

Brockley Voice

NEWSLETTER 10

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Sleeping Beauty

Catford Broadway Theatre

It's Panto
time again!



Prepare
to be
spellbound!

Saturday 15th December @ 1pm

adults £10; kids under 16 £5

Tickets available for reservation from 11th November
email: hello@brockley.coop or call the office



50th Anniversary

**Members got together
and celebrated 50 years
of our co-op in July,
with a fantastic party!**

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Competition time!

Window stickers

A number of members have asked the Co-op to produce a discreet sticker which people can put in their window to show that they are members. Members can then be in touch with each other in their street or at least feel more of a community.

Brockley Voice are therefore launching a competition to design such a sticker, with the following brief:

- A discreet symbol or logo that members can choose to display in their window should they want to be identifiable by other BTC members
- Postcard size max
- Bright and colourful to be seen from upper storey windows too

The competition is open to all members (adults and children) with a prize of a **£50 Love to Shop voucher**. Deadline February 28th 2025.

Christmas hampers



Back by popular demand, BTC Voice are running another prize draw this Christmas. Lucky members will be chosen at random to be awarded an M&S Christmas hamper or gift voucher.

Details on how to enter the draw will be sent shortly. Watch this space!

BTC street trees

As one of the ways of celebrating our 50th anniversary, we are funding two trees to be planted close to Co-op properties in Endwell Road and Tressillian Crescent. Residents nearby will be responsible for looking after them until they get properly established.

The trees will have a blue notice attached to say that they are planted in recognition of BTC's anniversary – like this tree in Hilly Fields which is part of 'Freddie's Blossom Walk'. (Look out for many other such trees around Brockley.)





More photos from our fantastic anniversary party on July 27th



There are a couple of albums of photos in the office which you can go and look at, as well!



Pets' corner

Meet Prince



Our cat Prince is a gorgeous tabby and lives fully up to his name - especially since he's had his teeth done. He's a sociable chap, loves a cuddle and a chat. In fact he spends more time out and about than at home, and one thing we do know is that he has a secret someone on the side, as he often comes home smelling of cigarettes and perfume.

Prince enjoys catching the odd mouse, but never seems willing to follow through with the kill. Soft at heart I guess.

He reminds us of Mog the Forgetful Cat - remember the books? He always forgets he's eaten, or indeed that there's food still in his bowl, or that he has a catflap, or that we don't like mice as gifts.

We love him all the same - *Lily, Eva, Elias and Prince.*



Autumn Recipe

Dorset apple cake

This is a good easy recipe. It makes a fairly large cake, but everything could be halved and the cake cooked for about 20 minutes less in a medium loaf tin.

Also, if you don't like apples, try plums?

Ingredients

225g wholemeal plain flour

2 tsp baking powder

½ tsp grated nutmeg or cinnamon

175g brown sugar

150g melted butter or Lurpak-type spread

2 large eggs, beaten

4 small/3 medium apples, cored and diced (no need to peel)

Demerara sugar, to top

Method

Heat the oven to 180C (160C fan)/gas 4. Line and grease a 20cm cake tin.

Put the flour, baking powder, spice and brown sugar in a large bowl, stir in the butter and eggs then beat well.

Stir in the apples until well distributed then spoon into the tin. Smooth the top then sprinkle with a little demerara sugar.

Bake for 1 hour 15 minutes or so, until a knife stays clean when pushed into the centre of the cake.

Leave to cool in the tin for 10 minutes then turn out to cool completely.

Please get in touch if you'd like your pet featured here or have something delicious and inexpensive to share!

Email: hello@brockley.coop

SEASIDE SUPPLEMENT



'I'd never been to Littlehampton, and very rarely get a chance to go to the seaside, so a laid-on coach trip where all you have to do is get to the BTC office seemed like an absolute no brainer to me...

With the sea breeze and after London and the long coach trip, walking south down the promenade towards the ice cream parlours and cafes was laid back and dreamy, and Littlehampton seafront seemed peaceful, and relaxing, and buzzy at the same time... The mood was positive, but spending more time at the destination and less with the coach driver would be good next year!' **Mark**





'The most enjoyable part of the trip was watching the sea, seeing the water reclaim its position with each tide. Sitting and eating with wonderful people, sharing food, and having fun—dancing and listening to music on the beach—made it all even more special.' **Megan**



