



Canning & Clyde Road Residents Association

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Summer in Sight Edition

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Welcome to our Summer in Sight edition. It's time to leap into action! Here are some great community events organised by ourselves and others.

Big 3-0 Barbecue – Sunday 21 June, 1.00 to 6.00 pm **Back garden 42 Canning Road (opposite the church)**

Our mid summer barbecues have proved highly popular and hugely enjoyable. Come along, have fun and meet neighbours of all ages from under 9 months to over 90 years. There will be separate meat and vegetarian barbecues. This year we are calling it 'The Big Three Oh BBQ' as it's 30 years since Steve started our residents association in 1979.

Our Always Interesting AGM – Thursday 14 May, 7.30 pm **Edward Jobson Court, Canning Road (third building to the right of the church, entrance down the driveway)**

Our Annual General Meetings are well attended and for those who have not been before they are designed to be informative for the things people want to know about and to give all residents an opportunity to express views on things that matter to them. Our MP, Andrew Pelling, will be attending as will Councillor Andrew Price. We have also invited our two other Addiscombe Ward Councillors, the local Police Safer Neighbourhood Team and Croydon Council's Conservation Officer.

They are friendly affairs with refreshments afterwards! Look forward to seeing you there.

Our Chairman

Andor Prosbik, who bravely stepped in as Chairman when Steve died, has resigned. We should like to thank Andor very much for his kindness and boldness in doing so at a difficult time.

We shall be looking for a new Chairman and hope to elect one at our AGM. We would be very pleased to receive nominations. The most important attributes in a Chairman are a commitment to our area and all people living in it and a non party political bias in decisions, words and actions relating to the association. We need someone who is able to act as a representative spokesperson.

Staying in touch - for everyone who would like to do so

We can only put out a newsletter a limited number of times a year. Quite often in between times we are informed of various things that could be of general interest or we want to ask people's opinions. Currently we send round an email to about 40 people. If you are not receiving this and would like to, please email Anne. If you are not on email but would also like to keep up with this news, please let Anne know and we can arrange for paper copies to be delivered; it would be helpful if someone could volunteer to do this delivery.

East India Conservation Area

The East India Conservation Area covers the old Addiscombe Place / East India Company estate: Canning, Clyde, Elgin, Havelock and Outram Roads, Mulberry Lane and this side of Ashburton Road. Some time this year, Croydon Council's Conservation Officer will be working on drawing up two very important documents that will affect how our conservation area is managed. They are firstly the *Area Appraisal* (sometimes called Character Appraisal) and then - based on the *Appraisal* - the *Management Plan*. These will determine what we can and cannot do to our properties and what kinds of materials we shall be expected to use. Both we and our neighbouring residents association (HOME) have indicated that we should like to be involved at the outset.

We intend to give our residents in Canning and Clyde Roads full opportunity to express their views. The formal process has not started yet but we thought we'd canvass some initial ideas. The *Area Appraisal* aims to define the qualities that make an area special. It includes buildings yet is not just about the buildings but all elements that make an area distinctive. This can include trees, greenery and even sights, sounds and smells as well as historic associations with people and events.

What do you think makes the East India Conservation Area special and in particular our two roads? What are the landmark buildings? Do you have any initial thoughts on what we should or should not be allowed to do? Do please let Anne have your ideas.

Developments in Central Croydon Gateway site (by East Croydon Station on the other side of the tracks)

The owners and developers of the land, Stanhope Schrodgers, say they remain very committed to Croydon and are working positively with Croydon Council. They already have planning permission for a development that was delayed by the Public Inquiry into the unsuccessful Arena project. This included offices, retail, housing, a new Warehouse Theatre and public park.

The economic climate has changed drastically. Stanhope, however, want to proceed in a flexible manner that adapts to the market. Whereas before they could have built offices speculatively, now they need to secure a tenant before raising finance for building an office. They plan to secure a tenant for their main office building fronting George Street but to achieve this it will probably be 2/3 the size of the original. For housing, they are in discussions with Homes & Communities Agency (HCA) to see if they can bring forward a residential block which would be 100% rented. If Stanhope can go ahead with the

office block, they would need to relocate the Warehouse Theatre. They are in discussions with the Warehouse to see if it would be under a residential block, as originally planned, or a freestanding building. For the open space area, Stanhope would undertake some temporary treatment so the area is clean and well managed. In order to attract a tenant, the rents will have to be competitive so there will not initially be finance for full-scale landscaping.

In the current very uncertain economic climate, Stanhope will have to be very flexible to react to any occupier interest and adapt existing plans accordingly.

Cherry Orchard Road

As at time of printing, this is still being considered by Croydon Council's Planning Department. They will then make a recommendation to the Planning Committee.

Policing priorities in Addiscombe

Every three months our local Safer Neighbourhood Team reviews its three top priorities. Currently they are: burglaries, car crime and drug dealing in Cross Road. Are there any other Addiscombe wide priorities you would like to suggest? If so, please let Anne know.

Addiscombe Carnival – Sunday 26 July Can you help?

A new event! Croydon Lions are organising an Addiscombe Carnival in conjunction with Addiscombe, Ashburton and Woodside Neighbourhood Partnership. It will start at 11.00 am with a procession of floats from Morland Road along the Lower Addiscombe Road to Ashburton Park where there will be a fair until 5.00 pm. We are participating by asking residents if they would be willing to walk along with the procession as marshals. In effect we will be acting as sheep dogs to keep the floats and walking groups on the left hand side of the road. Marshals will be needed between 10.30 am and 12.00 noon. If you would like to do this, please let Anne know.

Tip from resident to deter burglars

A good five lever lock proved to be a deterrent. Also be careful about unattended open windows.

And finally ... Great music and chat last Sunday of the month

Some of us from our association and our neighbours, HOME residents association, meet up on the last Sunday of the month, 7.00 till 9.00 pm approximately at The Oval Tavern, Oval Road. There is great blues music and it's free! During the summer months people can sit out in the garden. Come along and join us! It's good fun.