



Canning & Clyde Road Residents Association

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Connections Edition

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Connected! The way in which we all communicate is now more varied than ever. Some of us prefer face-to-face, some paper and some email or website connections. We increasingly find our residents use any one of these methods and not necessarily others, which is fine. All ways are equally important and we value the input of all our residents. This newsletter contains several items about connecting locally.

Quick Contact Group

As you know, we produce a newsletter between three and six times a year depending on whether there is news to report.

Times are changing. Firstly the Council twice in the last 12 months has 'consulted' residents at short notice - on compulsory recycling and conservation area general guidance; we think this short notice 'consultation' may become a trend. Secondly there has been the development over the last year of Addiscombe in Action involving a number of different local groups arranging a variety of activities to make our area one in which we can fully enjoy living.

It is not possible to produce a newsletter each time one of these two events happens. We would, however, like to give as many people as possible in our two roads the opportunity to comment or take part. In order to do this we are starting a 'Quick Contact' group. We already have an email group.

If you have email and would like to be part of the Quick Contact group by email and are not already on our email group, please could you let Anne have your email address at anne.bridge@addiscombe.net. If you have email but prefer a paper copy instead, that can also be arranged.

If you do not have email and would like to be part of the Quick Contact group, we can drop a paper copy of the email through your door. Please let Anne have your name and address by popping a note through her door at Flat 3, 42 Canning Road (bang opposite the church) or phone 020 8656 6707; if there is no reply, please leave a message on the answerphone.

Addiscombe in Action - Doing Things Ourselves

Saturday 20 April, 2.15 for 2.30 pm start; ends 4.30 pm

St Mary Magdalene Hall (right hand entrance so as not to end up in the wedding!)

Come along to help decide what local people are going to do to make East Croydon / Addiscombe even better.

See page 2 for more details

Following last year's *Have Your Say* event local residents have:

4 held an Action Day which went on walkabout to pick up litter, joined the Sir Phillip Game Centre Fun Day, saw what happens at Addiscombe Railway Park, joined CHASE Residents Association Summer Fayre; 4 organised a highly successful Cherry Orchard Arts Festival; 4 done some guerilla planting of bulbs at Morland Road roundabout; 4 better communicated local events like Tattoo Art Fair, HOME Residents Association morning at PMT coffee shop, digging holes with Friends of Addiscombe Railway Park so children can plant trees; 4 begun to liaise with local businesses to make people aware of what we have to offer locally.

We want to do MORE! Please come along and contribute ideas of what you would like to do.

The event will be an informal get-together. Everyone welcome, all ages, new to the area or have lived here a while. Play area with toys for children (unsupervised). Light refreshments - please feel free to bring something to share.

We look forward to seeing you and hearing what you would like to do.

Fraud Awareness

Tuesday 26 March - 7.00 pm
Edward Jobson Court, Canning Road
(three doors down from the church)

Our Addiscombe Police Safer Neighbourhood Team are giving a fraud awareness talk. It will only last 20-30 minutes and there will be a chance to mingle and chat afterwards.

Bring and Buy Sale

Saturday 6 April - 10.30 am – 12.00
Edward Jobson Court, Canning Road

Come along for a friendly welcome from our neighbours at Edward Jobson Court. There will be bargains as well as home-made cakes!

Our BBQ

Sunday 23 June 1pm – 6pm 102 Clyde Road (nearly opposite Clyde Hall)

Our annual BBQs are a relaxed, fun, popular afternoon with people of all ages. This year we thought it would be good to ring the changes and Pete (an excellent host!) has agreed to hold it in his back garden. More about this later. Everyone living in Canning and Clyde Roads is welcome!

Residents' Annual Meeting with Party

Thursday 9 May

Arrive from 7.15 pm for a prompt 7.45 pm start
Edward Jobson Court, Canning Road

Another great way of connecting with neighbours in Canning & Clyde Roads! Come along for a social and informative evening. Have a chance to air your views and meet neighbours.

We will keep the meeting part of the evening as informal and short as possible. We have invited our local Councillors, Greater London Assembly Member and MP. Afterwards there is plenty of time to chat with neighbours and enjoy refreshment.

The time after the main meeting is one when you can talk to our local Councillors, GLA Member and MP about matters of interest to you.

If there is a topic you would like to raise or have more information on, please let Anne know by **Thursday 25 April**.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Addiscombe Carnival

Sunday 26 May 11am – 5pm
Ashburton Park

Organised by Croydon Lions. Any money raised goes to Croydon Neighbourhood Care. If you would like to volunteer to help out, please contact Pat Carpenter on 020 8689 7507.
www.addiscombecarnival.org.uk

Fun Day - Addiscombe in Action

Saturday 8 June 12.00 – 3.00 pm
St Mary Magdalene Hall

CHASE Residents Association along with us and HOME Residents Association are organising a Fun Day. It will be for all people of all ages. If you have ideas about fun activities for the afternoon, please contact Anne.

Growing your own food in pots!

Clyde Road residents, Liz and Ariel, tell us about their success in growing food in pots. You don't need a garden! Why not have a go?

During the rationing of the Second World War, people started growing vegetables in whatever open space they could find. Similarly, in the current economic climate, there's concern about the price of fresh fruit and veggies. So if you share this concern, here's a way you can grow indoor veggies - and enjoy yourself - for a song.

It may seem like a tricky time of year to grow anything, with occasional snow showers still forecast. But you don't need expensive equipment, a greenhouse or an allotment. Chances are you'll have a sunny windowsill or ledge that's perfect for a few potted plants. Seed packets cost about a pound at your local supermarket or nursery.

We started our garden with a small, sunny patch near our back door, a wire trolley, a bag of compost (available for free from the local waste depot, as a reward for recycling)

and a packet of Mediterranean seeds - tomatoes, aubergines, rocket, basil, oregano and a traffic light mix of peppers. We also found a garlic clove left over from our weekly market shop, which had just developed a small green shoot. We upcycled some yogurt pots and strawberry punnets into seed trays, labelled these trays, planted the seeds and the clove, watered them and waited.

Within three days the rocket seedlings had begun to sprout, and within a week, they resembled a small forest. The garlic's single shoot had split into two, then, before we knew it, three and four. The peppers took the longest to germinate - over a month - but just when we were about to give them up for dead, the first translucent, green-purple shoots emerged from the earth a few days ago.

It's still early days to harvest, but with just the price of seeds and recycled containers, what better way to appreciate the relaxing beauty of plants, keep yourself healthy, and save money at the same time, than by starting a mini kitchen garden?



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SKILLSHARE

Do you want to learn a new skill or teach a talent?

We are keen to organise a skillshare, in which people can learn useful, fun, or traditional skills. These could include anything - knitting, basket making, home recipes, bike repairs, clothing alterations, to name a few, or any other knowledge you might have. Everyone has a talent that could come in handy!

If you are interested, please email us at liz.howesi@gmail.com. If there are enough people interested, we will get back to you with a date and place. Liz Howes and Ariel de Ramos

Would you like to do something locally?

If you are interested in doing something locally, either for our residents association or the wider area, the opportunities are there. See pages 1 and 2 for the Doing Things Ourselves event.

For the Canning & Clyde Road Residents Association, would you like to organise either a regular activity or one-off event? If so and the idea seems viable, we will be happy to help you with publicity and on the day; we are always willing to try things out. Also we have a small committee which is strictly non party political; if you would like to join us and are willing on occasion to put aside your own personal views in order to represent the views of residents, you would be most welcome. We could do with someone in Canning Road to deliver the quarterly Neighbourhood Watch newsletter. Please contact Anne if you would like to contribute in any way.