

# CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



NEXT MEETING: 7PM ON TUESDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2004 AT LORENZO'S RESTAURANT

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## NATIONAL SPORTS CENTRE

On 8th August 2003 Jonathan Edwards left Crystal Palace National Sports Centre on a stretcher after injuring his ankle. He finished his triple jump career in Paris two weeks later, in disappointing style, by retiring from the world championship final after just two jump attempts but said he “wanted to go out with dignity, not on a stretcher”.

The Crystal Palace National Sports Centre looks set to end its dazzling career without the slightest dignity – with just a few months remaining until the lease expires there is no clear indication from either Bromley Council or Sport England regarding its future.

It doesn't help that Sport England fails to recognise the importance of the crisis at the centre on its dated web site, which gushes with misguided praise... “When the building of Crystal Palace was completed in 1964 it marked a new era and attitude towards sport in Britain. Today, more than 35 years later, Crystal Palace continues to offer the highest quality facilities for sportsmen and women, whatever their sporting discipline.”

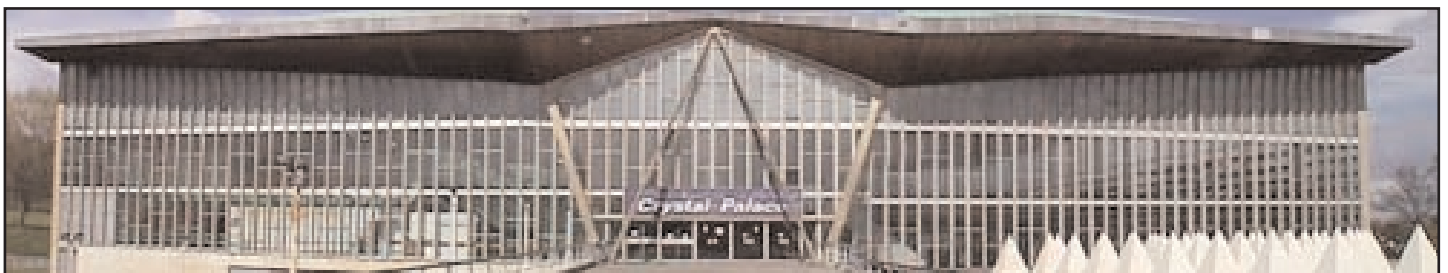
Looking through Bromley Council's press release web archive for the last twelve



months reveals that they haven't made a single statement on the future of the centre.

British Olympic champion Sebastian Coe has appealed to London Mayor Ken Livingstone to save Crystal Palace athletics stadium from demolition. Coe believes losing Crystal Palace would damage London's hopes of hosting the 2012 Olympic Games... “Any Olympic bid is sold on future prospects. It would send out an awful message if we were suddenly left without a facility in the largest city in the country,” he said.

Ken Livingstone has said that despite the costs involved he thinks the stadium should be saved and Crystal Palace's future is not dependent on the Olympics alone.



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## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

James Slattery-Kavanagh performed his first public duty as Chairman of Crystal Palace & Norwood Chamber of Commerce at the Remembrance Day service, held in Westow Street on 9th November 2003. A wreath of poppies was laid on behalf of the members and local traders with special mention of Doug Barnes, past chairman, who passed away earlier in the year.

## PARKING AND PAVEMENT SURVEY

Members discussed the format of a Parking & Pavement Survey at our November meeting. The survey will be distributed to traders based around the Triangle and will include a personalised pen and a Freepost return address. Please contact the chairman (8766 8822) if you can help with the distribution.

## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

A ceremony for switching on the Christmas lights will be held on Friday 28th November from 2-7pm. Players from Crystal Palace FC will turn the lights on at approx 5pm. Fusion Radio will have a two week advertising campaign to promote the event which is being coordinated by Town Centre Manager Sharon Baldwin (8778 2047). She would like local traders to get involved in some way e.g. offering discounts or special offers. The Salvation Army will be playing Christmas Carols around the Triangle.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Chamber of Commerce Christmas Party will be at Lorenzo's Restaurant on Tuesday 2nd December 2003 at 7pm. Spaces are limited so bookings will be accepted on a first come first served basis. The cost including a three course meal with wine will be £10 and invitations will be going out to all members in the post. RSVP ASAP.

