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working with the
local residents for
a better community

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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 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

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

Please ensure we receive all articles for the Winter 2015 issue by 15th November 2015.

Advertisements

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

Please confirm which size advertisement you would like to book and if you will need your advertisement designed. Each advertisement is placed for four issues and is seen by 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 15th November 2015 for activities after 2nd December 2015.



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

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

By the time you read this schools will be back and the daily 'school run' will be in full swing. Those of us whose children are off their hands will now be able to holiday without the summer crowds.

For interest I downloaded this years GCSE school results. They make interesting reading. Coloma Convent Girls' school did exceptionally well with a pass rate for 90% for A+ – C and Langley Park School for Boys a pass rate of 80%. I know these schools are outside our catchment area but it can demonstrate what can be done.

On my rounds, I received a very positive response when I have asked members of their thoughts on the new MORA magazine; not now known as the MORA newsletter.

You will no doubt see elsewhere in the magazine the problems we are having with the predicted planning applications for back garden developments. Our very capable planning officer,

Derek Ritson, is spending a great deal of time writing to the council to try and stop these ill thought out applications.

You only have to look at pages 23 to 26 of the summer magazine and pages within this magazine to see what I mean.

Your committee does require new members to keep up with developments. There are many vacancies; Environment, Transport & Highways, Area Managers and Road Stewards.

We require people to assist as the workload seems to be increasing and although these situations only require an hour or two per month it does help to spread the workload. If MORA (God forbid) ceased to exist all manner of 'back garden' developments would happen.

Regarding planning applications – we get planning information in the form of Flyers out to members before the Planning Department put up notices to inform residents. These notices are often removed by unscrupulous developers and is illegal. For example, flyers were sent to 29a Woodmere Avenue and 98 The Glade and some residents are already sending objection letters to the Development Manager.

MORA along with other Resident Association's are trying to set up a Croydon Residents' Group Forum to tackle Croydon wide issues with more clout.

Please assist if you are able and we do need younger people.

On an interesting note within this magazine you will find kind comments made about MORA by one of our residents who has been a member for many years.

Best wishes,

DAVE KING
Chairman

MORA NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

If you can spare a few hours we desperately need an **Area Manager** to take on Area A.

Area A covers the Northern part of the Ward and has 9 Road Stewards serving 200 members.

We also need **Road Stewards** to help support us.

Do you live on, or near any of the following places?

Parkfields & Cheston Avenue (RS D3)

Wickham Avenue (RS D4)

Ovington Court (RS F12)

If the answer is **YES** and you can spare a few hours each quarter, why not volunteer? You will be required to deliver magazines once a quarter, collect

membership subscriptions and issue membership cards once a year. Also possibly, if something important crops up affecting those members (say planning) to deliver a flyer to affected residents.

If you are interested please contact membership@mo-ra.co

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE TEAM UPDATES

(AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS)

Heathfield

Most reported criminal activity (burglary and anti-social behaviour (ASB)) in the last month has been confined to the Forestdale and Monks Hill areas.

Volunteers are being sought under the Speed Watch scheme, which allows members of the public to be trained in the use of a hand held speeding device and then go out with a trained PCSO to use on designated roads. Speeding offenders will be notified by post.

Heathfield contact details:

Tel: 020 8721 2468

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

Facebook: facebook.com/metpoliceuk

Twitter: @metpoliceuk

Your team: Inspector Kevin Fitzgerald, Sergeant Simon Cook, PC Barry Swift & PC Christopher Eckford-Soper.

Ashburton

Roads around Lower Addiscombe Road and shops and roads off the Glade have shown a rise in theft from motor vehicles. Such theft is both a local and borough police priority and the Ashburton team are working hard to get numbers reduced.

Ashburton contact details:

Tel: 020 8721 2474

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

Your team: Inspector Scott Smith, Sergeant Michael

Woolley, PC Amy Spooner & PC Mehrzad Gholami.

Shirley

A successfully executed drugs warrant resulted in the offender being sentenced since which time, in the vicinity of the address, ASB and drug related calls have virtually ceased. The police stress that without Ward members' intelligence they would not have had the grounds

to obtain a warrant. There have been more reports of ASB in the area between Shirley/Ashburton Wards and Kelsey and Eden Park Ward, Bromley. (Youth ASB is currently a top Shirley team priority, followed by Burglary and Motor Vehicle Crime). Shirley Ward has had a total of 8 burglaries in August, 5 of which were successful and 3 were attempted. Also in August, there were 3 thefts of motor vehicles and 11 thefts

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- 4 Leave some lights on if it will be dark before you get home.
- 5 Do not leave your car keys or ID documents near a door, letterbox or window.
- 6 Always check who's at the door and don't open it if you feel anxious.
- 7 Always keep sheds and outbuildings locked.
- 8 Mark or etch your property with your postcode, house or flat number or the first three letters of your house name.
- 9 Register items with a serial number at: www.immobilise.com
- 10 Cancel milk or other deliveries if you will be away for days or weeks at a time.



For more help and advice visit www.metbumblebee.org or go to your local Police station.

To report a burglary call **101**. In an emergency always call **999**.

PREVENTING CAR CRIME

Portable satellite systems are installed in minutes, but can be removed by a thief in seconds. Here are some simple steps you can take to keep your sat nav safe:

- Never leave your sat nav in your car overnight, even if it is parked in your driveway. Most thefts of and from vehicles happen when they are parked outside the home.
- When removing your satellite navigation equipment, don't forget to take all components and erase the suction mark it leaves on your windscreen.
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- Register your system for free on the UK National Property Register, Immobilise.
- Mark your system with your postcode and home number using a special security number.

Useful links:

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www.thatcham.org
www.immobilise.com

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from motor vehicles. There is an issue with Nitrous Oxide being consumed around Halfords and McDonalds. Any intelligence regarding this should be reported to the police. There is a London wide issue with regard to ASB caused by mopeds and there has been a noticeable increase in moped related calls over the last few months. The police want residents to report any such issues and information that they may have i.e. descriptions of drivers, mopeds and registration of the vehicles. Any photos or videos of incidents would also be appreciated.

Shirley contact details:

Tel: 020 8721 2469

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

Twitter: @MPSSouthCroydon

Your team: Inspector Kevin Fitzgerald, Sergeant Marcus Moore, PC Alexander Hollis & PC Lisa Richards.

JOAN PRING
Ward Panel

Dear MORA,

Following on from the Shirley Neighbourhood Care article in the summer I am pleased to confirm that £2,200 was raised from the Shirley Open Gardens day in June. Sue McVicker had organised this event as her 'swan-song' with the charity. Our thanks go to all the residents who opened their gardens on the day, despite the bad weather start, and to those folk who were part of the preparations and helped out on the day. It was a huge success. After being a volunteer with the charity for 3½ years I have taken up the role as co-ordinator and looking forward to my first fund raiser. This is a day out to Blenheim Palace and their Living Craft fair on Thursday November 19th. Do join us and enjoy a great day out along with helping Shirley Neighbourhood Care. Full details can be found on page 19.

Linda Hawkins

Shirley Neighbourhood Care

F. A. S. T

THE ADVERTISEMENT THAT DID IT'S JOB

F – Facial weakness: Can the person smile? Has their mouth or an eye drooped?

A – Arm weakness: Can the person raise both arms (and hold them there)?

S – Speech: Can the person speak clearly and understand what you say?

T – Time to call 999. If you see any of these signs, call 999 immediately

Initiated by the Stroke Association, I believe that never has a television advert been more informative and straight to the point and the aim of this article is simply to reinforce it's message. Despite my mental panic this message was uppermost in my mind when, twenty minutes after appearing fine and his usual self I found my husband clearly unwell and showing some of the above signs. I didn't hesitate and called 999. After a few questions by the ambulance line operator and confirmation of some of the above signs paramedics were immediately called to attend and subsequently an ambulance.



Once in hospital he was found to have had a stroke caused by a (blockage) blood clot to the brain but because, most crucially, he was admitted within four hours from the time the stroke occurred the medical staff were able to administer a drug to disperse the clot.

The importance of this time period cannot be stressed enough. After a week of care in hospital and now a couple of months later, thankfully, he is making very good progress.

His time in hospital was followed with six weeks of very regular home visits by members of Croydon's NHS Rehabilitation Team who deserve every praise for their interest and care in assisting my husband's recovery. We've also had referred visits from members of the Stroke Association's team who have given us very useful help and advice.

A stroke is one of those things that I never thought would happen to one of us but every year, according to the Stroke Association, there are about 152,000 strokes in the UK of which about 85% are caused by a blockage. Most people affected are over 65, but anyone can have a stroke, including children and babies. The Stroke Association has a wealth of clear information available concerning strokes. They have a confidential **helpline on 0303 3033 100 where you can also call to order leaflets and factsheets.** Their e-mail address is: **info@stroke.org.uk** or you can visit them at **stroke.org.uk**

JOAN PRING

<https://www.stroke.org.uk/>

Facial weakness



Arm weakness



Speech problems



Time to call 999





Shirley Community and Charity

Christmas Fair

Saturday 21 November 2015

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FREE ENTRY

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Enquiries to:
Christine Ross-Smith



SHIRLEY LUNCH & SUPPER CLUB

10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

On the 16th July 2015, Christine, MORA's Social Secretary arranged a celebration supper at Croham Hurst Golf Club. As usual this was fully attended and Christine really pulled out all the stops and a truly great evening was enjoyed by all.

There were three ladies to entertain us with some singing in which we all joined in. The meal was, as usual for Croham Hurst, really very good.

Christine had arranged a special raffle with several prizes including lunch / dinner at The Warren, The Chateau, McDermott's Fish Restaurant, Taste of Cyprus, L'aragosta



and The Curry House, a super hamper, chocolate hampers and a four ball golf prize from Croham Hurst Golf Club. A huge thank you to the restaurants and Croham Hurst for their donations.

Since the start of the supper club many members have got to know lots of people and have made some very good friends.

For some people it has opened up a whole new social life.

We hope this will continue for many years to come – Thank you Christine.

CAROLE GREENWOOD



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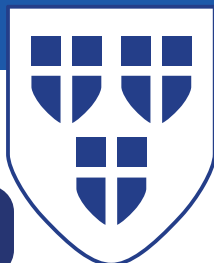
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SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

Home Fire Safety Visits are an integral part of the London Fire Brigade's key aim to reduce accidental fire deaths and injuries. Most fires in the home start accidentally and the effects can be devastating. Every home should have at least one working smoke alarm per floor. Working smoke alarms are key to providing an early warning of a fire within a property – giving the occupier those extra seconds to get out that could potentially save their life. They can also alert neighbours to the danger of fire. A recent trend identified by the London Fire Brigade has highlighted that the last five fire-related deaths in Croydon Borough have all been elderly victims, some of whom did not have a smoke alarm fitted in their property. In Croydon, we are keen to identify elderly residents who need extra support to keep safe in their own property. We can help you, or someone you may know, by fitting smoke alarms and providing valuable fire safety advice. We also offer alarms for the hard of hearing, fire retardant bedding and portable domestic sprinkler systems. If you are concerned that your home may be at risk of fire, or you know someone who you think needs our help, you can arrange a free Home Fire Safety Visit. Fire-fighters will visit you at your home to identify specific concerns, and to fit as many smoke alarms as we feel necessary to keep you safe in

your home. During our visit, crews will talk with you about:

- Keeping your home safe
- Taking extra care in the kitchen
- Staying safe when you go to bed
- Knowing what to do in the event of a fire
- Escaping from a fire in your home

Our crews have received additional training in areas such as hoarding, safeguarding, Alzheimer's and dementia, to allow us to better support all members of our community.

If you know anyone who would benefit from a FREE Home Fire Safety Visit, either contact London Fire Brigade on 08000 28 44 28 or visit our website <http://www.london-fire.gov.uk/> and click on Fire Safety. There is also our free two-page A5 Home Fire Safety Guide, providing helpful advice, at a glance, on issues including smoke detection and kitchen safety. We can also be found on Facebook and Twitter. Your local Fire Station will also be happy to help. Many thanks,

DANIEL FOSTER
Crew Manager

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London Fire Brigade
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SYDNEY CAKE

This recipe has been passed down through several generations of the family and, incredibly, has never been known to fail. I've proved this for myself, having used it for more than forty years. It is as simple as cake-making can get but how it got its name is mystery. One can only assume it was that of an old family member.

8oz Self-Raising Flour

4oz sugar (I use light muscovado)

12oz mixed dried fruit

2 large eggs (not beaten)

4oz butter or margarine (well softened but not oiled)

half teaspoon mixed spice

about 3 fluid ozs milk

Put ingredients in mixing bowl in order given and beat very well to incorporate. Turn mixture into a greased and lined deep 7" cake tin, sprinkle top with a little Demerara sugar and bake at 160 degrees C., 140 degrees C. (Fan oven) or 325 degrees F. for two hours.

Joan Pring



GIRL GUIDES TRIP TO SWITZERLAND

After many months of hard work, we succeeded in achieving our fundraising target (with the help of many people's generosity) and made it to Switzerland!

We had an amazing week and all the girls grew in confidence and independence – many had not previously traveled so far without their families. The girls showed extraordinary levels of energy and perseverance in tackling very physically demanding days, but obviously enjoyed the varied programme – unfortunately the singing in the coach was not as varied... I would be happy to never hear 'Let it Go' ever again!

We have made friends and contacts with guides and scouts from around the world, and it will be a long time until our happy memories fade. One of them is Grace Greenwood and her diary is here.

Hello my name is Grace Greenwood, I'm 13 years old and I am a member of the 4th Shirley Guides.

On Saturday the 8th of August our journey started at 4am to make our way over to Heathrow Airport. At 6am we met up with the other guiding group, 2nd Selsdon Guides, and our plane took off at 8:30am. We landed in Geneva an hour and twenty minutes later. We collected our suitcases and boarded a coach for a three hour journey through the beautiful mountains. When we arrived at the chalet we were staying at, the view was breathtaking, with snowcapped mountains

and massive waterfalls. The chalet which we were staying in was located around the village of Adelboden in the Bernese Oberland region of Switzerland. For the rest of the day we settled into the chalet and had a few goes on the table football. After this we explored the local area and found a little stream, fresh from the mountains, so the water was drinkable. After dinner we completed our duties and went upstairs to play a card game and so to bed.

The next day we left our chalet at 9:00am and set off for our hour and a half hike to a massive waterfall. It was raining heavily, but that didn't stop us. We put on our waterproofs and walked to the base of the waterfall. It was one of the largest I have ever seen. Then we walked to a cable car and took it all the way to the top of the mountains where there was a hotel and restaurant. It was a strange experience as the whole time we were in a cloud! There we played various games including: wellie throwing, Swiss hat throwing, sack tossing, cheese rolling, throwing footballs at cowbells, hammering nails into a log and milking a pretend cow. We got the cable car back down and hiked back to our chalet where we finished the evening with some arts and crafts, then we went to bed.

On Monday, we visited the Ballenberg open air museum. The museum was set up like a village and the different sections were meant to represent different regions of Switzerland. The museum was made up of life size houses that had been moved here from different areas of Switzerland. After having looked around a few of the houses, we then got a horse and carriage, stroked some baby goats, spun some wool, made some rope and visited a blacksmith who made a nail which he gave to me to keep. Then it was lunchtime, which we had next to a lake around a campfire. On our way home we saw a very beautiful blue lake. We then had dinner and it was bedtime.

The next day we went on a two hour hike through a very pretty forest and river area. When we reached a cable car stop we ate our lunch. After lunch we split into groups of six and got on a cable car at Berglager and stopped at Oey. After we went back home we returned to the open air swimming pool for a swim. The diving board was a trampoline! We had so much fun splashing around and diving into the water. When we got home we had a shower and had some traditional Swiss cheese (reclette) with potatoes. Then we had some free time to ring home or play table football and then we got ready for bed.

On Wednesday, we had a 40 minute coach journey to a cable car, which we caught to the top of the mountain. At the top was a dry slope toboggan run. It



was super fast and I enjoyed it so much I went on it six times. We then went on to have lunch beside a gorgeous lake, which was bright blue. We then got a rowing boat for half an hour and the views were unbelievable. After a quick paddle in the lake surrounded by wild cows we made a bridge from a log to reach a big rock. We then had time to do some shopping, where I brought a snow globe for my collection. We finished the afternoon with an ice-lolly. We got the cable car back and had dinner. After dinner we had a joint campfire with the Devon girls next door and we were teaching each other campfire songs. They gave every one of us a small bag with a friendship knot and contact details for the future. Then off to bed we went.

The next day, we were woken up at seven am, to set off and make our way to the woodcarvers. After we arrived we all watched the woodcarvers at work and we also had a chance to buy some of the things they had made with our names engraved on. We then hiked to "Our Chalet" which is one of the only four World Guide Centres, and international Scout Centre in Kandersteg. After a quick tour we went to do some more shopping, at the shop on site. Then our guide leaders gave us



some old badges to trade in the trade box and I got a 1910-1985 leather necklace, and some other badges. We met some American girl scouts, from Washington and Connecticut. The girls from Connecticut gave us an American flag made from beads and a picture of a light house in the area where they live. One of our guides made her promise and then it was back home to the chalet to get ready for the Segway's. Not everyone wanted to go, but I was very keen and it was so much fun and I'm glad that I went! Before bed we played more games and then went to bed.

On Friday, we woke up at eight am to have a relaxed morning in the chalet, as it was raining. We played games then had lunch and set off for the local



high streets for even more shopping! After all the hard shopping the leaders had to treat us to a delicious ice cream! When we got back it was still raining, so we had more free time and had our daily jobs to do. I was on cooking duty, which meant making dinner and laying the table. After dinner we did an evaluation of the chalet and settled down for our last night in Switzerland.

URINARY INCONTINENCE

CAN IT BE TREATED?

Urinary incontinence affects about 6 millions people in the UK. It is known to increase with age affecting 1 in 13 women aged >45, 1 in 5 women >65 and 1 in 14 men aged >65. Faecal incontinence has been reported between 2-7% in adults.

Many people who have incontinence problems do not seek help as they find it embarrassing to talk about. Many older people accept it as part of the normal aging. Others are unaware that treatment may be available for the type of incontinence they have. Lots of people try to manage the problem on their own; they buy incontinence products from the supermarket or local chemist or cut down on their drinking of fluids.

There are a number of health problems that are associated with urinary incontinence and to name but a few – stroke, diabetes, obesity, neurological problem, dementia, heart failure, poor mobility, menopause and enlarged prostate.

There can also be time when incontinence occurs due to urinary tract infection, constipation, chronic cough due to chest infection, pain may reduce mobility and therefore delay getting to the toilet in time. These conditions can be treated and the incontinence will resolve when the underlying cause has been treated.

People do not have to accept these methods of managing an incontinence problem. In

the first instance discuss it with your GP. More often than not they will refer to the local incontinence service to be assessed. There are government guidelines (managing urinary incontinence in women and lower urinary tract problems in men) which guide health care professionals practice to ensure that a full assessment and treatment plan is followed depending on the type of urinary incontinence that is diagnosed.

Conservative treatment is always recommended in the first instance and this includes life style changes such as reducing caffeine (found in tea and coffee), modifying fluid intake and losing weight if necessary. Medication may be prescribed if an over active bladder (frequency, urgency and leaking urine before reaching the toilet) is diagnosed and conservative treatment has not been successful. Men who have poor urinary flow with stopping and starting of the flow may have an enlarged prostate and again medication may improve these symptoms. In some instances surgery may be more appropriate where conservative treatment has not improved symptoms.

Getting up to the toilet at night (nocturia) can also be a problem as we get older and advice about this can be offered with an



assessment. Getting older itself causes nocturia, it increases with age, but understanding what is normal and what is caused by other health problems will help you manage it better. Cardiac problems and their treatment can cause nocturia, over active bladder syndrome due to small capacity bladder will make you get up often and bed wetting can be an indicator that the bladder does not empty properly and this too can be managed appropriately.

This is a very brief overview of some of the cause and treatments of urinary incontinence, but if you are one of these people seek help and advice. Continence advisors can help, we don't have a magic wand, but we will work with you in an effort to improve your symptoms.

WENDY NASH

Nurse Consultant –
Continence at Croydon
Health Services NHS Trust



**Orchard Way Primary School PTA
presents their 1st Annual Jumble sale on:**

Saturday 26th September 2015

12pm-2.00pm

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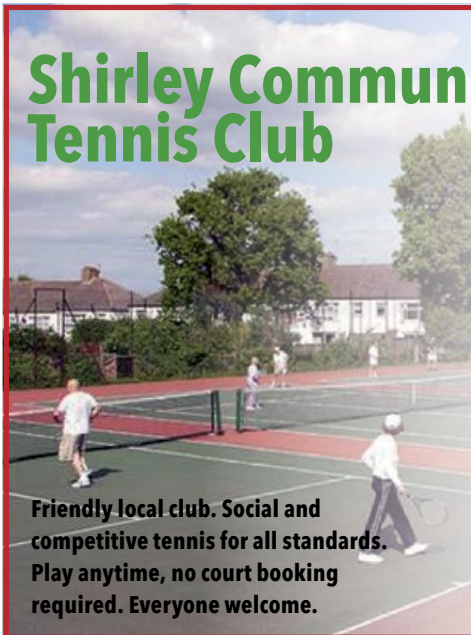
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If you could help in any way please contact Lesley on [REDACTED]



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Thursday 19th November 2015



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The cost is £40 per person (Includes coach travel and gratuity for driver. Admission to Blenheim Palace, the Gardens and the Living Craft fair).

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AUTUMN - WINTER 2015

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WHAT IS AUTISM?

Long before the elections of May 2014 I heard about the autism champion role and decided that if elected it was a position I would put myself forward for. Soon after becoming a councillor for Ashburton Ward the leader, Cllr Newman asked me to be Croydon's Autism Champion and a deputy cabinet member.

Autism Spectrum Disorder or ASD is close to my heart as I have two boys both diagnosed with the condition. Luca is 5 and in reception class at Castle Hill's ASD unit and Mika will be starting the ASD nursery at Willow Tree. The boys have opened up a fascinating world for me. I quickly realised my knowledge of autism was patchy so I've educated myself and am determined to use my position as a councillor to make services better for our residents.

So what is Autism? Autism is a lifelong developmental disability that affects how a person communicates with, and relates to, other people. It also affects how they make sense of the world around them. The important word there is lifelong, many people think of autism in children but autism will be with you your whole life. Remember a child with autism will grow up to be an adult with autism.

The understanding of the world and language can be acute and varied. Many autistic people have trouble understanding sarcasm and irony and can't

read facial expressions. People on the spectrum will take words literally. For example you can say to an autistic person "that's cool" and they will think you are asking them to turn off the air conditioning.

It is a spectrum condition, all people with autism share certain difficulties, and their condition will affect them in different ways. Some people with autism are able to live relatively independent lives but others may need a lifetime of specialist support. People with autism may also experience over- or under-sensitivity to sounds, touch, tastes, smells, light or colours. This can cause tremendous anxiety and stress, for example the hum of an air conditioning to an autistic person may be as loud as a Harley Davidson motorbike.

The National autistic Society estimates that one in every hundred people are on the autistic spectrum, although we in Croydon have a higher percentage than that. Many people believe that this 1 in 100 figure is an underestimate.

The three main areas of difficulty which all people with



autism share are sometimes known as the 'triad of impairments'. They are:

- difficulty with social communication
- difficulty with social interaction
- difficulty with social imagination.

People with autism will have difficulties in these areas but in different ways and to different extents. The characteristics of autism vary from one person to another but they may have:

- Love of routines and fearful of the new
- Sensory sensitivity
- Special interests
- Learning disabilities
- No awareness of danger

Because people's autism affects everyone differently it can be difficult to diagnose and understand, especially as autism is what's known as a hidden disability. You can't look a bit autistic. This can make things very difficult for teachers, GPs and social care providers.

One thing I am determined to do is raise the awareness of autism. This is vital in

children so they are not seen as naughty or parents viewed as inadequate. Also in adults breaking down the barriers to employment is vital as it can benefit not just the autistic adult but also the employee. A study shows that only 15% of adults with autism are in full time employment, this is criminally low. The common view is that with a love of routine and difficulties with social interaction an autistic person will love a repetitive solo job such as working on a production line. This is true in many cases but let's broaden the horizons.

The autistic mind is in my view a great untapped resource. The Autistic Mind can have amazing attention to detail (engineers & IT). The autistic mind can be a visual mind. People think in pictures and see how things will work by playing it over and over in their head (inventors & designers). The autistic mind can be a special interest mind (Academics). The autistic mind can be an abstract pattern mind (Music & Maths genius) If you go to Silicon valley half the people you meet will be Aspergers which is high functioning autism. They were given the breaks, and we must also give autistic adults the chance to make the changes necessary for them to excel. This is starting to happen as Microsoft and GCHQ recently actively recruited people with autism but more must be done.



There are many things we are doing in Croydon such as re-launching the Autism partnership group to make sure what we and other bodies do is accessible and relevant to those with ASD. We are running autism events, raising awareness and working with partners such as Crystal Palace FC. Also I have launched an on line presence at www.croydon.gov.uk/autism and a vibrant well used Facebook page at www.facebook.com/autismcroydon.

Let me leave you with an analogy. Imagine everyone in the whole world ran like a PC. If you are on the autistic spectrum

you run like an Apple Mac, you communicate differently, you process information differently and you experience the world differently. You are not wrong, just different but can still be absolutely brilliant.

I hope this brief overview has made you think, raised awareness and sparked a desire to learn more.

CLLR ANDREW RENDLE
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CLlr Andrew has presentation called "What Is Autism" that can be found at http://www.croydon.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcast_interactive/185017

PLANNING REPORT

On Thursday 9th July, a crowded public gallery in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall heard the Planning Committee consider two planning applications for the demolition of existing properties in Woodmere Avenue, Shirley; to gain access to a small parcel of land comprising part of the rear gardens of Woodmere Avenue for a development to erect 5 Dwellings – an overall gain of 4 dwellings as the developer would need to demolish an existing property to gain access.

A) 15/01506/P | Demolition of 60a; erection of 5 three bedroom detached houses; formation of vehicular access and provision of associated parking and landscaping | 60A & R/O 62 & 64 Woodmere Avenue,

B) 15/01507/P | Demolition of 64; erection of 5 three bedroom detached houses; alteration of access onto Woodmere Avenue and provision of associated parking and landscaping | 64 & R/O 62 & 64 Woodmere Avenue,

Objectors:

- 119 objected to application A with 1 Supporting resident in Gladeside!
- 108 objected to the other application B including
- The Local MP (Gavin Barwell),
- The GLA member (Steve O'Connell)
- Three Ashburton Ward Local Councillors (Stephen Mann, Andrew Rendle and Maddie Henson)
- In addition, a petition with 105 signatures

was also presented.

- And a submission for each application from MORA.

All made representations; including the owners of the two properties the developer wants to demolish to gain access. A local resident Anne Kenny spoke on behalf of the local effected Residents' and MORA (only allowed 3 minutes) with further support from Cllr. Stephen Mann (Ashburton) who also spoke supporting the residents' objections.

However, even with this overwhelming level of objection, and also the fact that it was 'Back Garden' development and for many other reasons which could have allowed a refusal, the planning committee voted: 5 Labour for approval and 4 Conservative and 1 Labour against. The Chair Cllr. Paul Scott Labour (Woodside Ward) gave the casting vote for approval.

There was incredulity from those in the public gallery!

Therefore, even though the committee were equally divided, and there was overwhelming local opposition, the chair gave a casting vote for approval. So much for the Localism Act!

Due to the level of objection and the undecided voting by the committee, it is our view that the Chair should have refused this application and let the applicant appeal to the Planning Inspectorate for a decision.

The developer is stuck with approved applications which he cannot do anything with if the

owners of the two properties decline to sell out, except to re-apply in three years' time when the application expires.

New Applications:

Reference: 15/03021/P

Application Received:

02 Jul 2015

Address: 263 Wickham Road, Croydon, CR0 8TJ
Xin Chinese Restaurant – Junction Wickham Avenue

Proposal: Demolition of existing building; erection of a three story building comprising retail use at ground floor and 9 x 2-bedroom flats over; formation of associated access and parking.

Application Type: Outline planning permission

Ward: Shirley

Case Officer: John Asiamah

Consultation Close:

10th August 2015

MORA Objection:

2nd August 2015

Reference: 15/03404/P

Application Received:

27 Jul 2015

Address: 29A Woodmere Avenue, Croydon, CR0 7PQ

Proposal: Demolition of existing detached garage; erection of two bedroom detached chalet bungalow

Ward: Ashburton

Case Officer: Toby Gethin

Consultation Close: 03 Sep 2015

Target Determination

dated: 25 Sep 2015



house at rear, formation of vehicular access and provision of parking space.

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

Decision Level: Delegated

Case Officer: Billy Tipping

Ward: Shirley

Consultation Close: 18 Sep 2015

Target Determination

Date: 05 Oct 2015

Reference: 15/03416/LP

Application Received:
28 Jul 2015

Address: 47 Ash Tree Way,
Croydon, CR0 7SU

Proposal: Erection of detached double garage

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

Reference: 15/03321/P

Application Received:
22 Jul 2015

Address: 70 Woodmere
Avenue, Croydon, CR0 7PD

Proposal: Erection of single/
two storey side/rear extension

Status: Deposited (ie
valid and registered)



Reference: 15/03478/P

Application Received:
31 Jul 2015

Address: 98 The Glade,
Croydon, CR0 7QE

Proposal: Erection of four
bedroom detached two
storey house at rear with
accommodation in roof-space;
formation of access road and
provision of associated parking.

Ward: Ashburton

Case Officer: Georgina Betts

Consultation Close: 18 Sep 2015

Target Determination dated:
30th September 2015

Reference: 15/03518/P

Application Received:
04 Aug 2015

Address: 176 Orchard
Way, Croydon, CR0 7NN

Proposal: Erection of
three bedroom detached



PLANNING REPORT

CONTINUED

Reference: 15/03183/P

Application Received:

13 Jul 2015

Address: 4 Fairhaven Avenue, Croydon, CR0 7RX

Proposal: Erection of first floor side extension

Status: Deposited (ie valid and registered)

Reference: 15/02783/LP

Application Received:

18 Jun 2015

Address: The Retreat, Chaffinch Close, Croydon, CR0 7SP

Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension

Status: application withdrawn

Reference: 15/03261/P

Application Received:

17 Jul 2015

Address: 55 Shirley Avenue, Croydon, CR0 8SN

Proposal: Erection of single/two storey front/side/rear extension

Status: Deposited (ie valid and registered)

Reference: 15/03444/LP

Application Received:

30 Jul 2015

Address: 27 Orchard Rise, Croydon, CR0 7QZ

Proposal: Erection of dormer extensions in side roof slopes

Status: Deposited (ie valid and registered)

Reference: 15/03395/P

Application Received:

27 Jul 2015

Address: 4 Orchard Way, Croydon, CR0 7NP

Proposal: Demolition of entrance porch and erection of 2-storey front

and side extension with replacement entrance porch; alterations to elevations and associated landscaping

Status: Deposited (ie valid and registered)

Reference: 15/03359/P

Application Received:

24 Jul 2015

Address: 44 The Glade, Croydon, CR0 7QD

Proposal: Erection of single/two storey side/rear extension; extensions to roof including increase in ridge height; formation of vehicular access

Status: Deposited (ie valid and registered)

Reference: 15/02955/LP

Application Received:

29 Jun 2015

Address: 50 Orchard Avenue, Croydon, CR0 7NA

Proposal: Alterations and use of garage as habitable room; erection of single storey side/rear extension

Status: Deposited (ie valid and registered)

Reference: 15/02950/P

Application Received:

29 Jun 2015

Address: 393 Wickham Road, Croydon, CR0 8DP

Proposal: Demolition of existing building; erection of a pair of two storey 4 bedroom semi-detached houses with basement and accommodation in roofspace; formation of vehicular accesses and provision of associated parking

Status: Deposited (ie valid and registered)

Decisions:

Reference: 15/01873/GPDO

Address: 198 The Glade

Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension projecting out 3.3 metres with a height to the eaves of 2.4 metres and a maximum height of 3.4 metres

Prior Approval no jurisdiction 8th June 2015

Reference: 15/01507/P

Address: 64 & R/O 62 & 64 Woodmere Avenue

Proposal: Demolition of 64 Woodmere Avenue ; erection of 5 x 3-bedroom dwellings; alteration of access onto Woodmere Avenue and provision of associated parking and landscaping.

Consultation closed: 12th May.

Target Date: 4th June

Decision date: 9th July

Decision: Allowed

The developer does not own the house they want to demolish!

Reference: 15/01506/P

Address: 60A & R/O 62 & 64 Woodmere Avenue

Proposal: Demolition of 60a Woodmere Avenue; erection of 5 three bedroom detached houses; formation of vehicular access and provision of associated parking and landscaping.

Consultation closed: 12th May.

Target Date: 4th June

Decision date: 9th July

Decision: Allowed

The developer does not own the house they want to demolish!

See Planning Report –



proceedings of the Planning Committee 9th July

Reference: 15/02945/P

Application Received:

26 Jun 2015

Address: 5 Woodmere Gardens, Croydon, CR0 7PL

Proposal: Erection of single storey front/side extension

Status: Refused

Date: 11 August 2015

Reference: 15/02976/GPDO

Application Received:

30 Jun 2015

Address: 5 Wickham Avenue, Croydon, CR0 8TZ

Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension projecting out 3.75 metres with a maximum height of 3.8 metres

Status: Decided – Prior approval no jurisdiction

No representations were received from an adjoining occupier; therefore the Council has no jurisdiction to determine this case.



Ongoing:

La Rioja High Street West Wickham – Application Ref: 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 31st March.

Informed Croydon LPA who was not aware; as A232 affects Croydon Council; they have now been invited to comment.

Appeals:

Planning Inspectorate Appeal reference: APP/L5240/W15/3121599

LPA Reference: 15/00940/P

Location: 68-70 Orchard Avenue, Croydon, CR0 7NA

Proposal: Demolition of existing buildings; erection of 6 four bedroom Semi-detached houses, 2 four bedroom detached houses

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and 1 five bedroom detached house; formation of vehicular access and provision of associated parking.

Appeal Start Date: 21/07/2015

Consultation Close

Date: 25/08/2015

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

MORA Submission for dismissal: 1st August 2015

Appeal acknowledged:

Case Officer acknowledged 6th August 2015

Appeal reference: APP/L5240/W/15/3006436

LPA Reference: 14/04979/P

Proposal: Demolition of existing building and construction of a 1-bedroom detached bungalow

Location: Land r/o 110 The Glade,

Case Officer: Ms Alison Kendall

MORA Submission for dismissal: 13th August 2015

Appeal acknowledged: 13th August (Auto acknowledgement)

Land Adj 3 Woodmere Close and R/O 18-22 Gladeside; Ref: 15/00271/P

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

LPA Permission

Refused: 10th April

Reason(s) for refusal:-

1. The proposal would result in an overdevelopment of the site out of keeping with the character and visual amenity of the site and area by reason of its siting, massing and scale, and back garden location
2. The proposal would introduce additional traffic movements that would exacerbate an already unsatisfactory situation in the unadopted highway of Woodmere Close leading to the site and its environs.

Appeal Received: 12th June 2015

We still await notification of the Appeal Reference and the Planning Inspector case officer.

Other Planning Issues:

Complaint to the Parliamentary Ombudsman

We understand that our MP Gavin Barwell has resurrected our question to the Planning Minister; Brandon Lewis MP Communities & Local Government Department and we will report his reply in a future MORA Magazine.

Representation at Planning Sub-Committees

We have received a response to our letter to Julie Belvir which confirms that the local MP or GLA Member cannot make a referral on minor planning applications determined at Planning Sub-Committee Meetings and can only speak on behalf of a resident if the resident relinquishes their 3 minute slot. We plan to raise the issue at the next Croydon Residents Group Forum (CRGF).

DEREK RITSON
Planning Officer



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

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FRIDAY 8TH APRIL 2016

**St George's
Church Hall,
Elstan Way, Shirley**

Doors open 7:00pm for
7:30pm start

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

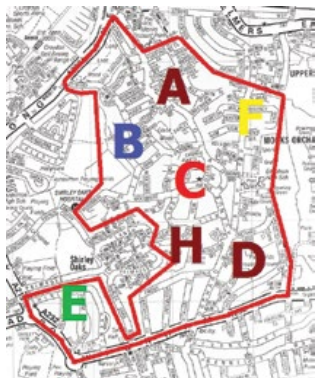
Membership Subscriptions collected by Road Stewards:

as of 26th August £2,430
& Donations £50.

Committee Member Vacancies:

Environmental Officer

Transport & Highways Officer



Area Manager & Road Steward News

Area Managers:

Area Manager Vacancies:

- John Helen, Manager for Area A resigned on 11th August.
- We urgently need an offer to take on Area A.

Area A covers the Northern part of the Ward and has 9 Road Stewards serving 200 members. If you are interested to find out what this actually requires call Derek Ritson, our Membership Secretary on: 020 8777 6669.

We require additional Area Managers for 2016 to share the loads for a couple of our Area Managers who have a large number of Road Stewards and members so we can to split their loads to a more reasonable load. Any offer would be appreciated.

Road Stewards:

New Road Stewards:

- We would like to thank Mrs Shelia Mason who has taken on C5 Pippin Close.
- Also, Mrs Julie Thomas of Woodmere Ave who has taken on D5 & D6 Firsby Avenue as from this Autumns Magazine.
- Also, G7 Greenview Avenue has been taken on by Margaret Barker; she and her husband already have 2 other rounds.

Road Steward Vacancies:

We URGENTLY require new Road Stewards for the following Roads:

- Parkfields & Cheston Avenue (RS D3)
- Wickham Avenue (RS D4)
- Ovington Court (RS F12)

DEREK RITSON

Membership Secretary

THANK YOU MORA READERS!

We have received the following letter from Liz Bebington, for Churches Together in Shirley

Dear MORA

Thank you to all those Shirley residents who contributed back in May this year to the house to house collection for Christian Aid.

The total sent to Christian Aid from the whole of the area covered by Churches Together in Shirley (both North and South of the Wickham Road, covering the areas of both SPAN and MORA) was £4,571.58, much of which carried Gift Aid declarations to increase the amount raised. All this money goes

to support the work of Christian Aid and its partner organisations in some of the poorest places of the world. Thank you everyone who contributed in anyway – whether donating, delivering or collecting the envelopes.

Sadly, this total was considerably down from the £6,028.28 raised in 2014, and we suspect this was because we did not call back to collect the envelopes that had been delivered, but instead asked residents to drop their donations to nearby homes

of collectors. - (Or to give online... and we have no way of knowing how much was donated this way).

This change was to respect the No Cold Calling Zone now covering much of Shirley which we were advised applies to charity collectors just as much as to commercial concerns. I'd be interested to know if residents agree, or would be happy for local volunteer collectors for national charities to knock on their doors before 9.00pm to collect previously delivered envelopes. After all, it is always possible to hand the empty envelope back, with a smile if you do not feel able to give to that particular cause.

Thanks again

YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY: **SHIRLEY LIBRARY**

The library no longer closes at lunchtime. Full opening hours can be found at the bottom of page 31.

**What's in it for you? –
There's something for everyone!**

Did you know that it's free to join the library?

You will notice fairly soon some welcome improvements in the library. We are also looking forward to the delivery of new stock which will be prominently on display for you to borrow.

We have a wide range of fiction and information books, including new titles, audio books and DVDs for adults and children, and nearly everything is free to borrow.

Adults and teens can borrow up to 25 items, children up to 12.

We have free wifi in the library as well as free use of PCs and access to the internet for up to two hours per day.

Online at <http://www.croydonlibraries.com/online-library/>, library services are available 24/7, with a digital library of audio and e-books to download, as well as resources such business information and help with the Theory Driving Test, and Life in Great Britain questions.

Display boards at the library are available for use free of charge for your club or society. Please contact Fiona or Irene on [REDACTED] or email croydon.shirleylibrary@carillionservices.co.uk

Free, regular children's activities and events

Book Buddies, stories, colouring and crafts. Mondays 4-4.30pm, for 3-7 year olds and their adults. Also, get your session sheet stamped on each visit and collect certificates. (This activity replaces Storytime which was held on Thursdays).

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

Children's Saturday Crafts. Alternate Saturdays from 2.30-4pm, for 4+. Please contact the library for dates.

Black History Month events this October

Carnival mask making for 3+ Thursday 8th October 4-5pm

Decorate an African themed bag with rubber stamps for 4+ Thursday 22nd October 4-5.30pm

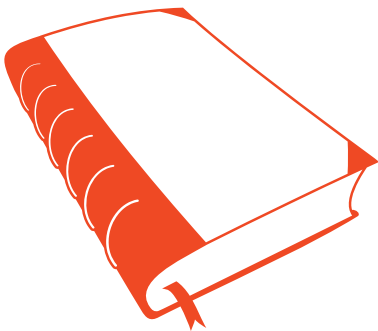
A Dance to Remember – storytelling session with Lorna Liverpool for 5+ Saturday 24th October 3-4pm. Please reserve a place with the library for this session.

Family Learning Week events

Book Buddies – Family Special – Monday 12th October 4-4.30pm

Ritchie's magic and balloon modelling workshop for 6+. Thursday 15th October 4-5.40pm

Stitch a cupcake brooch for 5+. Friday 16th October 4-5.30pm



Half Term events

Halloween Book Buddies.

Monday 26th October

4-4.30pm. For 3-8 year olds.

Stitch a Halloween pencil topper. Tuesday 27th October
2.30-4.30pm. For 5+.

Pirate craft. Thursday 29th
October. 2.30-4pm. For 3+.

Make a Victorian peg
doll. Friday 30th October.
2.30-4.30pm. For 5+.

Halloween Saturday Crafts.
Saturday 31st October.
2.30-4.30pm. For 4+.

Children's Christmas Craft sessions

Stitch a felt Christmas
decoration. Thursday 3rd
December. 4-5.30pm. For 5+.

Stitch a mini felt
Santa. Thursday 17th
December. For 5+.

Free for Adults

Age UK stall with advice
on housing, benefits and
other advice on Thursday
1st October from 3-5pm.

Free 15 minute sessions with
nutritionalist Elke Westerkamp.

She has a BSc and MSc in the
Science of Nutrition. Tuesday
6th October, Thursday 5th
November and Tuesday 1st
December between 2.30-
4.30pm. Please reserve your
place with the library for this.

Volunteer run monthly games
club for new and experience
players will take place on
the following Thursdays
from 2.30-4.30pm –
24th September, 29th October,
26th November, December TBC

Monthly talks: Pam Buttrey
will give a talk about Cane
Hill on Tuesday 20th October
from 2.15-3.30pm. Please



reserve your place with
the library for this talk.

There will be a talk given by
the British Lung Foundation
for Lung Awareness month
on Tuesday 3rd November
from 2.15-2.45pm. Please
reserve your place with
the library for this talk.

There will be a Dementia
Friends talk on Tuesday 8th
December from 2.15-3.30pm.
Please reserve a place for
this talk with the library.

Adult Reading Group: The
group will meet on the following
Thursdays from 6-7pm.

Thursday 8th October, 12th
November and 10th December.

Monthly Craft session: Card
making. Tuesdays – 13th
October, 10th November, 8th
December and 15th December
for a Christmas Adult Craft
Special. £1.50 for library
members and £2 for non-
members. 2.30-4.30pm.

Knit and Natter: Do you enjoy
knitting, crochet or other
needlework? Enjoy swapping
skills with a chat at our group
which is led by experienced

volunteers that can help you
learn or improve. On Fridays
every fortnight from 2.30-
4.30pm. 25th September,
9th and 23rd October, 6th
and 20th November, 4th
and 18th December.

Free Internet Taster Sessions

Includes: Learning basic IT
skills, setting up an email
account, using the internet,
online shopping! And much,
much more. Please contact
Shirley Library to book.

**So why delay? Call into
your library today.**

You can find Shirley Library on
the corner of Wickham Road
and Hartland Way, Shirley,
CR0 8BH, Tel 020 3700 1019;
email: [croydon.shirleylibrary@
carillionservices.co.uk](mailto:croydon.shirleylibrary@carillionservices.co.uk)

Opening times

Monday 9am-6pm,
Tuesday 9am-6pm,
Thursday 9.30am-7pm,
Friday 9am-6pm and
Saturday 9am-5pm.

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'I wish to become a member of the Monks Orchard Residents' Association'

(BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE)

Full Name:

Address:

Postcode: Email Address:

Mobile No: Home No:

Please send this completed form with your subscription:

Derek Ritson, [REDACTED]

Cheques payable to Monks Orchard Residents' Association [£4/year (£2 Senior Citizens)]