



**Southern Counties Branch  
Bromley and Beckenham Section**

**Chairman's letter**

Chairman: Patrick Donohoe

Dear Colleagues,

I hope you have all enjoyed the summer break and feel refreshed and recharged for the year ahead.

Welcome to the Bromley and Beckenham Section and welcome to our programme of meetings for the season 2024-2025.

I have chosen a diverse selection of interesting speakers, so I hope there is something for everyone. Please do not hesitate to contact me and the committee if you have any speakers, you would like us to include in our future series.

Bromley and Beckenham Section meetings usually take place on the second Tuesday of the month except for the Christmas meeting which takes place on Thursday 12 December and the February meeting is on Tuesday 4 February 2025, to avoid the school half-term holidays.

My aim is to attract new members to the Bromley and Beckenham Section, so they can meet local colleagues, network and enjoy the excellent facilities of Chislehurst Golf Club. Please do tell your friends and colleagues about our Bromley and Beckenham Section. All members of the dental team are welcome to attend – you DO NOT need to be a BDA member.

The Guest night at the Christmas event on Thursday 12 December is a great opportunity to bring friends and partners for a fun and fascinating meeting. There will be a three-course meal and two guest speakers. You can support the BDA Benevolent Fund on this occasion by bringing a raffle prize and best of all buying tickets for this worthy cause.

We commence the season Tuesday 8 October with Ama Johal, discussing 'Sleep disorders and the role of the dentist'.

At the next event on Tuesday 12 November, Mandy Kent will inform us about 'Clinical hypnosis and hypnotherapy in dentistry'.

Our Christmas meeting on Thursday 12 December, stars the two 'Richards'. Richard Graham, BDA President will address the meeting. Richard Griffin will tell us about his role protecting the Royal Family. 'My life as the Personal Bodyguard to HM The Queen and HRH The Duke of Edinburgh'. Please bring a raffle prize!

We start the New Year on Tuesday 14 January 2025, with Lee Feinberg presenting a 'Radiography and radiology update'. This presentation is recognised by the GDC as the mandatory radiology core CPD.

Tuesday 4 February, we welcome Wing Commander, Melanie Clarkson, a Forensic Odontologist discussing: 'The role of the forensic odontologist in disaster identification'.

On Tuesday 11 March, I would like to welcome Tim Newton who will alleviate our stress! 'Stress management and mental health of the dental team'.

Moving on to Tuesday 8 April I have the pleasure of welcoming Amitha Ranauta again, who previously enlightened us on Professionalism in 2010. 'Professionalism: A contextual interpretation.'



Finally, Tuesday 13 May, Anish Shah returns once more to help us prepare for medical emergencies. Another opportunity for colleagues to update their mandatory CPD. After the presentation we have the Bromley and Beckenham Section AGM.

The committee have made some changes to the format of the programme for the forthcoming season to encourage more colleagues to attend. Please note start times. Half of the meetings will include a two course meal and half will have refreshments only.

Please invite team members, friends and colleagues for shared learning and team building. I look forward to meeting old friends and making new contacts. These occasions are useful opportunities for networking, asking for and receiving HELP. The costs of attending the meetings are tax deductible.

Best wishes,

Patrick Donohoe