



Canning & Clyde Road Residents Association

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The Big One Edition

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

Yes! It's The Big One! – 30 years since Steve (Collins) founded the Canning & Clyde Road Residents Association in 1979. Come along, meet the neighbours, have fun and celebrate!

We will have separate meat and vegetarian barbecues. Please just bring along something to drink or eat – a salad, 1970s style party food (do those over 30 remember cheddar and pineapple on cocktail sticks?). To avoid wasting meat and bread as in the past, we will provide sausages, beefburgers and bread but if you would like to bring along something special to barbecue, then please do.



Ric hard at work last year

We are having a raffle for association funds so please bring along a prize if you have something spare. We are also mounting a display of photos old and new of Canning and Clyde Roads. If you have a photo of anything taken in our two roads that people might find interesting or amusing – please let Anne have it. The more pics the better!

There will be a drawing competition for the Under 11s. To celebrate our area, we are asking young people to draw 'My house' or 'My street'.

We would warmly welcome volunteers to barbecue for part of the afternoon. Also needed are volunteers between 9.00 and 9.30 am to help us carry tables and chairs across from the church.

If you've been before, you know a great time is had by all. If you haven't been before, feel free to come along for five minutes or much longer. See you there!



At last year's second hand sale

A word from our new Chairman

I am most honoured to have been elected by my fellow residents as Chairman (yes, with due apologies to the politically correct, I am not a piece of furniture). There is no way that I could ever replace the irreplaceable Steve (or even Andor, who stepped in so nobly at a difficult time) but I will do the best I can to serve all the residents, to work constructively with our MP, GLA Member and Councillors, to challenge where necessary the 'visions' and follies of politicians and planners, and to keep this part of Croydon (and Croydon in general) a place which people love and want to live in.

Gordon Thompson

Get snapping! – Photo Competition

An anonymous donor has given us £100 to be used for a photography competition for people who live in either Canning or Clyde Road. People are invited to send in photos that have been taken in what is now the East India Conservation Area.

There will be two prizes in each age range: 11–16, 18+. The competition is open to amateurs only. Photos are to be taken within the East India Conservation Area only. People can choose whatever subjects they like. The donor suggested the following to kick-start ideas: personalities, ethnicity / cultural, landscape / nature, historical, buildings.

If you would like to submit a photo, please let Anne have a print (around 6"x4" or 5"x4" depending on the format of your camera) by the end of November. The competition will be judged by a local professional photographer and the results announced in our Christmas newsletter. The mystery donor also expressed the wish that we should mount an exhibition of photos submitted to the competition; we shall look into this.

The Big Renovation

St Mary Magdalene church tower Thursday 9 July, 8.00 pm, in the Crypt

Rev Richard Williams has already told us about the plans to restore and develop the church tower at our AGM and in our 1 November 2008 newsletter. The main difference is that the wooden doors, which will be preserved inside, will be replaced by glass doors that enable people to see inside the magnificent church. The entrance will be made into a quiet area open to the community to reflect or pray. The church tower is being cleaned with scaffolding up between 22 June and Christmas.

Richard is holding a meeting for residents in our two roads on Thursday 9 July, 8.00 pm, in the Crypt (entrance at the front of the church). He would like to tell residents more of the plans and seek our opinions.

Second-hand sale

Saturday 17 October, 10.00 am to 1.00 pm Clyde Hall, Clyde Road

By popular demand we are holding another tabletop sale for anyone who would like to sell things they no longer need. As the Trustees of Clyde Hall are kindly letting us use the hall free, there will be no charge for use of a table. You can keep any money you make. Everyone must take away all items they do not sell. Please let Anne know if you would like a table. Last year's sale was a highly enjoyable social event.

The Big Squeeze - Overcrowding on trams

Some of our residents have commented on the overcrowding of trams during peak hours. Trams are now the responsibility of Transport for London so we raised this with our GLA Member, Steve O'Connell, who asked our views on campaigning for more trams.

We discussed this suggestion at our AGM and have made the following observations to our GLAM. We have requested an improved tram service. We realise there is no simple solution to achieve this. How it is best achieved we feel is best left to the service providers to investigate rather than just requesting more trams. We are aware that improvements to the tram service may involve a combination of measures. We would ask Transport for London to investigate carefully the various possibilities and the knock-on effects of each.

These are some of the ideas which have been suggested:

- * Increasing the length of trams - although of course there would be major implications in having to change the length of all platforms;
- * Increasing the frequency of trams - what effect would this have on other road users eg longer waiting times at junctions?
- * Adjusting the signalling - again, what effect would this have on other road users?

We would not want improvements to the tram service to be at the expense of bus services which are largely good.

We acknowledge that demand for various types of transport often increases to fill available capacity.

If you have any further comments, do please let us, Steve O'Connell and our three Councillors, Andrew Price, Maria Garcia and Russell Jackson know.



Marion and Derry-Anne at last year's sale

The Big Conservation Area Question What can and what can we not do?

Croydon Council's much worked Conservation Officer has been very helpful. He plans to liaise with us over an Area Assessment leading to a Management Plan some time this year. In the meantime he has told us the following.

Houses

'If you live in a house ('single dwelling house' in planning speak), you only need permission for the following:

- *Demolition of a building more than 115 cubic metres in volume*
- *Demolition of a wall over 1m high.*
- *Erection of an outbuilding more than 20 square metres in area to the rear, or any building to the front of the house or between the house and the side boundary.*
- *Installation of a satellite dish on a prominent part of the house or roof.*
- *Everything else comes under permitted development rights – including changing windows - i.e. no permission required'.*

From experience this year, if you seek the Council's advice over windows in houses, they will play safe and give you the standard conservation area guidance that you should use the same materials as the original (i.e. wood for many of us). In practice, however, when someone questioned the use of UPVC replacement windows in a different style at 53 Clyde Road, the response from our Conservation Officer was *'No permission is required to change windows within a conservation area, and all we can do is encourage people to choose sympathetic replacements. We are able to specify the type of new windows for new developments and extensions that require planning permission.'*

Flats

For flats, Croydon Council's Technical Support Manager tells us *'Basically any external alterations to flats in conservation areas (including replacement windows) requires planning permission. Internal alterations do not require planning permission but may need building regulations'.* The reason for needing planning permission for changing windows in flats is to ensure that people do something sympathetic with the rest of the same building.

Trees

If you live in a house or a flat, you must inform the Council if you are planning *'to fell or heavily prune any tree with a trunk over 75mm.'*

If you need advice, contact the Council's Technical Support Manager on 0208 726 6800 ext 64961 or

More community events this summer

South Norwood Arts Festival 10 – 14 June 2009

This is organised by residents association, People for Portland Road. There are a variety of events happening including live bands, theatre, poetry, clog dancing, a walk, history of South Norwood, talk on D H Lawrence in Croydon, photography workshop, music improvisation workshop. It all culminates on Sunday 14 June, midday until 5.00 pm with a fair on Woodside Green. For more information phone 07982 444 773 or see www.peopleforportlandroad.org.uk

Addiscombe Carnival Sunday 26 July

Procession along Lower Addiscombe Road at 11.00 am
Fair in Ashburton Park, 12.00 noon – 5.00 pm

Pat and Derek of the Croydon Lions are resurrecting the Addiscombe Carnival after a gap of around 40 years. They are trying to promote a community spirit and encourage young people to become involved in activities locally.

Do come along to the bottom of Canning and Clyde Roads at 11.00 am and wave at the procession as it goes past. It will be good encouragement for those taking part. If you're free in the afternoon, there will be a fair in Ashburton Park.

Also - we have said we will help out by delivering fliers and seeing if we can provide a few marshals. Being a marshal will not be onerous. All you would have to do is give up one or two hours of your time that day. You could either walk alongside the procession to make sure they don't stray across the road, or direct parking near the park or be in the park to point people to various stalls. There will be plenty of community police around on the day so you would not be expected to handle a situation in the unlikely event of a person becoming troublesome. There will be no alcohol sold at the fair.

If you would be prepared to spend one or two hours as a marshal, please would you let Anne know? It would be great if a few of us could help out.

Carnival photo competition

Croydon Lions are running a Carnival photo competition. The themes are seasons of the year and places of interest in and around Croydon. Picture size is 5 x 7. Age groups 5-12, 13-19, 20+. Name and contact on back of photo. Send entries to Photo Competition, c/o 133 Whitehorse Lane, South Norwood, London SE25 6RB by 20 July. All photos non returnable, copyright retained by the Carnival Committee.