



# Canning & Clyde Road Residents Association

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## Springing into Life Edition

Now that insects, plants and mammals (including humans) are coming out of hibernation, we thought it's time to let you know some of the things that are happening in our area.

### Lots going on

#### Social Evening with Annual Residents' Meeting

**Friday 16 May, 7.15 for 7.30 pm start—Clyde Hall, Clyde Road**

Come along and join neighbours for a friendly evening. Refreshments of all kinds provided. The evening will include our Annual Residents Meeting with topics confined to those of interest or relevance to most people. Please let Anne know if there is something you'd like discussed. We will invite our elected representatives (Councillors, MP and Greater London Assembly Member) with strong encouragement not to indulge in electioneering - our Chairman, Gordon, can be frighteningly strict on that matter!

#### Canning & Clyde BBQ Fest!

**Saturday 12 July, 1.00 pm – late**

**102 Clyde Road (nearly opposite Clyde Hall)**

This year we are moving to Saturday and extending the time so it's a real BBQ Fest! All residents living in our two roads are warmly invited to the ever friendly and popular BBQ. Bring along a friend if you would like. People of all ages are welcome at any time of the afternoon or evening. Between 1.00 and 6.00 pm there will be a few games and things for children to do. It's free. We do, however, ask that you bring along something to eat and to drink. We put it all on a table and people share. There will also be a vegetarian BBQ we can light on request.

This year's theme will be Texas. Fancy dress not obligatory. Come along, meet your neighbours, put names to those faces you've seen (or not seen) in our roads and have plenty of fun.

BBQ 2013



**A Midsummer Night's Quiz—with a bit of a twist**  
**Saturday 21 June, 7.00 for 7.30 pm start—Clyde Hall, Clyde Road**

Tickets £8 per person. Please book / pay in advance: 020 8776 0751 or [quiz@jonesCR0 .co.uk](mailto:quiz@jonesCR0.co.uk)  
Ploughmans supper included. Bring your own drinks, glass, cutlery

Come as a team of 6 to 8 people or join a team on the night

Proceeds to be split between Clyde Hall Maintenance Fund and Surrey Opera

**Fun Day**

**Date to be decided—St Mary Magdalene Church, Canning Road**

A free fun event for people of all ages. Last year's Fun Day included a variety of stalls, food, bouncy castle, children's Bollywood dancing, bubbles. We will be organising the bubbles; if anyone would like to help us with this, flier delivery or with setting up the hall on the day, helping with the planning of the event, please contact Anne.

**South Norwood Community Festival**

**Sunday 6 July, 10.00 am – 6.00 pm      South Norwood Recreation Ground**

Organised by volunteers to raise money for local charities, SNCF 2014, at South Norwood Recreation Park, has a fun fair, music of all kinds, food of every description, and a varied programme of events. Something for people of all ages. Family friendly. Last year had the most incredible and varied music all afternoon. Again this year there'll be a Main and an Acoustic stage. For more information see [www.southnorwood.net](http://www.southnorwood.net)

**Saturday 15 November**

A Night at the Races at Clyde Hall to raise funds for Cancer Research UK. More info nearer the time.

**Lots of Music**

As well as a feast of music at the **South Norwood Community Festival** (see above), we'd love to tell you about two other local organisations providing music

Clyde Hall is home to the innovative and highly respected **Surrey Opera**.  
Music Director, Jonathan Butcher, is a Clyde Road Resident. Coming up ....

Tosca

15—17 May 2014, 7.30 pm, Harlequin Theatre, Redhill

To buy tickets in advance: 01737 276 500 or [www.harlequintheatre.co.uk](http://www.harlequintheatre.co.uk)

14-18 July 2014, 8.00 pm & 2 pm matinees

Minack Theatre, Porthcurno, Cornwall

To buy tickets in advance: 01736 810 181 or 01736 810 471  
or [www.minack.com](http://www.minack.com)



Jonathan and Ozlem at  
Clyde Hall work day in  
January

The **Oval Tavern**, Oval Road is under new management and live music is taking off again in a big way with weekly blues, jam, acoustic evening, jazz and bands. For more information: 020 8686 6023 or visit [www.theovalcroydon.co.uk](http://www.theovalcroydon.co.uk)

## **Lots of Rubbish**

A topic close to many of our hearts! We were invited at short notice to a meeting attended by Tony Brooks, Director of Environmental Services, Croydon Council. Many thanks to those on our Quick Contact Group who contributed thoughts and questions. As there were a number of different groups there, we expressed the two most frequent comments from our residents.

Firstly, Veolia habitually leave the road in a state with rubbish blowing around and bins left on the pavement, sometimes with some of the rubbish not removed from them. Tony Brooks said Veolia are contractually obliged fully to empty the bins and to return inside the property boundary; they are also provided with brooms etc to sweep up any mess. If you see an instance of their not doing this, Tony Brooks said you should report it to the Council. You can do this either through their website [www.croydon.gov.uk](http://www.croydon.gov.uk) or phone 020 8726 6200 (Environmental Reporting). Note from us – the more people do this, the more the pressure on Veolia and the Council.

Secondly, many residents find the blue and green bins look a mess; we asked if Croydon could have a two bin system (like Greenwich, Lewisham and SouthwarkS) with one wheelie bin for landfill and a second wheelie bin for all recycling. Still a clutter but a tidier one. Tony Brooks listened but made no promises.

We were sent notes of the meeting that covered borough wide topics. If you would like a copy, please let Anne know.

## **Lots of advice on staying safe**

### **Avoid burglary**

Firstly we'd like to reassure people that Addiscombe has a relatively low crime rate. That said, over the last 12 months there have been a number of burglaries between Outram Road down to Cedar Road which of course includes us. Last year blocks of flats were targeted. We distributed Police advice posters to every block in our two roads. More recently burglars have been targeting houses converted into flats.

There are some simple ways in which you can lessen your chances of being burgled: lock doors and close windows when going out or, if on a ground floor, when going to another room; put on music when you go out; buy either a timer for a light that shows from the pavement or TLC Electrics round the corner in Tunstall Road sell a light sensitive bulb that turns on and off depending on light levels; never let anyone into your block / house that you are not expecting even if they sound friendly and you think you are being helpful – they will just burgle the flats that did not respond to their doorbells. Thing is – honest people (and that's most) just can't believe the audacity of thieves until it happens to them. If you would like a copy of the Police advice notice for your block or house, please contact Anne.

We are a Neighbourhood Watch area. Our two representatives are Pete Langdon and Mrs Fatima Zahra. If you would like a Neighbourhood Watch sticker for your home, please contact Anne and she will put you in touch with Pete or Fatima.

Please see our front page for local Police and local residents' Ward Panel contact details.

## Avoiding scams

Residents regularly contact us about scams by letter, phone or email. There are so many around, we could not list them here. Here are some basic principles.

Fraudsters use greed and fear to play on people.

If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is. You have not won a lottery nor has someone you've never heard of left you money. Never give out your bank or card details to anyone over the phone or internet – your bank will never ask you for them, If someone phones you and gives you a phone number allegedly so you can check they are genuine, do not use that number. Also be aware that the caller just stays on the phone line and, even though you have put down the receiver, you are still connected to the caller if you pick up your receiver again; all you do is get back to them or their friend waiting by their side. Instead **always use a different phone** and then phone a number you have on your bank statement or have found for yourself elsewhere. Don't feel pressurised to phone back quickly.

Don't automatically believe if someone you don't know phones or emails you to say someone you love is ill or in trouble and they desperately need money; common ones are about people on holiday who are on social media so anyone can pick up this information and weave a story. Find some way of independently checking the information before sending money or giving bank or card details.

## Quick Contact Group

We can only put out a limited number of newsletters a year. From time to time we find out information or are consulted at short notice over things. Our Quick Contact Group is an effective way of our being able to get in touch, either by email or, if you don't have email, by paper copy. Please contact Anne if you would like to be on the Quick Contact Group. Those already on find it's a great way to feel connected and know what's going on.

## Croydon Radio

Talking of staying in touch – have you discovered Croydon Radio? It's local radio brought to you by local people. The output is as varied as are Croydon residents! Unfortunately it's only on the internet. If you have this, then you may enjoy taking a look / listen at [www.croydonradio.com](http://www.croydonradio.com)

## A meal at The Alchemist, Morland Road

Is anyone interested in going to The Alchemist restaurant in Morland Road? Food's great, reasonably priced and the general eccentricity and hospitality of the place will ensure an interesting and enjoyable time. Food is mainly European and North African. Starter prices from around £5; main course from around £8. Bring your own bottle. It could be an evening meal or Sunday lunch. If you are interested, please could you let Anne know by 12 April. If people are interested, we can arrange a mutually convenient date.

## Photoshoot!

We shall shortly be bringing you a new, updated website. At some point over the warmer months, we'll have a photoshoot to get as many residents together as possible in one place to take a pic to put on the home page.

It will likely be at the weekend. As it's largely dependent on the weather, it'll be short notice. We'll let our Quick Contact Group know and put up posters on lampposts. Do please come along! You can find us at [www.addiscombe.net](http://www.addiscombe.net)