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and represents approximately 2,000 residents.

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Contributing to MORA

To help keep the MORA newsletter interesting and current we really need your help to fill it with local news and events. It's our 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 send all material via email to monksorchardweb@btinternet.com or via post to MORA C/O [REDACTED]. Please ensure we receive all articles for the Winter 2014 issue by October 3rd 2014.

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LOCAL ACTIVITIES

MORA are considering inserting a local activities page in the next magazine. If any members could let us know of local activities in the MORA area we will try and include them in the next issue. Anything from indoor Bowls, short mat bowls, Zumba, Mother and Toddler groups etc. Please ensure we receive all suggestions by October 3rd 2014 for activities after mid-November 2014.

Chairman's comments



Welcome to the Autumn edition of the MORA newsletter.

Now the Local and European Elections are over it is time to take stock. Croydon now has a Labour Council. We must congratulate those who are now representing the Shirley and Ashburton Wards and hope they will continue to support MORA going forward.

Back in late May we organised a thank you party for all those unsung heroes who support MORA in the distribution of the newsletters, but as ever we still need more volunteers for this, you can find more information in the back of this newsletter.

Mary, minute secretary and Barbara (although continuing as Advertising Manager) have resigned from the Committee due to other commitments and family reasons. We would like to thank them for their contribution to MORA over recent years.

It has been reported there has been dumping of asbestos material in Gladeside. The people doing the dumping must be caught so keep your eyes and ears open and report to the Police if possible. Photos strategically taken would also help. The miscreants must know Asbestos is a Carcinogen and let's hope they understand what the consequences are.

I reported in the last newsletter that the containers in Poppy Lane were due to be removed. I can report that one remains and the fence and gate has been increased in height but the container cannot escape from my view. We are continuing to try to get this removed but my greatest fear is that the new administration will allow development on the site.

When you read this world cup fever will be over and we will know which nations will be crying in their beers and we will await the next world cup in four years time. For those of you who don't follow football four weeks of non-stop television pundits' comments seems a long time but not to worry, once the world cup is out of the way it won't be long 'till the start of the new domestic football season.

Until then I hope you have had an enjoyable summer and any holiday you have taken. ■

DAVE KING
CHAIRMAN

The Big Brownie Birthday

by Charlotte, age 9



On 21st June some of the 3rd Shirley brownies went to the Big Brownies Birthday party at Cudham. When we all got there we saw a massive 100 sign as the brownies were celebrating 100 years since they first started.

The first thing we did when we got there was to go to some tents where they issued us with some really cool badges and a lanyard. Inside the Lanyard was a piece of paper with our team name, a badge and a sheet showing some badges we needed to collect by swapping with other brownies. Our group started with the tawny owl badge and by the end of the day I had swapped enough times to get my last badge which was Brown Owl, the one I wanted.

Our first activity of the day was African drumming which was really good fun.

We also did some circus performing, balance beams, a space dome, make your own badge and lots more. My favourite part of the day was the balance beams.

After the activities all of the girls went shopping and bought some things at the brownie shop with our pocket money.

It was also really funny because we kept bumping into people we knew all day from other Brownies. I even bumped into my friend who I used to go to nursery with and other people from our school and someone from my stagecoach.

At the end of the day we all made stars about what we liked best about Brownies and we swapped these so we all got to take home someone else's.

The whole day was great fun and a great experience, I would love to do the day all over again. I wish we could do it every year.

The 3rd Shirley Brownies meet every Thursday during school term at the Methodist Church in Shirley.

For more details please call Karen on [REDACTED] or email Thirdshirleybrownies@hotmail.co.uk

A thank you party

DATE: **SATURDAY 27TH MAY 2014**

TIME: **16:00**

PLACE: **ST GEORGE'S HALL**

As part of the ongoing 90th year celebrations, the MORA Committee decided to have a party to thank all the unsung heroes, the Area Managers and Road Stewards, who support MORA in rain and shine delivering the newsletters and collecting the subs.

In conjunction with the Social Team, we had about 70 attendees including the Committee which I think is far more than we expected. The afternoon went very well, the sun shone brightly which enabled the children to play outside and everyone had a great time.

THANK YOU TO HELPERS

I must say a huge thank you to the people who helped organise and run the party, mainly Chris who worked her socks off organising the raffles, the stalls, the tables, the decoration and some of the food, Mary who helped with lots of cooking and setting up of the hall, Vilas who not only provided delicious samosas and bhajis but was a star in the kitchen, Joan also

made food and with her other half put up the bunting, and Sue who after helping out with the Salvation Army at a fire all night still managed to cook loads of sausage rolls.

RAFFLE PRIZE

We organised a raffle with a prize of an M&S voucher and the winners were Chris and Maureen Lippett of 52 Tower View, and they are Road Stewards for nos 46-114 Tower View which is area C6.

We also raised a fantastic £104.00 for St Christopher's Hospice from the raffle, lucky dip and donations. ■



Macmillan Cancer Support

HOW CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL'S MACMILLAN CANCER CENTRE SUPPORTS PEOPLE AFFECTED BY CANCER

Once the word cancer is mentioned, most people think the worst. However, through advances in treatment, most cancers are now treatable and beatable. At a time when a patient would benefit greatly from friends and colleagues support, this widespread misinformation about cancers and their treatment, has piled a greater burden on patients. Many do not seek help from friends, neighbours and sometimes even family members due to its stigma.

Similarly the word Macmillan is associated only with Macmillan Nurses – yet Macmillan Cancer Support performs many functions. It provides information on early diagnosis, emotional and practical support to anyone affected by cancer. It lobbies the government to improve cancer services both for patients and carers, to name but a few of its many functions

At Croydon University Hospital (CUH) we have a Macmillan Cancer Centre based in Nightingale House, where the manager provides one to one support for anyone affected by cancer. She has a team of volunteers to help run the service.

The Centre holds information on all aspects of cancer and national cancer charities. It works with Croydon Citizens Advice Bureau and South East Cancer Centre to provide

financial advice and complementary therapies. It also refers patients to its counselling service. The manager works closely with health professionals at CUH, the Marsden and St George's. She sees people at the Healthy Living Hub in Croydon's Katherine Street Library for 1½ hours, usually on the first Monday of the month.

“through advances in treatment, most cancers are now treatable and beatable.....”

Having cancer can be a lonely experience, due to the stigma of the disease and the length of treatment, not to mention the sometimes, debilitating side-effects. These effects can last long after treatment is over.

While many cancer survivors receive support from family and friends, they may not be able to fully share their thoughts and feelings. They find it difficult to talk about certain things with their loved ones. We run a six week programme (2½ hours per session) called H.O.P.E. (How to Overcome Problems Effectively) to help survivors develop strategies to cope.

For many, cancer is now a long term condition. With treatment, it enables survivors to continue working and caring for their families.

Cancer impacts not just on the survivor but also on their families (carers). We run a support group for them aptly named Croydon Macmillan Care and Cope Support

group. Meetings are held bi-monthly in the evenings to provide some much needed 'ME' time for them.

As cancer affects one in three of us, it is time that we all step up our efforts to reduce discrimination and to empathise with and embrace cancer survivors. With better awareness and knowledge of cancer, we can create a better environment for cancer

survivors, working together to eliminate the unnecessary stigma of cancer.

Have you a few hours to spare to welcome and support visitors to the CUH Macmillan Centre? Please contact Benny Millier on [REDACTED] or email benny.millier@nhs.net. For information on library visits, please check dates with the Healthy Living Hub on 020 8253 1009. ■

Shirley safer Neighbourhood policing team

An update towards the first half of this year showed that residential BURGLARY had reduced by 13% over the previous months. Latterly, however, there had been a rise in theft from garages and sheds. There was more to do but the team felt they were heading in the right direction as an increased number of officers, including plain clothes patrols, were being deployed in the area to prevent burglary and try to catch offenders.

Complaints of drug use and youth ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR had dropped markedly over the first months, the area of greatest need for police presence being south of the area.

The Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) had been asked by the Ward Panel to focus on SPEEDING TRAFFIC in the Shirley area. Marked car patrols had been deployed to stop traffic offenders and issue tickets. The SNT had been issued with a brand new Ford Focus Estate to assist them in concentrating on this problem. They had issued a number of tickets to people driving inappropriately,

on mobile 'phones etc. and were to secure mobile speed cameras to deploy in the area.

Burglary reduced by

13%

Ward Panel meetings are held quarterly, the next one being at 7.30pm on 15th October '14 in the small hall of All Saints' Church, Bridle Road, Shirley. The public are now invited to attend these meetings, at which the Shirley SNT will also be present to answer any questions local residents might have. They also value any crime information which people may have as they always need the public as their "eyes and ears".

Our SNT assures us that they are striving to be more effective all the time. They also invite the public to feel free to say hello if they see them on patrol as it's always nice to meet local residents or businesses. ■

Out and about

SHOREHAM AIRCRAFT MUSEUM

Tucked away in the picturesque village of Shoreham, Kent is the Shoreham Aircraft Museum a small, but gem of a museum dedicated to and serving as a lasting tribute to all those airmen who fought over Southern England during World War 2. It is only five miles from Biggin Hill, whose RAF Station at the time played such a major part in the never to be forgotten battle in the skies, the Battle of Britain.

The museum was founded in 1978 by local enthusiasts whose passion for the Battle of Britain period resulted in a permanent display in 1988, it's official opening being attended by no less than fifteen former Battle of Britain fighter pilots. It continues to be run by a very friendly and helpful team who are well informed. Amongst the many interesting, but thought provoking, items on display is the cockpit of a Hurricane flown by Sergeant John Lansdell of 607 Squadron. On 17th September 1940 he was in combat with a Messerschmitt but his aircraft was set on fire and crashed in a hop field at Beltring, Kent. Sergeant Lansdell bailed out but his parachute failed. More than 46 years later his cockpit was finally found and excavated from 16 feet down in clay, even revealing the gun button still set to fire. It's believed that the Rolls Royce Merlin engine must rank as one of the best examples ever recovered and I feel is well worth seeing.

This is a place where, for a while and reading personal and poignant accounts,

you are taken back in time and the realisation of how so very young the majority of those brave airmen were really sinks in.

The atmosphere of the era continues in the museum's 'Old Bakery' tea room and gardens where, when we visited, there was a wonderful aroma of home cooking. On display, both in the museum and the tea room, are prints by the well-known aviation artist, Geoff Nutkins.

Full information about the museum and it's activities and events can be found on their website: www.shoreham-aircraft-museum.co.uk. Telephone: [REDACTED]. It is open weekends and Bank Holidays from Easter through to the end of October, from 10am



Transport and Highways

until 5pm and is located at No. 13, High Street, Shoreham Village. (The entrance is at the side of the house).

From Shirley the route is quite easy. Across Hayes Common to the Fantail Roundabout where you take the A21, past Pratt's Bottom and Green Street Green through to Hewitt's Roundabout where you take the 4th exit on to the A224. At the next roundabout take the 1st exit on to Shacklands Road, take right turn and then on to Shoreham High Street. Just beyond the museum on the left is a free car park.

Lastly, very grateful thanks must be given to the museum for allowing us to reproduce the photographs in our newsletter. ■

JOAN PRING

WARD PANEL & SECURITY



POTHOLES

Potholes in Homer Road had been reported to Croydon Council, who had stated that the necessary repairs were not their responsibility as it was unadopted. An investigation took place and evidence was found which showed that the council has an historical agreement to maintain the carriageway and footpath of Homer Road.

With the investigation and many emails and residents waiting for so long the potholes have now at long last been repaired.

LONDON TRANSPORT

A new route of 689 double decker bus has been introduced and will serve the school run from West Croydon at 7.35am to The Glade, arriving at the Glade Gardens 8.02.

The 689 will run from The Glade Gardens at 15.27pm arriving at West Croydon at 15.55. This route started to run around April 2014. ■

JULIE CORNELL

TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS



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SUMMER HOLIDAY CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS:

Summer Reading Challenge 12th July – 13th September

Children are invited to join the national challenge, enjoy reading books and earn exciting rewards. This year's theme is 'Mythical Maze'.

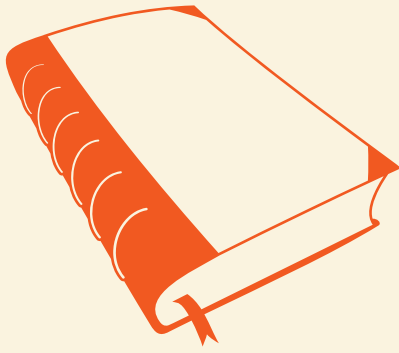
FREE, REGULAR CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Rhymetime, rhymes and singing, Fridays from 10-10.30am, for babies, toddlers and their adults.

Storytime, Friday 5th and 12th September from 11-11.30am then Thursdays from 2.15-2.45pm thereafter. Stories and craft for 2-7 year olds and their adults.

Children's Saturday Crafts, glue, colour and make fun crafts. On alternate Saturdays from 2.30-4pm. Please contact the library for dates.

Once Upon a Rhyme, rhymes, singing and stories. On alternate Saturdays from 10-10.30am. Please contact the library for dates.



OCTOBER IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Performance poet Pete Godismo will give a performance with music to adults on Tuesday 21st October. Please contact the library to reserve a place. We will also have other events on in October to celebrate Black History Month. Please contact the library for further details.

FREE, REGULAR EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Monthly talks: Author Alastair Massie will give a talk about his book *Wives & Sweethearts: Love letters sent during Wartime* on Tuesday 16th September. Author Heidi James will give a talk about her book *Wounding* on Monday 6th October. Ron Cox will give a talk on Armistice Day, on Tuesday 11th November, entitled *At the Going Down of the Sun: The Human Stories Behind Croydon's War Memorials*. All these talks will take place between 2.15-3.30pm. Please contact the library to reserve a place for any of these talks.

Adult Reading Group: The group meets on the second or third Thursday in the month. The next group will meet on Thursday 11th September from 6-7pm and will discuss *Middlemarch* by George Eliot.

Monthly Craft session: Card making. The group usually meets on the second Tuesday in the month. The next group will meet on Tuesday 9th September from 2.30-4.30pm.

Fortnightly Knit and Natter: Enjoy swapping skills over a cup of tea or coffee at our group. On alternate Fridays from 2.30-4.30pm. Please contact the library for dates.

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Christmas Afternoon Tea: Why not come along to the library for a cup of tea or coffee and some homemade cakes. You can meet other members of your community in an informal setting and choose library items to borrow. We will hold our Christmas Afternoon Tea on Monday 1st December from 2.30-4.30pm. Please contact the library to reserve a place.

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NEW APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS.

31A Woodmere Avenue.

A new application ref: 14/02323/GPDO for the erection of a single storey rear extension projecting out 8 metres with a height to the eaves of 3 metres and a maximum height of 4 metres has been submitted to the Local Authority. This extension is to be built at the same site as the previous contentious application under the new relaxed Permitted Development planning Rules. We therefore urge all 'adjacent' neighbours to object to this application. Failure to do so will mean that the Council will be forced to approve the application without any further involvement by the Local Planning Authority (Permitted Development Law). The Local Planning Authority can only consider any effect on the amenity and character of the area and whether the requirements of planning law have been met if objections have been recorded by adjacent neighbours.

This is the seventh application for this site. If this application is approved, MORA have calculated that 75% of the plot area will have been covered by; concreting the front drive, the building of previous extensions, the erection of the contentious outbuilding and the new extension together with the patio areas. This amount of coverage is already causing surface water drainage problems.

MORA believe that these extensive changes will severely reduce and disrupt the amenities of neighbours and the character of the area.

11 Greenview Avenue.

A planning application, ref: 14/02326/GPDO for a permitted development for the erection of a single storey rear extension projecting out 4 metres with a height to the eaves of 3 metres and a height of 3.3 metres has been presented to the Local Planning Authority

General Permitted Development Order (See note below).

32 Firsby Avenue

A planning application, ref: 14/02479/GPDO for a permitted development for the erection of a single storey rear extension projecting out 6 metres with a height to the eaves of 4 metres, has been presented to the Local Planning Authority.

General Permitted Development Order (See note below).

Members are reminded that only adjacent residents can object to GPDO's and have only 21 days to object. If there are no objections, the Local Authority will automatically approve the application without any further involvement by the Local Planning Authority.

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UPDATE ON EXISTING APPLICATIONS.

62 & R/O 64 Woodmere Avenue

The applicant of this proposed development has provided modified plans for this development ref: 14/00194/P. Ninety-nine objections were received by the Council. It is likely that this highly contentious application will be put before the Planning Committee.

We hope that as many local residents will attend the Planning Committee as possible, to fill the public gallery of the Town Hall Council Chamber on the evening of the hearing.

We will distribute a flier about this meeting when we know the date. **MORA AND LOCAL RESIDENTS NEED YOUR SUPPORT.**

Poppy Lane

An application Ref: 14/00495, to place three freight containers on this site which is designated Metropolitan Open Land, was refused by the Council on 17th April 2014. The single container, which was placed on



the site before the application was made, was still on the site on 12th June 2014. The Council considered that there had been a breach of planning control. We understand that the owner of the site has now missed the opportunity of an appeal and will be required to remove the container, or he will be served with a formal enforcement notice. The enforcement officer will also investigate the issue of the dumping of earth and building materials on the site.

APPEALS (INCLUDING PROBLEMS OF “PLANNING BY APPEAL”)

31A Woodmere Avenue – Application ref: 13/01397/P. Planning by Appeal

MORA reported in our Summer Newsletter that the appeal against refusal of the outbuilding by the council of Application Ref: 13/01397/P; (appeal Ref: APP/L5240/A/13/2209293) had been allowed by the Planning Inspectorate. MORA believed that this decision was an injustice to the integrity of the planning system and the individuals who were associated with the decision. The Inspectorate have now opened up the possibility of the rapid increase of “beds in sheds” in our area and effectively denied our Local Council the opportunity of controlling the number and location of these developments that oppose Central Governments announced policies.

The outbuilding was originally built under permitted development rules, but it was subsequently discovered that the height was

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outside permitted development regulations. The development did not comply with the submitted plans; the internal walls had been changed, the windows had been changed, a door had been removed, a sumptuous bathroom and kitchen facilities had been added, two bedrooms had been created and this “gymnasium” was being used as an independent residence.

The Outbuilding at 31a Woodmere Avenue, showing proof of footprint size greater than the host bungalow and roof tiles of totally different design and colour to the host or surrounding properties. The Inspector said “I observed on my site visit that the outbuilding is finished in render and roof tiles to match the host dwelling”



Stringent planning rules are normally required to obtain full planning permission for an independent residential property. Most of these rules are not applied for permitted developments such as gymnasiums. The applicant changed the definition of the application five times to confuse the Planning Inspector’s understanding of the actual use of the outbuilding. And the Inspectors fell for it!

The Inspectorate allowed the developer a free hand in his activities. Despite these ‘deficiencies’, the knowledge of the past history and the knowledge that the developer had previously misled the Local Authority, the Inspector allowed the retention of this back garden development which was larger than the original extended host property.

He made just one condition that had been previously proposed by Croydon Council. This condition was that;

“The outbuilding hereby permitted shall not be occupied at any time other than for purposes ancillary to the residential use of the dwelling known as 31a Woodmere Avenue.”

MORA formally complained that this condition was unenforceable as the inspector had not defined what purposes were ancillary to the residential use of the dwelling!

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The response to this particular complaint was that;

“It seems unlikely that, given their objection to the development, the council would suggest a condition that they would be unable to enforce.”

“I should firstly clarify that once an appeal decision has been issued, the Planning Inspectorate has no further jurisdiction and our involvement ends,”

MORA made many other valid statements and comments. It is difficult to find any reasonable or logical answers that justify the Inspector’s decision.

An Appeal Inspector’s decision can only be opposed by a judicial review, which can be extremely expensive. MORA elected to make a formal complaint to the Planning Inspectorate’s Quality Assurance Unit about the handling of this complaint. We knew that our complaint would not change the outcome of the appeal, but we hoped that we could halt a repeat of this injustice.

The Planning Inspectorate Quality Assurance Unit has replied to our complaint and has rejected all of our valid comments and objections. We believe that they have cast doubts upon the integrity of their own complaints process. They have not explained how the Inspector’s single condition, which relates to the use of the property, can be enforced. MORA is considering how any further action can be taken to support and protect our members’ living environment.

The Quality Assurance Unit of the Planning Inspectorate appears to be happy to accept ill considered, impractical and useless proposals from their opponents within the appeal system without consideration. They are obviously not capable of accepting responsibility for their own decisions. Their ‘get-out’ clause is indefensible and appears to invalidate their existence.

The developer has since applied for yet another permitted development to the host property. Are we all convinced that this development is bona-fide? (See above under New Applications).

Operation of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) inquiry Starts.

Councillor Tony Newman, the new Labour Leader of Croydon Council, who also represents the Local Government Association, and Ken Browse, Chairman of the National Association of Local Councils, raised the specific problem of not taking account of local planning decisions and local representations at the Communities and Local Government Select Committee on 9th June – see the saga of 31A Woodmere Avenue above.

Let us all hope that the Committee can create solutions to reduce the problems created by planning by appeal and epitomised by the development at 31A Woodmere Avenue. ■

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**STOP
PRESS**

Unauthorised development at 168 Orchard Way.

We have had reports from local resident and members, of building works at 168 Orchard Way. We have informed the LPA and an enforcement Officer has visited the site and informed the owner that planning permission is required and that permitted development rights for this site had been withdrawn. We will keep a check on this issue.

On-Line Planning Website unavailable:

I have raised the issue that the LPA on-line Planning Register is currently unavailable and has been for quite some time. It is not possible to monitor applications affecting

our members or local residents and there could quite possibly be applications proposed during this period with the unavailability of the website. This could result in the consultation period for residents being shortened, especially during holidays when residents are away.

Letters on lamp posts are sometimes removed by developers and we need to keep up to date on current and new applications, including being able to view any plans or documents for our members.

The LPA have opened up the Old Register which can now be accessed until 'Capita' who have taken over the contract – gets their act together!

16 JULY UPDATE

The container on the MOL land at Poppy Lane has now been removed.

DEREK RITSON
PLANNING SUB COMMITTEE

Possible changes to Doctors Surgeries in Shirley

The following joint statement is from Dr Nick Ford and Dr Bobby Abbott:

“Due to ongoing changes within the NHS and with a view to, long term, providing greater healthcare facilities to their Patients and as a result of the close proximity of the Dr Nick Ford and the Dr Bobby Abbot Surgeries, preliminary discussions have taken place concerning the possible merger of the two

Practices. The Partners of both Surgeries hope shortly to finalise their ongoing discussions at which time a more detailed response can be given”.

Dr Nicholas T Ford MB BS MRCOG MRCGP
2 South Way, Croydon, Surrey CR0 8RP

This may affect some of our members in the southern part of the MORA area.

MORA news

FAREWELL MARY

Mary, our Secretary has resigned from the MORA committee due to family commitments and to prepare for her move nearer her family on the Isle of Sheppey. Mary has been on the committee for the past 5 years and has been a steady hand during that period. She has also been minute taker and regularly provided coffee and biscuits for committee meetings and been host in her spacious dining room for special meetings on many occasions. We would all like to thank Mary for her contribution to MORA and wish her well for the future.

BARBARA TURNER

Barbara has resigned from the MORA committee for personal reasons but has agreed to continue to manage the Advertiser section of the newsletter and still handle the distribution of the newsletter as Road Steward for members in Homer Road. Advertisers will find Barbara's contact details in the Handy Ads Section of the Newsletter. We would all like to thank Barbara for continuing to take on these two roles for MORA and our members. ■

MORA vacancies

Road Stewards

We have some important vacancies for new Road Stewards

A11 for Aldersmead Avenue

D4 for Wickham Avenue Nos. 1 to 48

F10 for a few in Burrell Close

F12 for a few in Ovington Court and Porchester Court

F15 for a few in Berkeley Court and 2 in Astor Court

G3 for The Glade Nos. 3 to 73

This requires delivering newsletters once a quarter, collecting membership subscriptions and issuing memberships cards once a year. Also, possibly if something important crops up affecting those members (say planning) to deliver a flyer to affected residents.

Secretary

With the resignation of Mary, we need a Secretary to join the MORA Committee to support the MORA team. Some of the duties will include minute taking during committee meetings, managing the MORA email accounts, plus other admin duties supporting the MORA Committee.

If you are interested please contact monksorchardweb@btinternet.com ■

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