



TOWN CENTRE NEWS

LAUNCH OF BEDFORD HILL PLACE AT THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS EVENT



It was with great delight that whilst everyone was enjoying Balham's Christmas lights event on the 4 December, we simultaneously launched with the official opening of Bedford Hill Place. This space will see more activities throughout the years ahead to help promote Balham as a destination.

BUSINESS ASSOCIATION FOR BALHAM

Along with Ritherdon Rd Traders Association, there is now a Bedford Hill and Hildreth St Business Assn which we hope to expand upon. The next meeting will be held in mid April and we will be sending out details shortly. Sam Ubhi (Bedford Hill) and CJ, Hot Yoga South, (Hildreth St Mews) are Co-Chairing with the purpose of encouraging people to Balham Town Centre to shop and spend locally.

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BALHAM.COM WEBSITE LAUNCH

Ready to go live in March, we'd like all businesses to use this as an additional and free marketing and promotional tool. We ask all businesses to upload high resolution photos of their premises to help populate balham.com with great, high quality images. Full guidance on business sign up will be made available on the website. www.balham.com

EVENTS

Designing Out Crime Breakfast meeting
29 March 8am, Earlsfield,
Sign up for your place;
[www.wandsworthchamber.org/
events.php](http://www.wandsworthchamber.org/events.php)

Wandsworth Foodies Trial Trading event:
Sat 29 April, Bedford Hill Place.
Mini food event for new sole traders.

Ritherdon Rd Summer Party Ritherdon Road Traders Assn has named the date for their Summer party: it will be held on Sun 11 June. If you are interested in sponsoring, taking part or advertising, please contact gillskrz@aol.com



BALHAM BUSINESSES WIN AT WANDSWORTH BUSINESS AWARDS 2016



A great night was had at the WBA 2016 held in early December.

Congratulations to all Winners, Highly Commended as Runners Up and Commended businesses. We Brought Beer added to their award from last year winning Best Independent Retailer. They were also Highly Commended for Best Marketing and Social Media and Best SME. Brickwood Coffee & Bread won Best Hospitality along with The Bedford Pub who were Highly Commended within the same category.

Other notable Commended Balham businesses included First Aid for Life (Best Customer Service, SME and Family Friendly Business) and reCentre Health also for Best SME. Thank you for your nominations and to all Balham businesses in representing yourselves so ably. It's not too early to think about 2017 entries!

For full details: www.wandsworthawards.biz/2016-winners.html

BALHAM WELCOMES

Mango Bottoms, 88 Balham High Rd.
French Caribbean/ St Lucian cuisine.

HOB, (Heart of Balham) this was Mr. A's and has been rebranded with the same management along Balham High Road

Curveballs, (specialising in meatballs) and **Brindisa** (Spanish Chacuterie and Deli) to Hildreth St.

A Flooring Boutique, 71 Bedford Hill.
A full range of carpets, wood flooring, tiles and commercial flooring.

BUSINESS RATES RE-EVALUATION

At the forefront of business owners' minds is the business rates re-evaluation where businesses will be receiving their bills in March. Whilst many of the borough businesses will see no change, and some even a decrease, there are some where significant increases are a concern. These rates are set by central government; work is being done to try and soften substantial increases to try and support small businesses.

For more information: <http://bit.ly/2lw1WnB>

SOCIAL MEDIA

Remember to follow our popular social media streams! Find us on Twitter

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and on Facebook by searching [balham.com](https://www.facebook.com/balham.com)

to find out news and so we can help promote your offers, events and business

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Next newsletter will be out late April / May 2017.

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