



Canning & Clyde Road Residents Association

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Spring has Sprung Edition

At last - trees are leafing and birds are tweeting. It is Spring. This means two main things: it's AGM time; attention turns to things green.

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 20 May, 7.30 pm

Edward Jobson Court, Canning Road
(three doors down from the church)

Come along to our AGM. They are lively, friendly affairs. It is an opportunity to catch up on what's happening locally, air your views and listen to those of neighbours. We have invited elected representatives (Councillors, MP and Greater London Assembly Member (GLAM)). Steve O'Connell (GLAM) has already said he'll be there. We have also invited our local Police team. The business part of the meeting should last no longer than one hour. Afterwards there is food and drink and an opportunity to meet with neighbours. It's a fun time and all are welcome! Hope to see you there.

Items on the Draft Agenda are: Update on East Croydon area; Latest on proposed development of Council Offices; Rubbish and street cleaning; East India Estate Conservation Area – we will be asking you what you think gives our two roads and the conservation area their distinctive character so we can inform our Conservation Officer; Forthcoming events; Update from our elected representatives. Update from our local Police team.

Please let Anne know by Thursday 6 May if there is anything else you as a Canning or Clyde Road resident would like to see on the Agenda.

Get Snapping!

As days are longer and milder, why not get snapping and enter a pic for our photo competition? You have until 31 August. A donor has given £100 towards the Canning & Clyde Road Residents Association photo competition. There will be one prize of £50 for each age range: Under 18 and 18 or over. The competition is open to amateurs only who live in our two roads. Photos are to be taken within the East India Estate Conservation Area. This is the area bounded by the Canning, Ashburton, Lower Addiscombe and Addiscombe

Roads. People can choose whatever subjects they like. The donor suggested the following to kick-start ideas: personalities, cultural, landscape, nature, historical, buildings. Even if you're focussing on a person or animal, it's a good idea if something in the background, even blurred, shows it's from our area.

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 31 August.

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You only need a window ledge ...



Simple pots grouped next to steps create a mini garden and hide a cable box in one of our two roads

We are very fortunate to live in such a green, leafy area only 10 minutes walk from East Croydon Station. Some of us are lucky enough to have access to a garden; some not. Even if you don't – you can still grow things. All you need is a pot on a front door step or a window box on your window ledge. You can grow herbs, salad or flowering plants – anything.

Locally you can buy seeds from Addiscombe DIY. Plants are sold at the flower shop and second-hand bookshop in Addiscombe as well as the plant stall at the top of Surrey Street Market in Central Croydon.

The excellent Cherry Orchard Garden Centre is a community project. Most of the plants are grown either from seed or cuttings. It is at 171 St James Road. Turn left out of Canning or Clyde Road onto the Lower Addiscombe Road. Keep going over the mini roundabout and over the bridge where the road changes its name to St James Road. When you come to the traffic lights, turn right into Sydenham Road and the entrance is just on your left.

The Cherry Orchard Garden Centre is open all year round Monday to Friday, 9.30 am to 4.00 pm. Additionally between now and 3 July it is open on Saturdays between 10.00 am and 2.00 pm. You are sure of a warm welcome and friendly advice if you want it.

For more ideas, there are often plant books in the charity shops and second-hand bookshop in Addiscombe.

If you fancy growing something, here are ideas taken from the RHS magazine *Garden* April 2010.

In pots

Butterflies and bees are attracted to Crocuses, Sweet Violets, French Marigolds, Sweet Williams, single-flowered Dahlias, Chives and Oregano. Longer lasting plants that are good: Hardy Fuschias, Abelia, Heathers and Hebes.

Easy to grow from seed

Marigolds (watch out for slugs), Cornflowers, Sunflowers, Love-in-a-Mist (*Nigella*), Nasturtiums

In hot, dry sites

For bees: Thrift, Sea Holly (*Eryngium*), Wallflower, Californian Poppy, Rock Rose, Lavender, Scotch Thistle, Daisy type flowers, Rosemary, Salvia, Sedum and Thyme.

For butterflies: Marjoram and Verbena

In shady sites

Winter Aconite, Mahonia, Pulmonaria, Mignonette attract bees and butterflies.

Foxglove is a long-flowering favourite of bumblebees. Geraniums (pastel subtly coloured ones), Honesty and Primrose attract insects.

Up walls

Honeysuckle for bees

Mature ivy that flowers for flies, wasps and bees even continuing into November and December Also good for wildlife: Ceonothus, Cotoneaster, Passion Flower, Pyracantha.

It is lovely in summer walking down our two roads and seeing colourful flowers in gardens, on doorsteps and on window ledges. Why not give it a go!

Garden waste collection

Croydon Council's garden waste collection runs till 17 December. Two clear plastic collection bags should have been delivered along with a calendar showing fortnightly collection dates and what they will take. Additional bags can be bought for £1 each from all libraries. The Council will not take bin liners as they will not be able to see what is inside. They will collect up to six clear garden waste bags each time.

Steve's tree

Steve's tree, a Purple Leaved Indian Bean Tree, is doing well. It lost a couple of branches during the snow but Indian Bean Trees are resilient. It is a late leafing tree so in a normal year we wouldn't expect much in the way of leaves before middle to end of May. If you look carefully, you can see new buds growing just above where the leaves fell off last year.

For those new to the area, Steve Collins

was our inimitable founder and first Chairman. He did a tremendous amount for our area. The tree has been planted in his memory in front of the professors' cottages on the green patch at the top of Canning and Clyde Rds

