



Canning & Clyde Road Residents Association

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Olympic Summer Edition

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10.30 am - 12 noon

Compulsory recycling?

URGENT - your views needed by 31 August. Please see page 2

Summer BBQ

Many thanks to the 60+ people who came along to our BBQ and helped make it such a happy, enjoyable occasion. Special thanks to Doug, Pete, Robert and Mark for all their barbecuing. Big thanks as well to Linda, Mary, Jackie and Simone with their help clearing and washing up!



Yari, as ever hungry and the star of the show, kindly gave us permission to reproduce his image.

Sell or Swap

Saturday 15 September 2.00 – 4.00 pm

While the weather's still reasonably mild, we thought we'd hold a Sell or Swap session on Saturday 15 September in our two roads. For just two hours, 2.00 to 4.00 pm, feel free to display items you would like to sell or give away in the front garden where you live. If you would also like to wander round, you could ask a neighbour to keep an eye on your items. We thought it's not only a convenient way to get rid of things but an easy way to meet neighbours!

Items can include household goods, clothes, CDs / DVDs, crafts you have made, food you have cooked, surplus fruit, vegetable or plants from your garden or window ledge.

All we would ask is – at the end of the session please take everything out of your front garden!

If it is raining, then we will simply swap to the following day (Sunday) at the same time. If this happens, we'll come along our two roads and let you know.

Cherry Orchard Road Arts Festival – Saturday 27 October

Are you a local artist, musician, writer, poet, actor or dancer living in the East Croydon / Addiscombe area? If so, would you like to take part in this one-day event to be held in Cherry Orchard Road with a combination of visual arts, music and poetry to name but a few? Please contact Susan Oliver at cherryorchardarts@yahoo.co.uk or 07951 366 143. Follow us on Twitter @addiscombevoice. Musicians please contact Chris Matthews at music@coaf.co.uk or 07719 328 196. Festival website: www.coaf.co.uk

Compulsory Recycling? We need your views!

Deadline to get views to Council is 31 August

Croydon Council is proposing to introduce compulsory recycling. It has introduced a short consultation period over the summer holidays. The deadline is **31 August**. You need to express your views as soon as possible. Since the Council gives great weight to individual views - we would also strongly encourage you to contact the Council direct.

The reasons for proposing the compulsion is that only 40% of households borough wide are currently recycling. The Council estimates that compelling people to recycle will save £200,000 per year in landfill costs. The cost of setting up a recycling enforcement scheme will be £60,000. If implemented, compulsory recycling will begin in January 2013.

The compulsory recycling would affect people living in complete houses, houses converted into up to five flats and purpose built blocks of up to five flats.

The procedure would be that the Council would give warnings to households that do not recycle then monitor the situation for nine weeks. If a household continued not to recycle, a Fixed Penalty Notice (i.e. fine) of £80 would be issued. There would be a level of discretion to ensure vulnerable, very elderly and disabled residents are not unfairly affected.

In response to our enquiry about what happens in conversions and blocks where some households recycle but others do not, we have received the following reassurance from Tony Brooks, Director of Public Safety and Public Realm - *'We appreciate that waste and recycling arrangements are not always straightforward in converted properties and the team will be managed to ensure that where residents have legitimate barriers and problems these are looked into and a collaborative approach used in delivering solutions.*

Measures such as these will ensure that residents aren't unfairly penalised or held responsible for the actions of their neighbours. ... Please be assured it is not our intention to unfairly penalise residents by introducing this policy but to increase recycling in areas where

this is not currently happening and save money on the exorbitant cost of landfill. The current situation ensures that householders who do recycle subsidise households which don't recycle currently. By encouraging all households receiving the recycling box collection to make the most of the collections available to them, this disparity should be reduced, saving money for council tax payers and the council in the long term.'

Please let both us (Anne's contact details on front page) and the Council have your views. **It is very important that you contact the Council directly yourself!** To express them to the Council, you can send letters to both Tony Brooks, Director of Public Safety and Public Realm and to Councillor Phil Thomas, Cabinet Member for Highways and Environmental Services both at London Borough of Croydon, Taberner House, Park Lane, Croydon CR9 3JS or email tony.brooks@croydon.gov.uk and phil.thomas@croydon.gov.uk

Addiscombe in Action

Addiscombe in Action is a collection of local individuals and local residents groups including our own. We are keen to promote a sense of community building connections in the place where we live, the East Croydon / Addiscombe area. We are also keen to promote opportunities for local people to have their say on local matters.

Addiscombe in Action's first two events, the *Have your Say* event in April and the *Addiscombe Walkabout* in July were well-attended and positive. Our next event is a one-day pop-up Arts Festival in October – the Cherry Orchard Road Arts Festival.

Please see front page for more information.

Our local Safer Neighbourhood Team

Wednesday 15 August - 3.00 - 4.30 pm
Mobile Police Station outside Tesco on Lower Addiscombe Road. Feel free to go in for a one-to-one consultation session.

Tuesday 18 September - 4.00 - 6.00 pm
Outdoor Briefing Session in Nicholson Road
Anyone can attend.

Addiscombe Railway Park

Sunday 12 August 2.00 - 5.00 pm

Addiscombe Railway Park is full of wild flowers at this time of year. It is well worth taking a stroll.

If you would like to get involved, the next work afternoon will be on Sunday 12 August. Come for all or part. Just walk along the park until you find people doing various jobs. You will be most welcome! For more information see www.addiscombe.net

Faiths in our roads

We have residents in our roads of a number of different of faiths. Some residents do not believe in a particular religion.

As at times we are aware of various religious festivals taking place, we thought it would be a good idea to give residents in our two roads an opportunity to talk about their beliefs. In this edition Fatima tells us about Islamic festivals. In our Christmas Edition, Edmee will talk about her Christian faith. If you would like to tell us about your own faith, do please contact Anne.

Islamic Festivals

Muslims have two major religious observances each year, and corresponding holidays connected with each one: Ramadan, Eid-ul-Fitr (Festival of Fast-Breaking), Hajj, and Eid-ul-Adha (Festival of Sacrifice). Eid is a generic Arabic term that means 'holiday' or 'festival'. On these special celebrations, Muslims greet each other with the greeting 'Eid Mubarak' .

Eid-ul-Fitr: This festival occurs when the new moon is sighted at the end of the month of Ramadan. It is intended to be a festive and joyous occasion. The day begins with a communal Eid prayer in the early morning, visiting family and friends. Special foods and delicacies are prepared for the day. On this day Muslims also give a prescribed amount of obligatory charity.

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar. Every day during this month, Muslims around the world spend the daylight hours in a complete fast. This year Ramadan in UK is likely to fall on 19 July and will continue till 18 August 2012, the start and end date of Ramadan may vary depending on the sighting of the moon. Hence Eid-ul-Fitr will be on the following day, 19 August.

Eid-ul-Adha: This festival is celebrated at the end of the Hajj pilgrimage. It is also known as *Baqri-Eid* (the 'Cow Festival') because it's most important feature is the sacrifice of an animal (cow, goat, sheep, or other appropriate beast) in commemoration of the ram sacrificed by Prophet Abraham in place of his son. In Prophet Muhammad's time a camel was usually the animal sacrificed. This year Eid-ul-Adha is celebrated on 26 October in UK.

Every Muslim home is obliged to offer a sacrifice on this day. The meat may be eaten by the family but a distribution of a generous share to the poor should also be made. As the two Eids are festive occasions, it is unlawful to fast on these days. Fasting on Eid-ul-Adha would, in fact, defeat the whole object of the festival for food is to be eaten on this day with a cheerful heart in remembrance of Allah's bounty and provision for mankind.

