

## Help needed - an apology

... To the person who called in November offering to help who we haven't got in touch with, we accidentally deleted your message - we'd appreciate it if you'd call again. Please call 07968 288212 (also anyone else who can help!)

## Fiasco Division drama clubs

11-16s and 60 plus

The Fiasco Division are running these clubs at the Howbury Centre from now until the end of April. No previous experience is necessary just enthusiasm!

When?

11-16s Tuesdays OR Wednesdays (4pm-6pm)

60+ Thursdays OR Fridays (4pm-6pm)

To get involved contact The Fiasco Division either 'phone 07708136240 (ask for Stephanie) or email tfd@hotmail.co.uk

## Remember 16 / 17th April 1941 ?

Do you remember the incidents in Slade Green on the night incendiary bombs were being dropped and local volunteers saved the centre of Slade Green from being blown up? Last year's events commemorating the events raised enough for a memorial plaque, but we'd like to hear more memories from those that were around at the time - please call John on 342995 if you can help.

### A Councillor writes

The loss of the public lavatory in Slade Green went by without a murmur. The much-vandalised toilet had been closed for ages and was not missed by residents. Toilets like that are never missed until you need one. That toilet was vandalised once before and the result was that people urinated in the station tunnel. Bus drivers were often blamed and perhaps one or two were guilty of it, the station toilet was occasionally open when the station was staffed but I have not been able to look inside that toilet for years and years now. So it is late at night, cold and you have got off the train and you need the toilet before catching the bus or walking home. The driver is not on the bus (he has gone for a leak) what are you going to do? Where will you go? Think about it ... These things happen by stealth, nobody complained to us about the proposal and therefore no evidence that we could put forward that the toilet was much loved and will be sorely missed. So it went! The council sold the building at auction, they got £40,000 for it if that is any consolation ... *Cllr. John Eastaugh*

# Around the Green



The Newsletter of the Slade Green Forum  
Winter 09/10

## Howbury site future

Bexley Council is now starting the next round of consultation on the future of the Howbury Centre site. There will be various opportunities in the coming months to get involved in this consultation, which is starting with an explanation from the Council of the issues involved (see inside) and a Forum Public Meeting on 4th February, 7.30 pm at Slade Green Christian Fellowship, which Council officers will attend.

## 13 - 19's Workshops...

Photography

Mondays 5.30 - 7.00 pm

Photograph \* Edit & Print \* Display

Voice, Writing & Music Recording

Tuesdays 5.30 - 7.00 pm

Singers \* Rappers \* Groups \* Songwriters

Street Dance

Wednesdays 5.00 - 6.30 pm

Street \* Popping \* Break \* Freestyle

DJ

Thursdays 5.30 - 7.00 pm

Scratching \* Cutting \* Mixing \* MC

*All activities take place at the Howbury Centre (use the library entrance) and are organised by Howbury Friends.*

*To book a place or for more information call Mel on 07538 300768 or 07984 315694 or email melaniehudson@btinternet.com*

**Correction** Shaw Trust's email address was incorrect in the last issue, it should be anne.hinds@shaw-trust.org.uk (we had Sure Trust)

# The Future of Community Facilities in Slade Green

## Community facilities to be discussed

Officers from London Borough of Bexley will be attending the Forum's February meeting to talk about the way forward for community facilities in Slade Green.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will take place on 4 February 2010, at Slade Green Christian Fellowship (corner Elm Road / Slade Green Road). Doors open at 7.30pm, with the meeting due to start at 7.45pm.

The discussion on community facilities will not be the only item on the agenda but it is expected to take up a large part of the meeting.

Entry to the meeting will be on a first come, first seated basis.

## Feedback promise

The Council's officers are attending the meeting as part of a promise the Council's Cabinet members made on 8 December 2010 to give feedback on the results of a previous consultation on community facilities in the area, and to involve local people in the way forward.

Papers from the 8 December meeting are available on the forum's website at [www.sladegreen.org](http://www.sladegreen.org) but in summary the Council meeting agreed:

- that space be safeguarded within the site for new community facilities
- that a developer to be found during 2010/11 to buy the land on which to build new homes behind the existing Council offices in Slade Green.

## 'Wish List'

The shape of community facilities for Slade Green is still to be settled but a 'wish list' that has been drawn up from views put forward in the previous consultation, includes:

- A library
- Learndirect and adult education space
- Dedicated youth space
- Two multi-use games areas (MUGA), associated storage and changing
- A street gym.

At the meeting the officers will put forward the reasoning behind this list, listen to your initial feedback and try to answer any questions.

The amount of space for community groups is recognised as a key issue moving forward. This will form part of further consultation and future planning.

The London Borough of Bexley has already given assurances that at no stage during the redevelopment will the area be left without community provision, although any changes are some years ahead.

## No redevelopment before 2015

No redevelopment of the Howbury Council Offices, library & buildings that are in community use is expected to take place before 2015.

This is an opportunity for local people to really get involved at an early stage, build on the views put forward in the previous consultation and check that the Council is on the right track.

*Julia Walsh, Bexley Council*

## Slade Green Community Forum General Meeting

Thursday 4th February 2010, registration from 7.30pm

at Slade Green Christian Fellowship

(corner of Elm Road and Slade Green Road).

### Agenda

1. Presentation of Final Accounts 2008/09
2. Talk & questions about the future of the Howbury Centre site & community facilities in Slade Green.

Forum membership is open to all residents of North End ward aged 16+ and teachers in local schools.

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