



# Canning & Clyde Road Residents Association

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## OUT TO LUNCH EDITION

### KNIVES

As some may be aware, a while back your committee members decided to support local fundraising events for different charities. Just before Christmas we supported an excellent live rock n roll gig on behalf of the Chase hospice for children and young people. The event managed to raise some £650 through gate money, donations and a raffle. One of the raffle prizes kindly donated by the truly superb Jim 'the Fish' of Prawn Brokers in Addiscombe was a brand new set of professional 12-piece chef knives and other implements in a metal case. We felt this was too good to raffle so we held it back.



At our AGM on Tuesday 25 February everyone agreed that we should do a local raffle instead. We made enquiries and have learnt that such a raffle would be impractical under the *Lotteries and Amusements Act, 1976*. Instead could anyone who is interested in buying the set please send a bid sealed in an envelope including your name and contact details to Anne Bridge, Flat 3, 42 Canning Road by **31 March 2003**. Please do NOT include money at this stage! The highest bidder will buy the set.

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### **FORKS AND SPOONS and a free lunch – first come, first served!**

This should be a real hoot! Continuing the charity theme, Carol West of Canning Road is the London Co-ordinator of the Chernobyl Children's Project. This organisation raises money to give children suffering the horrendous after-effects of the Chernobyl nuclear reactor disaster a much enjoyed and physically beneficial holiday in the UK. For the children it's the treat of a lifetime.

Somehow Carol has managed to wangle sponsorship for the charity if we can arrange to host the British Frozen Food Federation Annual Products Award 2003 – probably the Brit awards of the frozen food industry! You can be part of this. You can be a judge. We just need your taste buds and opinions.

Come and eat! Give your verdict on frozen meals that will hit the shops soon. This will happen on **Friday 4 April 2003** at 59 Canning Road. There are likely to be 30 products to be tasted over the two sessions. The sessions will be:

<i>Brunch</i>	<i>10.30 am to 1.30 pm</i>
<i>Late Lunch</i>	<i>2.00 pm to 5.00 pm</i>

We need twelve judges for each session. You could attend both sessions. The only restrictions are that you have to be 18 years old or over and not suffering from any food allergy. Certain of the products will be suitable for vegetarians so, if you don't eat meat, you are equally welcome.

**Please register by Friday 21 March** by contacting Steve Collins (see contact details over). Come along! Meet your neighbours! Taste the food and have fun.

## ROLLING RUBBISH

We are pleased to report that, even though Croydon Council said they might not be able to continue rolling rubbish collections for residents associations, they've had second thoughts.

We have arranged the following dates when you can dispose of those items not taken away by the weekly collection: Saturday 12 April, Saturday 28 June and Saturday 20 September. The timings for **Saturday 12 April** will be approximately as follows. Please bring out your rubbish as early as possible; if things appear to have gone quiet, the lorry will move on to the next point.

<i>Approximate times</i>	<i>Approximate locations</i>
8.30 – 9.15 am	Opposite 59 Canning Road
9.15 – 10.00 am	Outside the Edward Jobson Court, Canning Road (near the church)
10.00 - 10.45 am	Outside 102 Clyde Road
10.45 am – 11.30 am	Outside 39 Clyde Road (lorry may leave early if things go quiet)

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

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.

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## COUNCIL TAX

Local people seem appalled at the proposed 27% hike in Council Tax. Local press reported some time ago a budget deficit of around £15 million in Council finances. Such a shortfall does not happen overnight. How did it come about?

When challenged, Hugh Malyan, Leader of Croydon Council, said the large increase is due to the government not giving enough money to the council. In fact the government has agreed a 3.5% increase in funding, ahead of the rate of inflation. So why such a large increase in Council Tax? Andrew Pelling, our GLA Member and leader of the main opposition party in the Town Hall, has a petition against this increase. So far this has been the largest petition the Council has ever received. We will place this in local outlets throughout Addiscombe for you to sign, should you wish. Please watch out for it.

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## AGM HELD ON TUESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2003

If you were unable to attend our AGM but would like to receive Minutes, please let Anne Bridge know. Many thanks to Stewart Leary, previous Treasurer, for his invaluable assistance; Stewart no longer lives in the area. We wish him all the best in his forthcoming marriage. We warmly welcome Gordon Thompson of Clyde Road as our new Treasurer.

As reported at the AGM, we compiled and part-wrote the first *Book of Addiscombe* and its sequel, *The Book of Addiscombe Volume II*. Any profit made on books sold directly by the residents association or through royalties has been put into the residents association. We therefore have some money in the kitty. Residents at the AGM have already made some suggestions for its good use. Does anyone else have ideas? Please let us know.

Among other things the Chairman's report included the crossings at Lower Addiscombe Road. At the time there was no news from the Council. Now there is: the Council has undertaken to prevent flooding at the zebra crossing, apply pressure to *Transport for London* to move the bus shelter and undertake feasibility survey for a possible island crossing outside Sonia's.

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