



Canning & Clyde Road Residents Association

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Flaming June Edition

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Longest Day barbecue – Sunday 22 June, 1.00 – 6.00 pm 42 Canning Road (opposite the church)

Welcome to our Flaming June edition. Come along and sizzle at our annual BBQ! Ric Glenn from Clyde Road will be expertly wielding hot tongs over glowing coals. As the day before is the longest day, our theme is sunshine. Hawaiian shirts are not compulsory. Whatever the weather, shelter will be provided by a big tent and gazebos.

There is no charge. Just bring along yourself and something to drink and eat (barbecue, salad or whatever). We'll be holding a raffle for association funds so, if you have something people might like to win, please bring that along too.

Past barbecues have been great fun with lots of people. Expect to meet a range of neighbours of all ages. See you there!



Steve's wonderful tree

It was great to see so many residents and family at the planting of Steve's tree. Steve's family expressed their thanks to residents and to Andor and Andrew for their kind words. We were also very pleased that Andrew Pelling, our MP, was able to attend and lay on some earth along with family and residents.



For those who haven't seen it yet, Steve's 'wonderful tree', as he once called one of these, is an Indian Bean Tree. It is the one with large purple/brown leaves on the triangle of green on the Addiscombe Road between the top of Canning and Clyde Roads in front of the professors' cottages. Next time you pass by, do give him a quick wave!

See page 2 for more on the professors' cottages.

It's official!

Andor has now been elected Chairman of our residents association. Good on you, Andor!

East India Conservation Area

As of 26 March our two roads form part of the East India Conservation Area which runs from Canning to Ashburton Roads and is bounded by the Addiscombe and Lower Addiscombe Roads.

At the moment there are no clear guidelines in practical terms of what we can and cannot do with our homes. These guidelines will be drawn up in the form of a Management Plan about which the Council has a statutory obligation to consult us as residents. We are keeping in close touch with our Councillors about when this will happen to allow anyone who would like to express an opinion maximum time in which to do so. Some of our residents have already expressed ideas at our AGM in May.

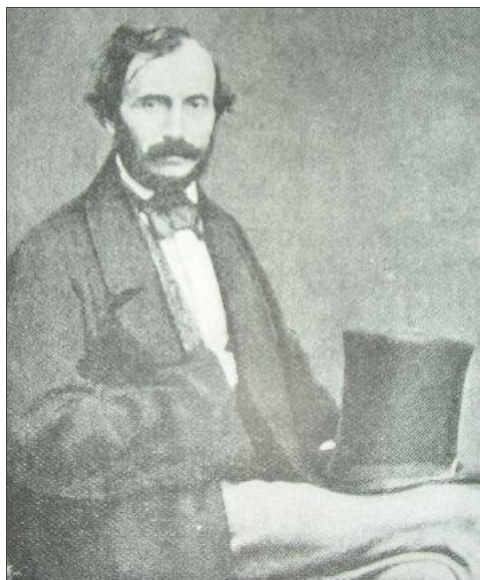
The broad aim of a conservation area is not to stop development but to ensure that what happens is sympathetic to the area. It also stops a developer from demolishing buildings or walls without permission from the Council.

Until the Management Plan is drawn up, we would advise residents to seek advice from the Council before doing anything with walls, windows or roofs, putting up satellite dishes at the front of the house or lopping trees. The very helpful council officer to speak to is Vincent Lacovara (email: Vincent.Lacovara@croydon.gov.uk; tel: 020 8726 6000 x 61980).

The professors' cottages

Since Steve's tree is in front of the professors' cottages, he was the driving force behind the two *Books of Addiscombe* and we are now in the East India Conservation Area, it seems highly appropriate to say a little of what is known about the history of these houses.

No one knows exactly when the original house was first built. There was originally a single house. We know that in 1796 the Honorable Felinda Tollymarsh (of the brewing family) lived there. The East India Company bought it turning it into two houses in the 1840s and giving them the names of Ashleigh and India House. They extended Ashleigh (the left-hand house) and built the stables that are still there today. The French professor was housed in Ashleigh.



The French professor, Leon Contanseau, joined the East India Company's cadets' training college in 1845 from 'la Belle France'. Henry Vibart, a former cadet, described him, '*Although very excitable when angry, he was a very good fellow.*' At one of the leaving dinners for cadets who had passed the rigorous public exam before departing for duty, Professor Contanseau made a speech, '*If any gentleman has any cause to remember anything unpleasant regarding my treatment of him during the term, that is, if I have ever reported him, I beg that he will now put that report in his left hand poc-kett*'. When the college closed in 1861, Professor Contanseau retired back to France at Neuilly, near Paris. There he wrote one or two books on the English and French languages including the *Practical Dictionary of the French and English Languages*. He died at the grand old age of 80.

After the closure of the college, Ashleigh was bought by Tom Easton whose family lived in it until the 1930s. Then it was bought by Dick Boetius' father. Dick lived there until Christmas 2007.

For more information on the East India Company College, how our roads were built up, the history of the professors' cottages and much more - read the two *Books of Addiscombe*. They are lavishly illustrated hard back books (160 and 192 pages), £15 each or £25 for both. All profits go to our residents association and are put back into the community. Contact Anne if you would like a copy.

Local developments - update

Cherry Orchard Road (Menta) development

This is a mixed development of flats, offices and retail. It involves four tall towers, the tallest currently planned at 52 storeys. Menta, the developer, are currently due to submit a planning application to Croydon Council either in the summer or autumn. Watch this space.

Angel Court, Addiscombe Road

These are the new flats next to The Cricketers. It is a mixture of social housing (i.e. housing association and shared ownership) and private sale. You may have been wondering why they appear completed but unoccupied.



The Project Manager of Shared Horizons (a social landlord) has explained that they had hoped for a handover shortly before Christmas. There have been two delays due to the contractor: firstly the contractor applied very late to have the mains and sewerage connected; secondly there have been problems between the contractor and Croydon Council's Planning Control. Shared Horizons are hoping for a handover in the near future.

There is funding for 18 rented and 16 shared ownership one and two bedroomed flats. The two bedroomed flats are generously sized and big enough for small families. The funding is not restricted to any one particular group. Shared Horizons anticipate that most will be key workers and the rest will be from the whole range of disadvantaged groups.

Savills estate agent is advertising 29 one and two bedroomed flats for private sale.

East Croydon Gateway site

Keep your ears and eyes peeled for news on this. The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government (currently Hazel Blears) will announce her decision on or before 30 July as to whether or not there will be a 12,500 seat Arena by East Croydon Station.

Recycling dates

Those of our residents who live in houses or blocks with no more than four households benefit from the fortnightly green and blue box recycling service. Over the summer months we can also recycle garden rubbish that is suitable for composting i.e. grass, leaves, plants and anything that is not hard wood or soil.

A number of our residents did not receive the clear bags for garden waste plus a new list of dates when the recycling will be picked up. The boxes and garden rubbish will be collected on the same day. If you do not have any clear bags from last year, you can contact the Council recycling team on 020 8726 6200 or email: contact.thecouncil@croydon.gov.uk

The recycling collection dates are:

June 4, 18

July 2, 16, 30

August 13, 27

September 10, 24

October 8, 22

November 5, 19

If you live in a block of flats with more than five people, there are still recycling facilities you can use in Canning Road. Edward Jobson Court (three doors down from the church) has large communal recycling bins. Please only use these between 8.00 am and 8.00 pm because of the noise.

Tradesmen and Professionals

A number of residents have asked if we would keep a list of local tradesmen and professionals (eg plumber, electrician, handyman) that residents have received good service from. We are willing to do this but must point out that, whereas one neighbour might be happy with a particular tradesman, another might have a very different opinion of the same person. Do pass on any names that you think others might find useful. Please be aware that by passing on a name the residents association would be merely giving information and not making a recommendation.



Over the summer months - local things to do



18 – 22 June

Portland Arts Festival

Just up the road from us there are numerous very interesting events taking place. Here are some:

Wednesday 18 June

Shoestring Theatre Oakley Road
5.30 - 7.00 pm; 7.00 - 8.30 pm
Street Dance workshops (13 - 25 year olds)

The Gold Coast, 7.00 pm onwards
Old Palace Clog - traditional dance
8.00 till late, Poets Anonymous

Thursday 19 June

Ashburton Library, 4.00 - 4.30 pm
Professional storyteller for under 7's

St Mark's Church, 7.30 - 9.30 pm,
Harp and Harmonies

Shoestring Theatre, Oakley Road
7.00 - 9.00 pm
Percussion Workshop (13 - 25 year olds)

The Gold Coast
8.00 pm till late, Catalina Blues

Friday 20 June

Ashburton Library
7.00 pm, D H Lawrence and Croydon talk

Shoestring Theatre, Oakley Road
7.30 - 9.30 pm
Acting workshop (13 - 25 year olds)

St Mark's Church, 8.00 - 10.00 pm
Songs from the Shows

All during the festival

Treasurers Gift Shop, 273 Portland Road
Work by local artists

Pepperton Gallery, 25 Selhurst Road
Work by international artists

To find out more visit
www.peopleforportlandroad.org.uk

Starting 12 July

Fortnightly summer school sessions in Clyde Hall

Chenique Ventura Theatre School hosting sessions in fun arts of cheerleading, street dance and 'stomping'. Classes divided into four age groups: 5-7, 8-11, 11-16 and 17 plus.

For more information email:
cheniqueventura@hotmail.com
or tel: 07852 815 550

August

Sir Philip Game Youth Centre, Morland Road

Week beginning 4 August: creative arts week, theatre visit to The Lion King

Week beginning 18 August: 5-a-side football tournament; off road challenge

For more information tel: 020 8662 0290

August

Addiscombe Youth Club, Stroud Green Way

Week beginning 18 August: football coaching; excursions

Week beginning 25 August: creative arts; excursions

For more information tel: 020 8654 7517

First Sunday of month until October Shirley Windmill

Post Mill Close, off Upper Shirley Road. Take 466 bus to Coloma School. This fascinating tour is free and lasts 1 ¼ hours. You are taken right up to the very top of the windmill and told how this fully automated mill worked. Thoroughly recommended but it might be a bit long and technical for small children. It's also not suitable for anyone with vertigo or mobility problems as you have to climb up and down some very steep ladders. A great experience!

Every Tues 10.00 – 11.00 am Computing for the over 60s

Croydon Darby & Joan Club (attached to Thackeray House, Addiscombe Road at top of Canning Road). This runs all year.

Learn on a one-to-one basis simple essentials of using a computer. £13 per year and then you can use the computers any time.

And in the autumn ... our own events

September - children's party

11 October - second hand furniture and bric-a-brac sale, Clyde Hall