



# Canning & Clyde Road Residents Association

9 February 2003

## THE X FILES EDITION – the truth is out there!

All sorts of things are happening ... to find out more, come to our ....

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2002**  
**Tuesday 25 February 2003, 7.30 pm**

Yes, it's that time of year again – our really very late 2002 AGM and get together. As before the venue is the Edward Jobson Court, 19 Canning Road, just three doors down from the church. Use the right-hand driveway entrance to find the comfortable lounge at the back. Below is a draft agenda. We want your opinions and ideas as to how we can make our area even better. It's your forum, so make the most of it. **If you are a resident of the Canning or Clyde Roads, will be present at the meeting and have an issue you would like to see on the agenda, then let us know in advance.** We have e-mailed the local councillors to invite them to the meeting.

We reckon that the formal part of the agenda will take less than an hour – the rest of the agenda is down to you. Food and drinks will be available afterwards, so stay and socialise. Past AGMs have been great fun. **BE THERE!**

### DRAFT AGENDA

1. Welcome and Apologies
  2. Minutes of AGM 2001 on 10 January 2002 and matters arising
  3. Secretary's Report
  4. Treasurer's Report
  5. Chairman's Report
  6. Association's Constitution – Annual Review
  7. Proposed Rise in Council Tax
  8. Parking, Traffic Management, Crossings and Bus Stops
  9. Significant Local Building Developments – Leslie Park Rd, Addiscombe Rd car showrooms and Leslie Arms
  10. Election of Officers
  11. Any Other Business – your chance to have your say on anything not covered in the agenda
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### ROLLING RUBBISH

We were dismayed to read in the *Croydon Advertiser* of 7 February 2003 that the council is considering abandoning our much valued rolling rubbish collection! The article states the council will undertake a consultation exercise in the autumn. In view of this we thought we should act quickly and have requested three rolling rubbish collections, one each in April, June and September. Once we have confirmation of dates from the council, we'll let you know.

There are some restrictions. Items not allowed are: **X** Fridges/freezers/white goods, **X** Building rubble, **X** Car tyres, **X** Aerosols, pressurised containers, **X** Liquids, **X** Iron bars, **X** Window frames, **X** Concrete, **X** Oil, **X** Paint, **X** Alien spacecraft

Fridges can be taken away separately for £10 by the Council. Other white goods will also be removed for a small charge, typically £10 - £15. Just phone the Council on 020 8255 2708 or 020 8255 2700 to arrange this.

We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the cost of liability insurance that we are obliged to take out for this service.

## **X FILE . . . . SHOCKING PROPOSED RISE IN COUNCIL TAX . . . . 27%? . . . . IS IT TRUE?**

Can it be true? Reports in *The Post* (Croydon edition) of 5 February state that the Council is considering a 27% rise in Council Tax. What we do know is that there has been a form of 'consultation' at neighbourhood partnership meetings on council priorities and the question was posed at the Addiscombe, Woodside and Ashburton neighbourhood partnership on 15 January: would people be prepared to see an unspecified rise in Council Tax to fund better services?

The agency carrying out this 'consultation' is a company called the Campaign Company. The council claims it is providing an independent consultancy process of residents' views on its behalf. Investigation of the Campaign Company's website at [www.thecampaigncompany.co.uk](http://www.thecampaigncompany.co.uk) reveals the following personnel: David Evans (formerly Assistant General Secretary of the Labour Party; further research uncovers he is a former Croydon Labour Councillor for West Thornton), Jonathan Upton (Head of Corporate Development for the Labour Party), Len Collinson (Chairman of the North West CBI), Dr Simon Henig (our research has revealed he made a conference presentation in March 1993 at Ruskin College entitled '*Labour's Electoral Performance in the South - What Future for Labour in the South?*'), Don Brind (recently a Press Officer for the Labour Party).

Last year, when there was a referendum residents voted for a 3% rise in Council Tax. We think that a nine-fold increase in the rise is a hike too far. The official reasons given are far from convincing; are the authorities from the same planet? As with our hugely successful parking campaign in August and September, we will be working with other residents associations, groups and individuals to put forward our views. If you have opinions on council spending priorities and the proposed rise in Council Tax, it is vital that you take the time and trouble to write NOW to the local councillors and to Anne Blythe, Local Strategic Partnership Unit, Taberner House, Room 12-02, Park Lane, Croydon CR9 3BT. Just tell them what you think – DO IT! The truth is out there!

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### **NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP**

The council says it uses these partnerships as a way of establishing residents' opinions. It is very important that the people who attend the meeting are truly representative of the wide variety of views in our area. Do please attend. The next meeting will be held on the evening of Wednesday 7 May, venue to be confirmed.

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### **THE BOOKS OF ADDISCOMBE**

We are pleased to report that *The Book of Addiscombe Volume II* has been very well received. We owe a huge thank you to our 108 contributors who have given freely of their time, memories and photos. We feel truly privileged to have met so many interesting and thoroughly nice people. Any royalties or profit made on copies sold directly by the residents association go entirely to the association and so are put back into the community. If you know of anyone who would like a copy, please send them to us!

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### **PARKING**

As will be reported at our AGM, our association along with many others were fundamental in having the council abandon its proposed seven days a week, seven am to seven pm parking restrictions in our streets. Now it is turning its attention to the Addiscombe shopping area. The council says this is because people have complained about tram users parking in residential side streets. The council has told us it has received about eleven letters concerning parking in that area since the introduction of Tralink; it was not clear, however, whether the letters actually referred to people catching trams nor whether they came from eleven different people or just one or two people. The local shopkeepers and residents associations are fighting this. We are told that local associations will be consulted. Get cross about this!

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