

Canning & Clyde Road Residents Association Conkers Edition

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Sizzling Barbecue

It was excellent to see the 50 or more people of all ages who came along to the barbecue on a sweltering Sunday afternoon. Good fun and the opportunity to meet new neighbours.

Many thanks to Kevin (pictured) for hours of good humoured barbecueing in searing temperatures. And to our many helpers: Linda and Sandra for their sterling fundraising efforts, Ann for helping with the food and Alan for his great music to name just four.

In all we raised £111 which was divided evenly between the residents association and the Royal British Legion. We think we will hold another barbecue next summer. Any suggestions?

More photos on pages 2 and 3.

Green Bits

Real Rubbish

You may have recently read that Croydon Council are offering a cash prize for the winner of the 'Roads that recycle the most' competition. As it was free to enter, we are now a competitor, but it does strike us that the playing field isn't even.

Many of you have told us that you would happily leave out paper, glass & cans for the fortnightly Thursday kerbside collection, but do not have a green recycling box. If you would like one, then please let us know and we'll arrange for the council to provide one. Who knows, an idea of the local level of interest in recycling might score us some brownie if not greenie points!

Practical Rubbish

Anything you are prepared to give away, but think may be useful to someone else (that's in reasonable condition) can be freely advertised on our web site. If you do not have access to the internet, then just let us know and we'll do it for you.

Alternatively, you could donate household items to the Community Furniture Project – an established voluntary organisation that works to help members of the community in need of household items and furniture. They will collect from you, store and then redistribute to someone who needs it. Brilliant! To contact them see over.

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Disgraceful Rubbish

A few months back, as some of you know, one of our councillors kindly undertook an 'environmental walkabout' in our roads. This was our opportunity to inform of things that we identify as wrong that we believe that the council should put right.

It seems clear that the two major issues expressed were the state of the trees in Clyde Road, and in Canning, the poor signage that is meant to warn off motorists from making a left turn at the top of the road during certain hours, and so incur a £100 fine. This junction is number six in Croydon's top-ten traffic violation revenue earners!

We have asked our councillor what actions were recommended as a result of the visit, but regret, no reply. Checking with the forestry officer at Croydon Council re Clyde Road, he simply reports that he is aware of the situation, but has no budget this year to attend to the matter. The same response for the last three years!

Ironically, the Canning Road signage problems were slightly improved by the trees in the garden of the flats at the top of the road being hacked back so the titchy, at-the-junction warning sign is now better visible. Not quite what we had in mind!

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Updates

Addiscombe Park

We finally heard that work is due to start at the end of October on the development of phase I of the new park. This will be between East India Way and Dalmally Passage. The initial work will involve the demolition of the former railway bridge and the reshaping of embankments to create a footpath link through the top of the park.

East Croydon Gateway

Croydon Council is still determined to see the Arrowcroft 12,500 seat arena on this site. The freehold landowners (Stanhope Schroder) have themselves submitted a revised planning application. A planning enquiry is booked for 24 January of next year which will hear the reasons why Croydon Council earlier refused to entertain Stanhope's application which does not include an arena. Stanhope have also acquired Lansdowne House and the HSBC surface car park in Lansdowne Road. That means that with the exception of the multi-storey car park, Stanhope have now assembled the whole of the Gateway site. In anticipation Stanhope have already begun demolition of Wettern House, which will be down by Christmas. We would welcome the building of a new Warehouse Theatre, large green space, integrated office, restaurants, shops and new homes that the Stanhope scheme offers.

Planning Issues

We and our neighbours at HOME Residents Association are appalled that we are the last ones who seem to learn of proposed planning developments that could happen in our roads. For example an application to convert and extend a large house in Clyde Road to provide a high density flat development. This was learnt about by chance. The council does the statutory minimum required to just inform adjacent neighbours. If you are hear of any application, please let us know.

Leisure



Photos from our barbecue

Saturday Stroll

Every Saturday morning neighbours from our two roads and from HOME Residents Association meet to take a gentle stroll around the area. People meet at 9.00 am at the Havelock Road pillar box, by the alleyway. The idea is to enjoy exercise and good company. If you are interested, either simply turn up or contact Gordon Thompson or Mira Armour .

Bring & Buy morning at Edward Jobson Court

There will be a Bring & Buy morning at Edward Jobson Court, Canning Road on Saturday 8 October from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. This is a very social occasion excellently hosted as ever by the residents of Edward Jobson Court. Come and meet some neighbours, pick up bargains and enjoy tea, coffee and cakes. There will also be an opportunity to view the sheltered accommodation there. For more information contact Margaret Ward.

Book morning

We intend to hold before too long a bring and buy book morning. Bring along any books you no longer wish to keep and pick up something you haven't read yet. Money raised from the morning will go towards our residents association funds. We'll let you know the details nearer the time.



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