



Canning & Clyde Road Residents Association

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Christmas Robin Edition

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Addiscombe Railway Park

For those who have yet to discover the Addiscombe Railway Park, it is a stretch of land that runs from the end of East India Way (nearly opposite Canning Road) to Dalmally Passage. It is basically the old railway line that ran from Addiscombe Station on Lower Addiscombe Road to Elmers End. The first stage of the park was opened in summer 2007.

The Council has now obtained funding to develop the second stage running from Dalmally Passage to Black Horse



Addiscombe Railway Park looking across Dalmally Passage to the new section

Bridge and linking up with Black Horse tram stop. It too will have a 3 metre wide footpath cycleway with a 2 metre grass strip either side to give a 'safe and open feel' to the park. Native trees and shrubs will be planted on the embankments in winter to provide privacy for neighbouring homes and encourage wildlife. This will be done by the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV). If you would like to get involved with this, contact Alison Plant at Croydon Council on 020 8726 6900 ext 61901 or email parks@croydon.gov.uk

Zebra or Pelican?

What would you prefer - the current zebra crossing on Lower Addiscombe Road by East India Way or a pelican? A pelican crossing has been mooted because of one or two near misses on the zebra crossing. Our Chairman recently had a close encounter but escaped through some nifty footwork.

There are pros and cons to both. The pros of the current zebra crossing are that pedestrians might have to wait less time for cars to stop and, when they do, motorists are likely to be more patient than if obliged to come to a halt; the cons are that some motorists either fail to see or ignore the crossing so pedestrians have to be particularly careful. The pros of a pelican are that the majority of motorists obey a red light; the cons are that pedestrians may have to wait longer for the light to change and then have less time to cross while impatient motorists are edging to go.

If you have an opinion on this, do please let us know.

Green and blue box recycling dates for next six months

December - 31	April - 8, 22
January - 14, 28	May - 6, 20
February - 11, 25	June - 3, 17

Inside this edition

Two of our residents give their views on living in Canning and Clyde Roads

Odalisk

Developer Guildhouse-Rosepride LPP are planning a large-scale development, the Odalisk, on the corner of Lansdowne Road and Wellesley Road.

At street level we would see a colonnade with cafes, bars and restaurants softened with curvy lines (see pics).



Overall the building is massive with two towers, the larger one being 51 storeys and the smaller one 35 storeys. To put this in context, the NLA Tower is 24 storeys. These will house a four-star Intercontinental Hotel with 100 serviced apartments, office space, 360 residential apartments, underground parking, new members' gym and some sort of community facility.

A planning application has yet to be made. If you have any comments you would like us to pass on, do let us know or contact the Guildhouse-Rosepride Helpline on 0845 262 0138 or visit www.odalisk.co.uk.



Sustainable Communities Act (2007)

Heard of the Sustainable Communities Act? If not, you are not alone. It was passed last year and is a Private Member's Bill. It is designed to give local residents more say about things in their local community that can have a long-term beneficial effect. Residents would be able to express an opinion about virtually anything, for example things of a social, economical or environmental nature.

The way it would work is that local people could make suggestions to a body known as a 'selector' who would draw up a shortlist of which ideas would go to Central Government. Central Government would then work with local bodies to decide which ideas would be given the go ahead.

Local authorities are not obliged to sign up to this scheme. We have expressed a wish that Croydon Council should do so.

For more information on the Sustainable Communities Act and to find out which local authorities have already signed up, see www.localworks.org



Andor's Hungarian Goulash

Many thanks to Andor who cooked a genuine, scrumptious Hungarian Goulash supper. Thanks too for all our residents who came along and helped make the evening so enjoyable. A big thank you also to two residents who made donations. We raised in all £125 for association funds.



Living in Canning and Clyde Roads

We asked two residents, Barbara Karelis and Saba Bilal, if they would tell us of their experiences living in our two roads. We thought it would be interesting to compare the thoughts of a resident who has lived here for some considerable time and a resident who is newer to our roads. Here's what they say.

Barbara



Barbara and Tom

We moved into Clyde Road late in 1982 and have never seen any reason to leave. In spite of urgent need of repair and update, the house itself felt very welcoming when we moved in and the location was perfect: Tom could walk to his office in central Croydon and the daily drive to and from my school in Lewisham was easy because I was always going against the traffic flow. Being so near to East Croydon Station was handy when you wanted to travel but a real pain because commuters filled our road with their cars; you couldn't move your own car in the morning unless you planned to be out all day, so it forced the issue of changing the front garden into a parking space. It seems unlikely but we may have even welcomed the introduction of parking regulations!!

Clyde Road proved to be convenient for Tunstall Nursery, Park Hill School and St Mary Magdalene's Church in the next road. Long standing friendships have been formed in the school playgrounds and Church activities and as our children grew older it happened that we were the convenient location for their friends to gather, so that we got to know them all too.

But the best thing about living here is the other people who live here too: people who are friendly, interested, helpful and kind, who stick together over issues of mutual interest and, without being intrusive, look out for each other. Were we to list the many instances of kindness we have received from our neighbours over the years, this article would take up the whole newsletter, so we'll just take this opportunity to say "Thank you" and we're not going anywhere!!



Saba

We moved from Cambridge to Croydon almost a year and a half ago. From my husband's viewpoint Croydon is excellent for commuting to work. I don't have 'commuting issues' as I am a full time mum to my two lovely kids. I always did and always will associate Croydon with its 1st international airport from where Agatha Christie's Poirot (my hero) took his flights to the Continent.

When we first moved here I was eight months pregnant with my son Zaid and was simply overwhelmed with the 'big city' life. RUSH, RUSH, RUSH. In the first week of our move my daughter's garden toys (trampoline and slide) were stolen from the communal grounds. I was in shock. But I will have to admit that the last year and a half that we have lived here I have had a wonderful time. I have felt quite at home and safe and have been welcomed by all the different people I meet every day. My daughter Zoya attended Mary Magdalene Pre School before moving on to Tunstall this year.

None the less I do feel that I have noticed a few changes: I have noticed the streets are not cleaned as regularly as they were a year ago. I have noticed that people are not cleaning up after their dogs, which is a source of concern for people with kids and buggies. It is difficult to explain to a child what it is. I have noticed overflowing rubbish bins, broken bottles on the pavements, half eaten burgers etc. Apart from all these unwelcome changes I have definitely noticed the Council's efforts on involving everyone in saving the planet by recycling waste. I have seen a significant increase in recycling bins. In fact our block of flats just got its own big recycling bin from the council. There is also an increase in social events organized by the residents association as well as other residents of our two roads. I feel that it is an excellent way of getting to know each other. It definitely promotes a sense of belonging in the huge number of Asians and European residents of the area.

I have had a good time and am really looking forward to being more involved and doing my bit for my HOME.



Saba and family

Our local churches

St Mary Magdalene, Canning Road

Sunday 21st December
6:30pm Carols by Candlelight
Christmas Eve
5:00pm Christingle Service
11:15pm Midnight Communion with Carols
Christmas Day
10:30am Family Christmas Service

Our Lady of the Annunciation

Christmas Eve
10.00 am Mass
7.00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass
12.00 Midnight Mass, starting with carols at 11.30
Christmas Day
Masses at 8.30, 10.00 and 11.30 am
(no 6.30 pm Mass)

Christ Church Methodist Church

Lower Addiscombe Road

Sunday 21 December
6.30 pm Carols by Candlelight
Christmas Eve
4.00 pm Christingle Service
Christmas Day
10.30 am All Age Worship



Our local shops

Mr and Mrs Acharya's Newsagents

Christmas Day - closed
Boxing Day - open morning
New Year's Day - closed

Tesco Express

Christmas Eve - 6.00 am - 11.00 pm
Christmas Day - Closed
Boxing Day - 9.00 am - 10.00 pm
New Year's Eve - 6.00 am - 11.00 pm
New Year's Day - 9.00 am - 11.00 pm

Co-op (little one by mini roundabout)

Christmas Day - closed

Sodha Wines

Open as usual



Many thanks to young residents, Giulia and Alessandro, for their excellent Christmas illustrations

Our local pubs

The Alma, Lower Addiscombe Road

Christmas Eve - is the one and only ELVIS (and you thought he wasn't with us any more!)
Christmas Day - 12,00 - 2.00 pm drink & nibbles
New Year's Eve - DISCO all welcome
so come on down, put your glad rags on and join in the fun. The evenings normally get going 8 - 9.00 until the last of us drops!!

The Builders Arms, Leslie Park Road

Christmas Day - 12.00 - 3.00 pm
New Year's Eve - Tickets £4 - donated to charity; free buffet

The Oval, Oval Road

Christmas Day - 12.00 - 3.00 pm
New Year's Eve - Live music with the inspirational Jeremiah Marques plus disco. Tickets £10

The Cricketers, Addiscombe Road

Christmas Day - 12.00 - 3.00 pm
New Year's Eve - please check with pub

The Glamorgan, Cherry Orchard Road

Closed 24 - 28 December inclusive
New Year's Eve - Gala dinner £49.95 book in advance

Rubbish collections over Christmas

The only collection (household rubbish and recycling) that will change is the one that would normally happen on Wednesday (24). It will now be collected on **Tuesday 23 December**. The following week is back to normal.



Christmas tree recycling

Real trees can be taken to the big Co-op (entrance off Blackhorse Lane) between 4 and 11 January

10 things that make a good Christmas for young resident, Genie

- T Getting the chocolate out of my calendar
- T Getting up early and trying to see Santa
- T Picking up the sweets from the Christmas tree
- T Huggle up with Mummy and Daddy in the morning
- T Having special pudding and ice cream
- T Seeing my Nan on Christmas Day
- T Playing with presents
- T Stay up late
- T Animals outside cuddle up to keep warm
- T Helping Daddy in Devon