



Canning & Clyde Road Residents Association

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Fish and Chips Edition

Hope you've had an opportunity to enjoy the pretty good weather we've experienced this summer. There are two important bits of consultation that are / will be happening – please see pages 2 to 3. Your views on both will be valued.

Thank You ...

To everyone who came along to our Annual Residents Meeting in May and/or our Funny Hats and Sunglasses BBQ in June. Special thanks to our neighbours at Edward Jobson Court for their excellent hospitality at the meeting,

Pete Langdon for his excellent hospitality at the BBQ which was great fun. Thanks too to Mary for the bubbles and all who pitched in and helped out at both events.



Cancer Research UK Supper and Quiz Night

**Saturday 16 November
7.00 for 7.30 pm start
Clyde Hall, Clyde Road**

£10 per person. Bring your own drink

In order to raise funds for Cancer Research UK, we are organising a Fish and Chip Supper (with vegetarian option) plus Quiz with prizes for winning team. It should be a friendly, fun evening. Please feel free to come on your own or with a group of friends; it does not matter if they do not live in the area. If you come on your own, you will be welcomed and have no trouble finding a table of people to join. Doesn't matter if you're not usually a quiz person – the important thing is to have fun and raise funds for cancer research.

As we will need to know in advance how many portions of fish and chips to order – please could you let Anne have your £10 each (plus contact details to give you your ticket) by Monday 11 November if you would like to come along. It should be a great evening.

East India Estate Conservation Area

This is an opportunity for you to have your say on what you think should (or should not) happen in our two roads. It will have an effect on what you can or cannot do with your home so we would encourage everyone to take a look and express their opinion.

In March 2008 the Council surprised us by telling us we were part of the newly formed East India Estate Conservation Area. It was hurriedly formed to stop the demolition of two houses in Elgin Road. The conservation area covers the land formerly owned by the East India Company, stretching from the west side of Ashburton Road to Canning Road (both sides).

We know that various residents have rather different views on the conservation area. In order for us accurately to represent your views - please would you let us know two things: firstly your opinions on being part of a conservation area in general; in addition do please take a little time to look at the draft Area Appraisal and Management Plan and give us your specific views on these proposals.

The Council has just produced the draft Area Appraisal and Management Plan. The Area Appraisal is an attempt to define what gives the conservation area its particular character. The Management Plan is designed to preserve that character by giving more specific guidance on what people can and cannot do with their homes including gardens. There are nationally accepted general guidelines for conservation areas which have also been applied in the document.

Here are some of the main points in the draft Management Plan that might affect residents:

† Planning permission would be needed for satellite dishes on the front of houses or roof where visible from the street;

† Permission would be needed to cut down trees or prune trees where the boughs are over a certain diameter;

† Permission would not be granted to pave over front gardens where they are still planted with grass / plants / trees;

† Wooden sash windows would have to be preserved unless a joiner advises they are unsalvageable; any replacements would have to be in wood, not uPVC or aluminium;

† Open porches could not be shut in by a new front door;

† Front extensions would not be permitted;

† Side extensions might be permitted if set back from the building line and not too bulky;

† Roof extensions visible from the street are unlikely to be permitted;

† Any outbuildings in back gardens must preserve views and not necessitate cutting down trees.

We would recommend that you read the full document for yourself in case there is something else there of relevance to you. For those with internet access you can find it at www.croydon.gov.uk/caamps. For those who would like to see a paper copy, it is available at all Croydon libraries. There is also a drop-in event on 23 September at Croydon Central Library Foyer, 3.00 – 7.00 pm as already advertised in a letter you should have received from Croydon Council dated 28 August.

The Council would like to hear residents' views on these. We would encourage you to let both the Council and us have your views. The deadline is **Monday 14 October**.

Please send your opinions to Spatial Planning Services, Planning & Environment, Bernard Weatherill House, 6th Floor, Zone B, 8 Mint Walk, Croydon CR0 1EA or email spatial.planning@croydon.gov.uk.

It would help us if you could copy us with this by **Friday 11 October** so that we can give a response that reflects our residents' views. Please copy your opinions to Anne at anne.bridge@addiscombe.net or Flat 3, 42 Canning Road (opposite the church).

Neighbourhood Forum / Plan

The Neighbourhood Forum / Neighbourhood Planning idea was introduced by the Government in the Localism Act that came into effect in April 2012. Its stated aim is to give people an opportunity to influence what happens in their area especially as regards planning / development.

Some of the members of local group, RECC (Revitalising East Croydon Communities), are keen to start a Neighbourhood Forum, although they may give it another name. The boundaries are yet to be defined; it may roughly cover the Addiscombe Ward but could extend further. RECC currently state that *'The aims of the forum would be to:*

Influence the preservation of the common character of the area;
Influence any Council proposals for the area;
Help in obtaining of funding for small projects;
Help in funding for large projects to help regenerate the area, such as restoring the Leslie Arms or the former Ashburton Park Library.'

If you are interested in finding out more about Neighbourhood Forums in general, then you can find information on www.gov.uk/neighbourhood-planning. If you do not have internet access, please contact Anne who will print off the relevant pages for you. If you feel this is something in which you would like to become involved locally, then the main contact is Peter Staveley of Davidson Road. You can contact Peter on Peter@PeterStaveley.co.uk or 07973 168742.

Neighbourhood Forums are relatively new so it's too soon to gain a picture of how effective they will be. The best scenario would be that a local Neighbourhood Forum would give a wide range of local people a chance to have their say on what happens in planning and development in their area and the Council takes heed. Other possible scenarios are: the Council would seek to neutralise the Neighbourhood Forum where its suggestions do not chime with Council policy; or the Neighbourhood Forum might be controlled by a relatively small group of motivated individuals with their own agendas or priorities whose stated opinions do not necessarily reflect those of many other local residents. Time will tell.



Photo from Clyde Hall website
www.clydehall.org.uk

Call to paint brushes!

Clyde Hall is one of the landmarks in our two roads. Surrey Opera members, who saved Clyde Hall from being sold off to a developer, have been working very hard on it. The early work was essential stuff – roof, guttering and electrics - which was not particularly visible from the road. Surrey Opera members have removed the false ceiling inside to reveal the wonderful timbers of the original roof. They have also been replacing the windows at the front and the hall is already looking more loved. All this has involved hours and hours of very hard work from members.

Now they are issuing an SOS to local residents. Please are you able to help out with basic decoration? You know the sort of thing - scraping and sanding down walls, painting etc! There's so much to do and, as always, many hands make light work. Any help would be appreciated – either a one-off or more than one session.

If you are able to help, please contact Jonathan Butcher (Clyde Road) on 07762 560537 or jonathanbutcher@blueyonder.co.uk

Nails - alert

Some Canning Road residents have experienced car tyres damaged by nails. We do not know the reason for this. If it continues, please do let us know.

Garden waste-collection service

(Green box week)

The last fortnightly home garden waste-collection service is Wednesday 27 November.

Please watch out for ...

Firstly we must say that we live in an area of relatively low crime. Our local Police Safer Neighbourhood Team, although working within constraints, are there when we need them. We would, however, like to alert you to the following.

Apparently distressed woman

A young woman in her thirties has repeatedly been conning money out of people. She knocks on people's doors or approaches them in the street appearing deeply distressed. Her story varies but is along the lines that someone in her family is injured / in hospital / being attacked and she desperately needs to get to them fast but she doesn't have the fare for a taxi. The woman doesn't usually ask directly for money but some people give it to her either because they feel sorry for or intimidated by her. She cannot be charged for an offence by the Police if she has not asked for money directly. The woman has been charged on some offences - where she has asked directly for money - and is due in court. She is still, however, continuing to elicit money from people.

Mobile phone – staying aware of your surroundings

There have been one or two instances locally where people have been looking at their mobile phones in the street and had them snatched by someone either on foot or on a bike. Please be very aware of your surroundings if you need to use your mobile.

Parking Meter Crime

Croydon's parking charges and fines are a moot subject. Even so, we have been asked to be vigilant about unusual behaviour around parking meters in our roads. There has been an increase in incidents of parking meters in central Croydon and our area being jammed, drilled or even being stolen. If you see someone apparently mending a parking meter, please don't just assume they are legit. If you would like to check them out, you can call the Council on 020 8726 6000.

Thousands of pounds have been lost. If you witness any such theft, please dial 999 immediately. Money stolen means less revenue for the Council so more money we have to pay in Council Tax.

Dog poo

Sorry if the term offends anyone but we might as well come straight to the point!

The issue of a minority of dog owners allowing their dogs to poo on the pavement and not picking it up has annoyed a number of residents for a long time, not least responsible dog owners who do clear up after their dog.

The Council has up till now been pretty unresponsive to complaints but there appears to have been a recent change in what they are saying. Here's an extract from a recent Council email.

'There has never been any excuse for littering or not clearing up after your dog. Now, there are four more reasons why people should give Croydon's streets due respect. Those reasons are the four enforcement officers patrolling the borough on the lookout for crimes against the environment – and a £75 fine is waiting for anyone they catch. ...

'We receive many dog fouling complaints, and rely on the help of the public. If you witness a person not cleaning up after their dog has fouled a public space please note the time and date of the incident, with a brief description of the dog and the owner. Please be prepared to provide a statement, if required. If you witness fouling happening or think these officers should patrol somewhere in your area, contact the Council's Street Cleansing Department direct on 020 8726 6200 or email contact@croydon.gov.uk'

Diwali

Last year Fatima told us of the Islamic festivals of Ramadan, Eid-ul-Fitr, Hajj and Eid-ul-Adha and Edmee told us of how her family celebrates the Christian festival of Christmas. Here Vaibhavi Parikh of Canning Road tells us about the Hindu festival of Diwali which this year starts on Sunday 3 November and runs for five days to Thursday 7 November.

For Hindus, Diwali is one of the most important festivals of the year and is celebrated in families by performing traditional activities together in their homes and preparing and eating variety of food.

There are many versions about the origin of Diwali. Most common one is based on Ramayana. Rama, the prince of Ayodhya, was ordered by his father, King Dasharatha, to go away from his country and come back after living in the forest for

fourteen years. So Rama went on exile with his devoted wife, Sita, and faithful brother, Lakshmana. When Ravana, the demon king of Lanka, abducted Sita and took her away to his island kingdom of Lanka, Rama fought against and killed Ravana. He rescued Sita and returned to Ayodhya after fourteen years. Rama and his family decided to return home. The people of Ayodhya were very happy to hear of their beloved prince's homecoming. But it was a moonless, dark night, so they lit up their houses with earthen lamps (diyas) to welcome Prince.

Diwali is known as 'Festival of Light' where the 'light' signifies victory of good over evil within every human being. Diwali is a series of festivals of five days.

Dhanteras. Dhana means wealth. This day falls on the 13th day of the second half of the lunar month. It is considered an auspicious day for buying utensils and gold, hence the name 'Dhana'.

Narak Chaturdashi. This was the day on which the demon Narakasura was killed by Krishna – an incarnation of Vishnu. It signifies the victory of good over evil and light over darkness.

Laxmi Pujan. Hindu homes worship Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth, and Ganesh, the God of auspicious beginnings also known as the remover of obstacles, and then light deeyas (little clay pots) in the streets and homes to welcome prosperity and well-being.

Balipratipada (New Year). It is celebrated as the first day of the Vikram Samvat calendar. People wish happy new year to each other on this day.



Quick Contact Group

We are finding we are being told things at increasingly short notice. If you would like to be kept informed in between newsletters of news and events in our area, then we are happy to do that. This can be either by email or by paper copy if you do not have email. Just let Anne know at anne.bridge@addiscombe.net , Flat 3, 42 Canning Road, 020 8656 6707. We keep people's contact details confidential. We are always open to hearing people's ideas and views so feel free to contact us with these.

Newsletters

If you would prefer to receive our newsletter by email, please let Anne know.