

Canning & Clyde Road R.A.

The Future Edition
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INSIDE: ~ Your chance to have your say on the future of your area ~ The future of your health care ~ Have fun at our Annual Meeting and Barbecue ~ Lots of leisure & entertainment, steel band, belly dancing and more . . .

This edition is designed to let you know ...

about developments – both actual and proposed – that could affect Croydon, our neighbourhood and to invite you to let us know what you think. Do let your local Councillors and MP know too – contact details on back page.

As you will see from the Future Events section, please do attend our Annual General Meeting on 10 May and we hope that there will be something in the leisure and entertainment piece that appeals.

In this newsletter we will update you on:

Future of Croydon

All of the following are major developments that because of their impact must legally be open to 'consultation' - asking us what we think. Problems arise when few were aware of the 'consultation' in the first place and could be asked biased questions around material written in abstruse language.

That's why we urge you to contact your Councillors and MP with your thoughts – they will relay this to the appropriate people.

- * Croydon Centre
- * Park Place Development
- * East Croydon Developments
- * Tramlink Extension
- * Primary Health Care

Future of our area

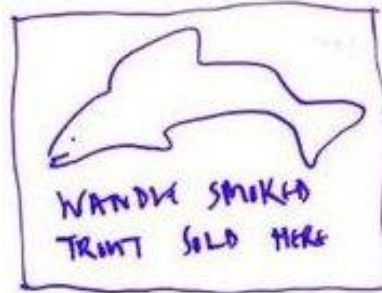
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Future events

- * Annual General Meeting
- * Barbecue

rather an encouraging blank piece of paper, start from scratch type of approach.

Please do send your ideas for what you would like to see happen in the centre of Croydon. It can be a drawing, notes or anything. You can remove, introduce and redesign anything you wish. For example, a number of people so far have suggested the removal of the Wellesley Road, the introduction of open spaces in the centre of Croydon and the reintroduction of the River Wandle. For that matter, where is the centre of



Apart from us and Councillors, do let Will have your views on what you would like to see happen. If you have web access, you will get

the gist of what happens in the workshops from croydonvision.com and email your comments directly to the Alsop team at croydonvision@hotmail.com.

As with all developments these days, the eventual Action Plan should show 'sustainability' and 'regeneration'. This means:

Sustainable: 'development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs'.

Regeneration: 'building sustainable communities'.

So basically one is an implementation of the other. Unfortunately there is no measure of either. Instead, how 'sustainable' or 'regenerative' a development is comes down to the subjective whim of the planners and politicians at the time! Do keep these definitions in mind. Many claims for 'regeneration' are 'bull'!!

St George's Walk / Park Place Development

The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Ruth Kelly, has finally permitted the Council's Compulsory Purchase Order for the Park Place shopping mall development and redesign of Queens Gardens. The area is from a reworked Queens Gardens, the whole of St George's Walk, up to Grants and bordered by George Street. The development was anchored around the flagship store, John Lewis, who now seem hesitant to commit. Whilst not the nicest retail part of Croydon, this area contains the last examples of central Croydon specialist shops which will be lost, Turtles

THE FUTURE OF CROYDON

Croydon Centre

As a statutory requirement, Croydon is obliged to make a plan for the future of the centre of Croydon. You may have read something in the local press recently about the World renowned architect, Will Alsop, who has been hired by the Council to obtain ideas from the complete cross section of Croydon residents. Indeed one of our committee members attended a meeting and it really was



Arrowcroft propose a mixed development including a 12,500 seat arena.



Croydon Council vigorously promotes the arena scheme and in January issued a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) for the land, which Stanhope Schroder own, to enable Arrowcroft to proceed with the arena development. The Council's main reason was '*regeneration*'. Will this really lead to a '*sustainable*' community?

Does Croydon need a third large mall of chain stores? Do Croydon shoppers spend enough money to sustain these? In the time since the Park Place scheme was first planned, the whole complexion of retail in the area has changed; although the 'footfall' of people walking round the centre of Croydon may be up, a number of purchasing customers prefer either web shopping or visiting Bromley or Kingston with a more congenial atmosphere, easier car access and cheaper parking. So is this an example of a proper '*sustainable*', '*regenerative*' development? Let us or your Councillors know before it is too late. For sure, a major development like this in such a critical location in Croydon will be hugely disruptive over a period of three years or more, due to start in 2008 with an estimated completion date of 2011.

Our association has always fought against the arena development, not because it is an arena but because it's in the wrong place. We have seen no business plan and no convincing transport plan for the scheme. How will a pulse of 12,500 people get to an event, let alone what they might do afterwards? Neither the public transport nor road systems are equipped and, as virtually no parking spaces will be provided, we think this will have a very severe impact on our streets. We have therefore objected to the CPO along with four neighbouring residents associations and other groups throughout the borough. We understand that the CPO will be the subject of an inquiry by the Secretary of State later this year.

East Croydon

Gateway

There are two competing schemes for this large 'Gateway' plot by the side of East Croydon Station.

Stanhope Schroder propose a mixed development including a park and purpose built replacement for the



The Secretary of State had already removed the planning permission for the arena from Arrowcroft last year – so, what is Croydon Council playing at? And why? What are the motives for pursuing this unpopular scheme with no proven commercial viability?

However, the landowners, Stanhope Schroder, do have full planning permission and the money for development. And that's exactly what they're going to do, come what may, starting construction of phase 1 this summer. This will comprise office building, 123 apartments (50% affordable), a Doctor's surgery, new 200 seater Warehouse Theatre, around 80% of the new park, health club, cafes & restaurants and improvements to the East Croydon Station approach.

A new website has just been introduced, Croydon Against The ARENA, see www.catarena.org

This side of the tracks

Developer, Menta, in conjunction with MAKE Architects, have drawn up plans for the land centred on Cherry Orchard Road involving the relocation of the sorting office and a new plaza for the station. This would include four towers of varying height with more than a million square feet of offices, shops and homes. These plans have been in discussion with the Council for at least a year. Quoting Philip Goodwin, Director of Planning, *'It's an approach that in principle we are supportive of.'* Should this proceed, then any development is some way off.

Our Councillors are arranging for us to meet with Menta early next month.

TRAMLINK EXTENSION

You may have read that Transport for London (TfL) and Croydon Council are very keen to see an extension to the tram system to Crystal Palace. No one has yet explained why this is a good idea or a sustainable success. Nor have they explained who will fund it, TfL or the Tramlink consortium.

Should it come about, it will mean an increase in the number of trams crossing the Chepstow Road / Clyde Road / Addiscombe Road interchange. Transport for London have always disliked the idea of giving Clyde Road a phase of the controlling traffic lights. It is likely that with the third increase in tram volume they may wish either to increase the waiting time at Clyde Road or rethink access to and from Clyde Road at that junction.

Seeing as they seem hell bent to go ahead with the extension, what are your thoughts on traffic arrangements at this junction and indeed in the

CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE IN CROYDON

This is important! We have been asked to comment on the proposed Primary Care Strategy for Croydon.

The proposal involves creating a series of Primary Care Centres throughout the Borough, each providing core and additional services to meet the needs of up to 20,000 residents.

In practice this means that patients will go to the same location for all of their primary care needs: to see a GP, a dentist, an optometrist, have diagnostic tests and much more. The overarching aim is for each community to be offered primary health care services from one building, via one telephone call,

one receptionist and one multidisciplinary team of experts.

This means that existing local GP and dental surgeries would close to be integrated in the new, large Primary Care Centre.

A wide number of interests are being consulted: GPs, dentists, pharmacists, optometrists and indeed residents associations. So here's your chance to have a say. The intention is to take decisions over the next three to five years about the future of healthcare in the community. Most certainly it is emphasised that the new Primary Care Centres will include community led forums as an essential component to continually improve the service.

To obtain a copy of the consultation document, contact us or find it at www.croydon.nhs.uk

THE FUTURE OF OUR AREA

LOCALLY LISTED BUILDINGS

At last there is an initiative to recognise buildings in our area that are historic, of special interest and that help make the atmosphere of our area. Locally listing a building or a terrace of buildings does not confer the considerable protection of a national listing. St Mary Magdalene Church in Canning Road is a Grade II* nationally listed building.

Locally listing a building affords little protection against demolition but flags to any would-be developer and indeed the Croydon Planning Department and Committee that this building is important to the community.

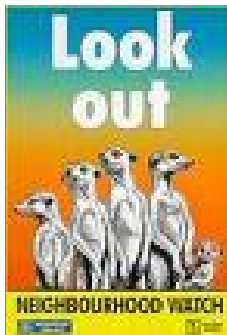
Seeing as though our roads were originally built from 1860 onwards, there must be surely some

ADDISCOMBE COMMUNITY POLICING – BOBBIES ON OUR BEAT

Our association has direct representation on the newly formed Addiscombe Ward Panel. This small panel drawn from people throughout Addiscombe are in the unique position of existing to tell the Police what to do. It's our job to set priorities for the newly established Policing team that will reflect what people actually want rather than what someone else thinks we want.

What do YOU want from your local Police community team? Do please give us your list of policing matters that are important to you. For example, the abuse of the one-way system in Clyde Road is one that we intend to introduce as a

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



We are pleased to report that we are now a Neighbourhood Watch area. Basically this means if you see or learn of anything dubious (but non emergency) in our locality, report it to your road co-ordinator (Andor in Canning Road and Gordon in Clyde

Alternatively just email watch@addiscombe.net

The Neighbourhood Watch is all about prevention through alerting. You will shortly see signs going up on lamp posts and we do have window stickers and information packs for those of you who have already subscribed. If you have not already subscribed and would like to join the Watch, then just let us know. It is of course free. So that we can alert you of any risks, it would be good if we could have your email address. Email is so quick and does not cost us anything. If you don't have email then of course we will inform you of things as quickly as we are able.

Living in a Neighbourhood Watch area means that most companies will provide a discount on your home contents insurance.

Pick up your window stickers and more - or enroll - at our AGM.

LOCAL SERVICES

The Local Post

We finally seem to have a postal delivery service that is considerably better than it has been for a long while. Thank you everyone who individually complained. Our campaign to get the service improved succeeded because it was a combination of individual people along with the residents association who kept working on Royal Mail. Really effective.

Water Leak

It seemed ironic that with a hose pipe ban the water leak within the boundary of Cheyne Court in Canning Road was allowed to continue for so long. Thank you to individuals, Councillor Andrew Price and the management company at Cheyne Court for getting this fixed.

Use your Milkman

The excellent Steve Broughton is your local Milkman. He'll deliver your milk to your door in the most wonderful recycleable container ever, a design icon, the glass milk bottle which has an average lifespan of 30 deliveries, and he'll take away the empties. The milk is extremely fresh and tastes brilliant.

Steve delivers a whole range of other fresh produce as well. If you're interested, contact the Purley Office on 020 8660 1106.

Plumbers and Fixers

A plumber recommended by one of our residents is Dave from All Systems Flow 0208 7762212 or 07860 203131 and for domestic appliance repairs or installation Derek from Mandells 0208 777 7770

FUTURE EVENTS

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Thursday 10 May 2007

Edward Jobson Court, Canning Road
Not as boring as it sounds!

Expect a lively event with an informative exchange of views and the chance to meet your neighbours over a drink afterwards.

The AGM of the residents association will be on Thursday 10 May 2007, 7.30 pm for not more than an hour. It will be held in the lounge area of Edward Jobson Court in Canning Road, three doors down from the church. The entrance is down the side driveway.

The AGM will enable you to meet with your elected representatives (MP and councillors) and community police and it is your opportunity to tell us what to do! Formally each year we need to elect a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer for the Association. If you would like to nominate someone, even yourself, then do let us know. The current officers have all indicated that they are prepared to stand for re-election.

Let us know by Thursday 3 May if there are any items you would like included on the Agenda.

Barbecue Sunday 1 July 2007 42 Canning Road

By popular demand the association BBQ! It will be from 1.00 pm through to around 6.00 pm. Come for all or part. Everyone is welcome. Please bring something for the barbecue and anything you would like to drink.

This year we are pleased to feature Robert from Canning Road in the Campaign for Real Ale beer tent. This will star two or more beers from the celebrated, Addiscombe's own Black Cat Brewery.

LEISURE AND ENTERTAINMENT

We would like you to keep us informed of events going on in our area and of activities so that we might publicise them. The intention is to make this section a regular feature.

Sir Philip Game Centre (SPG)

A 10 minute walk away at 38 Morland Avenue, SPG is open to all young people between the ages of 11-19. It provides a safe environment for young people to have fun and learn. It offers a comprehensive array of programmes that cover such things as healthy living, the arts, career advice, leadership development, sport, and recreation. There are also activities for people of all ages. For enquiries contact the office on 020 8662 5752 (Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 11.30am). www.spgcentre.co.uk.

Activities include:

Judo - Croydon Judo club meets at the Sir Philip Game Centre
enquiries@croydonjudo.com

Aikido - Aikido, 'the way of harmonious spirit', is a modern Japanese martial art, ideal for fitness and self-protection. Promotes awareness and enhances one's life both spiritually and mentally. Times: Thursdays 6.00 to 9.00 pm and Sundays 7.00 to 9.00 pm for all ages (11 and above)

Holistic Fitness - Catering for the more mature person where movements are soft and gentle.

Breathing, posture and stretching exercises are included to promote better health.

Learn to play in a Steel Band or on a drum kit

The Comets Community Project is an exciting new venture offering local youth and adults a centre offering steel pan, drum kit and percussion tuition as well as the potential for other musical and artistic activities. Group tuition is £3.50 per session for steel pan and percussion and £8.00 per session for drum kit. There are sessions for Juniors (7-11 yrs), Seniors (12-18 yrs), Adults (over 18 yrs).

The centre is at Pan Pavilion, Auckland Road Playing Fields, Auckland Road, SE19 2DH. This is 2 minutes walk from the Cypress Road bus stop on the 410 bus route. For more information see www.cometscommunityproject.co.uk or write to The Comets Community Project, c/o 75 Edward Road, Croydon, Surrey CR0 6DZ.

Belly Dancing

When grandmother Sue Eastern of Canning Road announced that she wanted more exercise in her life little did her friends and family imagine her as a Belly Dancer! As Sue explains, *'I read somewhere about this class at the Fairfield Halls; it said just turn up – so I did. I thought I would be nervous and embarrassed and didn't know quite what to expect.'*

But there were around 40-50 people of all ages and all having a good time. It's healthy and hilarious – huge fun! Charlotte's Belly Dancing Classes are every Tuesday evening at 6.00pm in the Green Room Fairfield Halls. Lessons are for an hour and cost £7. No booking necessary. Beginners are welcome – just turn up wearing your usual clothes. Advanced classes are also available.

Jangle waist belts and other costume articles are on

Your Councillors



Maria Garcia



Russell Jackson



Andrew Price

BACK TO THE FUTURE

Our plans for the future of our area

A few weeks back the Council invited representatives of residents associations from throughout the Borough to a 'workshop' to better explain – and discuss – the planning process in Croydon.

We thought that this was a good initiative – at last we could put faces to all those senior planners that we have battled or engaged with in the past and to learn more of their planning direction.

Cllr Chris Wright (Vice-Chair Planning Committee) made it clear that:

a) The Council wished to create more conservation (or areas of interest) in the Borough to better preserve its heritage.

b) The Council will comply with the National and London (Ken Livingstone) Government's diktat for the building of what seems an impossibly high number of new (and affordable) dwellings in Croydon. Where will they all fit? It seems that these new developments will take place in areas with 'excellent' public transport. And that describes our area. Usual local planning rules could be bent to permit extremely high density developments because of our location.

What we wanted to know was which wins (a) or (b)? Clearly (a) is preferable since it will help prevent (b) from happening.

Our area has all of the credentials to qualify for (a).



The stile at the entrance to the Coldstream. Left to right cadets Henry Doveton (1857-58), Thomas Walker (1857-58) and James Waterhouse (1857-59).

As you may be aware, you are living on the land previously occupied by the East India Company College 1809-1858. Even by today's standards, the East India Company was simply the largest Company in the world. The College was really a university undertaking research work and educating its 'cadets' to the highest standards. Their huge Addiscombe estate was sold to developers in 1861. Addiscombe Station (now East India Way) opened in 1864 (25 min to London Bridge!). The first houses in our roads were built and occupied in 1863.

That's why we asked you to identify buildings of interest. If we – with the help of our Councillors – can make a case to the Council for us to be an area of special interest, then the chances of (b) happening becomes remote.

We are working closely with the HOME (Havelock, Outram, Mulberry, Elgin) and Morland Park Resident Associations to make sure that this happens and that the threat of over development is removed. Our three Associations are now working together to make a plan for presentation to the Council that describes what we want for our area for the future and how to achieve it. Seems wonderfully 'sustainable' and 'regenerative' to us!

Please send us your ideas as to what to save, what to ditch and how to improve your area.

If you would like to find out more about the history of your area, then try *The Book of Addiscombe* – a two volume pictorial hardback set written by and available from us!

We had to work hard to find early pictures of our area for the books. It would be good if you could send us any pics (in whatever form, old or new) so



The Coldstream (or Bathing Place) was a natural pool of water by the Lower Addiscombe Road where Havelock House now stands, opposite Havelock Road. You can see the Gymnasium, that still exists, in Havelock Road. **Photos courtesy Croydon Local Studies Library.**

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Surgery

1st Saturday of the month 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, at the Sir Philip Game Centre, 38 Morland Avenue, Croydon, CR0 6EA.
At other times, please phone for an appointment at a mutually convenient time and location.

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You Local Police Team

Phone: 020 8721 2473 or 07920 233886.

Not got email or web access?

You can have these from us for free! Contact us.

Betelgeusian

For those baffled by the words of Betelgeusian on front and back pages, here are their meanings:

ZARJAZ = excellent

FLORIX GRABUNDAE = many thanks

PS Our Chairman has his original copy of *The Creep who Stole Croydon* comic and will bring it to the AGM.



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