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Join Andor for a warming Hungarian Goulash

Saturday 15 November, 7.30 pm

Come along and join Andor for a Hungarian Goulash supper!

He is preparing this treat to raise funds for our association. For just £10 you can enjoy a glass of bubbly wine with antipasta, main dish of Hungarian Goulash with glass of wine and dessert. Those of us who have been lucky enough to sample Andor's Goulash can definitely recommend it!

If you would like to come along, please contact Andor on 020 8654 8667 or email andor.prosbik@addiscombe.net or pop a note through his door at 4 Park Court, Canning Road (nearly opposite the church).



Arena plan defeated !

As many of us probably know, the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government turned down Arrowcroft and Croydon Council's bid to build a 12,500 seat arena by East Croydon Station. Arrowcroft have not appealed so this large arena will definitely not be going ahead. We ask why the Council spent so much time (which is money) promoting the arena project which was rejected by the Secretary of State on the very grounds on which we had questioned and objected to it since 2003.

Stanhope Schrodgers own the land and have planning permission from the Secretary of State for their own development including a park and new home for the Warehouse Theatre. They are in the strange position of having permission without having first liaised with Croydon Council who previously refused to engage with them. Stanhope Schrodgers hope to spend the next few months building a relationship with Croydon Council to arrive at a scheme that is acceptable all round. We shall continue to monitor potential developments.

We would like to thank warmly our MP, Andrew Pelling, and three Addiscombe Ward Councillors, Andrew Price, Russell Jackson and Maria Garcia, for listening to residents' views and representing them, even though this went against the party line.

We also pay tribute to our one and only Steve (Collins). His particular abilities to analyse mind numbingly boring documents, motivate people and organise played a significant role in the defeat of this ill-conceived scheme.

Menta Cherry Orchard Road development

As we have reported before, property developer, Menta, have plans to develop the top part of Cherry Orchard Road starting at East Croydon Station. They said they would be submitting a planning application this autumn. When (if) they do so, we will put out a special newsletter outlining the plans and asking for your views so we can comment on the application.

New look for the church tower



View of new glass church door from the outside



View from inside the church tower looking into the

St Mary Magdalene church is seeking to develop its tower entrance with welcoming glass doors on the outside and on the inside as you go into the church. The newly restored tower room will be open to the community during the day as a space to reflect and pray. It will also be used for midweek services.

The church has received a generous grant from English Heritage to repair the tower and clean the brickwork and the church has decided to use the opportunity to create a more welcoming entrance and make better use of the space.

Rev Richard Williams says, "It is a beautiful area with high ceiling, ornate carved stone and stunning stained glass windows and it will be good for people in our community to find an open door here and a place to come in and sit quietly in their own time and pray".

The total costs of the works is about £300,000 and the church is now seeking to raise about half this from the church members and wider community.

If you have any comments or ideas or would like to donate money towards the project, please contact Rev Richard Williams at St Mary's Vicarage, Canning Road (Tel: 020 8654 3459; email: richard@rwilliams.fsnet.co.uk).

Conservation area

Some time next year, Croydon Council's Conservation Officer will be drawing up guidelines specific to our East India Conservation Area. These will determine what we can and cannot do. You can rest assured that we shall consult with you and put forward your views.

In addition, Paul and colleagues are in the process of drawing up broad guidelines for conservation areas in general. In the meantime, if you have any queries about changes you would like to make to your house, walls or trees, contact Paul Robertshaw, Conservation Officer, on 020 8726 6000 (ext 62251) or email Paul.Robertshaw@croydon.gov.uk

Second hand sale

Many thanks to all who came along to our very first Second Hand Sale on Saturday 13 October. It was a great social event as much as a chance for residents to make a little money selling things they no longer wanted. It was a highly enjoyable day and we shall probably repeat it next year with an increased delivery of fliers to encourage more potential purchasers.

Thank you very much indeed to the Trustees of Clyde Hall and the excellent members of the Surrey Operatic Society who allowed us use of this private hall which is not for general hire. Their friendly hospitality – not to mention sandwiches and cakes – helped to create a great atmosphere!

