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Bromley**



## **It's That Time of Year Again!**

**Our Traditional Fun Evening  
An Informal Quiz and Festive Fayre**

**7.30pm The Friends Meeting House, Ravensbourne Road, Bromley**  
Everyone welcome

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# **NEWSLETTER**

## Diary Dates

**Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>**, (Tuesday) **Bromley FoE's monthly meeting - It's That Time of Year Again!** which includes our seasonal social, an informal quiz with food to share - 7.30pm Friends Meeting House, Ravensbourne Road, Bromley. Kicking off the Festive Season in December we let our hair down a bit and enjoy the opportunity to socialise without being rounded up by the bell! There will be a few updates as there is obviously a lot happening now, but the emphasis is very much on a relaxed evening to round off the year.

**Dec 28<sup>th</sup>** (Saturday) 'Winter Walk' Join The Friends of Jubilee Country Park for a walk looking at the Park in winter. Led by John Bruce, an expert in the flora of the wildlife of the Park. Meet at Blackbrook Lane car park, BR2 8AY (near the entrance to Bromley High School) at 10.30am. The walk should last about an hour, Please wear footwear suitable for rough or muddy terrain. Well behaved dogs are welcome! In the event of bad weather please call John on 07956 801761 to check.

**Jan 7<sup>th</sup>** (Tuesday) Bromley FoE's monthly meeting including our AGM, 7.30pm.

**Jan 16<sup>th</sup>** (Thursday) Join The Friends of Jubilee Park at their annual Quiz Night in the Garden Room, St Augustine's Church, Southborough Lane, Bromley BR2 8AT at 7.30pm. Led by Jennie Randall, assisted by Christine Berkshire. A fun social event to raise funds for the work of the Friends of Jubilee Country Park. Nibbles, tea and coffee provided - you're welcome to bring your own drinks too. Teams of up to 6 people. Make up a team, or come along on your own, or with others, and make up a team on the night. No need to book. Entry £5 per person. If you need any further information on these events, you can email us on [bromleyfoe@gmail.com](mailto:bromleyfoe@gmail.com) or ask at the next monthly meeting.

## Request

Does anyone know a reliable person who repairs old clocks, including a 'grandfather'? If so, please contact the Editor.

*Similar requests to the Editor please, especially if they are related in to mending and repairing.*

## Next Newsletter Copy

Any news, articles, poems, questions, views, articles for sale will all be considered for publication. Please send them to the editor via one of the methods below to arrive not later than **Friday 20th December**

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## November Meeting Report

Anne Clark

Rosie Earwalker, the Project Officer from 'Buglife', said that they were totally devoted to the conservation of insects and there were around 40,000 invertebrates in this country, such as jewel beetles - 4,000 species; moths & butterflies - 2,500; bees, wasps etc; dragonflies & the like; slugs, snails, jellyfish and anemones, and even a 'false' scorpion (differing from the foreign type); millipedes and centipedes etc.

They all help us in some way - in general pollination, soil quality, naturally clearing up rubbish and pests to man. There is food from shellfish, silk for clothes, healing and medicinal uses including leeches, mental inspiration and joy in studying working ants, bees and butterflies. However, a great reduction was noticed when there were very few insects stuck to our car wind-screens as of old and a sudden decline in honey bees. There was a study in Germany and people like George Monbiot found that there had been a shocking collapse of 27% over 27 years, and a 40% decline in butterflies over 10 years. A terrible collapse in Nature - no invertebrates would be left by the end of the Century.

In Japan, after using Neo. sprays there were less fish and anemones. Moths were in decline over forty years eg the White-line Dart moth. There were not so many Cuckoos now, and seven species of bumble bees had declined (70% from 1900 - 1980) with two species now extinct. Across Europe, 1200 have become extinct in the last century and

these things don't seem to reach media headlines. Why is this happening? Everything has a specialist lifestyle and relies on one another. There seems to be too much tidying, chemical control, nitrates and pesticides in the system even flea control for your pets can end up in the water - and loss of wild flower meadows, destroying Nature's balance. However, there have always been plagues, and insects like the Lavender and Rosemary beetle (metallic), and Box caterpillar have to be controlled - preferably by hand. Care must be taken when importing plants, wood and fruit.

Campaigns have done much to make the public aware - looking after bees - and giving advice to farmers about over-grazing, ploughing and cutting rotations and 6,500 hectares have been given in subsidies, but that's not nearly enough. We are now trying mapping pollinator 'corridors' of wild habitat - expanding wildlife sites and stepping stones (Blines). 'Solitary' bees have come over from the Continent, Tiger moths seem to be increasing, and due to the warmer climate, dragonflies are back in Norfolk. Since the Big Butterfly Count, the once extinct Large Blue butterfly is abundant. Experts are trying to reintroduce birds, bats etc. including the bumble bee and the 'Shrill Carder bee' which has a high pitched buzz, and is doing well in the S.E. around the Thames Estuary, N. Kent and Essex.

Rosie said that they were trying to reintroduce, and stop over-grazing, Trifolium, Clover, dead Nettle and dead grass for the bees to forage and nest. She then answered some questions. Due to climate, the increase of ticks in

this country, we should always have the medication to hand as in the USA. The Asian ladybird, should now be left, as it has integrated into our native species. Not to worry hysterically about the 'false' Widow spider, as its bite would not be fatal. It was suggested to be in touch with the Farmers Union. Rosie ended by thanking us if we played the Lottery, as Buglife got its money from the lottery Fund!

## **Second Half**

Sheila Brown

Local environmental groups - ourselves, Greener and Cleaner Bromley (& Beyond), Living Streets and Bromley Youth Strike4Climate have formed a Climate Coalition, working together with the Council getting them to commit to their carbon neutral target. We will also be part of the Friends of the Earth Climate Action Group - Sam Gee is spearheading this. Once the election is behind us, we will be approaching local MPs and also councillors to encourage them to become more environmentally aware with the goal of signing up to the FoE Climate Action Plan.

There was discussion of the forthcoming election and it was felt we should get involved, particularly by speaking to candidates about their stance on environmental issues. Friends of the Earth have issued guidance notes and a list of suggested questions about the climate crisis, renewable energy, greener transport, doubling tree cover etc. Greener and Cleaner Bromley (& Beyond) propose organising local hus-

tings, and we agreed to be involved with these.

The recent Fracking stall in Bromley was held in foul weather but a number of leaflets were given out and there was a much greater state of awareness among the general public. Cards and petitions were signed.

On the Plastics front, it is imperative to get an action plan on plastics included in the new Environmental Plan. We were encouraged to contact organisers of events; we had already identified the need to encourage the Cudham Fete to be more environmental and should consider other events, eg school fetes. The takeaway food industry was one of the main culprits and therefore targets. We should come up with lists of local businesses to approach. Annette reminded us about the plastic free shop at Lee Green and mentioned another one at Southborough. Judy is providing details of TerraCycle.

Under planning, the chief concern was the proposed development on the Civic Centre (Bromley Palace) site and an alteration to the Local Plan at a recent Development Control meeting. The Civic Society is extremely concerned about this and very much on the case.

## **Progressive Film Co-operative**

Mary Stirling

Alistair and I were very lucky to attend one of Ann Garrett's excellent film evenings last Saturday with the Progressive Film Co-operative.



These most interesting and informative evenings always start with a chance to bring and share food and get to know other members of the group.

On Saturday we had a veritable sumptuous feast. Thank you all so much for that.

The evening continued with a most interesting series of short environmental films. Most memorable to me were the young children, living in abject poverty, who had lost many family members including mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters. However, they were forever smiling and were at pains to point out that there were others in the world who were much worse off than them. A lesson to us all I think.

We were also very privileged to have the expertise of Dr Jay Ginn who led an animated and informed discussion about the films. It is always interesting to hear other people's points of view watching the very same films.

Many thanks to Ann and her co-producer for organising a great evening. Do come along next time. Films are always on the first Saturday of the month but get in touch with Ann and she will put you on the mailing list. You will be glad that you did!

## **A Worthy Award for Greener & Cleaner Bromley (& Beyond)**

*This is in regard to the environmental work that Parisa Danvers has undertaken including that of Greener & Cleaner*

*Bromley (& Beyond). Ed.*

Oh my goodness, I just had to share the below with you specific amazing friends/colleagues! Thank you guys so so much for all your support and encouragement!

You've definitely helped give me the courage, resilience and team support to help achieve all we have achieved so far and to "keep on keeping on" despite resistance and knock backs - you guys are the BEST! And extra special thanks to Tom for doing so many extra bed times and being so supportive all round, so I could so actively strive to build community teamwork and improve the environment for our children, neighbours & beyond!

Hi Parisa,

I hope you are well.

As you may be aware, every year we ask the public to nominate a local hero who goes above and beyond the call of duty so we can give them the recognition they deserve.

We are pleased to say you have been chosen from the list of nominees to win this year's Local Hero.

The Local Hero not only takes to the stage on 17th November to switch on the town's lights together with Christopher Biggins from Churchill Theatre's Aladdin pantomime, but you will also receive £250 of shopping vouchers to spend in The Glades, a family theatre ticket for The Churchill Theatre, family bowling voucher along with a free day pass for the gym at The Pavilion and a

£250 donation to the charity of your choice.

So I wanted to ask if you will be available to join us this Sunday 17th November from 17.00 to 18.00, where you will join our above team on stage to turn on Christmas in Bromley this year. I do hope you are able to make it.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards

Sonali Tank

Your Bromley BID Events & Marketing  
Co-ordinator

## **Bonnington Square Revisited**

Sheila Brown

Finding ourselves in the Lambeth-Vauxhall area on a bleak, rainy and bitterly cold November day and realising we were not far from Bonnington Square, the thought of a comforting cup of tea in a cosy café drew us to the Italo Delicatessen where we'd been made so welcome when the group visited in August. Then there was the possibility of sitting at one of the many outside tables, and indeed they were fully occupied, first by people enjoying breakfast and on through the day with morning coffee, lunch, and afternoon teas and snacks. For reasons that need no explanation, sitting outside in the bitter wind was not an option. Inside it was certainly cosy and snug - it is in fact very tiny and we only just managed to find somewhere to sit.

The sense of community we'd noticed in the summer seemed even more ap-

parent. People all seemed to know each other and conversation flowed back and forth. It is very much the hub of the local community. All sorts of local products and services are on sale and local events are advertised in the Italo's own newsletter - London honey, local micro-brewery beer and pale ale, Vauxhall Park lavender oil, an over sixties club, appeal for help in the community garden, ecological washing up liquid refilling, a local Mr Fixit trialling a scheme whereby you deposit your broken 'TeasMades', typewriters or old teddy bears (and he quotes a price to repair them), a compost scheme to deposit your compost, a community cookbook supporting a local adventure playground threatened with closure, Who Gives a Crap recycled loo paper, meet your prospective Green MP, flat needed, supper club evenings and Sunday morning community yoga. Local artisans, traders, services and shops are also listed. We had already discovered Millers General Stores in Black Prince Road selling organic food of all sorts, billed as 'A local miracle. Do visit!' and I had been particularly impressed and tempted by the wide range of Ecover products in their shop window.

I read once that London is a collection of villages. This is certainly true of Vauxhall, which is possibly the loveliest and most community spirited of them all.

## **Senior Moments**

Penelope Lively describes her book 'Ammonites and Leaping Fish', written as she approached eighty, as "the view

from old age, this place at which we arrive with a certain surprise - ambushed, or so it can seem.... One of the few advantages of age is that you can report on it with a certain authority; you are a native now and know what goes on here." She speaks of how a lifetime is "embedded; it does not float free, it is tethered - to certain decades, to places, to people." She talks about "the great sustaining ballast of memory.... And when I look around my cluttered house - more ballast, material ballast - I can see myself oddly identified and defined by what is in it."

She writes of major world events which formed a backdrop to her life: the war, the Suez crisis in the 50s and the Cuban missile crisis in the 60s. She philosophises on the nature of memory and how traumatic events seem more recent and how time passes slowly when you are awaiting something momentous like the return of a loved one. In the final chapter she picks six *things* that "articulate something of who I am".

A unique and very interesting perspective on old age.

### **Do You Remember These?**

Back in the days of tanners and bobs.

When Mothers had patience and Fathers had jobs.

When football team families wore hand me down shoes.

And TV gave only two channels to choose.

Back in the days of three penny bits.

When schools employed nurses to search for the nits.

When snowballs were harmless: ice slides were permitted.

And all of your jumpers were warm and hand knitted.

Back in the days of hot ginger beers.

When children remained so for more than six years.

When children respected what older folks said.

And pot was a thing you kept under your bed.

Back in the days of Listen with Mother.

When neighbours were friendly and talked to each other.

When cars were so rare you could play in the street.

When doctors made house calls: Police walked the beat.

Back in the days of Milligan's Goons.

When butter was butter and songs all had tunes.

It was dumplings for dinner and trifle for tea.

And your annual break was a day at the sea.

Back in the days of Dixon's Dock Green.

Crackerjack pencils and Lyons ice cream.

When children could freely wear National Health glasses.

And teachers all stood at the FRONT of

their classes.

Back in the days of rocking and reeling.

When mobiles were things that you hung from the ceiling.

When woodwork and pottery got taught in schools.

And everyone dreamed of a win on the pools.

Back in the days when I was a lad.

I can't help but smile for the fun that I had.

Hopscotch and roller skates: snowballs to lob.

Back in the days of tanners and bobs.

Stray thought - if Brexit does happen, will we go back to feet and inches for measuring furniture rather than those infuriating millimetres, and will we be able to buy food and have our recipes in pounds and ounces rather than grams?

## **Miller's Mutterings**

Chris Miller

We think you may be able to guess what we are going to say this month? Well, if we just mention the word rain, you may have an idea. Since Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September until 25<sup>th</sup> October, we have had 164mm of rain, or in old money, 6½" or 144,000 gallons of rain per acre. Needless to say it is a bit squashy!

We have been unable to plant this year's wheat and barley crop, so have

made the decision to forget planting now and plant all spring crops. All being well, the ground will have dried out sufficiently to hold the weight of the machines and the seed won't rot in the ground, due to the wet.

The wheat and barley seed that we purchased will remain in the barn until next harvest and we have just ordered the wheat and barley seed for the spring planting. The seed we purchased for the autumn drilling cannot be drilled in the spring as one is a biannual and the other a true annual. What you can see growing in the fields now are weeds. As you can imagine, this will have a huge effect on the farm and in our life time this has never happened before. Not a good start to the season.

As at the end of October, the wheat and barley crop across the UK is about 15% planted, an average year would be about 85% planted, so you can see the effect that this rainfall has had nationally. The slugs would have been a huge problem, so at least we won't have to deal with them. The big problem now will be the shortage of spring sown seed, so that is why we have placed our order to hopefully secure some seed.

On the plus side, the cover crop which we planted at the end of harvest is up and looking good, as too is the grass. The seed came early so we were able to get that planted before the rains started. Obviously the field trials using the by product from the coal industry will have to wait until next September. We have been able to keep occupied with repairs to the barns, although in pouring rain and strong winds, this was

not easy or safe so back to drinking more tea.

We haven't seen any redwings yet but have heard that they have been sighted in Knole Park. It will be lovely to hear the fieldfares calling and flying with the redwings. Cannot remember what the weather was like on St. Luke's day, 8th October but here is one for November.

If November ice will bear a duck,

Most of winter will be slush and muck.

Steve and Chris Miller  
Court Lodge Farm

## **E Fact for the Month**

Concrete has a massive carbon footprint

Cement's main ingredient is the source of about 8% of the world's carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions.

If the cement industry were a country, it would be the third largest emitter in the world - behind China and the US.

It contributes much more CO<sub>2</sub> than aviation fuel (2.5%) and isn't far behind the global agriculture business (12%).

*Any similar items of interest should be sent to the Editor please.*

## **Sad News**

I am writing to you today with some personal news. After 18 years at Friends of the Earth, including almost 5 years as the CEO, I announced this week that I will be leaving the organisation in early

March.

I feel enormously proud of what we have achieved together during my time as Chief Executive. Down to the power of local groups and communities, we have achieved some big wins together – from stopping fracking to protecting bees to blocking climate-wrecking projects.

I have had the pleasure of getting to know many of you during my time at the organisation. I first got involved with Friends of the Earth's Local Groups as a teenager, when I joined the successful campaign to save Rainham Marshes near where I grew up in Essex.

I have been continually inspired and motivated by the incredible work of local groups and campaigners, who are driving and demanding change in communities across the country.

As we face up to the global climate and ecological emergency, Friends of the Earth is as important today as it ever has been. To have a chance of addressing the climate crisis, we know we must work to strengthen the power of our grassroots network and become a force impossible to be ignored. I am proud of the unique role our local groups play – and will continue to play.

I will be moving on to take up the role of Chief Executive at The Wildlife Trusts from April 2020, where I will be working with communities to reverse the ecological crisis and restore nature.

We will be in touch with local groups over the next few months to let you know the next steps as we prepare to

hire a new CEO. We are keen to hear your views on what you would like to see from this recruitment.

It has been a real honour to serve as Chief Executive of Friends of the Earth and I will always remain a passionate supporter and friend of this extraordinary organisation and movement.

With very best wishes



Craig Bennett

*Craig has always been a good friend to us as a local group and a worthy CEO of National FoE. We wish him all the very best in his new post and look forward to him speaking to us in his new capacity perhaps.*

## Info on TerraCycle

Judy Palmer

Over the course of the last month or two, our group has been chatting, at our monthly meetings, about the possible benefits of having a TerraCycle collection in our name. TerraCycle is the organisation which recycles the 'non-recyclable', all those tiresome bits which you have to put in your domestic dustbins and drive you mad!

There are two ways in which we could do this - via one of their free recycling programmes or by purchasing a Zero Waste Box. The free recycling pro-

grammes are funded by brands, manufacturers and retailers around the world. There are various drop-off locations available for a certain type of product - Burt's Bees personal care, crisp packets, confectionery, Colgate oral care, KP snacks, ring carriers, Spontex, Weleda as examples.

If we went the route of purchasing a Zero Waste Box we have three sizes to choose from, and pay for - Small - £145.33, medium - £236.59, large - £396.73. You can put all brands and non-recyclable waste in these. Or you can have a branded area box only, eg shoes & footwear, safety equipment, plastic packaging, plastic bottle tops and loads more.

We thought that the waste box would be the best option for an organisation and for individuals it would be best to choose a particular waste stream.

If anyone feels that this is something the group could be involved in, please do get in touch with us, either via our email address, [bromleyfoe@gmail.com](mailto:bromleyfoe@gmail.com) or by chatting to a member of the plastics team, or bring the topic up at a monthly meeting. Our January 2020 meeting is our AGM, and the perfect opportunity to start planning our activities for the year ahead.



## Mall Precinct Stall

Ann Garrett

A big thank you to Rob, Diana, Ruth and John for turning up on a cold, rainy day for the stall with Bromley Against Fracking on October 26th.

We gave out quite a few leaflets and got some signatures on the petition.

John's wind turbine model attracted attention and we had music to cheer us up in the cold! We also had good support from The Mall

security officer, who said how much he supported our FoE campaigns and wished us all the best!

Afterwards, we warmed up in Nick's café as usual!



## **Chislehurst Commons Conservators at the Chislehurst Society**

Anne Clark

Sue, John and I went to a small exhibition put on by the Chislehurst Commons Conservators at the Chislehurst Society headquarters on 16th November showing the work covered by volunteers (new people always welcome) and the increase (or not) of invertebrates, wild flowers, birds and butterflies on the commons.

The Green Woodpecker had been spotted more this year as had Ringlet, Gatekeeper, Brown Argos and Painted Lady butterflies and the striking Tiger moth, which was heartening.

Taking a guided walk around the ponds, we learnt about the filtering by reeds of the contaminated water draining from the roads, and about all the invertebrates, and fish (including people's unwanted goldfish & terrapins!) not to mention Koi Carp. These increased so much over five years, that they had to be reduced as there wasn't enough oxygen for so many & they don't allow any greenery to grow.

These once gravel pits (as on Blackheath) now filled with water are a great feature for the many water birds that were there. We returned to a lovely hot "cuppa" and beautiful photos of the many fungi etc. to be found.

## **Campaign Updates**

### **Climate, Energy and Transport**

Ann Garrett

### **Flooded UK and Venice**

The floods in Yorkshire and Italy are sadly a timely reminder of the climate change challenges we are facing, along with the serious Australian wild fires.

There has been criticism of the failure of the Environment Agency to regularly dredge rivers and the Government for not stepping in earlier with army aid and creating a national emergency which enables emergency funding from the EU ironically.

In Venice, where 85% of the city has been flooded, there has been criticism of the failure of government bureaucracy in building the sea defences to protect the city, over many years. The barriers, which are in the middle of being built are rotting due to financial corruption.

### **David Attenborough Speaks Out**

'Humans have made a tragic mess of the planet' David Attenborough has said, when launching his new BBC programme 'Seven Worlds One Planet'. However, on a note of optimism, he said that nations are coming together and recognising that we all live on the same planet. He has also paid tribute to Greta Thunberg and praised 'her passion, insight and concern for the future'.

[Greta Thunberg and other environ-



mentalists are having to change their travel arrangements at short notice, as the UN Climate Change COP25 conference has changed from Chile to Spain and runs from December 2nd - 13th].

The BBC programme will put an environmental message at the beginning of each episode. Scenes will include a lone, grey-headed albatross chick in Antarctica being blown off its nest as a result of increasingly intense storms.

*For those of you who might be interested in the antics of the humbling Greta Thunberg, most of her days are published on her Instagram page. If this is not your cup of tea, then you might have heard elsewhere that she travelled to the USA a few months ago on a racing yacht. She has been creating a fuss, inspiring the youth of America to protest on climate change every Friday while travelling across the continent towards Chile. However, when the UN conference was moved to Spain, she hurriedly requested transport help on social media and got the offer of a catamaran ride back to Europe. You can actually track the boat at: [www.sailing-lavagabonde.com](http://www.sailing-lavagabonde.com) Ed.*

### **The Moratorium on Fracking**

It is good news that the Government have created a moratorium, but the reality is that fracking has only been suspended and could be an election ploy, and restarted at short notice. The equipment is still in place and the fracking companies have vested interests to restart as soon as possible. The earthquakes in the Preston New Road area

have made a big impact and raised concerns.

The victory has been mainly due to the courageous Lancashire campaigners who have invested months of their time and energy in protesting and bringing court challenges. We owe them a great debt for their resilience and determination.

Meanwhile, 'The Gatwick Gusher' at Horse Hill is continuing to extract oil, as this is a pressure drilling process.

Four more oil wells [which we in Bromley FoE objected to] have been approved and this will ensure a further 25 years of oil extraction at the site. Another visit by our group is planned, as the campaigners at the camp there are running out of supplies.

### **Transport**

Damaging fossil fuel-powered private jets must be scrapped by 2025, a think tank has warned.

There were 128,000 private jet flights between the UK and Europe last year, making up 6 per cent of Britain's air traffic total, with a further 14,000 flights outside Europe.

A typical private jet passenger journey within Europe emits about 7 times as much greenhouse gases as the same journey made in business class on an airline, and 10 times more than an economy flight, says the report.

For an equivalent journey made by high speed rail, this is 150 times higher. The latter statement also raises the

controversial issue of HS2 which FoE officially opposes.

## Supplies That Don't Cost the Earth

*This column will be a regular reference point for useful and practical resources available to us all, helping us to sustain the greenest lifestyles we can. Any suggestions or reviews gratefully received. Ed.*

**www.greenfinder.co.uk** - a really useful directory of environmental companies for all kinds of things.

### Naturallythinking

Unit 2 Mill Lane Trading Estate, Mill Lane, Croydon, CR0 4AA 020 3856 3588  
[www.naturallythinking.com](http://www.naturallythinking.com)  
Aromatherapy, skincare, haircare etc. using non animal tested, local, natural ingredients.

If you are a facebook user, then you might already know that there is a group in Bromley called **Greener & Cleaner Bromley (& Beyond)** It shares tips and resources for residents or the borough. Consumer action!

There are various other Facebook groups who promote recycling (reusing). A local example is: **Hayes Life Freebeecyclers** There may be something similar in your area.

The Freecycle network is also a good place to swap secondhand items:  
<https://groups.freecycle.org/group/BromleyUK/posts/all>

**South London Shop Without Packag-**

**ing (SWOP)**, 7 Burnt Ash Lane, Lee.

**Carnivore and Herbivore** in Main Road, Sidcup - Now shops are in Southborough Lane, Bromley near the library.

**Crystal Palace Food Market**, Haynes Lane, SE19 3AN. facebook page - 'The Store Cupboard'.

There are a few apps for mobile devices that allow you to purchase left over food from certain local establishments that would otherwise go to waste. It seems to be that you browse the local offerings and pay around £3, for example, for a bundle of food. It can be a surprise goodie bag or a specific pizza or any other dish or produce.

Two of the apps I know of are **Karma** and **TooGoodToGo**. The latter seems to have the better reviews and I'm trying it out. I've just looked and the first offer I could see has a £12 pizza for £3 to pick up between 9pm and 11pm this evening. There is a real variety of food on there though.

*I'd be very interested to hear if anyone else has any experience of this type of food shopping. Ed.*

This is an interesting alternative to synthetic floss I saw when on holiday. The container is glass and is refillable with more silk floss.



## **The Future of the Bromley Friends of the Earth Newsletter**

We are all very fond of our newsletters and continue to see them as a very important part of our group. But we would like to consider other options for environmental reasons. We would like to ask our membership their views on the frequency of our newsletter.

At present, the newsletter is posted out to you 12 times a year, with an option for members to receive it by email only. A way forward could be to reduce the frequency of the posted newsletter to 4 times a year, but to provide an email newsletter sent out by our admin team on the other 8 months. (We could also ask more of our members to choose the email only version.) For members who do not have email, we could provide a few printed copies at monthly meetings.

Please could you let us know your views and if you have any other suggestions to reduce our environmental impact? Please send your comments to [www.bromleyfoe.co.uk](http://www.bromleyfoe.co.uk) or let us know at our monthly meetings.

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## Reuse

If you have any items that you no longer need and that could be of use to someone then please let us know and we will publish them in the Newsletter. Alternatively, you could bring them along to our monthly meeting and put them on the table in reception . Any donations to BFoE from sales will be greatly appreciated.

## Non-members Section

If you are not a member of Bromley Friends of the Earth (BFoE) then hello to you. We are an active local group affiliated to national Friends of the Earth concerned with promoting the understanding of environmental issues. We also campaign on these issues at a local, national and international level.

If you would like to know more about who we are and what we do, please contact either of our co-ordinators Sheila Brown or Ann Garrett (their details are inside the back page of this newsletter.) Alternatively you can come along to one of our monthly meetings held on the first Tuesday of every month at the Friends Meeting House, Ravensbourne Road, Bromley - that's towards the bottom of the High Street, on the right going down. If you would like to join us then please fill in and send us the form below.

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## Membership Application/Renewal\* Form (\*delete as appropriate)

I would like to support Bromley Friends of the Earth and enclose my annual subscription (£8 single/£15 couple/family.) I also enclose a donation (optional) of ..... to help towards the work of our local group.

Name: .....

Address: .....

..... Post Code: .....

Email address: .....

Do you have any hobbies or interests that may be of use to the group?

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Please return this form to: Bromley FoE, 2 Bucks Cross Cottages, Chelsfield Village, Orpington, Kent BR6 7RN. Other enquiries regarding the group should be sent to [bromleyfoe@gmail.com](mailto:bromleyfoe@gmail.com) or contact one of our co-ordinators via their details inside.