



MORA

MONKS ORCHARD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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local residents for
a better community

SPRING 2016

MAGAZINE

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Thank you for supporting MORA. Please pass on to a non-member.

CONTRIBUTING TO MORA

To help keep the MORA magazine interesting and current we really need your help to fill it with local news and events. It's your magazine for our area, so please don't be shy; send us some information about a performance, workshop, sports contest, bowls clubs, sale or fayre, an article about something that interests you, or if you go to a Zumba class in the neighbourhood, or a parent and toddler group tell us all about it.

Editorial

We welcome articles and contributions from all MORA members. Please

media@mo-ra.co or via post to MORAC/O

Please ensure we receive all articles for the Summer 2016 issue by 20th May 2016.

Advertisements

To advertise in the MORA Magazine please contact our Advertising Manager, **Mary Jennings**

Please confirm which size advert you would like to book and if you will need your advert designed. Each advert is placed for four issues and is seen by approximately 2,000 households as well as on our website.

Local Activities/Clubs

MORA has a new local activities page. If any members could let us know of local activities or clubs in the MORA area we will try to include them in the next issue. Anything from indoor bowls, Martial Arts, Zumba, Mother and Toddler groups etc. Please ensure we receive all suggestions by 20th May 2016 for activities after 11th June 2016.



The Monks Orchard Residents' Association was founded in 1923, and represents approximately 2,000 households.

CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

Hello...Welcome to our Spring magazine. It's a bumper issue as there is so much going on.

Firstly, I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Sony Nair and I have taken on the position of Chairman, having served as joint Vice Chair since 2015.

Due to personal circumstances, Dave King stepped down after 7 years. On behalf of the Executive Committee and MORA members, I would like to thank Dave for his hard work. However we're delighted we won't be saying goodbye to him, as he'll continue as a road steward.

I grew up in West Croydon and moved to Shirley in 2006 with my wife Priya. We have two boys, Aarav (aged 7) and Dhruv (aged 4). My eldest son attends Monks Orchard Primary School, where I am also a governor. In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my family, swimming and going to the cinema. You'll also find me running around Shirley and love how green our neighbourhood is.

As an IT professional I have used my skills to help rebrand MORA along with Kevin Martin. Together we introduced the new logo, website, Twitter, and Facebook page. This rebrand and push into social media couldn't have been more timely. Little did we know that a few months later we would come to rely on them to keep our members updated on the biggest issue we've faced in the last 20 years.

In December, after receiving full details of the Croydon Local Plan, we knew it would have a devastating effect on Shirley. However, many residents were unaware of the plans, so together with local resident Dave Greenwood we quickly created the SaveShirley campaign to highlight the impact these plans will have. We leafleted more than 4,000 homes with the help of local volunteers and set up an online petition with the aim of getting at least 1,000 signatures. This would give us a mandate to force a public debate at a Council cabinet meeting.

Within just two weeks we achieved 3,600 signatures. This is a staggering amount and clearly shows what we all think about the plans. We continue to work with Dave and I'm delighted he has joined our committee (see page 03)

Our campaign has quickly built up momentum. We had 200 residents join us at short notice for a photo outside Shirley Library for the Croydon Guardian and more than 600 people turned up at the town hall to hear the debate at the Council meeting (see page 03), leaving the Council in no doubt about how we feel. One Councillor commented: "In 17 years I have never seen this many people attend a meeting."

Since then, we've been planning our next steps for SaveShirley campaign. We'll be sharing these at our **AGM on Wednesday 13 April at 19:00.**



Please note there is a new venue this year (see page 20).

Derek Ritson, our Planning Officer, has been working tirelessly on scrutinising numerous planning applications in Shirley. On the Croydon Plan alone, he submitted 40 representations for MORA over Christmas.

I'd like to thank the MORA Executive Committee and our road stewards for all their hard work over the last year, and volunteering their time.

I look forward to meeting you at our AGM, as we have lots to tell you about, and working with MORA for a better future for Shirley.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sony Nair". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

SONY NAIR
Chairman



DESPERATELY SEEKING SUSAN

Or Oliver, Asif, Sophie, Ahmed, Jack and Amelia....
In fact, it doesn't matter what you're called.

We're looking for Shirley residents to join Monks Orchard Residents' Association as committee members. I joined recently, and since then I've already learnt a lot, met some great people and worked with my local MP and Councillors on the Croydon Plan.

We're not just a bunch of retired middle class do-gooding pensioners with too much time on our hands. Our committee includes people from all walks in life – including school governors, IT specialists, graphic designers, former journalists, secretaries and managing directors. There are of course a few oldies, but they bring with them bags of experience.

Importantly, we are non-political. What we have in common is we're passionate about where we live and our community. We give up our time for a couple of hours each month to discuss local issues affecting Shirley and Monks Orchard.

We also publish a magazine, website, Facebook page and Twitter – all done by volunteers.

With all these plans for Shirley from Croydon Council at the moment, there is plenty going on and we need to add to our team.

Particularly welcome are young members who know a thing or two about social media, lawyers, estate agents, local authority planners, architects and surveyors.

If this sounds right up your street and you live within the Monks Orchard area, get in touch at hello@mo-ra.co

DAVE GREENWOOD
Marketing Manager



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#SAVESHIRLEY

It's been a whirlwind of activity since I found out through MORA about the Croydon Local Plan and its devastating effect it will have for where we live in Shirley.

Thanks to your help we've made our views heard. From the 3,600 of you who signed the ePetition to the 200 who turned up at short notice for a photo for the Croydon Guardian and the 600 residents who queued down Kathrine Street to get into the Council meeting.

The meeting was delayed by 20 minutes as Council officials struggled to set up screens and speakers so everyone who had arrived for the meeting could watch the webcast and lively public debate.

It went downhill from there, with the meeting being suspended by 15 minutes as Croydon CEO, Nathan Elvery and the Mayor left the meeting amidst utter chaos. Their blatant bias culminated in the refusal to allow a vote. It's obvious that there is no such thing as democracy in Croydon Council.

Save Shirley and MORA have called for a public meeting with Cllr. Newman on the proposals, but he said he will not agree to this until the outcome of the public consultation on the proposals

has been published in July.

In fact the only way Tony Newman, Leader of the Council will talk to us is through the media. He told the Croydon Advertiser following the meeting: "I believe residents have legitimate concerns." He's had plenty of opportunity, as we have secured coverage in the Croydon Advertiser, Croydon Guardian, Croydon Citizen, Breakfast TV on London Live and the News Shopper.

But we can't wait for him, so we're starting to build momentum and have a few more things up our sleeves, but we still have a long way to go and need to count on your support.

For all the latest news on the campaign and how you can get involved remember to regularly check out our website www.saveshirley.co and twitter www.twitter.com/ShirleySave.

For those residents who gave us their email address when signing the SaveShirley petition we will also stay in touch direct to your inbox.

INTRODUCING DAVE

Hello. My name is Dave Greenwood and after working with MORA on the SaveShirley campaign, I've joined the Executive Committee.



I moved to Shirley in 2002 when my wife was pregnant with our first child. Growing up in Croydon I knew Shirley and the appeal for us was the green space and community feel.

We've now got two children and have built a life for ourselves. You'll often find us enjoying one of the local parks, library or popping to the shops at the weekend. We're lucky to have so much green space and facilities right on our doorstep.

I'm a PR and marketing professional, but that hasn't always been the case. I started life as a journalist working for the Financial Times but now after writing the news, I'm trying to create the news.

I've always known about MORA. I've been a member for 14 years and my dad is also on the Executive Committee.

And now with the Council intent on wrecking where we live, we're in for the toughest fight we've seen in the last 20 years. I hope I can use my skills to campaign against the plans and protect where we live.

DAVE GREENWOOD
Marketing Manager



Shirley residents out in force

Croydon Town Hall was overwhelmed on Monday night with more than 450 Shirley residents to hear the Save Shirley petition of more than 3,600 signatures presented to the council and the debate that followed.

Our intention was to be heard, and we certainly did that. Cllr Tony (concrete) Newman, Leader of the council told the Croydon Advertiser: "I believe residents have legitimate concerns."

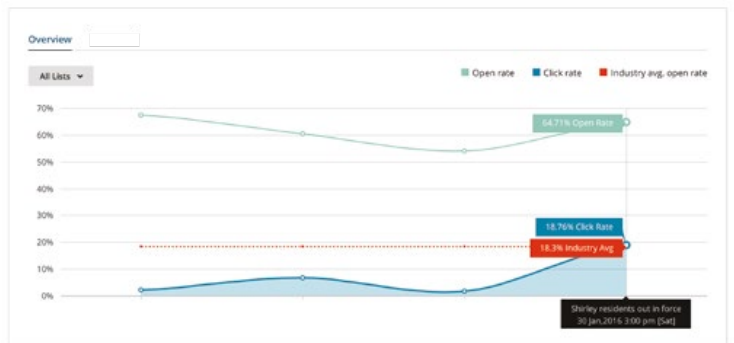
So, thank you to all of you who queued down Katherine Street. The meeting was delayed by 20 minutes as council officials struggled to set up screens and speakers so everyone who had arrived for the meeting could watch the webcast and lively public debate.

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PHOTOS FROM THE #SAVESHIRLEY CAMPAIGN



LAWN BOWLING IN SHIRLEY

Bowling is something anyone can do. With summer approaching you may have thought of giving bowls a try. For many people the decision to play bowls requires them to overcome many misconceptions.

Bowls England, the governing body for Lawn Bowls says "Bowls is a sport for young people that can still be played and enjoyed as a pastime by older folk".

Bowls only takes minutes to learn and the rest of your life to master. It can be played for relaxation and fun but there can be intense competition if you like the challenge.

Lawn Bowls – a good way to stay active and healthy

The NHS encourages any exercise which helps to maintain physical and cognitive functions. Older adults should undertake at least 150 minutes of moderate intensity activity and muscle strengthening activities 2 or 3 times a week. According to NHS Choices,

lawn bowling can increase fitness, sustain coordination and build confidence. "If exercise were a pill it would be the most cost effective drug ever invented", say many doctors.

Bowling provides gentle moderate exercise which strengthens muscles and keeps joints moving. Lifting and rolling the bowls exercises the arms legs and shoulders. It also offers social interaction, enjoyment and many health benefits recognised by the NHS and DHSS.

Getting Started

The local bowling green in Shirley is located at the top of Spring Park Avenue, opposite St John's Church, near the tennis courts, in one corner of Shirley Church Recreation Ground. Two clubs share the green very amicably – Spring Park Bowling Club and Shirley Ladies Bowling Club.

Traditionally lawn bowling is free to try and local clubs will welcome anyone at any time. Getting involved is cheap and easy.



The game is easy with simple rules. The object is to roll a ball nearer to a smaller white ball than your opponent. It is also challenging because the ball (called a bowl) is not completely round and the green is not as flat as it seems. The wretched bowls do not roll in a straight line which makes the game much more interesting.

There is the opportunity to play competitively. Teams and individuals are entered into competitions within Croydon and Surrey. Bowls is often taken up by adults who have played other sports and it is difficult to excel.

Open Days in 2016

The summer season starts in Spring Park in April and continues until September. Everyone will be welcome any day at any time. There will be a special welcome on open days.

In 2016, Spring Park will have open days on the first Sunday of each month, from May to September. The first session will be on Sunday 1st May from 10.00 until 4.00pm.

The clubs will provide suitable bowls and flat shoes if necessary. Members will be on hand to offer assistance and advice. Qualified coaches will help everyone to improve.



CROYDON LOCAL PLAN DETAILED POLICIES AND PROPOSALS

In my planning report for the winter 2015 MORA magazine (page 28), I raised the expectation that major changes to Shirley were on their way due to the plans contained in the Croydon Local Plan (CLP2).

However, I was not prepared for the enormous implications of the proposed changes to the planning policies and the effects it will have on Shirley if these policies are adopted.

The consultation has not been widely announced by Croydon Council and residents were only given from 6th November until 18th December 2015 to raise any objections. Our job, as one of the residents' associations affected, was to inform as many members as possible through social media, our website and word of mouth and object to these plans.

The plan is 917 pages with lots of the detail buried. So, on behalf of our members and the MORA executive committee, I studied the proposed policies and **compiled 40 separate detailed objections** to mitigate some of the main issues which will affect where we live. Given more time from the Council I could have raised further issues.

Shirley has more proposed housing development than any other part of the borough and will be substantially affected by the implementation of these proposed policies. Why? Croydon has enough brownfield sites that can be developed to fulfil the housing needs of the borough, the Council

should consider these before wrecking residential areas.

Below is just a summary of the most divisive points in the plan:

The Croydon Local Plan sets out the policies to be adopted from 2017 until 2036.

The objective of the proposed policies is to promote large-scale development and redevelopment of Croydon's residential housing in an effort to accommodate the sudden unplanned and unregulated increase in population over the last decade or more, and to Traveller/Gypsy sites on Green Belt land.

The draft Local Plan and documentation identifies two areas of Shirley as locations where Croydon Council wants to see 'focused intensification associated with gradual change of the area's local character'. This will place planning blight on numerous residential roads between 2017 and 2036 if these plans are adopted.

MORA object to the relaxation of the planning regulations to allow the building of blocks of flats side by side to Shirley's existing houses. These currently comprise mainly of bungalows and two storey semi-

detached houses in residential roads in the area described as Shirley Local Centre.

Save Shirley

One of our members, Dave Greenwood affected by the intensification proposals, supported by MORA, set up an ePetition under the banner 'Save Shirley'.

To force a debate at the Council meeting on 25th January we needed more than 1,000 signatures. We had enormous support with more than 3,600 signatures by the first two weeks in January. You can read more about our plans to keep up the pressure on page 03.

We also object to the following proposals in the Croydon Local Plan:

- **Relaxation of garden and back garden development in contravention to the guidance given in the NPPF and the London Plan that Local Planning Authorities should develop policies that 'RESIST' garden developments**
- **The lack of any policy requirement for communal open space for flats or properties for multiple occupation**
- **The ludicrously small amenity space allocation for houses**
- **The ridiculously small private space allocations for children, which would be insufficient to allow a playpen for the child's play area. The unequal space allocation for children**



Shirley Road Parade – Proposed Intensification Area



Shirley Parade (Wickham Road) – Proposed Intensification Area

if they are in social or affordable housing as compared to the children's space allocation for private or private rented housing. Why the inequality?

- Removal of car parking space for developments in low Public Transport Accessibility Levels (PTAL); DM28 which will ultimately result in more congestion due to on-street parking
- Large areas of Local Open Land have been re-designated for residential development around Shirley Oaks Village. If the plans go ahead the areas will break the 'Green Chain' within the Croydon Green Grid
- Areas of nature conservation & archaeological importance and also part of the Green Belt have been re-designated as Travellers/Gypsy sites

As the proposed plans remove most of the current policies which could define

the appropriateness of developments put before planning officers and replace the majority of policies by subjective and unquantifiable terminology, future planning officers and Council planning committees will have no realistic possibility to constructively manage or control proposed developments placed before them.

It seems all parameters or definitions of requirements have been weakened or dispensed with and replaced with vague and arbitrary statements. All experience and knowledge built up from past endeavours has been discarded.

These planning policies give the green light to developers and will deprive planning officers or members of the planning committees any authority to restrain and maintain control over developments in the London Borough of Croydon.

It doesn't stop there. Through my research, I have also uncovered a further consultation by the Department

for Communities & Local Government, which could also result in areas of Shirley for intensification. I attach information on that consultation which you could also use to inform your neighbours. This consultation ran from 7th December to 22nd of January.

It seems that the government is waking up to the problems of unplanned uncontrolled increase in population and are using ingenious methods to try to cram high residential and housing density flats anywhere they can get away with in order to cope with the problem.

These areas are likely to become run down in the future. In this case they are re-defining commuter hubs as a reason for intensification and making changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) to accommodate it.

DEREK RITSON
Planning Officer

A GLIMPSE OF OUR LOCAL PAST

A part from a few of their original lodges most evidence of the grand houses and their estates which once graced our area have long gone, having given way to development. Notably were Monks Orchard House which, in 1924, made way for Bethlem Royal Hospital and Shirley House, which subsequently became Shirley Park Hotel, but demolished in 1963 to accommodate Trinity School of John Whitgift in 1965. John Claxton bought the original land for Shirley House in 1744, but the estate was considerably enlarged in 1800 after being passed to his grandson in 1788. In 1810 the estate was sold to John Maberley, shortly passing to his son Colonel John Maberley. The latter's ambitions for Shirley House's grounds included an ornamental lake using a natural spring, originally used as a public watering place, but the then road to Croydon ran between it and the house. Thwarted but determined to get his way he managed, by underhand means, to have the road rerouted to behind the house, creating the route as we know it today. Coloma School now occupies the grounds of what was once Shirley Hurst, built in 1878, later becoming Shirley Court. Having had previous occupiers it became the home of the Givan family, famous for their production of high quality Irish Linen. Miller's Pond was part of the Spring Park House estate. I wonder if anyone remembers

the garden parties, held in the grounds of Spring Park House and Shirley Court before their demolition, to which the local community was invited to celebrate the end of WW2?

A close neighbour of Monks Orchard House was Wickham Hall, just a short way up Wickham High Street on the northern side. The site, originally part of the Carpenters Farm Estate, was bought by Sir Thomas Wilson in 1750 who built what was then known as Wickham Place. Following his death in 1775 the estate, at some point, became known as Wickham Hall and passed through several owners and leaseholders until when, in 1883, it was set to become a convent. Negotiations fell through and Wickham Hall eventually became the property of wealthy baby food manufacturer Gustav Mellin who reputedly spent £80,000 on its expansion. After completion in 1897 it was said to liken Buckingham Palace, with stabling fit for a cavalry regiment. Mellin died just a few years later and his wife in 1929, when the house was sold and the contents auctioned. The house was demolished in 1931, giving way to houses and shops. However,

the stables survived and were taken over by United Dairies as a milk depot. Marks and Spencer is there now but part of the old stabling block can still be seen at the rear of their building.

Development is clearly undeniable but, to me, it is sad that some of the old architectural splendour has often been replaced with completely characterless structures. Fortunately, in many cases, there are fairly extensive records of the old estates and photographs of the inspired architecture of their time, so all hasn't been completely lost.

JOAN PRING
Ward Panel & Security



Wickham Hall



Shirley Park Hotel 1960

Images: Shirley Park Hotel: 'Croydon Old and New' published by Croydon Natural History & Scientific Society. Wickham Hall: 'Images of England' 'Beckenham and West Wickham' published by Tempus Publishing Ltd.



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UPDATES FROM OUR LOCAL SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE TEAMS

Shirley

Shirley remains one of the Borough's lowest areas for burglary, with six actual and four attempted across the ward over November and December.

January saw an attempted burglary in Orchard Avenue and a burglary on Orchard Avenue, Orchard Way and Oak Avenue. The police once again stress that residents should not be distracted by callers offering to do work on their house or garden as this has been used as an opportunity to enter a property.

Telephone calls relating to Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) saw a significant decrease at the end of the year although the police did continue to patrol key estates to provide high visibility reassurance. ASB calls greatly increased during January in respect of both Shirley and Heathfield wards as youths were riding motor bikes on the Shrubland Estate, Shirley Heath and Kennel Wood in a dangerous and anti-social manner. The police ask that anyone who has any information that could help identify those responsible contact them or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Motor vehicle crime decreased significantly in November but increased during December and January when, together, there were 13 thefts from motor vehicles, one vehicle interference and two instances of criminal damage. There were two thefts of motor vehicles in January. The police continue to

leaflet drop locations of motor vehicle crime. In addition to warning residents that a crime has occurred they also give crime prevention advice.

The team will bade farewell to Sergeant Marcus Moore in early March, when he leaves on promotion to Richmond Borough but will welcome his replacement, Sergeant Mark Sexton, from the Croydon Response Team. A welcome has already been extended to PC Claudia Maria-Lizalda, from the Community Tasking Team at Croydon Police Station, who has recently joined the Shirley team and also to PC Vinu Senan.

Shirley contact details:

Tel: 020 8721 2469

E-mail: Shirley.snt@met.police.uk

Twitter: @MPSSouthCroydon

Heathfield

There were four reported burglaries and one attempted burglary in Shirley, north of the Wickham Road, during November and December and, in January, two on Monks Hill.

The Heathfield team has targeted ASB hotspots, which has resulted in a reduction of calls. Any ASB complaints, however, appear to be mainly in the Monks Hill area. Officers are also patrolling the BP Selsdon Park Road and McColls, Forestdale areas because of ongoing shoplifting. The team continue to target those involved in the misuse of drugs either by using or

dealing and ask that anyone with information contact them or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Any reported theft of and from motor vehicles over the last three months appears to have been either around the Forestdale or Gravel Hill areas, with the exception of the theft of number plates and damage to a car in Barmouth Road in December.

Heathfield contact details:

Tel: 020 8721 2468

E-mail: Croydonheathfield.snt@met.police.uk

Facebook: facebook.com/metpoliceuk

Twitter: @metpoliceuk

Ashburton

No updates have been received up to time of going to press

Ashburton contact details:

Tel: 020 8721 2474

E-mail: Ashburton.snt@met.police.uk

JOAN PRING Ward Panel

Shirley Lunch & Supper Club

Saturday 16 April 2016

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Elston Way

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contact: Mary Jones

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telephone: [REDACTED]



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SNIPPETS

THANK YOU

Long term member, Helen McMullen of Woodmere Avenue, suffered an accident whilst on her way to support our photoshoot at the Library for the #SaveShirley campaign. She phoned MORA recently to thank us for the flowers and our kind thoughts we sent her. We are glad to hear she is doing well.

A GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION COUNCIL REMINDER

The Council commence collection of garden waste on 18th April 2016 and continue until 18th November 2016. If you wish to use this collection service you must go online to the Council website to register and pay: my.croydon.gov.uk/gardenwaste If you don't have a computer you can go to the library where an assistant will help you.

Bins for the waste will be delivered to you for an annual fee for collection as follows:

Bin Size	Price
140 litre	£55
240 litre	£60
2 x 140 litre	£100
2 x 240 litre	£105

Clarifications & corrections

As requested by the Hartland Way Surgery Practice Manager. The article in Winter Edition of the MORA Magazine regarding the prescribing of diabetic Test strips needs a little qualification. It should be clarified to make clear that the surgery were following guidelines and trying to reduce the amount of unnecessary testing

CROYDON MALE VOICE CHOIR

We are delighted to be in touch with you again and hope to see you at one or more of these events.

With kind regards

PHILIP TALMAGE

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M: [REDACTED]

E: [REDACTED]

Concert List (and dates for your diaries)

All concerts start at 7:30 unless otherwise stated.

Full uniform unless otherwise notified

DATE	CONCERT	NOTES
2016		
9 April	Shirley Methodist	Concert for Hall Grange Appeal
27 May	Menin Gate, Ypres	Invitation from St Georges Church
28 May	Ypres (Prov)	
9 Jul	Patrons concert	Croydon High School
24 Sep	Rochester Cathedral	12:00

ACCOUNT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2015

INCOME	2015	2014
Subscriptions	3,836.00	3,453.00
Bank Interest	4.00	Nil
Advertising Revenue	2,248.00	2,000.00
Donations	90.00	58.00
Xmas Refund	Nil	Nil
	6,178.00	5,511.00
EXPENSES		
Printing & Stationery	4,902.00	4,200.00
Road Stewards	400.00	400.00
Hall Hire (AGM)	125.00	112.50
Hall Hire (Party)	Nil	358.50
Vestry Hire	300.00	Nil
Chairman's/Secretarial Expenses	Nil	Nil
Sundries	136.00	108.00
Insurance (BTCV)	103.00	102.38
Donations	100.00	Nil
Audit	10.00	10.00
Website	188.00	32.62
Subscriptions to BTCV	38.00	38.00
AGM (Equipment/Refreshments)	100.00	211.00
MORA Xmas Stall	12.00	12.00
Total	6,414.00	5,585.00
Surplus	(236.00)	(74.00)
CURRENT ASSETS		
Current Account	6,494.00	6,734.00
Deposit Account	4,966.00	4,962.00
CURRENT LIABILITIES	NIL	NIL
NET CURRENT ASSETS	11,460.00	11,696.00
Carried Forward from Previous Year	11,696.00	11,770.00
Balance for Current Year	(236.00)	(74.00)
GRAND TOTAL	11,460.00	11,696.00



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Carol Snazell



Carol completed 5 year Articles with a small family firm of Solicitors in Middle Temple, London during which time she studied for the Solicitors Final Examinations at The College of Law, London. Carol has worked in the West Wickham and Bromley area for some years and joined Thackray Williams in 2011.

Her main practice areas are: **Court of Protection applications, Lasting Powers of Attorney, Registration of Enduring Powers of Attorney, Probate & estate administration, Wills & Inheritance tax planning.**

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We are offering open sessions on Saturday 23rd April between 10.00a.m. and 2.00p.m. On Sunday 24th at 10.00a.m. and also on 29th May 10.00a.m.

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EDENHAM HIGH SCHOOL: MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY

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Edenham High School has been busy over the last few months and hosted a number of community outreach events and fundraising projects, this included;

Community Christmas Meal

Students and staff hosted Edenham's first Christmas meal which was attended by 42 local elderly residents. Guests were entertained by our resident band and got to enjoy a free Christmas dinner, quiz and received a little gift from the students. It was an absolute joy to see everyone socialising, laughing and having fun together.

Community Christmas Carol Concerts

Students performed a matinée Christmas Carol Concert for local senior citizens. The Edenham Choir was proudly joined by students from Orchard Way Primary School and Forest Academy.



Christmas Tree Donation

This year Edenham donated the school Christmas tree to our neighbours at Peter Kennedy Court, Orchard Way. The tree was gratefully received and arrived just in time for the residents to enjoy at their Christmas meal.

Rotary Shoebox Scheme

In December, Sixth Form students collected for the Rotary Shoebox Scheme, and filled a total of 24 shoeboxes to be gifted and sent to the less fortunate in Eastern Europe.

Donation to The British

Heart Foundation Students hosted a Christmas themed mufti day in aid of The British Heart Foundation, Edenham's Community Christmas Meal and the Rotary Shoe box Collection. On the day students enjoyed a Christmas dinner and raised a grand total of £1010.90, the majority of the total was donated to The British Heart Foundation.

Donation to Children with

Cancer UK This Christmas Edenham was able to donate £500.00 to Children with Cancer UK, Great Ormond Street.

Foodbank Collection – Last November Year 7 students collected food items which were donated to the Croydon foodbank, 'The Trussell Trust' and it is a place where people



in need can go to receive three days' worth of food for their family in an emergency.

The Royal British Legion

Students and staff supported the British Legion by wearing their Poppy with pride. Students created their own memorial tree and raised a total of £287.64.

This year 2016, Edenham will continue to work in partnership with local organisations and is proud of our students and honoured to be serving our community.

If you are interested in working in partnership with Edenham High School or would like to discuss other areas of interest, then we would love to hear from you.

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Make sure you attend to hear Dave Greenwood provide the latest and
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Our elected representatives will be attending. If you have any questions for
them please forward them to hello@mo-ra.co, so these can be passed to
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

FEBRUARY 2016

MORA depends upon the Area Managers and Road Steward network to deliver the quarterly Magazines to members. Without their support, members cannot receive the information that we work so hard to provide, so it is a priority that we have the necessary support to deliver the Magazines regularly to our members. We are looking at providing digital versions of the magazine and other methods for collecting subscriptions, but until we have cracked that complicated nut, we will continue to rely on our foot soldiers to deliver the Magazines and to collect the membership subscriptions.

There is likely to be a reasonable number of members who are not on the internet and therefore will still need to require hard copy of the magazines.

URGENT REQUEST:

We now **URGENTLY** need replacement for Two Area Managers for Area A and Area C. (PRIORITY).

- Area A (north region) has 8 Road Stewards serving 189 members
- Area C (central region) has 15 Road Stewards serving 458 Members

If we could get three Area Managers, we could split Area C in roughly half

If you feel you could spare a few moments once every quarter, please contact me at membership@mo-ra.co or phone [REDACTED]

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When the Road Steward returns the details of members and subscriptions to the area manager, it is necessary to record and collate and return these to the Membership Secretary for recording on the membership database and then for the Membership Secretary to pass on the collected subs on to the Treasurer for recording on the yearly accounts.

We also need Road Stewards for:

G3 – 1 to 69 The Glade
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G4 – 70 to 149 The Glade
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If you could help at the Lunch Club on some Thursdays (or could volunteer as a Driver at any time or as a Befriender) please contact the SNCS Office which is open between 10 am and 12.30 pm Monday to Friday or leave a message at any time on [REDACTED] or email sncs1970@gmail.com.

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If there are any nominations to join the committee, please send the name and details to our Secretary (hello@mo-ra.co) before the the AGM, along details of the seconder.

The Executive Committee meets on the evening of the second Wednesday of each month to discuss issues of relevance to our members and local residents.

SHIRLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD CARE

Last November Shirley Neighbourhood Care organised a visit to Blenheim Palace. A great day out was had by everyone – even though the weather was rather wet – from when they arrived to when they left to come home! The Palace was also hosting the 'Living Craft Fayre' which displayed and had for sale an amazing array of gifts and stunning items. Many of you will know that Blenheim Palace remains the home of Duke of Marlborough. Here is a very brief potted history:

1704 – The Battle of Blenheim was won, led by John Churchill, 1st Duke of Marlborough.

1705-1733 – The Palace was built, designed by Sir John Vanbrugh.

1727-1730 – The Column of Victory was built which stands at 134 feet high.

1764-1774 – Landscape architect Lancelot 'Capability' Brown was commissioned to re-landscape the more than 2000 acres of surrounding Parkland.

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Shirley Neighbourhood care would like to thank all those who came along on the day and look forward to planning future trips to some of our country's most fabulous heritage.

Shirley Neighbourhood care is the local charity providing services for the elderly; Shopping bus, befriending, drivers for medical appointments and a lunch club. If you have some spare time and would like to help with any of our services please contact Linda Hawkins on [REDACTED]



PLANNING REPORT

NOVEMBER 2015 TO 20TH FEBRUARY 2016

Applications & Decisions as of 20/02/2016

263 Wickham Road; Xin Chinese Restaurant
Reference: 16/00626/P

Application Received:
08 Feb 2016

Address: 263 Wickham Road, Croydon, CR0 8TJ

Proposal: Demolition of the existing building and erection of three storey building comprising retail use at ground floor and 8 two bedroom flats; formation of associated access and parking.

Status: Deposited (i.e. valid and registered)

Consultation: TBA

Target Date: 7th April 2016

19 Gwynne Avenue, Croydon, CR0 7RN
Reference: 16/00445/P

Application Received:
28 Jan 2016

Proposal: Erection of two storey side extension

Status: Deposited (i.e. valid and registered)

Consultation Close: TBA

Target Date: 01 April 2016

110 The Glade, Croydon, CR0 7QE
Reference: 16/00027/GPDO

Application Received:
05 Jan 2016

Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear extension which projects out 4.5 metres from the rear wall of the original house with an eaves height of 2.360 metres and an overall height of 2.785 metres

Status: Deposited (i.e.

valid and registered)

Only adjacent residents can object (GPDO)

Target Date: 16 February 2016

14 Gladeside, Croydon, CR0 7RE
Reference: 15/05803/P

Application Received:
30 Dec 2015

Proposal: Erection of conservatory at side

Status: Deposited (i.e. valid and registered)

Consultation Close: TBA

Target Date: 25 Feb 2016

Reference: 15/05801/LP

Application Received:
30 Dec 2015

Proposal: Erection of dormer extension in rear roof slope

Status: Deposited (i.e. valid and registered)

Consultation Close: TBA

Target Date: 25 Feb 2016

87 Gladeside, Croydon, CR0 7RW
Reference: 15/05728/P

Application Received:
23 Dec 2015

Proposal: Erection of conservatory

Status: Deposited (i.e. valid and registered)

Consultation Close:
23 February

Target Date: 30 March 2016

49 Woodmere Avenue, Croydon, CR0 7PJ
Reference: 15/05271/P

Application Received:
24 Nov 2015

Proposal: Erection of single storey side/rear extension

Status: Decided: Grant of Planning Permission

19 Gwynne Avenue, Croydon, CR0 7RN
Reference: 15/05243/LP

Application Received:
23 Nov 2015

Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear extension (measuring 6.0 metres in depth with a height to the eaves of 2.8 metres and a maximum height of 4.0 metres) in accordance with the Prior Approval given by the London Borough of Croydon on 24th September 2015 under reference 15/3764/GPDO whereby the extension will be completed by 30th May 2019 as required by Class A.1(g), Part 1, Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015)

Status: Decided: Grant of Lawful Development Certificate

90 Gladeside, Croydon, CR0 7RJ
Reference: 15/05084/RES

Application Received:
12 Nov 2015

Proposal: Discharge of conditions 1,2 & 3 attached to planning permission 12/02199/P for the Demolition of existing building; erection of 2 two storey four bedroom semi-detached houses with accommodation in roof-space and 1 three bedroom bungalow; formation of access road and provision of associated parking

Status: Decided: Conditions Discharge – 22 January 2016

This decision is questionable, as we believe the applicant failed to meet the conditions of the original approval dated 26th October 2012:

Conditions 1, 2 & 3 Categorically state That “No works on site shall commence until” ... various reserved matters ... “have been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority in writing.”

Condition 8 states. “The development shall be begun within three years of the date of the permission” (26 October 2012).

MORA objected on the grounds that Planning Permission had expired as building work had not begun with the 3 years of the date of permission and reserved matters had not been approved in writing prior to expiry of the application, so work should not have started anyway – thus the application had lapsed.

Reason: To comply with the provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

The Case Officer’s report indicates:

“The objection from the local resident’s association (MORA) is noted, but a material start to the development, the digging of a foundation trench, took place 24/09/2015 and therefore prior to the expiration of the three years (27/10/2015) in which the developer had to commence development for the

planning permission. While the conditions were not approved prior to the commencement of the development (i.e. the digging of the 1 metre foundation trench strip), neither had any works occurred above ground level. None of the pre-commencement conditions were ‘critical’ to be approved before development commenced (such as preserving archaeology remains or ensuring the land was free from harmful contaminants) and therefore there is no evident harm from the breach in this instance.”

Well there you go! – wriggle, wriggle, digging foundations is NOT starting work in one case, but IS starting work in another! The case officer has acknowledged a breach but as “No Harm” has occurred from the breach it’s OK then” so turn a blind eye to the legal niceties of the Town & Country Planning Act!

Local residents informed me that “NO” work had started on the site prior to 27th October 2015! – suggest you make your own interpretation!!

53 Greenview Avenue, Croydon, CR0 7QW

Reference: 15/05018/LP

Application Received: 09 Nov 2015

Proposal: Erection of gable end roof extension with dormer extension in rear roof slope

Status: Decided: Grant of Lawful Development Certificate

114 The Glade, Croydon, CR0 7QE

Reference: 15/04987/P

Application Received: 09 Nov 2015

Proposal: Erection of detached one-bedroom bungalow at rear

Status: Decided: Refusal of Planning Permission – 22 January 2016

This was Back Garden Development.

Reference: 15/04586/LP

Application Received: 13 Oct 2015

Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension

Status: Decided: 25 January 2016 Grant of Lawful Development Certificate

76 Shirley Avenue, Croydon, CR0 8SH

Reference: 16/00366/P

Application Received: 25 Jan 2016

Proposal: Erection of single/ two storey side/rear extension; alteration to vehicular access

Status: Deposited (i.e. valid and registered)

Consultation Close: 25 February 2016

6 Orchard Way, Croydon, CR0 7NG

Reference: 16/00248/P

Application Received: 25 Jan 2016

Proposal: Demolition of existing outbuilding; erection of one bedroom detached dwelling to be used as granny flat

Status: Deposited (i.e. valid and registered)

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Consultation Close:

19 February 2016

Previous Application:

12/03348/P for Granny annex was approved with conditions – but Back Garden developments law has been tightened in 2011. So even then Croydon was ignoring restrictions on Garden Development in Shirley!

Cannot determine whether existing building had planning permission (went back to 1986 so most likely the period of needing planning permission for the outbuilding has passed [I think it's 4 yrs]), ?

68-70 Orchard Avenue, Croydon, CR0 7NA

Reference: 16/00254/P

Application Received:

18 Jan 2016

Proposal: Demolition of existing buildings; erection of 6 four-bedroom semi-detached houses, 2 four bedroom detached houses and 1 five bedroom detached house; formation of vehicular access and provision of associated parking.

Status: Deposited (i.e.

valid and registered)

Consultation close: 26 Feb 2016

Very similar to previous refused application, dismissed on appeal.

MORA preparing Objection

This site is adjacent to a site of 'Archaeological Priority Zone' and Site of 'Nature Conservation Importance.'

68-70 Orchard Avenue site area.

8 Oakview Grove, Croydon, CR0 7QX

Reference: 16/00280/LP

Application Received:

18 Jan 2016

Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension

Status: Deposited (i.e. valid and registered)

Consultation Close:

22 January 2016

393 Wickham Road, Croydon, CR0 8DP

Reference: 16/00274/P

Application Received:

16 Jan 2016

Proposal: Demolition of the

existing dwelling; erection of a three storey building with lower ground floor comprising 7 two bedroom flats with associated access and forecourt parking

Status: Deposited (i.e. valid and registered)

Consultation Close:

TBA
Similar to a previous application refused in November 2015

MORA preparing an objection

41 Orchard Way, Croydon, CR0 7NP

Reference: 16/00273/P

Application Received:

16 Jan 2016

Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling; erection of a pair of two storey four bedroom semi-detached houses with accommodation in roof-space; formation of vehicular access and provision of associated parking.

Status: Deposited (i.e. valid and registered)

Consultation Close:

19 January 2016

MORA are not against decent redevelopment with an acceptable amenity space.

MORA Comment for this application with the proviso that as it is only requesting "outline Planning permission" as once approval is obtained the developer could vary the application by reserved matters to a house for multiple occupation – So we will give a 'neutral' comment.

45 Cheston Avenue, Croydon, CR0 8DE

Reference: 15/05494/GPDO

Application Received:

07 Dec 2015



Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension projecting out a maximum of 6 metres with a height to the eaves of 2.9 metres and a maximum height of 3.985 metres

Status: Decided: Prior Approval – No Jurisdiction

**40 Orchard Avenue,
Croydon, CR0 7NA**

Reference: 15/05247/P

Application Received:
23 Nov 2015

Proposal: Demolition of an existing dwelling; erection of a three storey building with basement containing 8 two bedroom flats; formation of associated access and parking

Status: Deposited (i.e. valid and registered)

Consultation Close:
25 December 2015

MORA Objected:
16 December 2015

**263 Wickham Road; Xin
Chinese Restaurant**

Reference: 15/04417/P

Application Received:
01 Oct 2015

Proposal: Demolition of the existing building and erection of three storey building comprising retail use at ground floor and 8 x 2-bed apartments over; formation of associated access and parking

Consultation Close: 5
November 2015

MORA Objection: 25
October 2015

Target Determination:
30 November 2015

Decision: Refused: 3
February 2016

The main reasons for refusal was lack of communal amenity space for the occupants of the proposed flats

If The Croydon Plan CLP2 were adopted this application could NOT have been refused as none of the UDP policies would be available to challenge this application.

All UDP Policies have been dispensed with and there would be NO REQUIREMENT in CLP2 for COMMUNAL AMENITY SPACE for Flats or HMO's.

THIS PROPOSAL IS SLAP BANG IN THE MIDDLE OF THE TARGETED INTENSIFICATION AREA.

**La Rioja High Street
West Wickham**

Reference: 15/00489/
FULL3 (Bromley LPA)

Proposal: Change of use from A3 restaurant to A3/A5 restaurant (KFC) with takeaway, alterations and extension to existing building and provision of new drive-thru lane, new car park, management of community woodland and associated tree planting and landscaping.

MORA objected

Decision Approved:
04 February 2014

Appeals as of 05/02/2016

393 Wickham Road

Reference: 15/04202/P

Proposal: Demolition of the existing dwelling; erection of a three storey building with lower

ground floor comprising 7 two bedroom flats with associated access and forecourt parking

Status: Appeal Received

Appeal reference: APP/
L5240/VV/15/3139121

Appeal Start Date: 15/02/2016

Consultation Close: 21/03/2016

68-70 Orchard Avenue

Appeal Ref: APP/L5240/
W15/3121599

LPA Ref: 15/00940/P

Proposal: Demolition of existing buildings; erection of 6 four bedroom Semi-detached houses, 2 four bedroom detached houses and 1 five bedroom detached house; formation of vehicular access and provision of associated parking.

Appeal Start Date: 21/07/2015

Consultation Close: 25/08/2015

MORA Appealed: Submission:
1st August 2015

Appeal Decision: Dismissed:
10 November 2015

See New Application

**Land Adj. 3 Woodmere Close
and R/O 18-22 Gladeside;**

Appeal Ref: APP/
L5240/W/15/3089667

LPA Ref: 15/00271/P

Proposal: Erection of a detached three-bedroom bungalow; formation of vehicular access and provision of associated parking.

LPA Refused Date:
10th April 2015

MORA Submission: 9th
November 2015

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Appeal Decision: Allowed
14 January 2016

Other Issues as of 05/02/2016

110 The Glade

Partly built Structure in the rear garden of 110 The Glade is an eyesore.

As the application for structure was dismissed on appeal on 16th October 2015 we organised a petition of local affected residents requesting demolition and to return the area to garden land.

A Petition for s215/s219 Enforcement handed in on Dec 7th Full Council by Cllr Maddie Henson (Ashburton) for the structure to be demolished and the land returned to Garden Land.

Response: to the Council at 25th January by Cllr. Alison Butler stated:

"It is appreciated that the building is not attractive in appearance but is not readily visible from publicly accessible land and the appearance of the building has remained in its present condition for some 6 years." So we are supposed to put up with it!

It is definitely visible from properties in The Glade and Watlings Close.

This we will NOT put up with – again the fight continues.

Cllr. Andrew Rendle (Ashburton) is in contact with the owner and trying to negotiating a solution.

WE MUST FOLLOW UP as this response is NOT ACCEPTABLE.

Consultation on New Croydon Local Plans CLP1 & CLP2 (7th Nov to 18th December)

The Croydon Plan Policies CLP1.1 & CLP2 (for the period 2017 to 2036), were contained in documents totalling 950 pages. And referencing other information of the LPA Website.

I Prepared 40 representation forms on behalf of MORa, highlighting objections to the proposed Croydon Plans. We could have made further comment had we been given more time.

Drafted letter templates for members to use for making their submissions sent out to all members who had provided their email addresses.

Also Posted information of "Streetlife" social media.

Some of the Main issues:

- a) Re-designation of suburban areas for intensification (i.e. Flats)
- b) Relaxation of policies allowing building on Garden Land
- c) Re-designation of Metropolitan Open Land around Shirley Oaks Village for high residential dwellings
- d) No Policies to require "communal amenity space" for flats or HMO's
- e) Ridiculously small allocation of amenity space for houses
- f) Ridiculously small amenity for childrens play spaces
- g) No allocation for car parking spaces in low PTAL areas
- h) Re-designation of areas of Green Belt for Travellers and Gypsies Sites

Etc, etc. I could go on and fill the rest of the Magazine

My Questions (**in bold**) for the Spatial Planning Department (email sent to the Spatial Planning Team 8th January with responses:) Their responses are below.

1. Will the Spatial Planning Team be responding to the individual representation forms and comments submitted by RA's or Residents' during the consultation period?

The Spatial Planning Service will be responding to all representations, provided they were duly made.

2. Can you provide an indication how you will be taking due consideration of the results of the consultation?

The representations received are being logged, summarised, considered and responded to by the Spatial Planning Service. This will enable respondents to track their representations. The conclusion of this work will result in a consultation log, which will set out responses to representations and, where considered necessary, set out where a change is proposed to the Proposed Submission Croydon Local Plan: Strategic Policies – Partial Review and / or Croydon Local Plan: Detailed Policies and Proposals.

3. Will local residents or RA's have an opportunity to see and or comment on the revised CLP1.1 or CLP2? If so when and how would that be arranged?

The Proposed Submission Croydon Local Plan: Strategic Policies – Partial Review and

Croydon Local Plan: Detailed Policies and Proposals are anticipated to be considered by Cabinet in July 2016. Provided Cabinet approve the Proposed Submission Local Plans, there will be a six-week period for representations to be submitted.

4. Would there be an opportunity for further consultation prior to approval by Cabinet?

There will be no further consultation before the July 2016 Cabinet.

5. Would RA's and Residents have any opportunity to comment, prior to, or during, preparation of the proposed CLP1.1 & CLP2 to the Secretary of State?

The Proposed Submission Croydon Local Plan: Strategic Policies – Partial Review and Croydon Local Plan: Detailed Policies and Proposals are anticipated to be considered by Cabinet in July 2016. Provided Cabinet approve the Proposed Submission Local Plans, there will be a six-week period for representations to be submitted.

Representations received during this period are those considered by the Planning Inspector at the Examinations, provided the Council agreed to submit the Local Plans to the Secretary of State, which is anticipated to be December 2016.

6. Would RA's have any opportunity to make representations to the Secretary of State (The Planning Inspectorate) in relation to the CLP1.1 & CLP2 proposed final document for assessment and adoption by the Planning Inspectorate?

As set out under question 5.

DC&LG Consultation for changes to the NPPF (consultation from 7th December 2015 to 22nd February 2016)

Amongst the consultation questions – one is of significant importance relating to increasing residential density around commuter hubs:

“Para 15. We are proposing a change to national planning policy that would expect local planning authorities,

in both plan-making and in taking planning decisions, to require higher density development around commuter hubs wherever feasible. We propose that a commuter hub is defined as:

a) a public transport interchange (rail, tube or tram) where people can board or alight to continue their journey by other public transport (including buses), walking or cycling; and
b) a place that has, or could have in the future, a frequent service to that stop. We envisage defining a frequent service as running at least every 15 minutes during normal commuting hours.”

Definition 15 b) Could be interpreted as any Bus Stop that serves more than one bus route could be defined as an interchange and therefore could be classed as a commuter hub.

MORA has responded to this consultation on behalf of our residents (copy of our response will be available at our AGM).

DEREK RITSON
Planning

MORA NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

We now **URGENTLY** need replacement for Two Area Managers for Area A and Area C. (PRIORITY).

- Area A (north region) has 8 Road Stewards

serving 189 members

- Area C (central region) has 15 Road Stewards serving 458 Members

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Free, Easter holiday events for children -

Stitch a mini Easter bunny. Thursday 31st March 2.30-4.30pm. For 5+.

Healthy eating Book Buddies. Monday 4th April 4-4.30pm. For 3-7 year olds.

Spring time picture or card. Tuesday 5th April 2.30-4pm. For 3+.

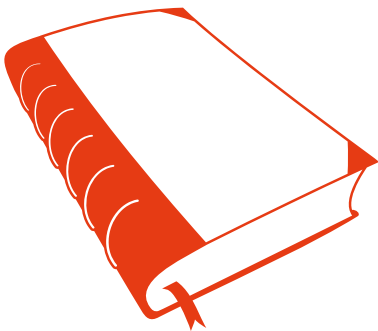
London collage. Thursday 7th April 2.30-4pm. For 3+.

Free, May/June Half Term events for children -

Beatrix Potter Collage. Tuesday 31st May 2.30-4pm. For 3+.

Stitch your own Jemima Puddle-Duck. Thursday 2nd June 2.30-4.30pm. For 5+.

Make a Springtime House wall plaque. Friday 3rd June 2.30-4.30pm. For 4+.



For Adults

Guitar workshop with Paul Mills. Suitable for beginners and lower intermediate who can bring in their own, tuned guitar. Admission free. Booking essential as there are only 6 places. Thursday 12th May 2-3.30pm.

Free 15 minute sessions with nutritionist Elke Westerkamp. She has a BSc and MSc in the Science of Nutrition. Thursday 7th April, Thursday 5th May and Thursday 2nd June between 2.30-4.30pm. Please reserve your place with the library for this.

Monthly games club including chess, Monopoly and Scrabble. Beginners and more advanced players welcome. Learn from a volunteer who plays chess at county level. Thursday 24th March, Thursday 28th April and Thursday 26th May from 2.30-4.30pm.

Monthly talks: Author talk with Minoo Golvala. Minoo has published Bitter Strawberries and Glyndebourne Summer. On Tuesday 22nd March from 2.15-3.30pm followed by Q&A. Please reserve your place with the library for this talk.

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