



# Canning & Clyde Road Residents Association

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## Cheery Reindeer Edition

Welcome to our Christmas newsletter. A very happy Christmas and New Year to everyone. Hope 2012 is a good year for you.

### Need help with shopping?

If you are unwell or snowed in at some point this winter and cannot get out to shop, local residents will be happy to get basic shopping from the shops at the bottom of the road for you. Just phone Anne if you need shopping or could volunteer to pick up a few things.



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### Consultation on possible traffic changes

This is coming up at some point. **It will be important that you express your views.**

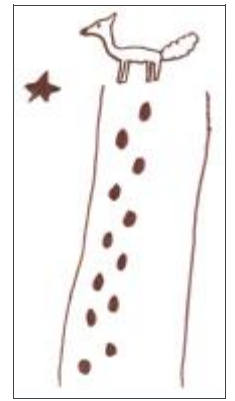
Sooner or later our Councillors will likely be consulting residents in the area bounded by Cherry Orchard Road, Ashburton Road, Addiscombe Road and Lower Addiscombe Road on possible changes that will affect traffic.

Here's the situation. There is rat running in Lebanon Road. The road is currently two-way and being narrow there is a bottleneck towards the bottom of the road leading to jams, ill temper and bad language. Some residents there reckon a lot of the cars are making for Morland Road and South Norwood. The road system is so bad around the NLA Tower drivers avoid it. Some residents in Lebanon Road have become very angry about this and want the Council to make Lebanon Road one-way from Leslie Park Road up to Addiscombe Road. The reason for doing it that way round is because the next road along, Chisholm Road, is one-way the other way round (i.e. Addiscombe down to Leslie Park). Chisholm feeds onto Cedar Road which in turn feeds onto Lebanon Road and Cherry Orchard Road. From observation most of the rat running occurs with people from Addiscombe Road cutting down Lebanon Road to get to the Lower Addiscombe Road.

If Lebanon Road were made one-way as mooted - outside peak hours, it would mean that some of those cars would go down Canning Road and some down other roads (eg Addiscombe Court, Elgin, Havelock, Outram or Ashburton) depending on their destination.

During peak hours, it would mean a significant number of those cars would come down Canning Road because of the traffic restrictions between Canning Road and the traffic lights; Addiscombe Court Road would probably also be used.

Councillor Patricia Hay-Justice is speaking with Council Officers to see if improvements can be made to the junction of Cherry Orchard, Lower Addiscombe and Morland Roads to encourage more drivers to use the main roads. We are told that improvements to the NLA Tower end would involve compulsory purchase and be far too expensive.



At time of writing, we understand that the Councillors' consultation may include the suggestion of a 20 mph limit on all the roads in the area. Another suggestion would be to make Lebanon Road one-way.

**Please do let our Councillors (and us) know what you think of the different suggestions. It could have a big impact especially on Canning Road.**

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## East Croydon Station developments

### The new bridge

Work will be taking place from Christmas Day until 27 December to remove the Royal Mail Conveyor system which runs from the Sorting Office over the six station platforms. Sections will be lifted out by crane. As a result the taxi rank and drop off point will be closed to all road traffic. Southern Railway says alternate facilities will be clearly signed.

This will be the first step towards enabling the new bridge to be built from Platform 6 with an exit by Platform 1 towards Lansdowne Road. The bridge is due for completion in 2013.

### Menta skyscraper on Cherry Orchard Road

We understand that Menta is still seeking finance to build the 53/55 storey residential skyscraper for which it was given planning permission in July.

### Ruskin Square on Dingwall Road

This is the other side of the station. In July Croydon Council gave outline planning permission to Stanhope Schroder for a mixed development of offices, shops, homes and a new Warehouse Theatre. Stanhope Schroder is seeking an anchor tenant before starting to build.



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## Want to get fit locally without breaking the bank?

There are reasonably priced opportunities very close to us.

Just up the road in Morland Avenue the Sir Phillip Game Centre hosts Aikido, Body Harmony and Judo classes. For more information phone 020 8662 5752 or see [www.spgcentre.co.uk](http://www.spgcentre.co.uk).

CALAT (Croydon Adult Learning and Training) centre at South Norwood runs reasonably priced Total Body Workout and Total Body Conditioning classes in the evening. Phone 0870 556 1630 or see [www.calat.ac.uk](http://www.calat.ac.uk).

There are plenty of other local groups around: Yoga at St Mary Magdalene, Canning Road; Exercise, Karate and Tai Chi at St Mildred's Community Centre, Bingham Road.

## Addiscombe Railway Park

The Friends of Addiscombe Railway Park consists of local residents of all ages who enjoy the park and would like to help make it an even better place. They were formed in August and since then have undertaken some work. This has included cutting back rampant plants, opening up the water area, planting a wild flower meadow and bulbs.

The Friends will be holding monthly work days in 2012. These are on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month, from 2.00 pm till 4.00 pm. Meet at Dalmally Passage.** Everyone is very welcome to come along either to watch or to roll up their sleeves and help. It may involve planting bulbs, cutting back vegetation, chopping up logs – and much more! Why not pitch up and find out what it's all about? Dates planned so far are: Sunday 8 January, Sunday 12 February and Sunday 11 March. Bring yourself and your ideas.



## Safe as houses

Fortunately for us Addiscombe has a relatively low burglary rate. Let's keep it that way over Christmas when there are potentially rich pickings for burglars. Here's some advice from Croydon Neighbourhood Watch.

### Check door and window locks are secure!

Pushing the handle up on the inside of a UPVC door does not lock the door; thieves can easily pull the handle down through the letter box and open the door.

**Hall tables are a burglar's dream**, full of keys, money, phones and other valuables. Keep these well out of sight and range of doors and windows - thieves use rods and hooks through letter boxes and open windows to reach keys and bags.

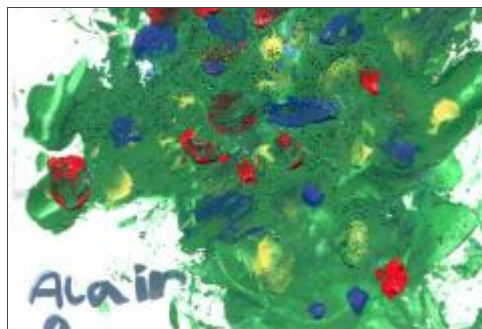


**Don't let burglars window shop** - keep presents out of sight. Security mark valuable gifts before you wrap them. If you hide any gifts in sheds or garages, be sure the locks and windows are secure.

**Use timer switches for lights** if you're planning to go away and ask a neighbour or friend to keep an eye on your home.

**Empty boxes left outside (including recycling boxes) are an advert for the new goods inside** - dispose of packing carefully.

Pete Langdon, our Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, says, '*The National Property Register is an official secure police website where valuables can be recorded. Whether it be jewellery and ornaments or bicycles and frame numbers together with a photo of the bicycle; if a bike is stolen, the police can immediately circulate the stolen property and if they stop a suspect on a bike and do a check they can often recover it. It's free and easy to use and you get your own password to access your private details [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com).* I strongly recommend using this invaluable site.'



## GPs and pharmacies

If you need to see a doctor or obtain medication over the holiday period, phone NHS Direct on 0845 46 47 to find out who is on duty.

