



Canning & Clyde Road Residents Association

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Cutey Meerkat Edition

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IT'S ALL HAPPENING!

Our BBQ and walk

Many thanks to the over 70 people who came along to our BBQ. Especial thanks to Doug for all his excellent cooking, Laura and Genie for running the raffle, those who set up and everyone who brought food and drink. We had a great time and it was lovely to see so many people of all ages.



Thanks also to Mick and Anne for organising the enjoyable walk to South Norwood Country Park. If you haven't visited the park yet, it's well worth it. Arena is the nearest tram stop.



If you would like to suggest and help organise other social events, please contact Anne. We're open to all ideas.

Roll up! Roll up! Edward Jobson Court Bazaar – Saturday 15 October

Our residents in Edward Jobson Court, Canning Road (two doors down from the church) are holding a Bazaar on Saturday 15 October between 10.00 am and midday. Come along to find bargains, eat home made cake and drink tea and coffee. Be assured of a friendly welcome.

Friends of Addiscombe Railway Park – Saturday 29 October

Local residents have formed the Friends of Addiscombe Railway Park to help make the park a place that residents will enjoy using. In August there was a highly successful launch afternoon where a number of residents of all ages did tasks like clearing away rampant plants to give others a better chance. In July and August at least 47 different flowers and fruit were identified in the park.

There will be another work day on Saturday 29 October between 1.00 and 4.00 pm to sow seeds in the coal yard, plant bulbs in the grassy banks, saw up the felled sycamores and clear scrub at the Black Jack (apple tree) triangle entrance. The more people turn up, the more improvements can be carried out, so get your old clothes on and come and join in whatever your age. Tools will be provided. You can roll up your sleeves and get stuck in or just find out more about the Friends. The group is keen to hear residents' views on what they would like for the park. The meeting place is at the Dalmally Passage end of the Park a little before 1 p.m.



Craft Fair & Christmas Tree Festival – Monday 5 to Saturday 10 December

The congregation of St Mary Magdalene is holding a community event. The church will be open between Monday 5 and Saturday 10 December. You can come along, view Christmas trees decorated by local businesses and vote for your favourite.

On Saturday 10 December, 2.00 to 5.00 pm, there will be a craft fair. If you would like to book a table (free) to sell crafts, please contact Ruth on 020 8662 0822.

DOWN OUR ROADS

Neighbourhood Watch

We are relaunching our Neighbourhood Watch for Canning and Clyde Roads. Basically this involves being a good neighbour and keeping an eye out for what is happening on our streets.

When you renew your contents insurance, it is worth asking if the company will give a discount for living in a Neighbourhood Watch area.

We have spare copies of the three following stickers (pictured top of page 3) – just let us know if you'd like one or more.

Please Note – We do not buy or sell at the door.....

Look Out – Pic of Meerkats - Croydon Neighbourhood Watch

Our Valuables have been marked

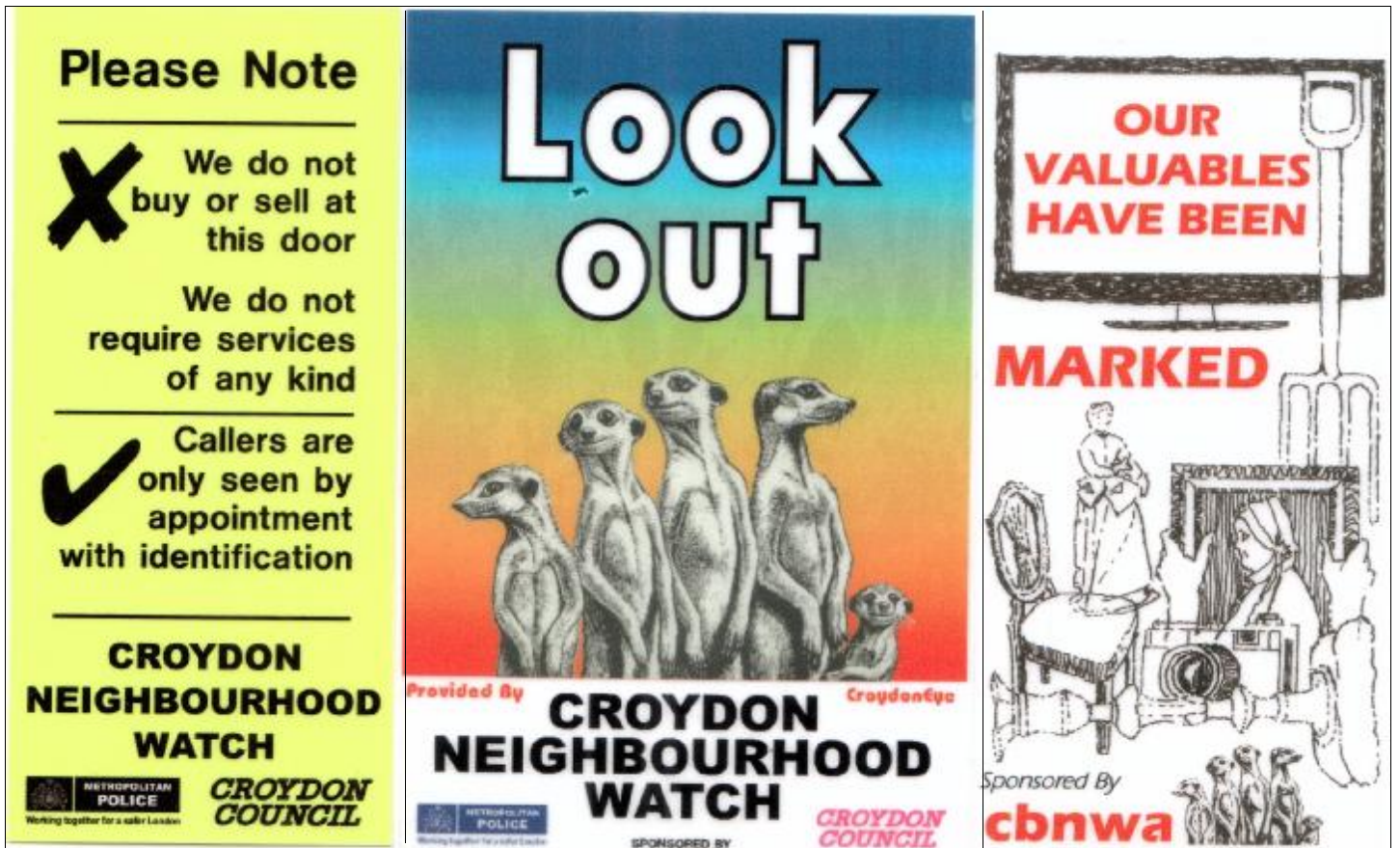
These stickers are well worth putting up. Luckily burglary is very low in our area and most of the burglaries in Croydon are via UNLOCKED windows and doors at the rear of properties. A recent twist has been car keys taken via burglary and then driving away in the car from the driveway, easily stopped by hiding your keys! If a burglar walks up the road and sees an array of Neighbourhood Watch stickers, it does show people are more likely to be aware and most importantly that we care! Please display these for this reason, it is part of a strategy that does work to lower crime in the area. Did you know most residential burglaries happen between 10am and 3pm in the afternoon when most people are at work?!

There are a few robberies in the area, please be vigilant when exiting the tram stops especially in the darker months as these are often 'follow off' points as victims are often followed prior to a bag snatch. The best advice is not to carry much cash and maybe not carrying all your 'eggs in one basket' out with you when you go out. Again many robberies are sadly between school children (of mobile phones and small amounts of cash).

Lastly police do not mind being called about suspicious behaviour; it gives them the grounds to stop and search people and often they find drugs or knives in the process - you don't need to give your name or address and it won't result in the person finding out you called. Simply say you have seen possible dealing or just suspicious behaviour and the description of the person(s). No one will mind if it turns out to be a genuine mistake - MAKE THE CALL! If you think there is for example drug dealing as you speak, that's a 999 call for immediate response not the non-emergency 101.

The number of our local Safer Neighbourhood Police team is always on the front of our newsletters; they work shifts so you may have to leave a message.

Pete Langdon is our new Co-ordinator. You can contact him on 07917 015 568 or email us on watch@addiscombe.net. Croydon Neighbourhood Watch has its own website at www.cbnwa.com.



Clyde Road – the wrong way?

We are confused! We receive conflicting views from people living in Clyde Road about whether or not there is a problem with cars regularly going the wrong way down our one-way street. What is your experience? Please let Anne know.

If you feel there is a problem, it would help us to convince both the Council and the local Safer Neighbourhood Police team if we could give them some facts. Facts are harder to brush aside. Please could you make a note of the date, day of the week and time when you see a vehicle going down Clyde Road the wrong way? If you do that between Saturday 15 October and Saturday 26 November, then we will have a snap shot over a six week period.

Recycling – confused?

Those of us living in houses or conversions with up to six flats will by now have: a wheelie bin, a blue recycling box, a green recycling box and an indoor plus outdoor food recycling container. People living in blocks with more than four flats are due to receive their food recycling caddies at some unspecified time by March 2012.

The leaflet that comes in the food recycling container is confusing; it makes no mention of tins and cans. According to Croydon Council's website, we can still put these in the green box. Green boxes can take: food cans & drink cans (please rinse first), aerosol cans (empty and with no lids), aluminium foil.

DOWN THE ROADS CLOSE BY

Cherry Orchard Road update

Croydon Council has given developer, Menta, planning permission for the part of Cherry Orchard Road bordering the station and on the corner of Oval Road. It includes offices, shops, cafes, bars, community space, a relatively small amount of affordable housing and a 55 storey luxury residential skyscraper. See our April newsletter for more detail.

If built, the shadow of the skyscraper would extend on 21 March as far as Elgin Road. *'If'*, however, is the operative word. We have yet to see if the skyscraper will be built or if Menta will sell on the land at a profit enhanced by planning permission. On its website, Menta's owner talks about Menta as managing *'a portfolio of assets, which required development expertise and capital expenditure to unlock, as part of mixed use development and regeneration projects which were then sold.'*

RECC – boldly going

What is RECC? It stands for Revitalising East Croydon Communities. Realising that the vast majority of residents in East Croydon and this end of Addiscombe were against the skyscraper, a group of local residents formed RECC. RECC is all for development, just the more widely beneficial kind.

RECC may have lost this particular battle over the skyscraper but the behaviour of some elements in Croydon Council has opened people's eyes to what is happening with local 'democracy'. RECC will continue to exist and work for local democracy - not an easy task but these are people who are not easily daunted.

Boundary changes

Please read on! This could have a big impact on our area.

The Boundary Commission for England has been asked to review the Parliamentary constituencies. This is to create

constituencies with a more even number of residents. It would also reduce the number of MPs in the House of Commons from 650 to 600. Each Parliamentary constituency is formed of several local Council wards. The Commission has made some proposals and has asked people to comment **by 5 December**.

To cut a long story short, the Boundary Commission has proposed that Croydon, instead of the current three constituencies (Croydon North, Croydon South and Croydon Central), would have four merging partly with some of the Sutton constituencies.

We are currently in Croydon Central. Under the proposals, we would form part of a new constituency called Croydon East. Addiscombe and the remaining wards from the present Croydon Central: Ashburton, Fieldway, Heathfield, New Addington, Shirley and Woodside would be joined by Selsdon from the present Croydon South to form a new constituency called Croydon East.

It is not 100% sure, however, that Addiscombe would end up in the Croydon East constituency. There is a possibility that, following public consultation, we could end up in the new Croydon Central and St Helier constituency.

Under the current Boundary Commission proposals, the new Croydon Central and St Helier constituency would contain Fairfield ward (from the present Croydon Central), Broad Green (from Croydon North) and Croham and Wallington (from Croydon South) together with five smaller wards from Sutton. There is a possibility that people in these wards may object strongly, especially from Sutton. If they do so effectively enough, the Boundary Commission may think again and shift the boundary eastwards putting us in Central Croydon.

Do please let us have your views on which of the new Constituencies you would like us to end up. You can also express your views direct to the Boundary Commission at <http://consultation.boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk>