

MAYOR OF BROMLEY'S NEWSLETTER

FIRST EDITION



Dear Friend

I am delighted to welcome you to the first edition of my newsletter.

We hope that you enjoy this issue, please feel free to share with your friends and family. We would also welcome any suggestions and comments for future editions.



Mayor of Bromley 2021-2022

Councillor Russell L. Mellor, of Copers Cope ward was elected Mayor of Bromley for the current year, at the Annual Meeting in May. The Mayor has been a resident of Beckenham since 1962, living in the Copers Cope Ward for which he has been an active Councillor since 1998. The Mayor is a Freeman of the City of London. He is also a Freeman of the Worshipful Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers and a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Distillers.

Deputy Mayor of Bromley 2021-2022

Councillor Tony Owen of Petts Wood and Knoll was elected Deputy Mayor of Bromley for the current year, at the Annual Meeting in May. The Deputy Mayor was elected to Petts Wood & Knoll ward in Bromley in 1989. He has been a member of many council committees. When chairman of the General Purposes & Licensing committee, he was the architect of the council's licensing policy.



Mayoral Engagements

As the restrictions ease, there are more opportunities for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to meet residents at events.

The return of both the Mayor's Bowls Team and Golf Team have been welcomed and allowed participants to meet. The Mayor's Team participate in friendly matches with clubs across the borough and donations are made to the Mayor's Charity Appeal. The Mayor has attended matches between the Orpington Bowls Club, Beckenham Bowls Club and Shortlands Golf Club among others.



The Mayor recently attended the Bromley Children and Families Voluntary Sector Forum's First day of Summer Camp at The Warren sports ground in Hayes. Children and young people from across Bromley, are given the opportunity to experience a variety of sports activities with expert coaching. The Mayor hopes that the great success of this Summer Camp will continue to be an annual event.



Bromley Civic Centre Vaccination Centre received a visit from the Mayor which coincided with the NHS Volunteers and Keyworkers Day on Monday 5th July. The Mayor and Mayoress, Mrs Geraldine Mellor, met with staff and thanked them for all their hard work and dedication vaccinating the residents across the borough. The Mayor welcomes the news that tens of thousands of residents have been vaccinated, including almost 100,000 vaccinations at the Civic Centre alone.



Both the Mayor and Mayoress, and Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress, Mrs Rosie Owen, attended Bromley Community Arts Theatre's spectacular open-air production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', which the full audience thoroughly enjoyed. The performance took place in the Church House Gardens, the perfect backdrop for this magical play. The shows were very successful, and it is hoped that this may become an annual performance.



The Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress visited Banana Moon's Day Nursery Opening in Bromley. They were immensely impressed by the quality of accommodation, staff and facilities at this new venture, as well as the care and thought that the Directors Satvir Saran and Lorraine Ellis put in to providing a safe and rewarding experience for nursery children of all ages.



Crofton Roman Villa welcomed the Deputy Mayor for the launch of the latest Kent Archaeological Rescue Unit publication by Dr Brian Philp, one of the authors. Dr Philp has such knowledge and enthusiasm which he imparted to all those present. Crofton Roman Villa has been supported by Bromley Council since it's opening in 1990 and is a regular source of knowledge for several visiting school groups. Many are inspired to become helpers.

If you would like to arrange a formal visit from the Mayor or Deputy Mayor, please contact the Mayor's office: mayors.office@bromley.gov.uk or 020 8313 4906.

Civic Events

Armed Forces Day

The Mayor led Bromley Council's annual flag raising ceremony on Thursday 24th June, to mark the week running up to Armed Forces Day celebrated on Saturday 26th June 2021. The service was livestreamed so that residents across the borough could watch from the safety of their own homes.

Speaking at the time, the Mayor said: 'As we continue to navigate through this challenging time, I believe it is essential we find new ways of communicating. Due to current restrictions we are only able to have limited guests attend the flag raising service, but I still want residents to have the opportunity to join us in our recognition of the men and women who make up the Armed Forces Community.'

"Armed Forces Day is our chance to recognise and honour the men and women who make up the Armed Forces Community. Although we should always be aware of the sacrifice this community makes, this dedicated day gives us the opportunity to thank our UK Armed Forces both past and present."

To watch the video of the ceremony, please visit; www.bromley.gov.uk/mayor



Mayor's Civic Service

The Mayor held his Civic Service on Sunday 27th June where prayers were said for the Mayoral year. The service was conducted by the Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend Canon Jeremy Blunden and was held at St George's Parish Church in Beckenham. Although numbers were limited due to the restrictions at that time, the service was well attended and memorable.



Mayor's Charities

The Mayor has chosen two very worthwhile charities to support throughout his Mayoral year: The Shipwrecked Mariners Society and The Beckenham Parochial Charity.



The Beckenham Parochial Charity

The Beckenham Parochial Charity, BPC, is an amalgam of seven historical charities which continues to help people living in Beckenham and Penge by providing housing (almshouses), making financial grants for promoting the education of children and young adults in need and making financial grants to people suffering hardship or distress.

BPC owns six almshouses in Beckenham and has a long lease on three bungalows in West Wickham. They are small properties for single occupancy and the charity is responsible for their maintenance and upkeep.

BPC is also able to offer grants to assist individual students and schools in a variety of ways such as financial help so children from low income families can go on school trips, help towards the cost of clothing and equipment, financial help for extracurricular activities, the costs of suits for interviews, university books and IT equipment.

Financial grants are available to alleviate financial need causing hardship or distress. These are in the form of a direct payment for the purchase of items, services or facilities. Recent examples include grants to buy washing machines and cookers, a cover for a mobility scooter, a computer for a charity and help for families or individuals overwhelmed by financial problems.

For more information, please visit:

Home (beckenhamparochialcharity.co.uk)



The Shipwrecked Mariners Society

The Shipwrecked Mariners' Society is a national charity which provides financial support to merchant seafarers, fishermen and their dependants who are in need. As an island nation, 95% of our trade volume arrives by sea; as such we remain highly reliant on the sea and those who serve on it.

The Society was established in 1839, initially to look after those affected by the regular shipwrecks which took place along our coastline, but over time our role has evolved to support those whose lives become metaphorically 'shipwrecked'. We pay an immediate grant to the surviving partner of a serving seafarer who dies, whether death occurs at sea or ashore. Regular grants are paid to former seafarers or their partners, whose circumstances justify on-going support. Special grants are made to meet particular needs in crisis situations, or to help with funeral costs.

For more information, please visit: Seafarers Charity Support - **Shipwrecked Mariners' Society UK**

If you would like to make a donation to the Mayor's Charity Appeal, please contact the office.

Stay in Touch

Please remember to keep up to date with what the Mayor is up to on our social media pages:

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We hope that you enjoyed your summer and continue to stay safe and well. Don't forget to look out for the next edition of the Mayor's newsletter which will be published in December.