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GETTING THE TRAMS BACK ON TRACK

Croydon FC was overwhelmed by the support shown by fans and the wider community in response to the senseless ransacking of their clubhouse during a burglary in early March, but there is still some way to go to cover the cost of repairs

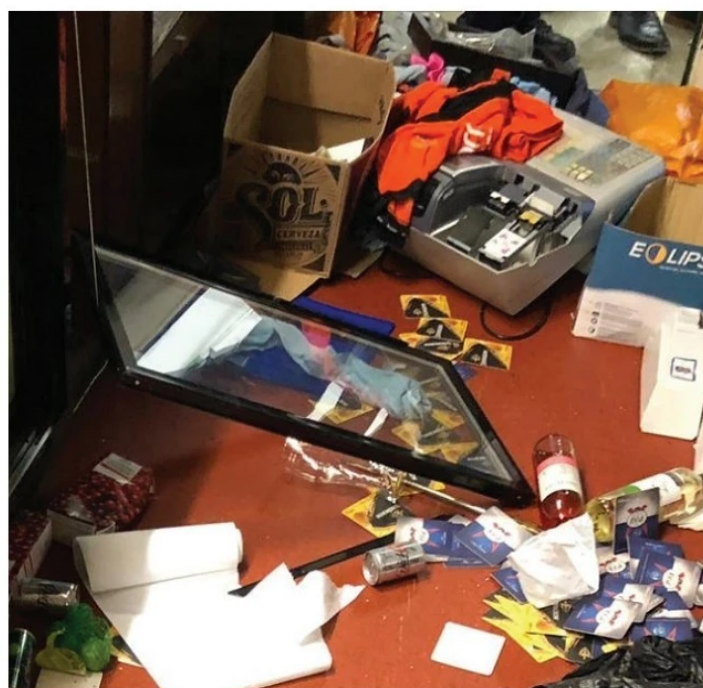


The robbery and vandalism at the Croydon Arena clubhouse took place on two consecutive nights, on 7th and 8th March. Thieves took cash and bar stock and made off with, or smashed, irreplaceable club memorabilia. The first theft occurred on the one occasion that overnight money hadn't been taken to the bank.

James Fotheringham, the Trams' Operations Director was the first on the scene on those mornings. He called police and took to social media straightaway. The response was instant. It is not just club supporters who have responded generously. Among the first to step up was the Roberto Eaton Memorial Fund, a Brighton-based charity that donated £2,500, as well as Croydon residents from near and far who value the 66-year-old club's place in the local community.

Some 50 fans attend match days on average, but when Fotheringham appealed for support for the club at the time of the crimes the next Saturday's gate receipts leapt to over 100 tickets and was attended by Croydon Central MP Sarah Jones. "Unfortunately, Croydon lost that game 2-0 to Rusthall FC in a crucial relegation match," Fotheringham laughs.

Fotheringham is also Chief Operating Officer and founder of the Kinetic Foundation, a charity sharing facilities at the club, that encourages



THE CRIMINAL DAMAGE THAT'S BEEN MET WITH A GENEROUS RESPONSE JAMES FOTHERINGHAM [MAIN PHOTO] IS OPTIMISTIC THAT DONATIONS WILL YET MEET THE COST OF REPAIRS FOLLOWING THE VANDALISM SUFFERED BY THE CLUB [ABOVE]

personal and career development in young people through a range of football training and educational programmes at south London schools. "I was worried that we would have to cancel lessons," he says, "But the quick response from crowdfunding meant we could quickly replace the crucial laptop."

Funds raised so far have also been used to replace bar fridges but, at the time of going to press, more is needed to replace and secure the clubhouse doors. Donations are still gratefully received via GoFundMe: www.gofundme.com/f/croydon-football-club-facilities-rebuild

JUST LIVE WELL

LIFESTYLE CHOICES

Mother always said an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure and for most of us who would like to overcome bad habits and improve our health, support is now available to help nudge us in the right direction.

Just Live Well offer a free 12-month programme for Croydon residents motivated to make positive changes to their lifestyle, health and wellbeing.

Whether you might want to quit smoking or drinking, become more active, eat better, lose weight, or deal with mental or sexual health issues, you are not alone.

❑ One in five people in Croydon drink at a level which could potentially damage their health.

❑ Thirteen per cent of people in Croydon smoke. The UK government has a target of reducing the rate of smoking to 12 per cent by 2022. You are four times more likely to successfully quit smoking with proper support than on your own.

❑ Obesity is a growing national concern and early intervention can help prevent long-term health implications. Fifty-nine per cent of adults in Croydon are considered overweight or obese. Live Well can help you make better choices with your nutrition and physical activity.

One-on-one support from a Live Well advisor can help you with all the advice, tips and tricks needed to make more positive lifestyle choices. The first step is for you to find out if you are eligible for the free programme by filling out a health MOT questionnaire at the website below or by phoning the Live Well Team.

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A YOUTH-CENTRED APPROACH

These days if one solely relied on mainstream media one would have the impression youth crime is a modern phenomenon, but that would be far from the truth. After the war, single parent families, absent fathers, poverty and readily-available firearms led to a crime wave, and it is against that backdrop the Metropolitan Police decide to open a Boys' Club.

Tucked away, and often unnoticed, down a short drive between two houses on Morland Avenue lies The Sir Philip Game Centre, named in honour of the late Air Vice Marshal Sir Philip Game, G.C.B., G.C.V.O., G.B.E., K.C.M.G., D.S.O., who was Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police from 1935 to 1945 [yes, that's an awful lot of letters after his name, but we'll save that for another



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article]. There was nothing original in the idea of police running a boys' club, but during the war years there was a lot of publicity of other police forces contributing to youth work. This served to make Sir Philip determined that the Metropolitan Police should also take a hand. He realised that close and continual contact with youth, and the public in general, gave police officers the potential to make a positive contribution.

During August 1943, Sir Philip visited Croydon where he met and talked with Superintendent David B. Deller. The Commissioner mentioned his boys' club scheme and outlined the objects which are contained in the constitution of the centre. It was agreed that Croydon was an ideal

place in which to begin the project and Mr Deller began by talking to other police officers and prominent local citizens.

Soon he had stimulated sufficient interest, and on 25th February 1944, in the Croydon Education Office in Katherine Street, twenty-six persons representing social and commercial interests in the borough met to launch the boys' club. A draft Constitution was approved. It was unanimously agreed that the name should be "The Sir Philip Game Boys' Club" in recognition of the Commissioner's work and interest. Sir Philip was also elected the club's first President.

The Cedars, an old house, standing in an acre and a half of grounds in Morland Avenue, which came with four tennis courts, was acquired at an extremely low rental with an option to purchase. Everything had been planned to get the club premises fit for occupation by mid-September, 1944, but the German V-1 [doodlebug] bombing campaign intervened. Even though the premises were not directly affected by the bombing, the planned renovations could not start as the necessary licence from the Ministry of Works and Planning was unobtainable. Accommodation had to be found for storing furniture and effects of bombed-out families in the borough, and the club's executive



YOUTHFUL PURSUITS OF THE DAY

PAINTING AND DECORATING LESSONS WERE ON OFFER IN THE 1950s [OPPOSITE] BUT CURRENT ACTIVITIES ARE MORE LIKELY TO INCLUDE BASKETBALL AND TABLE TENNIS.

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committee decided to offer the house for this urgent purpose.

Although progress was difficult because of war-time restrictions, the house was gradually made suitable and a wooden gymnasium built. Eventually, on 11th January 1946, the club was opened, and by the end of the day, 50 boys had enrolled. By the end of the year, membership had increased to 200

The Club was officially opened on 19th July 1947, by the then Home Secretary, the Rt. Hon. J. Chuter Ede, in the presence of Sir Philip Game and many distinguished guests.

The club prospered, and funds were raised to improve many of the large rooms so that training and educational work could be carried out. In 1952, a fully-equipped brick gymnasium was built and officially opened by Vice Admiral The Earl Mountbatten of Burma.

The gymnasium was known as the "David Deller Hall", a permanent reminder of the club's first Chairman. Despite the acquisition of the new gymnasium, it was apparent the old house was becoming unsuitable for a modern club and that the available facilities limited activities.

In 1960, plans were made for a new club to form an integral part with the existing gymnasium.

The Sir Philip Game Memorial Fund was launched in 1961 and by 1963 sufficient money had been raised. A new clubhouse, games room and bungalow were completed in 1964 and officially opened on the 8th of May 1966 by the then Home Secretary, the Rt. Hon. Sir Frank Soskice, in the presence of Lady Game who unveiled a plaque in the memory of her husband.

Boxing was an integral part of the club from the beginning, several champions having passed through the doors including, British middleweight champion Frankie Lucas, three-times world champion Duke McKenzie and WBC heavyweight champion Frank Bruno. Frank boxed for the Sir Phillip Game Amateur Boxing Club from 1977–1980. He was the youngest ever ABA heavyweight champion, aged 18. Due to outside pressure, boxing at the club was brought to an ignoble end in the early 1980s.



'A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION' CROYDON BOBBIES ENCOURAGING BOYS AT THE CLUB.
NEXT INSTALMENT: GIRLS ALLOWED!



A BORN REVIVALIST

Whether reviving Benjamin Britten or leading the restoration of local landmark Clyde Hall, Jonathan Butcher is a creative force to be reckoned with

When Surrey Opera tours with performances of the *Barber of Seville* this summer, it will mark the company's 78th production in its 49 years. The acclaimed semi-professionals have had the distinction of debuting two notable works – Samuel Coleridge-Taylor's 'lost' opera *Thelma*, and *The Life To Come* composed by Louis Mander to a libretto by Stephen Fry.

Until a few years ago a woefully unloved and under-used former Victorian chapel, Clyde Hall, now

offers a multi-use space that serves as a social venue, rehearsal space, gymnasium, meeting hall and whatever other use hirers put it to.

The stories of a popular opera company and revived local hub might at first seem unconnected – that is unless you are aware that both owe their good fortunes to one man's vision and tireless efforts. Jonathan Butcher, Surrey Opera's artistic director, has been with the company since its founder, Joyce Hooper MBE, took on the gifted young conductor in



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1977 to bring new vitality to her then-Redhill and Reigate-based project.

Some years later, when living just a stone's throw from the neo-gothic red brick hall in Clyde Road, Butcher was smitten. "I thought, wouldn't it be wonderful to see this place restored – and wouldn't it be really great not to have to travel so far to rehearsals."

Butcher's latter ambition was met first when the owners of the hall agreed to Surrey Opera rehearsing in the space that was used only seasonally as a school holiday camp. Then the opportunity to acquire the building arose some eight years ago when it was put up for sale. Butcher moved quickly to gather the support of an advisory team and, following a year

of fundraising, a target of £500K was met for the hall's purchase and restoration. The newly-formed Clyde Hall Addiscombe Limited secured the home of Surrey Opera in 2011.

Subsequent years of further fundraising by Butcher and restoration and redecoration by a rota of volunteers and contractors has brought the hall back to life. Stained glass windows and other architectural details have been renewed and the now fully-heated space includes kitchen facilities and modern-standard toilets. Interest in hiring the venue is growing. All the same, Butcher remains dedicated to seeing through the few final touches, including re-finishing the original parquet floors.

Clyde Hall hosts an art exhibit on Saturday 13th April – an opportunity to see this community asset and to support Surrey Opera.

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Look to the right and you will see impressive photos taken on the couple's annual game fishing holidays – marlins and swordfish caught in the waters off Ghana, the Emirates and Cuba. James can barely remember life before fishing. As a child, his river catches would end up on the menu of his grandmother's hotel in North Wales.

A chef by trade, James trained at the Savoy before wanderlust led him to

join the Merchant Navy. Following a three-year tour, he returned to catering, first at a Dubai hotel before taking up a position at the very grand Sonesta Heliopolis in Cairo. That's where he met Elaine, a cabaret performer at the hotel, who would soon become his wife. When they decided to return to England and settle down to married life, they decided on suburban south London.

Addiscombe became their home in 1984 and James continued to work in notable kitchens, including Trusthouse Forte venues and Mayfair institutions the Cavalry and Guards Club [where he had the honour of cooking for members of the royal family and preparing the Queen Mother's regular order of smoked salmon], Wiltons Restaurant and Rules – remembered by a framed menu hanging beside a shelf of specialty seafood sauces.

Before the hectic life of a high-end restaurant chef could take its toll,

PRIDE IN OUR HIGH STREET

James decided to reconsider his pace of life and put his knowledge of, and love for, seafood to work closer to home. “This area was without a fishmonger as Rod White’s had just closed,” James says, we had gone from three fish mongers in recent times to just one, but at the historical peak there were up to nine within walking distance.”

The Prawnbrokers opened in 1998 to fill that void. James opens the shop six days a week. Elaine can be found behind the counter on Saturdays.

But if the pace of fishmongering is somewhat more genteel than that of running a busy kitchen, the hours are no less demanding, James wakes at 1:30am three times a week to get the best from the selection at Billingsgate Market and then to the shop to get the stock on display from 5am. But James wouldn’t have it any other way. “I need to see what is on offer first hand and get to know the suppliers,” he says, “I couldn’t confidently rely on the quality of fish delivered by wholesalers.”

Customers have included comedian Ronnie Corbett – “He came three times a week for shellfish, cod, often a variety” – and many from near and far who have come to rely on the fishmonger’s discerning selection and expert knowledge – whether buying fresh fish or ordering cooked platters.

Heron readers would be welcome to buy ingredients from the Prawnbrokers when trying out James’s own chowder recipe, below.

James’s Easy Prawn Chowder

Also suitable for smoked
haddock or clams
[Serves 4-6]

Ingredients

100g Chopped onion
75g Butter [unsalted]
50g Flour
250ml Fish stock [or veg stock]
500ml milk
1 large baking potato, peeled and diced
150g peeled, diced seeded cucumber
150g Peeled, diced seeded tomato
400g Peeled and deveined prawns
250 ml single cream
Salt & pepper
Lemon juice

Method

Melt butter and soften onions. Add flour, stir and cook for 5 minutes. Gradually add stock and milk and bring to a simmer for 15 minutes. Add prawns, tomatoes, cucumber. Add seasoning and stir in lemon juice to taste. Serve with crusty bread.

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CROSSTOWN TRAFFIC

The term road rage had seemed to take on new meaning in recent times. It started when Lebanon Road was turned into a partial one-way to reduce traffic on that popular 'rat run' between Addiscombe and Lower Addiscombe roads. When neighbouring Addiscombe Court Road experienced a spike in traffic as a consequence, residents on that road called for the same measure, as did Canning Road in anticipation of the displaced traffic that would inevitably come their way.

Traffic calming led to tensions rising when these successive roads were turned into one-ways running in the same direction with north-bound traffic now forced onto Elgin Road. Relations between residents' associations representing the respective roads and residents suffering delays to their commutes deteriorated rapidly.

But an underlying will to return to a previous state of good relations

lingered just below the icy surface. Addiscombe East councillors Maddie Henson and Jeet Bains made efforts to rebuild bridges. They committed part of their discretionary budgets towards hiring a facilitator who would set the terms for discussions putting community and compromise above road-by-road self-interest.

Their efforts started to come to fruition on the evening of 8th January when almost 150 residents of Addiscombe East and West met at Ashburton Hall to exchange views on the changes to the local traffic system. The meeting was facilitated by Jonny Zander, who had previous success running the consultations on developments in the Queen's Garden in central Croydon. It was

PROGRESSIVELY LESS HEAT AND MORE LIGHT

OPPOSITE, FROM TOP TO BOTTOM: NEARLY 150 ADDISCOMBE RESIDENTS AT ASHBURTON HALL IN JANUARY, A MEETING OF H.O.M.E RESIDENTS IN FEBRUARY AND A COMING TOGETHER OF 15 AREA REPRESENTATIVES IN MARCH



COMMUNITY COMMUNICATION

generally agreed that the council bore responsibility for the way changes had been introduced and that few were happy with the outcome. The few flare-ups at Ashburton Hall stemmed from the consequences of living on hectic roads, the miles added to journeys getting round the system and the nature of the meeting itself. Many had come hoping the problem could be resolved on the night, but the meeting's first purpose was to discuss the structure of future talks.

After much discussion, it was agreed to proceed to Stage II by asking residents associations to select representatives for future discussions. Individuals,

including business stakeholders, were also invited to put their names forward.

Following this process, a smaller meeting was held on 16th March in an upper room of Ashburton Hall, this time facilitated by David Shaw, an experienced business negotiator. The Addiscombe East councillors and Cllr Patricia Hay Justice from Addiscombe West joined just over a dozen nominated road and area reps to share ideas for addressing the traffic network and the impact it has had on the community and individuals. A number of practical suggestions were recorded for council officers to assess their viability.

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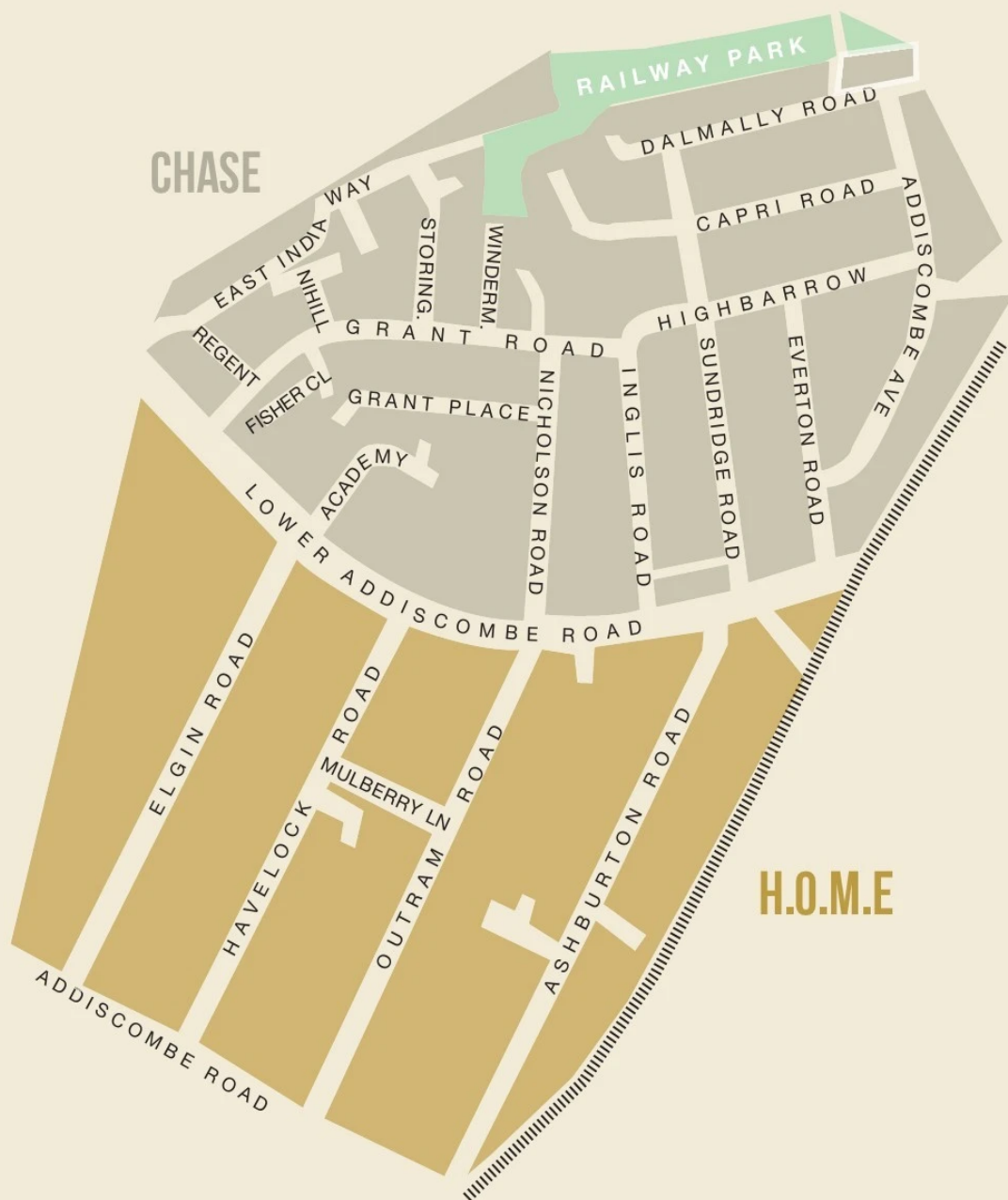


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SOCIAL SENIORS, PROBLEMATIC PARKING AND SWEEPING STREETS

Whilst CHASE will always be rooted in maintaining the quality of life in the streets that make up our association, your committee is also pleased to help improve the areas and amenities shared by all local residents. Our contribution to organising December's Addiscombe Winter Carnival helped bring together hundreds of people for food, festivities and live entertainment at Ashburton Hall – raising £600 in donations for St Mildred's Drop-in for the Homeless. Our next community efforts are in support of the crowd-funding led by Friends of Ashburton Park, who are looking to upgrade the playground and other park facilities. Not taking

for granted any of our open spaces, we would like to encourage everyone to join us at 2 pm on Saturday, 2nd July for the Big Lunch in the Railway Park to experience this great resource on our doorstep.

Litter-picking

Councillor Jeet Baines joined residents for CHASE's street clean-up in January, sprucing up areas from the Alma Tavern to East India Way. Our subsequent request for a bin to address littering at the entrance to the Railway Park has been agreed by Croydon Council. If you would like to share in the sense of satisfaction that comes from leaving a litter-free

road in your wake, come along to our next tidying-up session at 11 am on Saturday, 1st June when we will meet outside William Hill, at the corner of Everton and Lower Addiscombe roads. Litter pickers, gloves and rubbish bags will be provided.



CPZs and you

Residents have been sharing their aggravation over the scarcity of on-street parking spaces, a situation that seems to have become worse as controlled parking zones [CPZ] introduced in neighbouring roads have displaced problems from one street to the next, with people sometimes having to park several streets away from their homes. In response, CHASE will conduct a survey of CPZ-free roads. Where a majority of households would like to see parking controls introduced, the association will submit the results to the council, which will in turn conduct their own study before implementing any changes. Watch out for street reps knocking at your door and for updates.

Over-60s Social[s]

February's Over-60s – a heady mix of cream teas, games and possibly a glass of sherry – at Clyde Hall, was well-attended and well enjoyed by all. Calls for the hitherto annual event to be held twice a year have been heard, loud and clear. Senior CHASE residents and friends can look forward to more good times at 2pm on Saturday 28th September.



Get crafty

Bring your projects – from needlework to paper crafts and beyond – along to CHASE Crafts Club at the Addiscombe Sport & Social Club. We meet at 8pm on the first Wednesday of each month. Call Barbara on 020 8654 1150 for details.

AGM

Join us at noon on 2nd June at the Addiscombe Sport & Social Club for the CHASE residents' AGM. Everyone who lives in CHASE roads is a member of the association.



TRAVAILS AT THE TRIANGLE AND CONSULTING THE COMMUNITY

The Addiscombe Triangle: nearly there

Last spring H.O.M.E applied for ward money to enhance the triangle of council land at the corner of Ashburton and Lower Addiscombe roads. Three trees were planted in May and watered faithfully by H.O.M.E volunteers throughout the hot summer into autumn. They have bloomed this spring! We also ordered 1,000 bulbs for planting a splendid spring display in the grass, with crocuses, tête-à-tête daffodils and tulips. As we didn't have the necessary public liability insurance the gardening group were not allowed to plant the bulbs last

autumn, and planting was handed over to the council. Unfortunately they appear not to have been planted as instructed, and many have not flowered, or even come up. We may have another go this year as we have learnt the requirement for insurance has now been relaxed, so we would be allowed to plant the bulbs ourselves. So if anyone is interested in some autumn planting, please get in touch with Carol Porter on 0203 441 1322.

We are also concerned about our street trees. They undoubtedly add interest and environmental wellbeing to our area, and we would like to see them maintained and increased.

NEWS FROM H.O.M.E

If any are cut or knocked down we would expect them to be replaced. Residents can help trees to get established in the first couple of years by watering the newly planted ones.

H.O.M.E traffic meeting

Following the community-wide meeting on 8th January at which residents expressed strong feelings about traffic issues in Addiscombe and the need for change, H.O.M.E held a consultation for our residents.

Our sincere thanks for the wonderful hospitality offered to us by the Ismaili Centre for hosting this meeting on 4th February. After an introduction, a reminder of the history of northbound road closures in Addiscombe West and a brief run through a number of possible solutions, residents discussed the situation in small groups.

There was a general consensus that it was unfair for so much traffic to have been displaced onto H.O.M.E roads, but that it would be wrong to look at schemes to push the traffic onto other roads further east. A popular option was for northbound routes to be re-introduced into Addiscombe West, specifically, for Canning Road to revert to two-way traffic flow, and Lebanon Road to switch from south-to north-bound. The purpose being to restore better balance of traffic flow across all roads in the Addiscombe

“ladder,” the parallel roads between the Addiscombe Road and the Lower Addiscombe Road.

There was also agreement that cycle, pedestrian and vehicle safety are important. Any changes must make the environment better for those currently worst affected without making the lives of residents in Lebanon and Addiscombe Court roads as bad as they were prior to the original change to Lebanon Road.

A second, smaller community meeting was arranged by Addiscombe East Councillors Maddie Henson and Jeet Bains in Ashburton Hall on 16th March, under the guidance of facilitator David Shaw, at which representatives from roads in both Addiscombe East and West mostly agreed to a need for change. The representative for Lebanon Road suggested the residents of his road might be prepared for it to go one way northbound, but wanted to know what others could suggest to share the load. Representatives of Addiscombe Court Road and Canning Road said little in response, although the representative for Canning Road did mention that children can now play unsupervised on the street; in sharp contrast to the heavy traffic and sharp spike in accidents on Elgin Road. Next steps involve the facilitator reporting his findings to the Council.

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION EVENTS

UP-COMING CHASE EVENTS

CHASE AGM: Addiscombe Sport & Social Club, Sun 2 Jun 12–2pm

Big Lunch in the Park: Addiscombe Railway Park, Sat 2 Jun 2–5pm

Next litter pick: Meet corner of Everton and Lower Addiscombe Roads, Sat 1 Jul 11am-1pm

Over-60s: Clyde Hall, Sat 28 Sep 2–4pm

Craft Club: Addiscombe Sport & Social Club, first Wed of each month at 8pm

UP-COMING H.O.M.E EVENTS

Next Clean-up: This month's meeting points are 4 Wavell Court and 74 Outram Road, 28 April 2–4 pm

H.O.M.E in Bloom: nominations open until 19 May [see below]

H.O.M.E AGM: Sat 7 Sep
Mark the date, details to follow at www.home.addiscombe.net

H.O.M.E IN BLOOM

Our annual front garden competition is here again! Have fun in your garden, with pots and baskets. We will appreciate it. The themes for this spring are “The wildlife friendly garden,” “The traditional garden,” “Best front boundary planting.” Nominations are open until 19 May. Judging will take place in the last week of May. Nomination plaques will be awarded and The Best Front Garden prizes presented at the end of May. Results and choice of photos will be put on the H.O.M.E website. Nominate your favourite front garden space in a H.O.M.E road, and tell us why you like it, via email athome@addiscombe.net or use this form and put it through the letterbox at one of the addresses below.

11 Havelock Road | 74 Outram Road | 44 Elgin Road | 16 Ashburton Road

H.O.M.E IN BLOOM 2019 NOMINATION FORM

I would like to nominate
..... [address] for Best Front Garden.

I have chosen this garden because
.....
.....
.....

Email your choice to athome@addiscombe.net or fill in this form and put it in the letterbox of one of the addresses above.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS
**RESIDENTS: SPEAK UP FOR
YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD**

Residents often complain about not receiving notice of proposed building developments. It is left to them to find out what is planned for their area.

There is a council website where you can search for planning applications. Simply search “Croydon planning register” in Google or type this web address into your browser: <https://bit.ly/2UkgAQ8>. Then type the name of the road into the box next to the question mark, and click search.

If you register [clicking on the register icon], you can automatically be sent details of applications in any area you are interested in. There have been problems with this service, but it is more reliable now.

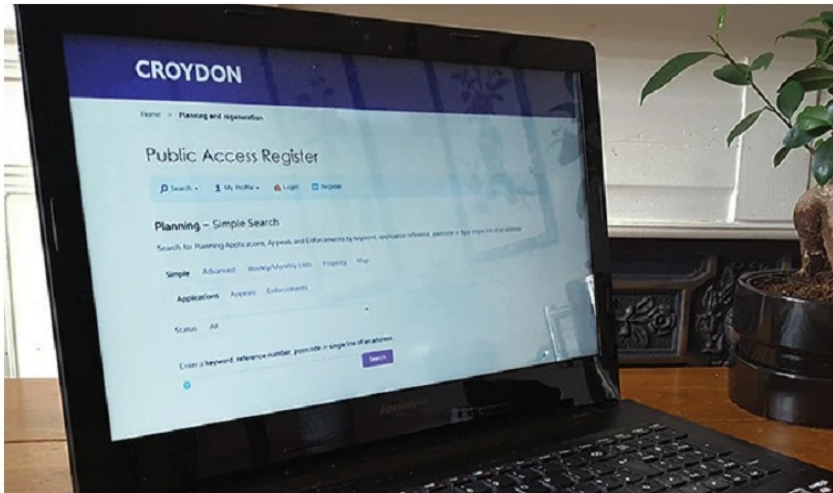
It is vital that residents take an interest in planning applications – not only on your road but in the wider area. The council is obliged to build a predetermined number of homes set by the London Plan. Croydon is

required to build nearly 50,000 new properties, – far more than any other south London borough.

This will alter the character of our neighbourhoods, as the London Plan is also removing protection for greenspaces. We know our roads best, so do comment on applications and inform the planning officers of what is important to us.

We do need more housing, but this must be of high-quality construction, blending in with the best architecture in the area.

Anything built should enhance the environment for existing residents and at the same time provide the right balance between single and family homes – something that has clearly not happened in recent years as many family homes have either been demolished and replaced with flats, or properties converted to bedsits/multiple occupancy, or split into two



PUBLIC ACCESS

CROYDON COUNCIL'S WEBSITE OFFERS A USER-FRIENDLY WAY TO KEEP TRACK OF LOCAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS

or more smaller units. The council is obligated to safeguard the variety of homes available to the market.

There are many new small flats being built in Croydon and converting small houses in residential areas close to schools would be a great loss of a rare type of property for our neighbourhood and the borough.

The Adopted Local Plan says the policy is “intended to ensure” protection of single family houses

by stipulating that “any dwelling house with a gross internal floor area of less than 130m² cannot be redeveloped, demolished or subdivided, that would result in the loss of this type of property.”

If you would like to read all about the Croydon Local Plan, type this web address into your browser: <https://bit.ly/2LPYuwf> where you will find plenty to occupy your time by searching the detailed index.

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VERDANT PURSUITS

Friends of Parks groups play an increasingly important role in protecting and improving our local greenspaces, often filling a void left by shrinking council budgets. Two active park groups in our area, working in distinctly different ways, would like to hear from volunteers interested in enhancing the public realm [whilst getting some exercise!].

The Friends of Addiscombe Railway Park maintain a community vegetable garden, fruit orchard and pond dedicated to preserving frog

spawn [below left]. If getting stuck into a rural-feeling space appeals to you, contact the group via <http://park.addiscombe.net>.

The Friends of Ashburton Park lead efforts to improve the play park and other amenities in the grounds surrounding Ashburton Hall. Fundraising efforts, led by the Friends' Mary Guruparan and supported by Cllr Maddie Henson [below] include the park's Easter egg hunt on 13th April [details on page 36]. See more at <http://thefoap.org.uk>



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Positive Pete

Could you be the person to help make a difference to a young person's life?

Positive Pete is a registered charity committed to helping young people. Through our volunteer mentoring programme, we encourage young people and help them overcome the challenges in their lives.

We are looking for people like you! To work in schools in the London Borough of Bromley

People often worry that they don't have the right skills to be a good mentor, but in actual fact they already have many of the skills they need they just don't know it.

Here are some qualities that you will most likely already have:

- The ability to listen.*
- Honesty and diplomacy*
- Compassion and genuineness*

There is no pre-requisite or qualifications required to become one of our, volunteer mentors. All we ask is that you spare 1 or 2 hours a week during school hours to mentor students chosen for the programme and help make a difference to a young person's life.

How we support you

We provide training to all our mentors, which takes place on a Saturday, along with ongoing support. You will receive a CPD certificate after you have completed one full academic year of volunteering with us.

Find out how to become one of our volunteer mentors

Contact [**DRiley@positivepete.co.uk**](mailto:DRiley@positivepete.co.uk)

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MENTORING



GIVING BACK

Can you spare a few hours each week, or would your employer support you in giving your time? Many companies see the benefit in giving employees time to support a charity and extend their skills.

Positive Pete is a local charity which supports mentoring in schools. Its reputation is spreading as teachers spread the word about its benefits.

I have mentored children in three schools during the past five years. I find it fascinating, worthwhile, empowering and enjoyable. I am always amazed at how well children enjoy communicating and relax in the mentoring situation.

Volunteers are trained in sessions on Saturdays and given on-going support. The main requirements are to be a good listener and to give your time regularly during term time, although we all have occasions when we are unavailable. Confidentiality is important, as is patience, as it takes time to establish the relationship.

Your aim is to encourage the children to be confident, focused and to grow and develop through your support. Goal setting agreed between the mentee and mentor is a powerful tool.

If you would like to find out if this is for you contact Positive Pete [details opposite] for an informal chat. **BB**

FREE!

APRIL 13TH | 12pm - 4pm

FUNDRAISER FOR YOUR SWING PARK



EASTER EGG



HUNT

ASHBURTON PARK

CHARITY EVENT

Easter Egg Hunt ★ Bouncy Castle ★ Appearances from
Mascots ★ Candy Floss ★ Face Painting ★ Taster
Sessions ★ Stalls



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EVENTS

WHAT'S ON IN AND AROUND ADDISCOMBE

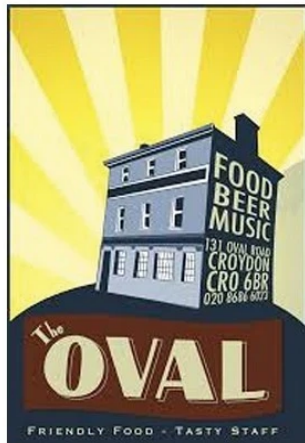
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MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT

Jazz in the Afternoon

Top-notch jazz to accompany a superb Sunday lunch. Nice.

The Oval Tavern, 131 Oval Rd CR0 6BR
Sundays at 1pm



The Big Beer Band

Big Band sound from Croydon's oldest boy band. Free entry.

The Oval Tavern, 131 Oval Rd CR0 6BR
Mondays at 8pm

The Blues Jam

Join the jam with the house band.

The Oval Tavern, 131 Oval Rd CR0 6BR
Tuesdays at 8pm

The Steve Eggs Band

Brit-Americana stylings inspired by classic soft rock. Free entry.

The Oval Tavern, 131 Oval Rd CR0 6BR
Fri 29 Mar & Fri 17 May at 8pm

Croydon Philharmonic Choir

Works by Mozart, Haydn and Vivaldi. Tickets £12 (£6 under-16s)

[www.croydonphilharmonic.org]
St Mary Magdalene, Canning Road
Sat 30 Mar at 7:30pm

Music on a Sunday Afternoon

Café DaVinci hosts an afternoon of live music including local favourite Ben James Donaldson and Graeme Hill.

Café DaVinci, 227 Lower Addiscombe Road CR0 6RB
Sun 14 Apr at 2pm

EVENTS

Easter Rockin' R'n'B Weekender

The Oval Tavern, 131 Oval Rd CR0 6BR
Stevie Watts Massive Organ Trio
on Thurs 18 Apr 8pm. JG & the
Ultimates on Fri 19 Apr 8pm. Stevie
and the Shakedown on Sat 20 April
at 9pm. Free entry.

Brothers of Mothershovel Annual Charity BBQ

Featuring competitions, fun and
music. Free entry
The Oval Tavern, 131 Oval Rd CR0 6BR
Sat 1 Jun at noon



Croydon Philharmonic Choir

Presenting *An Evening at the
Theatre*. Tickets are usually
available on the door, or book by
calling the ticket line: 07903 011477.
[www.croydonphilharmonic.org]
St Mildred's, Bingham Road CR0 7EB
Sat 15 Jun at 7:30pm

Croydon Bach Choir

Presenting Faure's *Requiem* and
Messe Basse, & Vaughan Williams'
Five Mystical Songs. Tickets are
£12 for adults and £5 for children.
[www.croydonbachchoir.org]
St Mildred's, Bingham Road CR0 7EB
Sat 29 Jun at 7:30pm

Surrey Opera

Presenting *The Barber of Seville*
The renowned Addiscombe-
based society concludes their
summer season tour of Rossini's

comic masterpiece with two local
performances.

St Mary Magdalene, Canning Road
Fri 19 Jul & Sat 20 Jul at 7:30pm

ARTS EVENTS & EXHIBITIONS

Art at Clyde Hall

See works by local artists on show
in the historic Victorian chapel.
Entry £2.50 [children £1]
Clyde Hall, Clyde Road CR0 6SZ
Sat 13 Apr 10:30am-5pm



SOCIAL EVENTS & CLUBS

Crime Reading Group

Ashburton Library, 42 Shirley Rd,
Croydon CR0 8YT
Third Monday of the month,
5:30pm - 6:30pm

Wendy's Pub Quiz

Fun and friendly quiz with a
legendary jackpot.
The Oval Tavern, 131 Oval Rd CR0 6BR
Wednesdays at 8pm

Knit and Stitch

Take along your current knitting or
sewing project and join the group.
Ashburton Library, 42 Shirley Rd,
Croydon CR0 8YT
Fridays 9:30am-11:30am

EVENTS



Addiscombe & Shirley Rotary

We meet locally on Tuesdays at 7.30pm, mainly to support local charities with varied fundraising activities, and encourage young people to participate in a Public Speaking competition. If you would like to make a difference in your community and have some fun, please call 0844 8849 743 or see our website: www.aandsrotary.org

Café M

Meet your neighbours over freshly made breakfast rolls and cakes. St Mildred's Centre, 30 Bingham Road CR0 7EB
10am–noon on:

Sat 6 Apr Sat 4 May
Sat 1 Jun Sat 6 Jul

CHASE Crafts Club

Bring along your crafts – anything from needlework to paper crafts and beyond – and share tips and show off your skills.

Call 020 8XX for details.

Addiscombe Sports & Social Club,
Dalmally Passage

First Wednesday of the month
at 8pm

Café Creative

Learn and share craft skills like knitting and patchwork over tea and cake.

St Mary Magdalene, Canning Road
First and third Thursdays of the
month 1:30–3:30pm

Community Drop-In

All ages welcome to enjoy the company and refreshments
Woodside Baptist Church Lounge,
27 Spring Lane SE25 4SP
Tuesdays from 9:30am–noon

World Café

Cakes and drinks [term time only]
St Mary Magdalene, Canning Road
CR0 6QD
Wednesdays at noon



Company Club

The Croydon-based non-profit social club welcomes lively over-45s to social events including theatre, cinema, meals out, quizzes, barbeques and walks. Join our new members' evenings at The Builder's Arms Pub, 65 Leslie Park Road CR0 6TP from 9pm on the first Thursday of the month. See more at www.companyclub.co.uk

Big Lunch in the Park

Join old and new friends for a picnic and outdoor games organised by Friends of the Railway Park and CHASE Residents Association. Enjoy refreshments provided or bring your own picnic. A free event suitable for all the family.
Addiscombe Railway Park
Sun 2 Jun 2–5pm

EVENTS

HEALTH & WELL-BEING

Health walks in Lloyd Park

Meet at the Parklife Café Mondays at 10:45am for 60-minute walks splitting into 2 or 3 routes with differing difficulties. Meet at 12:45pm for a potentially hilly walk lasting 90 minutes.

Just Live Well

12-week lifestyle advice and support at Ashburton Library. Come along to meet your local Live Well Advisor for some free, brief advice on changing your health behaviour. Mondays 12–2pm



The Great Croydon 5K Walk

Support The Lily Pad Appeal to raise £750K for the Children's Oncology Unit at Croydon University Hospital by registering for this sponsored walk. Visit <https://chartwellcancertrust.co.uk> Lloyd Park CR0 5JH Sun 5 May from 10am

Zumba!

All abilities welcome (age 16+). No need to register, just come along to shake and shimmy with a very friendly bunch. £5 pay as you go or five classes for £20. Beverley Hall, Grant Road CR0 6PJ Wednesdays 7:30pm–8:30pm

Various daily exercise classes

Join Pilates, yoga, ballroom dancing, tai chi and Zumba. See details at www.stmildredschurch.org.uk St Mildred's Centre, 30 Bingham Road CR0 7EB

YOUTH & TEEN

The Sir Philip Game Centre hosts daily events, some of which are listed below. [www.spgcentre.co.uk]



Croydon Judo Club

Based at the purpose-built Dojo at The Sir Philip Game Centre with daily classes for various age groups. Details: www.croydonjudo.com

Table Tennis

Cost £5 a session
Under-16s 6–7:30pm and Over-16s
Tuesdays 7:30–10:30pm
Table Tennis
Under 16s 3:30–7pm and Over-16s
Wednesdays 7:30–10:30pm

Solid Rock Youth Club

Fridays from 5–9pm where Actives include pool, table tennis, bar billiards, football, basketball, arts and crafts, and music. Open to all with £5 cost
Juniors [6–12 years] 5–7pm, Seniors [12+] 7–9pm

EVENTS

Friday Youth Club

A place to meet your friends, make new friends and try new activities, including pool, table tennis, bar billiards, football, basketball, martial arts and dodgeball. Ages 12+. £1 per session
Fridays 6:30–9:30

Saturday School & Homework Club

Solid Rock Academy Saturday School provides high quality, low cost supplementary tuition to all children aged 5–16 years.
Saturdays 9–11am

LECTURES & LEARNING

Adult events at Ashburton Library

Contact the library for details.
Telephone 0203 700 1001 or email
ashburtonlibrary@croydon.gov.uk
Mondays 11am–noon

IT Sessions

Learn computer skills. Sessions are free but booking is required.
Ashburton Library, 42 Shirley Road
Tuesdays & Thursdays 11am & noon



Mothers Union Lenten & Spring Anthology

A recital of words and music
St Mildred's Church, 30 Bingham
Road CR0 7EB
Thu 4 Apr 8–9:30pm

Addiscombe Young Writers

For ages 6-11 during term time.
Ashburton Library, 42 Shirley Road
Meet two Saturdays each month
9:30–10:30am

Bat Watching

Meet at South Norwood Lake, off
Woodvale Avenue on Fri 26 Apr at
8pm. Meet at the Visitor Centre at
South Norwood Country Park on Fri
10 May at 8:30pm



Croydon Sketch & Painting Group

Join friendly, mature, amateur artists of all abilities. Bring your own art materials and learn from visiting tutors Annual exhibitions, social events etc. First visit free (annual subs £25 or pay-as-you-go £1 per week) Contact: Gill 07831 662988
vicbrentav@aol.com.
Large Hall, Christ Church Methodist,
114 Lower Addiscombe Rd, CR0 6AD
Wednesdays 10am–noon

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Rhyme Time

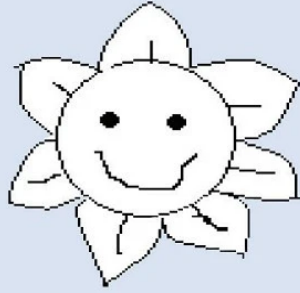
For babies and young toddlers
Ashburton Library, 42 Shirley Road
Tuesdays 11–11:30am

Wiggle 'N Jiggle

For toddlers
Ashburton Library, 42 Shirley Road
Thursdays 11–11:30am

Book Buddies

Stories and crafts for under 7s
Ashburton Library, 42 Shirley Road
Thursdays 4–4:30pm



Magdalene Preschool

Magdalene Preschool is a long-standing preschool which is situated in the Magdalene Centre, Canning Road CR0 6QD

We offer 2, 3 and 4-year-old funding

Opening hours: Monday/Tuesday 9am-4pm Wednesday 9am-12pm
Thursday/Friday 9am-3.30pm

Please visit our website magdalenepreschool.com
E-mail us at magdalenepreschool@hotmail.com
Or call us on 07769 115 981 for enquiries for places in September 2019/2020

Code Club

For children aged 9–13. Free sessions, but booking is required
Ashburton Library
Saturdays 11:30am–12:30pm

Homework Club

Young people are invited to drop in to this free club during term time
Ashburton Library, 42 Shirley Road CR0 8YT
Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:30–5:30pm,
Saturdays 2–5pm

Chatterbooks

For children aged 7-11, meets once a month. Contact the library for details: 0203 700 1001 / ashburtonlibrary@croydon.gov.uk
4–5pm on a Friday.

Stay & Play

For 0-5 & parents. £1 for play space, toys and unlimited refreshments
Christ Church Methodist, Lower Addiscombe Road CR0 6AD
Mon–Thu 9:30–11:45am

Monday Mayhem

School age children, from Reception to Year 6, are invited to learn more about their faith and themselves.
Christ Church Methodist, Lower Addiscombe Road CR0 6AD
Mondays 6–7:15pm [term-time only]

Parent & 0–5 Club

Stay and play with your tots.
St Mary Magdalene Centre, Canning Road CR0 6QD
Wednesdays 2–4pm

EVENTS

Musical Bumps

St Mildred's Centre, Bingham Road
Tuesdays 3:30–4:30pm,
Thursdays 9:30am–2:30pm
Fridays 10:30am–2pm

Storytime with Jenny

For 1–7 year-olds
The Oval Tavern, 131 Oval Road
Saturdays [fortnightly] at 1pm

Millie's Pre-School

St Mildred's Centre, Bingham Road
Mon–Wed 9:30am–2:30pm
Thur–Fri 9:30am–noon

Toddler Group

St Mildred's Centre, Bingham Road
Tuesdays 9:30–11:15am

Music Time with Jenny

For 0–2 year-olds. Cost £5
The Oval Tavern, 131 Oval Road
April 4 at 11am

Baby and Toddler Playgroup

Stay & play for £2 charge includes
fruit and milk. Tunstall Nursery &
Children's Centre, Tunstall Road
Croydon CR0 6TY
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
9:10–11:10am



Backpackers Holiday Club

St Mary Magdalene, Canning Road
[www.stmmm.org.uk]
For 2 weeks from Mon 29 Jul

Children's Fun Day

For 1–7 year-olds. Cost £5
St Mildred's Centre, Bingham Road
Sat 30 Mar 2–6pm

COMMUNITY & VOLUNTEERING



Gardening and tidy-up

Help Friends of Addiscombe Railway
Park in the community garden.
See <http://park.addiscombe.net>
Sunday sessions from 2–5pm on:
14 Apr, 19 May, 2 Jun and 9 Jun

H.O.M.E Clean-up

Join the bi-monthly litter-pick. See
meeting points and details at www.home.addiscombe.net. 4th Sunday in
April, June and August 2–4pm



CHASE Litter-pick and walkabout

Meet at the corner of Everton and
Lower Addiscombe Roads to tidy up
and report fly-tipping and graffiti.
Sat 1 Jun 11am–1pm

USEFUL CONTACTS

ADDISCOMBE EAST COUNCILLORS' SURGERIES

CLLR JEET BAINES

E: jeet.baines@croydon.gov.uk
T: 07710 184923

Surgeries

Ashburton Hall
First Saturday of every other month, from 6 Apr 2019.
10-11am

St Mildred's Centre
First Saturday of every other month, from 4 May 2019.
2-3pm

CLLR MADDIE HENSON

E: maddie.henson@croydon.gov.uk
T: 07949 943311

Surgeries

St Mildred's Centre [Cedar Room]
First Tuesday of every month
6-7pm [except August]

Longheath Community Centre
49a Longheath Gardens CR0 7TQ
Third Saturday of every month
10-11am [except Aug & Dec]

COUNCIL COMPLAINTS AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Smartphone users can report a range of issues – including fly-tipping, abandoned vehicles, graffiti and potholes – straight from their mobiles directly to the appropriate council department. The Don't Mess with Croydon app is available at the App Store and Google Play Store.

SARAH JONES, MP SURGERIES

E: sarah.jones.mp@parliament.uk
T: 020 8191 7066

Surgeries

Appointments run for 20 minutes from 10:30-12:30 and must be booked in advance. To book, email Sarah Jones' office with your full name, full address and postcode, contact telephone, and one line description of the issue you would like to discuss.

Croydon Town Centre

1st Friday of the month

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2nd Friday of the month

Shirley

3rd Friday of the month

New Addington

4th Friday of the month

THE MET POLICE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM IN ADDISCOMBE EAST

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Call 999 In an emergency only – a life threatening situation or crime in progress.

Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111 to report crime anonymously

Anti-terrorist Hotline: 0800 789 321

COMMUNITY POLICING

The Safer Neighbourhood Team [SNT] is the police in our local community. Working hand in hand with a citizens' Ward Panel and listening to residents, the SNT identify and tackle issues of concern such as anti-social behaviour, disorder and other quality-of-life issues.

An SNT is assigned to each ward, with one dedicated sergeant, PC and Police Community Support Officer. In addition, a number of neighbourhood officers work across several wards to tackle issues across

the local ward boundaries. This change to local policing came about in 2013 to allow more flexibility in deploying resources across ward boundaries without losing focus on dealing with local issues identified by the community.

The difference between these officers and other borough police officers is that the community, not the Metropolitan Police set their priorities. In addition, SNT police officers cannot be assigned to duty elsewhere in the borough. **CBNW**

NEEDED: GOOD QUALITY MEN'S CLOTHING FOR ST MILDRED'S DROP-IN

The Drop-in is open every Sunday for local homeless people. You can take your donations there between noon-3pm, or Mon-Fri during office hours. Or phone Sheila on 07944 677 013 and she can pick them up from you.

Please only bring items listed:



YES PLEASE

- JACKETS, COATS, JUMPERS, T-SHIRTS
- HATS, SCARVES, CLEAN PAIRED SOCKS
- RUCKSACKS, SLEEPING BAGS
- TRAINERS & OTHER SHOES WITH SOME WEAR STILL IN THEM
- TOWELS AND TOILETRIES: SMALL BOTTLES OF SHAMPOO, BODY WASH, SOAP, DEODORANT, TOOTHBRUSHES & TOOTHPASTE

NO THANKS

- SUITS
- BEDDING
- WOMEN'S CLOTHING

A READER'S VIEW
**ON RAILWAY
REMINISCES**

Dear Editor,

First of all I would like to say how impressed I am with Heron. It is a professional looking publication with lots of interesting and useful information.

Secondly, I was very interested in the article about Addiscombe Station. Both when I was commuting to university and later when I went to the Royal Festival Hall etc. I used to make good use of it. However, perhaps my most memorable thoughts are of New Years Eve when all the engines in the sheds used to sound their horns – there weren't as many fireworks in those days.

I am looking forward to future editions of Heron.

Barbara Broughton
Highbarrow Road



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