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NEW CAFÉ SET TO OPEN AT
KIDBROOKE VILLAGE

Kidbrooke Village will soon be welcoming a new café to the area when Albi's open its doors in the first week of March.



Works are currently taking place to transform the existing unit into a traditional Italian coffee shop. The new café will have space for 35 covers and will take advantage of the outside space for food and coffee lovers to enjoy.

The café will be owned and run by Bill Walsh, a former Kidbrooke resident with a well-established history in the

catering industry. Bill first trained at the Savoy Hotel and has been the head chef Lord's Cricket Ground and the O2; worked with chefs including David Cavalier, Gary Rhodes and Antony Worrall Thompson; and been the personal chef for Real Madrid footballer Gareth Bale.

The south Londoner is excited about the new café and said: "I see Albi's as being a real focal point for the community. I want everyone to walk in and feel welcome - residents, commuters, the builders and contractors who are on site every day."



GET YOUR 1ST COFFEE OF
THE DAY AT KIDBROOKE
STATION

If you are looking to grab a hot drink before you jump on the train or a bite to eat, don't forget that Niall at the 1st

Coffee kiosk will continue to serve your needs as he has since 2010 at Kidbrooke station from Monday - Friday 7am to 3.30pm.

If you would like to keep up to date with all the 1st Coffee news why not follow @1st_Coffee on Twitter today.



"We'll be sourcing our ingredients locally and we are also employing four permanent staff from the area, one of whom will be a local apprentice trained in catering."

From Monday to Saturday Albi's will be open 6.30am - 6.00pm and 8.00am to 4.00pm on a Sunday, with hot food options served by Bill and his team, and brunch on a Sundays, as well as themed evenings throughout the year.



WILD ABOUT KIDBROOKE VILLAGE

Since the middle of October, London Wildlife Trust, in partnership with Berkeley Homes has been running the 'Wild About Kidbrooke Village' project.



The project has been designed to not only create a wonderful space for wildlife, but also a destination for people as well, whilst allowing everyone to benefit from a fantastic green space in Kidbrooke Village.

A number of free activities have been held, providing opportunities to experience and enjoy the wildlife in local streets, gardens and parks.

These have included craft events, pond dipping, mini beast hunts and mammal surveys in Cator Park and Birdbrook Nature Reserve.

Get involved in upcoming events

On Saturday 4 March, there is a wonderful opportunity to join a free trip to Woodberry Wetlands (pictured at top of the page) in Manor House.



This freshwater reservoir was closed to the public for almost 200 years until it was opened by Sir David Attenborough last year.



Endangered and rare birds can be spotted all year round. With an expert wildlife guide we will discover the birds, plants and other wild species that now thrive among the newly created islands and reed beds.

The trip will also include free teas, coffees and nibbles. Pick up is from Kidbrooke station at 10am to return at 3pm. For more information on how to book, please see the contact details at the bottom of this article.



On Sunday 12 March, London Wildlife Trust will be heading over to Birdbrook Nature Reserve for the 'Amazing amphibians abound in the under-growth' event.

Suitable for children aged 6+, this free event will provide an opportunity to learn about the wonderful species of newts, frogs and toads found across Britain and why it is so important to



protect them.

David Courtneidge, a project officer with the Trust who helps to run the events said: "We have had quite a bit of interest in the events that we have run already and it is incredible to see the faces on the young children when they realise there is so much wildlife on their doorstep."



Further information on the upcoming events can be found on the 'What's On' section of London Wildlife website: www.wildlondon.org.

To register your interest in the remaining free events, please contact David via dcourtneidge@wildlondon.org.uk or call him on 07834 867 422. All children must be accompanied by an adult.



Pictures: Margaret Holland

RECENT

CHRISTMAS AT KIDBROOKE VILLAGE

Residents from Kidbrooke Village and the surrounding area celebrated in the Village Square on Saturday 19 November to get into the festive spirit.

Keavey Lynch from 90s pop band B*wtched performed at the Chrsitmas event and collected a £2,500 cheque donation from Berkeley Homes on behalf of The Lighthouse Project and will go towards helping communities in Sierra Leone.

The Blackheath Rock Choir and Halstow Community Choir also took to the stage and sung a selection of Christmas carols.

There was also an interactive 'Frozen' show which saw Anna, Elsa and Olaf perform a range of songs from the Disney movie - with 'Let it Go' being a favourite among many of the young children in attendance.

As the evening drew to a close, the rain swept in but that did not stop everyone from enjoying the food and drink on offer and then gathering around the Christmas tree for the lights switch on.

Footage from the evening can be found on the 'Christmas at Kidbrooke'

and 'Kidbrooke Village Community' Facebook page.

You can also find information about other events via @_Kidbrooke on Twitter.



RECENT

HALTON COURT CHRISTMAS FÊTE A SUCCESS

Residents at Halton Court raised over £900 for the Alzheimer's Society at Christmas when they held their annual charity fete.

During the course of the Alice In Wonderland themed event there were all kinds of fun activities taking place, including a Santa's Grotto, selling of arts and crafts, a raffle, and tombola. Free massages were even on offer for the weary Christmas shopper.

Vimbayi Omotayo, Community



Development officer at Halton Court said: "Christmas is a time when people get together and I feel that everyone at Halton Court came together to make the event a success and raise over £950

for the Alzheimer's Society.

"I would also like to mention Janice Walters who came dressed as the Queen of Hearts and worked really hard to organise the event."

SOCIAL MEDIA

FACEBOOK AND TWITTER PAGES

With so much happening around Kidbrooke Village on a daily and weekly basis, head to the Kidbrooke Village Community Facebook page which is run by residents.

You can regularly find posts about services being offered in the area, pictures and the latest news about events.

In addition to Facebook, Kidbrooke Village also has its own Twitter page @_Kidbrooke, which again provides information about what is happening in and around the area.

THINGS TO DO

KIDBROOKE VILLAGE FARMERS' MARKET

Following on from December's successful Christmas Market event, we are pleased to announce that a Farmers' Market will be taking place on Saturday 1 April from 10am to 3pm in the Village Centre.



A number of stalls have already signed up offering a range of products to buy

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KIDBROOKE BEER AND CIDER FESTIVAL

The South East London branch of the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) recently announced that the fourth Kidbrooke Beer and Cider festival will be taking place in May at Charlton Park RFC.

The three day event will run from Thursday 25 to Saturday 27 May and will be open from 12pm to 10.30pm each day and will see over 50 real ales, 20 different ciders and perries on sale. Hot and cold food will also be available. Admission will be £2 and £1 for CAMRA members.

You can also follow CAMRA via their Twitter page @CAMRA_Official.

SAVE THE DATES!

THE KIDBROOKE BEER & CIDER FESTIVAL IS BACK!

**THU 25 - SAT 27 MAY
12PM - 10.30PM**

**50 REAL ALES,
20+ CIDERS & PERRIES
HOT AND COLD FOOD AVAILABLE
ADMISSION £2, £1 CAMRA MEMBERS**

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including meat, vegetables, cheese, wine and bread.

There will also be a selection of hot food stalls allowing residents to buy food to be eaten straight away and enjoy the surroundings.

For more information please visit the @_Kidbrooke Twitter page or the Kidbrooke Village Community Facebook page over the coming weeks.

LOCAL

CONSIDERATE CONSTRUCTORS SCHEME (CCS)

Berkeley Homes has signed up to the Considerate Constructors Scheme to ensure that the building work taking place is considerate to its surroundings and residents.

For more information about what it means to be a Considerate Constructor please visit www.ccscheme.org.uk.

You can also watch videos via their YouTube channel or follow them on Twitter @CCScheme and Facebook by searching for CCScheme.



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