

# Beckenham Matters

News from Beckenham Business Association  
with Beckenham Town Centre Manager

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## Farewell to Beckenham Town Centre Manager Cheryl Curr



With progress comes change and sadly for Beckenham this has meant we have lost our extremely popular **Town**

**Centre Manager Cheryl Curr** to redundancy. Cheryl was the cornerstone of support for the Beckenham Business Association EC, as well as businesses and Residents' Associations across Beckenham and surrounding areas for many years. She will be greatly missed.

**On the plus side, as a Beckenham resident we look forward to still seeing Cheryl's cheerful smile around the Town!**



**Welcome to Lorraine McQuillan, Beckenham Town Centre &**

## **BID Development Manager**

Lorraine took up the role in April to provide a town centre management service to Beckenham and Penge and to develop future sustainable management models, such as Business Improvement District (BIDs). She has been with the London Borough of Bromley Town Centre Management team for over 12

years, managing a number of district town centres, most recently Bromley Town Centre. Email Lorraine on: [lorraine.mcquillan@bromley.gov.uk](mailto:lorraine.mcquillan@bromley.gov.uk)

## Future of Beckenham Town Centre

Over 200 town centres across the UK are now using the BID model to manage their town centres. Locally, Orpington became a BID in 2013 and more recently Bromley in 2015. A BID is where an independent company is set up by the businesses in the town centre to fund and manage the projects carried out in their town.

LBB has commissioned the [Mosaic Partnership](#) to ascertain whether a BID would be feasible for Beckenham. Mosaic has been contacting Beckenham Town Centre businesses to get their views on the town and the potential improvements desired. They will produce a report early summer outlining their findings and recommendations on whether a BID would be feasible.

## Report, view, or discuss local problems



[FixMyStreet](#) is a great site for reporting local things which are broken, dirty, damaged or dumped, and need fixing, cleaning or clearing. This includes things like graffiti, flyposting, dog fouling, potholes or street lights that don't work. It only takes a couple of minutes to report a problem which is usually removed within 24-48 hours.

## Beckenham alleyway name signs

Have you seen the black and white paintings of the names and icons on various alleyway walls around the high street? The signs were hand painted by [ButlerDsigns](#) and highlight the history of Beckenham town.



The final stage of the project, funded by the Mayor's High Street Fund, will be an art deco arch at the pedestrian entrance to and from the Odeon Cinema car park to the High Street. It is hoped that when the TfL project gets underway, the pathway will be repaved to further enhance what has previously been a rather uninspiring and dark area.

## Have your say in Post Office consultation

Beckenham Business Association remains opposed to the closure of the **Crown Post Office** on Rectory Road, Beckenham, following concerns that the closure will have a negative impact on the local economy, local footfall and local retail trade. An [online petition](#) to save the Post Office has already collected over 1,700 signatures and plans are underway to present the petition to Baroness Neville-Rolfe, Minister for Postal Affairs. **Please [sign the petition](#) and encourage others to do so.**

Post Office Ltd plans to move the Crown Post Office on Rectory Road into a franchise at WHSmith on Beckenham High Street.

A public consultation was held on 10 May at Beckenham Methodist Church. For those unable to attend, the consultation is [available online](#). **Local businesses and residents are urged to [submit their views by 1 June](#).**

### **Paving samples outside Zizzi's**

As part of the TfL public realm improvement project, the paving in the High Street will be upgraded. The current plan is to have cobble style paving at Kelsey Square and different paving along the rest of the High Street. Bromley Council has had a sample of the main paving laid for the High Street outside Zizzi's restaurant for local comment.

Please send your feedback to [beckenhamimprovements@bromley.gov.uk](mailto:beckenhamimprovements@bromley.gov.uk) or by post to: Regeneration & Transformation, Strategy & Renewal, Room P49, Civic Centre, Stockwell Close, Bromley, BR1 3UH.

### **Street food with a seat**

From the streets of India, to the streets of Beckenham! The new [Chai Naasto](#) Indian street food restaurant opened last month at the former Liberal Club, 2-4 Fairfield Road.

### **Bowie's Beckenham life celebrated**

In April Zizzi's restaurant on Beckenham High Street was the fitting location for a [Beckenham Society](#) celebration of David Bowie's life and time here. The restaurant was formerly The Three Tuns pub, where Bowie performed most Sundays for almost a year and the Beckenham Arts Lab started in the late 1960s.

Photos of the sell-out evening are on the [Bromley Bowie Facebook page](#).

## **PAWS FOR THOUGHT**

By Beckenham newshounds Barney & Pip



### **Copers Cope Police Street Surgery**

Surgeries are on the following dates, all at Waitrose on Southend Road:

- Wednesday 25 May 4-5 pm
- Wednesday 29 June 12-1 pm
- Saturday 30 July 4-5 pm
- Tuesday 23 August 12-1 pm
- Wednesday 28 September 1-2 pm

Come and talk to your local Officers to discuss any concerns and for crime prevention information. To find out more visit the [Copers Cope Safer Neighbourhood Team](#) website or call 020 8721 2772.

### **Congratulations to Dizzy's**



Over 1,000 tickets were sold for an open air showing of *Grease* to help fund the restoration of the Croydon Road bandstand. Well done Lucy and Team! Next showing will be *Dirty Dancing* in September.

## **BECKENHAM BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**

### **Meetings 2016**

- [Thursday 26 May - Evening](#)
- Tuesday 21 June - Evening
- Tuesday 12 July - Breakfast
- Wednesday 21 September - Evening
- Tuesday 6 December - Evening

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

*Dates you don't want to miss!*

### **[COMEDY AT THE CHANCERY](#)**

Dickie Richards brings another great line up  
**When: Thursday 26 May, doors 7.15 pm, show 8.00 pm**

**Where:** The Chancery, 90 Bromley Road

### **[DANNY PEARCE: BOY DONE GOOD, SPECIAL PREVIEW](#)**

One of the UK's most collectable emerging artists, Danny Pearce is holding an exhibition in Beckenham

**When: Thurs 26 May 6 pm-9.00 pm**

**Where:** Rare Interior Art Gallery, 249 Beckenham Road

**RSVP to:** [info@rareinteriors.co.uk](mailto:info@rareinteriors.co.uk) or call 020 3581 5674

### **[BECKENHAM COMEDY CABARET](#)**

Monthly comedy variety night in the heart of Town, featuring original and eclectic acts

**When: Friday 10 June 8.00 pm**

**Where:** St George's Hall, Albemarle Road

### **[ST GEORGE'S FESTIVAL](#)**

Annual Arts Festival, for the benefit of the community of Beckenham and its surrounding areas

**When: 17 - 26 June**

**Where:** St George's Church, Beckenham  
Tickets prices vary – see [website](#) for details

### **[WORD FEST](#)**

A celebration of the spoken and written word, with readings and discussion, poetry, song, books, plays and other writings, organised by [Harris Academy](#) Beckenham.

**When: Saturday 16 July, 12 noon -5.00 pm**

**Where:** Beckenham Green

### **[MARKET ON THE GREEN](#)**

Local outdoor produce and craft market on the green at Beckenham Green.

**When: Sat 9 July 10.00 am – 4.00 pm  
Sat 24 Sept 10.00 am – 4.00 pm**

**Where:** Beckenham Green

All enquiries to [localmarket@coperscope.org.uk](mailto:localmarket@coperscope.org.uk)

**HOT OFF THE PRESS**

**BECKENHAM BUSINESS DAY**  
**Weds 7 September 2016**  
**Details to be announced soon!**

If you have any events you'd like us to include in this newsletter, please let us know – space prevailing, we'll do our best.

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