



# **The Blockley Cooperative Association AGM**

The formal notice of the AGM and the accounts will be going out on April 29. The meeting will take place on May 16 in the Little Village Hall at 3pm. We are anxious to encourage new members to join the Management Committee, particularly younger people from all areas in the parish. If you would like to put yourself forward for nomination, please contact the BCA Secretary, James Hunt on 01386 701472 or at [james.hunt@everymanlegal.com](mailto:james.hunt@everymanlegal.com)

## **Financial update**

In recent weeks, sales have been roughly on budget. The two snowbound weeks in January helped boost sales so that cumulatively they have exceeded budget for the year to date by 2.8 per cent.

The signs are that we shall have to work hard to achieve budget for the rest of the year, but with members' support we hope to do so.

The next loyalty bonus will be declared at the annual meeting on 16 May

## **News from the shelves**

Sales of our own label Blockley shop wines, which include Merlot, Chardonnay and port, all from Argentina, are going well, as is our own line of biscuits. Chris is negotiating with suppliers for a new range of Blockley shop products. Fruit and veg are doing well and local asparagus will be in soon. The ice creams are back in the fridges in the entrance and Calippo shots (little balls of flavoured ice) are the flavour of the month.

The café has been doing well thanks to the sunny weather and a new range of sandwiches and salads will be on sale from next week. We are also delighted to announce that all our cakes are now made by June, the celebrated pastry chef at the Horse and Groom, Bourton on the Hill.

Our range of affordable gifts has been expanded and now includes beadwork and soft toys from Rwanda, which have been brought home by Chris who lives in Park Road. Funds raised go to a charity in Kigali which helps ex-prostitutes out of poverty. Details: [www.kinambaproject.org.uk](http://www.kinambaproject.org.uk)

Following our recent break-in some very heavy-duty iron bars have been fitted to all the doors.

## ***A country shop-keeper's life ....***

*Two amorous mallards walked into the shop on Tuesday and took refuge behind the vegetable chiller. The female eventually retreated to a bottle of Domestos and refused to budge until she was charmed by the staff using stale croissants.*

## **The Lottery**

Sales of Lottery tickets have risen to £500 per week but we will still have to increase this to £1000 if Camelot is to guarantee continuity of service after one year.

## **50s Ball**

Following the huge success of the 40s ball, BAD company is organising a second ball, this time with a 1950s theme. The ball will take place on June 12 and jive classes are being arranged so that everyone can sharpen up their skills in good time. All proceeds will go to the upgrade fund for St George's Hall.

Details: Jenny Bruce: [jenny@jennybruce.co.uk](mailto:jenny@jennybruce.co.uk) or 01386 701072

Tickets £25, to include first drink and supper - cooked again by Dan Scobie - will be available from the shop by weekend of 24/25th. April.

## **Emails and BCA membership list**

We like to keep in touch with you by email if possible as it saves time and money. It also allows us to communicate about urgent things between newsletter issues. If you have an email address and are receiving this as a paper copy it means we do not have your email address on file. To remedy this or let us know of any change of address, email address or other relevant details drop a note or email to David Brown at Oates End, High Street, Blockley ([davebrown2@aol.com](mailto:davebrown2@aol.com))

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