

Canning & Clyde Road Residents Association

THE HO HO HO EDITION!

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Dear Father Christmas,

Could you please deliver this newsletter to everyone on our streets whilst you're about your urgent quest on 24th? If you can't, I guess we'll do it.

Here's what's been happening with the residents association and dates for everyone's new 2002 diaries (hope you remember to put one in people's stockings)!

Thursday 10 January 2002 ~ AGM

We're going to hold a late, late 2001 AGM. People thought things would be less busy after Christmas and it gives us something to look forward to. Do come and join us, put forward your views, meet your neighbours and have a jolly good time afterwards. Promise no left over turkey! We'll be at the Edward Jobson Court (three doors down from the church in Canning Road). By the way, Father Christmas, they don't have chimneys so the way in is down the driveway on the right hand side. Please encourage people to let us know what they'd like us all to discuss on the Agenda. Possible items are: Rolling Rubbish, Graffiti, Major Local Developments, Neighbourhood Partnerships, Election of Officers. Drink and nibbles afterwards.

Wednesday 16 January 2002 ~ People Power

And seeing as though you're full of community spirit, please try and attend the Addiscombe, Woodside, Rylands & Ashburton Neighbourhood Partnership. This is important because it's a chance for any individual to have a positive say in what happens to our area and a more direct influence on Council decision making. It's people power. I'm sure you'll support this. It's a chance to meet with Councillors, Police and Council Officers and put your views face to face. The meeting's at 7.30 pm in the Davidson Professional Centre, Davidson Road. Please encourage everyone to come along with their friends and neighbours. It's an opportunity not to be missed.

Talking about Christmas past, present and to come - we know that you have a computer in Greenland. We will warm the cockles of your little heart by reporting that we seem to have initiated a website. It's still very much in its infancy and will grow gradually. Please encourage people to look at it and contribute news, views, information and events. You can visit it without having to venture out in the cold at: www.Addiscombe-Online.co.uk.

And talking of Christmas presents, we've had such a tremendous response to the first **Book of Addiscombe** we're doing the second volume. Thank you for distributing so many copies last Christmas of the first volume. Over 50 people have already contacted us with their memories and photos. While you're on your rounds, please encourage even more people to contribute their memories and photos of living in Addiscombe (and adjoining Woodside and Shirley areas) up to and including the 1960s. Please stand by for delivery of Volume II this time next year.

So – that's enough of Father Christmas. Sorry – couldn't resist it. And now for something completely different.

Former Addiscombe Station Site Building Development

We arranged a meeting on 7 August that encompassed some six other affected residents associations. This was a unique opportunity to meet with the developers, Councillors and planning officer and for residents to have their say. We're pleased to report that Bellway Homes have encompassed in their final plans all those points that were made to them.

Our particular sticking point was the resiting of the Lower Addiscombe Road zebra crossing by the Post Office and the adjacent bus stops. The final plans showed the zebra crossing moved to the parade of shops between Sodha Wines and the Post Office. This would have meant that no one could have pulled up in a car outside the shops who depend on this passing trade. We proposed that the crossing be moved minimally to outside Addiscombe Carriage Company and that the north side Lower Addiscombe Road bus stop slip just a little way towards The Alma. At a major meeting at the Town Hall on Thursday 6 December full planning permission was granted and the crossing will indeed be outside the Addiscombe Carriage Company.

We will continue to monitor and report on the construction as it happens. It has already been pointed out by a local expert in the building trade that copious amounts of mud are being tracked onto Lower Addiscombe Road by the Contractor's lorries from the site. We are urging Bellway to get them to put in a wheel wash facility within the site boundary with a hardcore base from there to the gates thus preventing the ingress of mud onto the public footpath and road.

The New Addiscombe Linear Park

And now we turn to greener matters – part of the Bellway deal with Croydon Council was that they would contribute the land from Black Horse Bridge down to about half the length of the site as a linear park. There have been lengthy endeavours by Croydon Council to get together a meeting of people interested in contributing their ideas about the park. This has not happened yet but, if you would like to register your interest, become a friend of the park and have some guidance in its planning and development, then we suggest you contact Finn Raven, Community Partnership Officer, (Nature Conservation), directly. Finn is very keen for people to become involved. Her contact details are: Tel/Typetalk 020 9686 4433 x 4952; Minicom 020 8760 5797; Fax 020 8760 5622; Sport, Parks and Recreation, Crosfield House, Mint Walk, Croydon, CR9 1BS; E-mail: FINN_RAVEN@croydon.gov.uk.

And finally on the Addiscombe Station Site –the developers have called it Ashburton Place but assured us this will not be its final name. Please let us have any suggestions of a name for the development as a whole and the road running through it.

Croydon Primary Care Groups (PCGs)

PCGs are essentially groups of GP practices. If you are interested in representing the residents association on local healthcare issues, please contact Ann Ball, Community Network Officer, Croydon Primary Care Groups, Knollys House, 17 Addiscombe Road, Croydon CR2 6SR.

Become a School Governor!

Would you consider becoming a school governor? You don't have to be a parent. You just have to be over 18, committed, enthusiastic and want to help. For more information phone 0870 241 3883 or e-mail: info@schoolgovernors-oss.co.uk. It's an unpaid but rewarding job.

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