow them to compete with large out-of-town shopping centres and online retailers. Under government plans to allow high streets to "grow and thrive", councils will be given powers to zone areas where Sunday trading laws could be relaxed. The changes would mean that Bromley Council could declare that shops on a designated high street could be allowed to operate under more

relaxed hours while out-of-town shopping centres with fewer local ties could face restrictions. For more information and to have your say, please go to the [Department for Communities & Local Gov't website](#)

Clean It Up!

Businesses are being warned to dispose of their waste legally and responsibly or risk paying a fine. The warning follows prosecution of a



company for burning roof timbers in the garden of a property in Nightingale Lane, Bromley.

Trade waste must be disposed of either through the council's business waste disposal service or a commercial licensed waste carrier. Licensed waste carriers must, by law, only dispose of waste at a waste transfer station. Other methods, such as burning, are illegal.

For more information visit [Bromley Recycling, Rubbish & Waste](#) or call 0300 303 8658.

New shops on the block

The former Kitchen Range shop will soon be opening as a Starbucks coffee shop on the High Street, creating around 10 jobs.

An application has been made to change the former Ardec shop into a restaurant; and Clark's Shoes will be moving to the empty Alladin shop.

Bank back for business

Barclays Bank on Beckenham Road is open for business as usual after a complete refurbishment. Penge recently saw the closure of its Barclays branch so the investment in Beckenham is a welcome addition to the high street.

Flagging up Beckenham

Town Centre Management and BBA are working towards achieving the Purple Flag Award for Beckenham Town Centre. This is an accreditation scheme awarded to towns and cities which can demonstrate reaching or exceeding the set criteria for providing a safe and vibrant evening economy that offers a wide spectrum of activity.



Beckenham has a thriving night-time economy and people travel from long distances to enjoy the range of bars, restaurants, music concerts, yoga, pottery classes and film nights. For more information, visit [Working towards Purple Flag Award](#)

Discount for Beckenham Matters readers

New independent wine merchants Grand Cru Co has opened at 9 Kelsey Park Road, championing good wines from around the globe with a 15% discount for Beckenham Matters readers.

Just take this newsletter along with you to claim your 15% discount (subject to T&Cs). For more information visit grandcruco.com

Warning!

A Beckenham restaurant has been fined more than £10,000 after its fan and fridge were found to be too noisy. The restaurant's owners were handed a £11,873.50 fine by Bromley Magistrates in July. Neighbouring houses complained of the 'particularly noisy' eatery.



Beckenham landmarks - the votes are out

One of Beckenham's favourite landmarks is the Chinese Garage, now a Grade II listed building. Did you know

it is in fact an unusual Japanese pagoda style and not Chinese at all! What's your favourite Beckenham landmark?

Copers Cope Safer Neighbourhood Team surgeries at Waitrose, Southend Road

Discuss your local concerns and get information on crime prevention at these two Saturday surgeries at Waitrose on Southend Road between 10am and 11am on **12 September** and **17 October**.

Beckenham Business Association membership

For just £25 a year you can attend a minimum of 4 networking meetings for free. Find out more [here](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dates you won't want to miss!

Saturday 19 September 10am – 4pm

Market on the Green

Local outdoor produce and craft market organised by [Copers Cope Area Residents' Association](#) with live entertainment, arts & crafts and fun fair held quarterly on our pretty Beckenham Green, High Street, Beckenham, BR3 5JG.



Wednesday 23 September 6.15 pm

Beckenham Business Association evening meeting at **Deli Nene** with award-winning speaker Yuliana Topazly who will advise on the **Business support available to London-based entrepreneurs**. Further details and booking [here](#)

Thursday 22 October 7.00 pm – 10.00 pm

Charity Quiz Night at Em & Lou's Kitchen

42A High Street, Beckenham BR3 1AY
A charity quiz night with actor, director and author [Paul Clayton](#) of Coronation Street fame.

Tuesday 1 December 6.15 pm

[Beckenham Business Association](#)

Christmas party – details TBC

Saturday 5 December

Christmas Lights Switch On & Candlelit Procession

Beckenham celebrates the arrival of the festive season with a day of live entertainment, funfair, the Copers Cope Area Residents' Association Annual Candlelit Procession, Christmas Lights Switch On and a community sing-a-long.

To find out more and to get involved [email Cheryl](#)



Next Issue

Winter Wonderland Shop Window Competition

We'll soon be launching a seasonal-themed Window Competition, *Christmas Wonderland*. There will be two fantastic prizes - for the winner and runner up. More info will be published in the next edition of Beckenham Matters, due out early November.

ALSO – look out for our intrepid newshounds for Hot-off-the-Press news.

