



# Canning & Clyde Road Residents Association

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## The Big Christmas Pudding Edition

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Surgery - 1st Sat of month, 10 - 12, Sir Phillip Game Centre Morland Ave. Just drop in to meet the team, express views



Well, here we are at Christmas. In this newsletter we keep you up-to-date on what's been happening, what is happening and what will be happening. Have a good festive time. All the best for 2010 and do let us have your views on anything that concerns you locally.

Many thanks to Laura Baker for the brilliant Christmas Pudding drawing!

### Local Events

#### Big 3-0 Barbecue

Many thanks to the 65 or so people who came along to celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> birthday and helped make it a very enjoyable afternoon. We live in a great area with great residents. It was good to see so many people of all ages there.



Thanks to those who brought food or drink or something for the raffle. Big thanks to all who helped in other ways, especially Sharon for the delicious and imaginative birthday cake (see pic) and Linda for her excellent raffle ticket selling skills.



#### Super Second-hand Sale

This was a good social event and people managed to get rid of (sorry – recycle) some articles. A big thank you to the Surrey Opera who were our hosts in Clyde Hall and provided us with great hospitality with fun and home made cakes and savouries.

## Addiscombe Carnival

Pat and Derek of the Croydon Lions boldly went and revived the Addiscombe Carnival after 30 or so years since the last. Their mission - to seek local people and encourage community spirit especially encouraging young people. It was a great day. As it was so successful, Pat and Derek will be organising an Addiscombe Carnival 2010 on Sunday 25 July. If you would like to become involved in some way: deliver fliers, be a steward for a couple of hours, have a stall, demonstrate a sport, dance, sing or take part in the carnival procession, please let Anne



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## Local News

### Clyde Road – one-way

A number of residents have expressed concern at the number of cars driving the wrong way down Clyde Road which is one-way. It could cause accidents.

We have raised this with the Council and the Addiscombe Safer Neighbourhood Team (i.e. our local bobbies on the beat). Sergeant Simon Cooke has spoken to a number of people in Clyde Road and there are mixed views on the reasons for this. Some think it is delivery people driving up and down to find a house, some think the signing is not clear. Through Johnny, a council officer attached to our Safer Neighbourhood Team, they have been on to the Council. Simon has been sent to pace the road with a view possibly to putting arrows on the road to show more clearly that it is one way.

We shall keep an eye on the situation.

### Canning Road – foul water flooding

Following a heavy downpour in July 2007, some of the basements in Canning Road were flooded with foul water. This was an exact repetition of flooding exactly 10 years previously. In 1997, Thames Water inspected

the main sewer and found it blocked in one place by tree roots which they cut out. Initially in 2007 they refused to accept that tree roots might have grown back and the sewer should be investigated.

Thanks to our terrier like persistence and the intervention of our MP, Andrew Pelling, Thames Water did eventually survey the sewer and found that indeed the tree roots had grown back. We are delighted to say that the offending roots have been removed and Thames Water have even volunteered to monitor the situation. We shall of course hold them to this. A big thank you to Andrew for his support.

### East India Conservation Area

We are now scheduled to have our Area Assessment and Management Plan consultation in 2010. These will affect what we can and cannot do in our area. A certain amount will be determined by what usually happens in conservation areas but we are keen for our residents to express their views. We'll let you know once we know it's happening.

Briefly, here's what has happened so far with the four things that have most affected residents.

Windows – you do not need planning permission to change windows if you own a whole house. You do need it if you own a flat. Although the official line the council officers give is that you should replace wood with wood, in practice planning permission was granted in July this year to Hyde Housing to replace the flat windows at 184 Lower Addiscombe Road with double glazed white UPVC replacement windows. The main thing is to choose the same style as the originals.

Fences/Walls – you do not need planning permission for demolishing or building a fence or wall at the front up to 1 metre in height.

Trees – You need permission to fell or heavily prune a tree with a trunk with diameter more than 75 millimetres.

Satellite dishes – You need permission to put one up at the front and anywhere prominent on the building.

We published some more information in our June newsletter. 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@croydton.gov.uk](mailto:Paul.Robertshaw@croydton.gov.uk)

### **Addiscombe Railway Park**

In case you haven't discovered this yet – Addiscombe Railway Park is a stretch of green along what used to be the Addiscombe railway line. It starts at the bottom of East India Way. Currently it runs to Dalmally Passage. The Council, however, have successfully bid for funding to open up the remaining section to Black Horse Bridge.

The latest state of play is the old coal stock yard at the back of Harris & Bailey is being made into a football kickabout area aimed at older children and teenagers. The new section of the park from Dalmally Passage up to Blackhorse Lane tram stop is on schedule for a March 2010 opening. It will be the same kind of landscaping as the existing section. There will be footpath links from the main path to Woodside infant and junior schools.

Volunteering: The BTCV (Conservation Volunteers) have carried out various volunteering works in the park and will be back to resume projects in February / March. Anyone wishing to volunteer please contact Dave Johnson, Community Project Officer tel: 0208 726 0974 or e mail [d.johnson@btcv.org.uk](mailto:d.johnson@btcv.org.uk)

### **Leslie Arms**

The owner of the Leslie Arms is appealing against Croydon Council's refusal to grant planning permission to turn the ground floor of the pub into flats. If this fails, he will look at uses for the original pub building that do not require planning permission (restaurant / pub / office / retail). What he decides will depend on what is financially viable. He is willing to listen to residents' views on how the site including the back may be developed. He has engaged architects who among other things are suggesting how the forecourt may be improved, possibly with trees.



## **Other Developments**

### **Borough wide**

Croydon Council is drawing up various planning documents over the next two years or so that will determine how Croydon, both business and residential areas, may develop. We will let you know when they reach the consultative stage.

### **The East Croydon Masterplan**

After delays in development around the East Croydon Station area, Croydon Council has got together with the landowners and potential developers to draw up a co-ordinated plan to develop East Croydon Station. This area is considered key to the regeneration of Croydon and because of transport links is viewed as a potential central business district.

Croydon Council has engaged Studio Egret West to shape initial ideas. We will let you know when these emerge. Croydon Council is also encouraging Studio Egret West to liaise with others involved in the different developments proposed around Central Croydon.

In the meantime we can update you as follows.

### **East Croydon Station improvements**

There is agreement between Network Rail, London Borough of Croydon and Stanhope Schroder, who own the Ruskin Square site, that improvements at East Croydon Station need to be made. There are plans for a bridge connecting the platforms with new entrances to the station in Ruskin Square and Cherry Orchard Road. If the scheme goes ahead, it will be jointly funded by London Borough of Croydon and Network Rail with a programmed completion by July 2013. We should hear more definite news about this and any other possible improvements in the New Year.

### **Cherry Orchard Road**

Nothing to report on the side of Cherry Orchard Road nearest to the station at the moment. The planning application by Menta for overpowering towers was withdrawn by them before the Planning Committee. Thanks to our three Councillors, Maria Garcia, Andrew Price and



Russell Jackson, and our MP, Andrew Pelling for their support in opposing the scheme. There was combined opposition from them plus residents groups and various political parties. The meat packers have submitted a planning application for flats on the opposite side.

### Gateway / Ruskin Square site

The new bridge has implications for Stanhope Schroder's existing planning consent to develop Ruskin Square, which will have to alter; they are working on this. Stanhope Schroder would hope to have an illustrative plan prepared early in the New Year.

They have also been furthering discussions with the Housing and Communities Agency (HCA) about providing some 'kick start' funding for a first phase of residential (about 180) units, and they hope to hear about this very soon. If this is positive, it would mean a start in the 3rd quarter 2010 and completion in March 2012.

Stanhope Schroder are still actively pursuing potential office occupiers about a prelet and have some discussion ongoing but say this is quite a tall order in the current market. Because of the current economic climate, they will not be able to start office building without a tenant already lined up.

Contrary to rumours caused by reporting of past events in the local press, we have checked with Councillor Andrew Price and there are no plans for an arena. Andrew asked in the summer in the Scrutiny Committee both Emma Peters (Executive Director for Regeneration) and Cllr O'Connell (Cabinet Member for Regeneration) if there were any plans for leisure developments in the town centre. There were none. Andrew is unaware of any plans that Jon Rouse (Chief Executive London

## Our local Safer Neighbourhood Team

Two members of our team at the Addiscombe Carnival - just so you know you're in safe hands!



Our local Addiscombe bobbies on the beat have been working hard. We are pleased to report that the number of burglaries have gone down following the arrest of the main culprit. Car crime, unfortunately, has gone up. Our local Police advise residents not to leave things in view in your car that may encourage people to break in; efforts are being focussed on the prevention and detection of car crime. There were issues of anti social behaviour in another part of Addiscombe which have improved to some extent.

The current priorities for our team until January are:

### Car crime

**Addiscombe Railway Park** - antisocial behaviour in the far bit which is yet to be opened. The Police have requested higher fencing to make it harder to break in.

**Youth provision** - an area this end of the linear park (formerly used by Harris & Bailey) has been designated as a recreation area for older children. Sergeant Simon Cook is trying to find funding for equipment.

Please could you let Anne know by 1 January if there is anything in Addiscombe you feel our local Safer Neighbourhood Team should make a priority for the next three months?

Our local police team are also recruiting young people who would like to speak on behalf of other young people for a youth Ward Panel Team. If you are aged under 20 and are interested in this, please contact our Safer Neighbourhood Team (details on front page).



## Other news - just say 'No'

There have been problems with cold callers cheating one or two elderly people in Addiscombe. The advice is - do not let into your house or buy anything from anyone who you have not contacted first. This applies both to people phoning and to people calling at the door. If they claim to be reading a meter, do not let them in but phone your supplier to check first; a genuine meter reader will accept this. Do not be pressurised in any way. **Remember - it's your home.**

There are currently bogus callers phoning residents in Croydon claiming to work for a company on behalf of BT. They make various offers (eg free weekend calls etc) and then start asking for people's personal details. **DO NOT GIVE THIS INFORMATION.** Instead, if you are interested, say you will phone BT yourself using

## Photo competition

So far we have two entries. We have decided to extend the deadline for entries until 31 August 2010 and broadened the age range. There will be one prize of £50 for each age range: Under 18 and 18 or over. 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 2010.

## Coming up ...

Surrey Opera, who rehearse in Clyde Hall, are presenting *My Fair Lady*, 10 – 13 February at The Harlequin Theatre, Redhill. Tickets £17.50, £19.50. See [www.harlequin-theatre.co.uk](http://www.harlequin-theatre.co.uk)

## Rising up! Our new gleaming church tower

We have a resplendent church tower for Christmas! You may be interested to know that when the architect, Edward Buckton Lamb, who designed St Mary Magdalene first drew up plans, the church was to have a tall spire. Unfortunately money ran out before it was built so between 1868 and 1928 it had nothing. The then vicar, Rev James (Jimmy) Wright, raised funds to build one.



**Original design  
- never built**



**Tower as it is today  
- built 1928 - 1929**



**Church as  
it was  
originally  
built**

**Tower  
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