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NEWSLETTER - Spring 2012



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

Chairman's Comments

By the time you read this we will be well into 2012, our Olympic year, and I trust all those who have applied for tickets have been successful in their application.

As you are aware, we have for some time had vacancies on our Committee and I am pleased to report we have recently recruited a husband-and-wife team, namely Martyn and Sue Buchannan, to look after our trees and green spaces.

This is an important role as they will be reporting to the Council any areas which require attention, such as broken trees, etc. They will try to retain the character of a few acres of our Sceptred Isle.

This brings me to the point that we still need someone to represent us on Transport and Highways. Anyone interested, please telephone either myself or any Committee member and we will invite you to meet the Committee at one of our meetings. You can be assured of a welcome.

We also require some Area Managers and Road Stewards to assist Diane in collecting subscriptions. Without subscriptions MORA will fail and we cannot let that happen after 88 years.

I personally am a 'new boy' to MORA and your Committee has worked hard to keep various developers and their ill-conceived ideas on their toes, which brings me to a letter we have recently received from Mr. Peter Kelly thanking MORA for their successes in the ongoing battle over the endless creep of infill developments blighting our suburbs. With Peter's permission we include at page 19 his letter to MORA. The Committee appreciates such comments.

You will also read elsewhere the proposals to build an incinerator in Waddon. It appeared the discussions were held 'in camera' and the backbench councillors and press excluded. They were told to leave the Chamber as it was "none of their business." I leave you to make up your own minds what this means to democracy!

A date for your diary—the MORA 2012 AGM on 20th April [see page 6].

Dave King
Chairman

The Shirley Green Triangle

MORA are delighted that the Council have now rejected the application for the erection of up to 50 assisted living apartments for the elderly.



We know and appreciate all the hard work that many of our members have put in to contributing towards this decision. You considered how this proposed development would affect your lives, your neighbours' lives and the lives of the wildlife and fauna within this enclosed and protected area. You advised MORA of your concerns. We collated your comments, objections, observations and fears and compared these to planning law. MORA presented our long document to the Council for their consideration. A total of 36 individual objections and a petition were sent to the Council. Our joint voice, and the strength of our arguments, have won our case, and the plans have been rejected. Well done to all. The council's decision was announced on 23rd December, heralding another New Year, which we hope will be another successful planning year for MORA.

The developer knew that the 'Shirley Green Triangle' had been previously classified by the Council as:

- A site of nature conservation.
- A site of Borough Grade II Importance
- A site of Local Open Land recognised as being vital for the quality of life in Croydon.

This should have been enough to scupper any plans for development on the site, but the developer argued that these classifications were inappropriate as a badger sett was no longer used and the quality of many of the trees was poor.

Residents reported that badgers and bats were currently using this area. MORA recommended that an up-to-date survey should be conducted to confirm residents' observations. MORA also presented evidence that a Badger sett had been deliberately damaged by blocking entrances and

scattering broken glass to damage the badgers' feet. We presented much other information which contradicted the Council's own planning rules that define the acceptability of planning applications.

The reasons that the Council gave for refusing planning permission were:

"The proposal would involve development on a Site of Nature Conservation Importance and Local Open Land and as such would be detrimental to nature conservation interests, trees and the open character of the area, and as such would be contrary to Policies NC1, NC4 and RO8 of the Croydon Replacement Unitary Development Plan) 2006 Saved Policies 7.18 and 7.19 of the London Plan (July 2011)."

MORA congratulates the Council on their decision. MORA and our members put in many hours of work to achieve this result. Some of our members do not appreciate the volume of work that MORA undertakes to protect our environment from inappropriate developments. Our effort has been rewarded. The plans have been rejected and we understand that some local residents are now preparing to manage the site appropriately for the benefit of the wildlife. We wish them well.

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Shirley Singers would welcome new voices, in all ranges.

We practise on Mondays from 8.00 - 10.00 p.m. at Shirley Parish Hall, and perform concerts usually twice a year. If you like singing, enjoy company and having fun, then why not come and join us? Contact Janet or Christine.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank all those who have supported our boys and girls in Afghanistan during 2011. Those who have knitted hats for the cold nights and those who have contributed to the 1,000 plus boxes of goodies we have sent. I have seen copies of thank you letters saying how much these items are appreciated after heavy patrols.

We will continue in 2012, so please keep knitting and donating items for our boxes eg sweets, gum, tea bags, coffee, cup-a-soup, chocolate sachets, instant noodles, fruit in jelly, biscuits, cereal bars, soap, wet wipes, toothpaste, tooth brushes, shampoo, shower gel, tissues, socks, hats, gloves etc, etc.



20th Armoured Brigade is currently the lead formation of British troops in Helmand province, Afghanistan.



7th Armoured Brigade: Its troops have recently returned from Afghanistan where the brigade was supporting 3 Commando Royal Marines as the lead formation of troops on Operation HERRICK 14.

Please remember we have both sexes serving, so if you get any unwanted gift boxes at Christmas or samples from stays in hotels, these are always useful.

I can be contacted on [REDACTED] and can collect or items can be left at [REDACTED].

We had stalls in November at Shirley Charity Fair selling

hand made cards, cakes, chutneys and toys and sent half the money made to The Rifles – the regiment of the late Danny Simpson – and we pass on all donations to Debbie Simpson and her helpers.

Lesley Plumb

MORA 2012 AGM

**The 88th Annual General Meeting of the
Monks Orchard Residents' Association is to be held on
Friday 20th April at St George's Church Hall,
Elstan Way.**

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

**Nominations for 2012/13 committee to be received by the
Secretary 21 days before the meeting.**

Proposed Programme

Essential Association Business

Apologies for Absence;

Minutes of the 87th 2011 Meeting;

Matters Arising;

Chairman's Report

Treasurer's Report - To Receive and Adopt the 2011 Accounts;

Planning Report;

Membership Report:& Social Report

Election of Officers and Committee for 2012/2013

Members of the Shirley & Ashburton Safer Neighbourhood Teams [SNT's] will attend, offering the opportunity to raise any policing or security concerns.

Gavin Barwell MP will give a brief report back and will answer questions.

All our elected representatives have been invited and most have indicated that they will be attending and will be available for answering any questions you may have during a specific question & answer session - get your questions ready and preferably send them in advance to the Editor or the Secretary by email or phone so they can be scheduled in an orderly manner

The minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting were published in the Summer 2011 issue of the newsletter and can be accessed on the MORA website; a few copies will be circulated in the hall.

The order of subsequent business may need to change depending on circumstances on the night.

A new approach to notifying neighbours about planning applications:

Croydon Council has reviewed how it informs local residents and businesses about planning applications in the borough. This is to ensure that people have an appropriate opportunity to view planning applications that are near to them. It is also in response to budget constraints, which means that the Council must carry out this function as efficiently as possible in these difficult economic times.

We are making three main changes over the coming months:

- In the light of concerns raised by Resident Associations and Conservation Area Advisory Panels and following the informal consultation we undertook, a review of the procedure rules for the Council's two planning committees has taken place. It is intended to allow properly constituted resident associations to refer applications for planning permission to planning committee. This will be in circumstances where a resident association object but the recommendation is for approval and they consider that the application should be determined by the committee. This change is part of a much wider review of the constitution following the Localism Act and is not expected to be in place until May/June 2012.
- All applications, where we invite local people to view the submitted documents so that they can comment on them, will be publicised by the display of one or more site notices close to the application site. This will be in addition to the adverts that are placed in the local paper (Croydon Guardian) for major applications and those affecting listed buildings or conservation areas. Direct notification via a letter will cease. These changes will come into effect on 1 April 2012.
- The Council's website will have a facility whereby anyone can register and then be able to create and save searches on properties and areas. You will be able to set them up to alert you when a new application within your search criteria is received. Additionally you can set the "tracking" feature, which will automatically email you when the application is going to committee or the decision has been issued. We hope to have this in place by 1 April 2012. When the "go" date is known we will arrange training for Resident Associations. It is hoped that the combination of these changes will improve the service that we offer to local residents and their resident associations.

Councillor Jason Perry

Cabinet Member for Planning, Transport & Sustainability
London Borough of Croydon

NOT PLYMOUTH HOE BUT.....

Sir Francis Drake had to learn his bowls somewhere. In Devon? For YOU where better than on one of the bowling greens in Croydon's parks? Ashburton Park, for instance. Generations of bowlers have learned the arts (including the crafty ones) there, and gone on to refine their skills - so could you.

What's special about the game? First it's a life-long sport (well nearly). You could start in childhood. Over 80s are by no means unusual. Centenarian bowlers are not unknown and Heaven help the youngsters who think they're in for an easy game against them.



Secondly you can play the game all year round – normally outdoor in Summer, retreating indoors late in September. It's not easy though. Confirmed bowlers experience as much elation and dismay at their day-to-day performance as sporting people in any other game. "It's time for me to pack up" is said quite frequently. Few do, however, despite severe preoccupations and disabilities. You come to know that it will be better for you tomorrow – that's the challenge.

The bowls (no longer made of wood) are biased. They swing on their way to reach the "jack" – a smaller, unbiased, ball. Get the right line, bowl at the right pace – not too heavy, not too slow- and hear the applause! Get the line and weight wrong then pray to do better next time.



Whether you have a good or an "off" day you'll find friendship and refreshment back in the pavilion. Even the washing-up afterwards can be fun. You'll be very welcome to give it a try at Ashburton Park Bowling Clubs (ladies and men) located in Ashburton Park adjacent to the old library. Open days (Taster Sessions) will be held on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th April

2012. No need to buy bowls or other kit, and dress is informal while you give the game a try. The club will supply what's needed on the day. The Open Days will be followed by free coaching sessions on Tuesday evenings through May.

Roll Up (literally), get the bug and wonder why you didn't get started earlier in life.

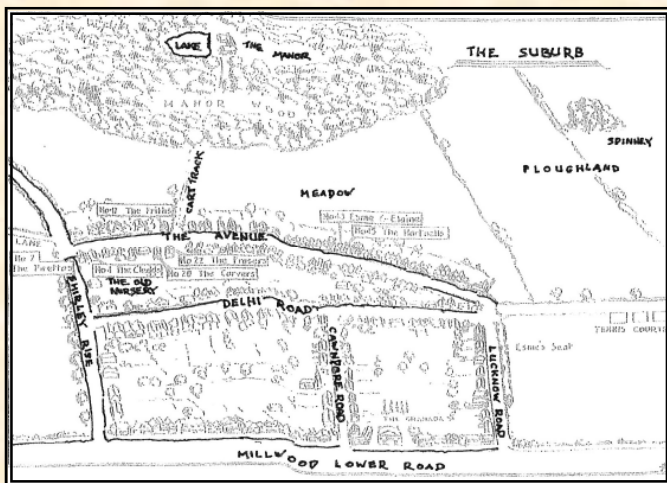
More information from: Bob Wright, [REDACTED].

R.F.Delderfield

During the 1970s I became acquainted with a gentleman called Arthur. He was then in his eighties and had lived in his house in Shirley Avenue from the time it had been built. His garden backed on to what is now commonly called the Shirley Triangle, an area of land which has remained untouched since the surrounding houses were built.

Arthur talked to me about R.F. Delderfield's books, 'The Dreaming Suburb' and 'The Avenue goes to War' and how, at one time, Delderfield had lived locally. The two books, of which The Dreaming Suburb is the first, are about ordinary people and families who lived in a suburban area between the years 1919 and

1947. At the beginning of the first book Delderfield stated that his characters could be from any South London suburb during the period about which he had written but that, at times, the names of actual localities had been used. Arthur's firm belief was that the books' settings



were based on the part of Shirley in which he lived, in particular Delderfield's fictional 'Old Nursery' the location of which is virtually identical to that of the Shirley Triangle.

Whether or not Arthur's beliefs were right I can't say. It would seem, however, that Delderfield did have some knowledge of where Arthur had lived, in the early days of its development and his sketch map of the books' setting does bear an uncanny resemblance to the area in the present day.

One thing is for certain though and that is that Delderfield had the gift of making his characters come alive and showing them as real people of their time.

There are several other R.F. Delderfield publications, including 'To Serve Them all My Days' which was televised some while ago.

The sketch map has been reproduced from the hardback edition of The Dreaming Suburb, published by Hodder and Stoughton.

Joan Pring

The Localism Act Explained

Many of you will be vaguely aware of the Localism Act, but not be too certain of what it is, or how it will affect us as a local community. The aim of the Act is to shift power away from central government, reform to make the planning system more democratic, and to ensure that housing decisions are taken locally. It is claimed that this new freedom and flexibility for local government will enable authorities to innovate and deliver better value for taxpayers' money. Some parts of the Act may come into effect as early as April this year.

A Government guide to the Act has been published; the details below are taken from this.

- The Act passes significant new rights directly to communities and individuals to make it easier to get things done and achieve their ambitions for the community. It allows groups the right to express an interest in taking over the running of services and to put forward ideas for the improvement of these services.
- Communities will have the power to approve or reject increases in council tax where this is above a base level set by the House of Commons.
- It is recognised that the current planning system does not give the public enough influence over planning decisions.
The proposed solution is to allow forums which include residents, employees and businesses in the area to plan for new developments, although many “back garden” and infill developments use land as it becomes available and will not be suitable for such forward planning.
Many of the applications may be automatically granted full or outline planning permission.
Similarly developments may be approved without traditional planning applications providing they meet minimum criteria and can demonstrate local support.
A new infrastructure levy on new homes, businesses and shops will help provide services such as roads and schools.
- There are changes to the Social Housing system:
Local authorities will have more freedom to set their own criteria for joining the waiting list.

Some lifetime tenancies will be replaced with tenancies for a fixed term, minimum of two years, but more usually five years. There is no upper time limit.

Local authorities will be able to put homeless people into privately rented homes, rather than expensive temporary accommodation.

All the rent collected will be used locally to maintain the social houses which will help local authorities plan their long term housing strategy.

The Independent Housing Ombudsman will deal with all complaints about social housing.

- Local Authorities will be freed to do anything – provided they do not break any other laws, enabling them to be more creative and innovative. The Secretary of State will have the power to remove unnecessary restrictions and limitations, where there is a good case to do so.
- Local authorities will be able to draw up their own codes of behaviour of elected councillors. It will become a criminal offence to deliberately withhold or misrepresent a financial interest.
- The rules which require Councillors to maintain an open mind prior to discussions have been clarified.
- Councils will have more freedom to offer business rate discounts to improve investment in jobs.
- In the larger cities outside London referenda may be held on the question of having an elected mayor. The London mayor will be taking on activities currently carried out by the Homes and Communities Agency and the London Development Agency.
- Details of pay for senior officials must be published.
- Residents will no longer be fined for overfilling waste bins.
- Home Information Packs are no longer required when selling homes.

The Localism Act includes a considerable number of changes, which are likely to affect all our lives. MORA is concerned that the changes to the planning system will not help us to preserve the character of the area, although the Act will strengthen the authorities' powers to tackle abuse. Much more detail is required before we know how the Act will work and its full effects. We hope that the additional freedoms we are promised will help us to protect our area, our environment and our members.

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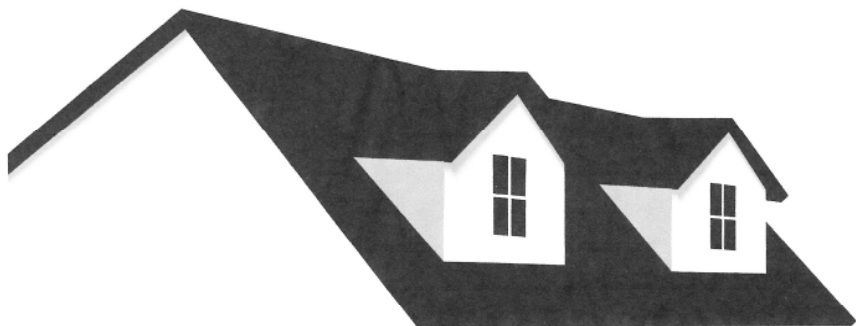
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Planning Report

LPA Decisions:

2 Greenview Avenue Ref: 10/03899/P

Proposal: Erect Two storey two bedroom detached house at side; formation of vehicular access and parking.

MORA has objected to this and all previous applications.

Notes: Several applications have been made for this 'back garden' application. The size and the impact of this development were gradually reduced with each application. This new application follows an earlier appeal which was dismissed.

LPA Decision: Permission Granted on 08/12/2011.



Shirley Triangle Ref: 11/01999/P

Proposal: Erection of buildings to provide up to 50 assisted living sheltered apartments for the elderly with associated landscaping and parking.

Notes: Planning permission was refused on 23/12/2011 as the proposal would involve development on a site of Nature Conservation Importance and Local Open Land. **MORA** are delighted with this result and the positive action of local residents.

30 Gladeside Ref: 11/03296/P

Proposal: Erection of first floor side and single storey side/rear

Note: This was for a large extension which would be out of character with surrounding properties and **MORA** formally objected on behalf of local residents

LPA Decision: Permission Refused Delegate Committee 16/01/12

104A The Glade Ref: 11/00505/P

Proposal: Formation of crossover and retention of vehicular and pedestrian access serving 102, 104A, and 104b The Glade and the retention of revised curtilages for 102 and 104A The Glade.

Notes: **MORA** understand that a scheme has been granted subject to a 106 Agreement (3 months), for a footpath to serve two properties at the rear of the site which were built with no access rights. **MORA** understand that this action contradicts the Councils own parking requirements for new properties. Clarification is being sought from the Council.

Appeals:

116-124 Tower View **Ref: 11/02729/P**

Appeal Ref: A/11/2166990/NWF

Proposal: Erection of 3 detached houses with integral garages and 2 semi-detached houses with external garages; formation of access road.

Note: This planning permission was refused on 23/11/2011 as the proposal would have an overdeveloped cramped and overcrowded layout, unsatisfactory access and create loss of privacy and visual intrusion. An appeal was received on 12/12/2011.

This is another example of **'Back Garden' development**.

MORA has objected to the grounds of appeal.

No decision from Inspectorate as of 29/01/2012

79 Verdayne Avenue **Ref: 11/02551/P**

Appeal Ref: A/11/2167923/NWF

Proposal: Erection of 2 three bedroom houses at rear and provision of associated parking. **MORA** objected to this application

Notes: The LPA refused planning permission on 30/11/2011 as the layout would be cramped and overcrowded and have an unsatisfactory relationship with adjoining property. The development would be detrimental to the amenities of adjoining properties by reason of visual intrusion, loss of privacy and be detrimental to the visual amenity of adjoining Metropolitan Open Land.

An Appeal was received on 23/12/2011. **MORA** will object to this appeal.

No Appeal decision has been made at 29/01/2012.



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The London TV region will switch from analogue to digital TV on 4th April 2012. Freeview users will need to retune again on 18th April.

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Shirley Safer Neighbourhoods team has been given a new 'cube' mountain bike by McDonald's restaurant in Shirley to help the team carry out their daily patrols around their ward.

The bike was given to the Shirley SNT last week and the team began patrols last week (Monday 19 December) on the brand new bike.

Sergeant John Nunn from the Shirley SNT said:

"This is an example of how big businesses can

work with partners within the local community. We are very grateful to McDonalds for the mountain bike which they have provided, which will allow us to quickly get around Shirley and make us a visible and reassuring presence on the streets."



Scott Smiley, Area Manager for the Wickham Road McDonalds restaurant in Shirley said:

"McDonalds is very pleased to support the local SNT here in Shirley by supplying a new bike, for the benefit of the local community."



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Membership of the Association

MORA has been representing the local community for many years, with a fair degree of success. Perhaps we do not shout about these successes as much as we should, but we have, with the help of local residents, managed to restrict much of the more inappropriate development and to support our members when in conflict with the local authority or other official bodies.

However we now have a problem. The membership subscriptions fund the production of 2000 newsletters for each quarter, the hire of halls and rooms for committee meetings and costs of distribution of flyers informing members of proposed developments in their areas, plus other important activities. **We have been informed that the council will no longer be writing to residents affected by new development proposals, [see page 7] so MORA will in future be the main source of information for informing members of local development proposals.**

Our membership is slowly decreasing at a time when our responsibilities are increasing as a result of the Localism Act. We need to maintain, or improve the number of members. The Membership Secretary, Area Managers and Road Stewards are therefore faced with a difficult task.

We have undertaken a detailed analysis of membership and although some Road Stewards have collected 100% of their members' subscriptions for 2011, the overall collection rate is only 78% of existing members which results in a shortfall of approximately £1,000 in subscriptions for 2011. We may shortly become no longer financially viable. Please ensure that you provide your Road Steward with your yearly subscription, preferably early each year, to help fund the yearly expenses.

We urgently need additional Area Managers and Road Stewards to distribute newsletters to members and to canvass for new members so that MORA can continue to represent all our members in the locality.

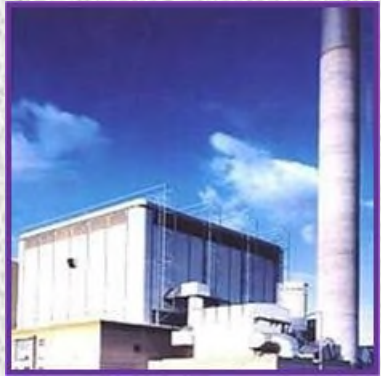
Please help your Residents' Association to provide a voice when the community comes under any threat.

Contact our Membership Secretary on 

Or to her Address on Page 24.

BURNING WASTE IN BEDDINGTON

Croydon Council voted to go ahead with an incinerator in Beddington on the Sutton/Croydon border on Monday 30 January. The incinerator will cost the taxpayer £200 million to build as part of a £990 million waste contract awarded by the South London Waste Partnership (SLWP). Viridor, the company who won the contract, is expected to apply for planning permission by the middle of this year and have the plant up and running in April 2014.



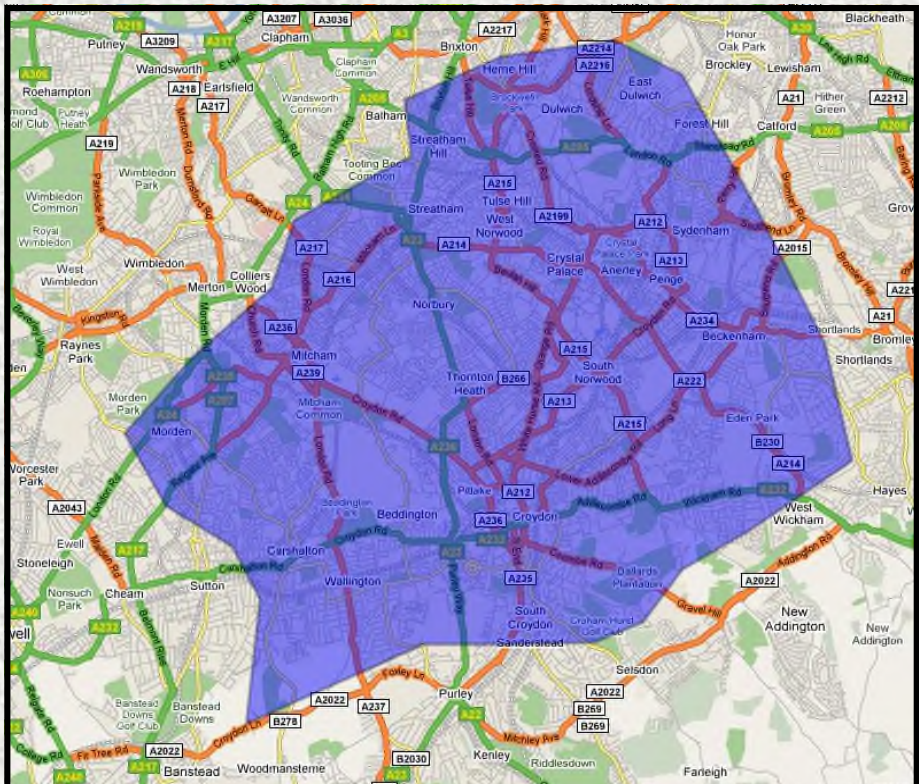
A working 'modern' incinerator

The main drivers for incineration seem to be the increasing landfill taxes and the fact that the Beddington Park landfill site is expected to be full within the next ten years. The four councils involved in the SLWP (Croydon, Sutton, Merton and Kingston) have opted for incineration as the easiest way to dispose of waste. Whilst it makes good sense to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill, incineration also creates its own problems.

The main issue for local residents is what the incinerator will be burning. Incinerators take in residential, commercial and hazardous waste including paper, plastics and metals and by heating these at high temperatures turn them into bottom ash, fly ash, gases, waste water and sludge. Although the amount of waste is significantly reduced, a toxic residue of fly ash and bottom ash is produced. Fly ash is classed as hazardous waste and is landfilled, whereas bottom ash, which still contains levels of dioxins and metals, is used in construction and will inevitably leach into the environment.

Perhaps the most serious problem for Croydon residents is the air pollution from incineration. Even modern pollution control devices such as filters do not prevent the escape of fine nano-particles including PCBs, dioxins and furans, which can pass through the lung lining, causing internal inflammation and penetrating to organs. A report from the British

Society for Ecological Medicine states that although there are 'no certainties' in linking specific health effects to incineration, the medical evidence is sufficient to call for the phasing out of incineration. A wind rose showing the areas that will be particularly affected by pollution from an incinerator in Beddington is shown below.



manufacture products.

The incinerator is completely unnecessary as levels of municipal waste are coming down and recycling and composting rates are going up. We need to keep up with the standards set by high performing areas. Wales, for example, is aiming to achieve a 50% recycling rate this year and 75% by 2025. Waste is a resource to be recycled and composted, not burnt. The £200 million cost of building the incinerator would be better spent on improved waste reduction, re-use, recycling, composting and anaerobic digestion facilities.



Whether you are for or against incineration, please let your local politicians know what you think about it. Ashburton and Shirley residents are in a unique position of influence.

Chris Sciberras

Stop the South London Incinerator Campaign

References:

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<http://www.stoptheincinerator.co.uk/>

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Picture references:

A working 'modern' incinerator.

The windrose was created by Dr. S. Prokop, BSc, MBBS, MRCPsych, retd Consultant Child Psychiatrist.

The other picture shows two Beddington residents protesting outside the public hearing into the SLWP in July 2010.

Letter from a Member

Dear Editor,

**RE: Planning Reforms - MORA's Winter 2011 Newsletter
Back-garden and In-fill developments**

As someone who has witnessed the deterioration in the neighbourhood, I applaud the warning signs signalled by MORA's Planning Team in its Winter 2011 Newsletter (pages 14,15 and 16 refer).

The prospect of this and other suburbs being turned into high density areas is crass and unethical, so the responsibility falls upon residents and all concerned individuals to do something about it and not to stand idly by while the rest of the ward is sacrificed to overcrowding and greed.

In addition to the problem with the Planning Inspectorate which operates on the Government's policy of sustainable development, there appears to be a bias with the Council's favouring In-fill developments in poor locations in our suburbs. MORA also spells out what is fundamentally wrong with the National Planning Policy Framework and the Localism Bill.

Two sentences from MORA's excellent article sum up what is happening. "The Government is trying to sell the Bill as a means of incorporating the views of the public into Planning Strategy. In reality it is likely the public will become apathetic, with an end result of the deterioration of our neighbourhood." "Monks Orchard continues to attract the interest of those wanting to get permission to develop on small local sites".

Profiteering at the expense of our dwindling local habitat and limited green spaces is to be condemned as should the parasitical actions of the land grabbers within the South East, having to bear the brunt of indiscriminate over-development

MORA has warned everyone of the sorry saga unfolding in our midst, therefore apathy and indifference would sound the death knell for our suburbs. Surely its time for residents to make their views known to their elected representatives before it is too late.

Yours faithfully,
Peter Kelly

Calling all dog owners!

I have a much-loved dog myself, many of you as local residents will have seen me trotting around with Domino, my black and white greyhound. He is a friendly boy, with a fan club of local school children who feed him biscuits and give him cuddles.



You can see from the above that I would not be without Dom, but we must all remember that being a dog owner brings not only pleasures but responsibilities. Walking the streets I am horrified by the amount of dog mess left on the pavements. I do not want to walk in it; even less must non-dog lovers. It's dirty, unhygienic and downright anti-social.



As bad, or in some ways worse, are those owners who carefully pick up the mess into a plastic bag, tie it up, and then leave it tucked into a corner, thrown over a wall, or poked into a hedge. I have to regularly remove these little presents from my front garden, not the nicest of jobs. With some owners it seems to be out of

sight, out of mind. Do they not realise somebody then has to clean up after them? I do wonder what their reactions would be if it was thrown into their gardens. Please, please take it home or put it in a bin, it's not a lot of effort.

We love our pets; we want them to be accepted as vital members of the community. It is up to us to do all we can to ensure that others also see them as loving companions, rather than pests.

Local Dog Owner

Ed: There is a £1000 fine for dog owners if their dog is caught fouling the footpath.

SHIRLEY LUNCH AND SUPPER CLUB

***VISIT TO BRIGHTON, ROYAL PAVILION AND
LUNCH IN BRIGHTON
TUESDAY, 17 APRIL 2012***



We are off to Brighton for the day on Tuesday 17 April.

Our first stop is at the historic Royal Pavilion that was the seaside palace of the Prince Regent. The tour takes about 45 minutes and you can have coffee in the tearoom with its fabulous balcony overlooking the gardens.

The Royal Pavilion started as a modest 18th century farmhouse. Architect Henry Holland helped George, Prince of Wales, transform his humble seaside retreat into a handsome neo-classical villa – known as the Marine Pavilion.

In the early 19th century, after George IV had succeeded his father as king and hired the eminent architect John Nash, the exotic splendour of the Royal Pavilion as we see it today was finally unveiled.

After our visit to the Royal Pavilion you will have time to explore The Lanes, the promenade, the pier etc, before we meet up for a three course lunch.

If you would like to join us, please call me on [REDACTED]

Christine Ross-Smith



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ACCOUNT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2011

INCOME	2011	2010
SUBSCRIPTIONS	4,104.00	3,926.00
BANK INTEREST	4.00	9.00
ADVERTISING REVENUE	1,734.00	2,290.00
DONATIONS	3.00	20.00
XMAS REFUND	64.00	nil
	5,909.00	6,245.00
EXPENSES		
PRINTING & STATIONERY	4,785.00	4,815.00
ROAD STEWARDS	400.00	400.00
HALL HIRE (AGM)	nil	56.25
VESTRY HIRE (2)	nil	240.00
CHAIRMAN'S/SECRETARIAL EXPENSES	nil	nil
SUNDRIES	413.00	207.75
INSURANCE (BTCV)	100.00	100.00
DONATIONS	25.00	50.00
AUDIT	10.00	10.00
WEBSITE	nil	nil
SUBSCRIPTIONS TO BTCV	35.00	35.00
TOTAL	5,768.00	5,814.00
SURPLUS	141.00	331.00
CURRENT ASSETS		
CURRENT ACCOUNT	6,564.00	6,426.24
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	4,950.00	4,946.76
CURRENT LIABILITIES	nil	nil
NET CURRENT ASSETS	11,514.00	11,373.00
CARRIED FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS YEAR	11,373.00	11,042.00
BALANCE FOR CURRENT YEAR	141.00	331.00
GRAND TOTAL	11,514.00	11,373.00

Maurice John Swift

20th August 1921 – 20th December 2011



It is with regret that we have to inform members of MORA and friends, of the death of Maurice Swift, past Honorary Secretary of the Monks Orchard Residents Association and later, a Life Member of the Association.

Maurice was born in Kensington on 20th August 1921.

The family moved to Beckenham in the early thirties and he attended the Habadasher's Aske's School. Maurice enlisted in the Royal Navy in 1940

where he became a signaller and served at one time under Lord Mountbatten.

Maurice married Betty in 1953 and they had three daughters. He was already on the committee of the 'East Ward Ratepayer Association' before the name was changed to the 'Monks Orchard Residents' Association' and served for many years as our Secretary. He was closely involved with the Special Refuse Collections that MORA arranged for residents about 4 times each year before the Council withdrew the service.

After retirement, Maurice became active for animal rights, travelling all over Europe whilst still continuing to be an important member of MORA's committee.

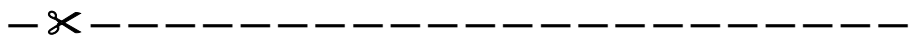
When his health forced him to give up active life he and Betty moved to Eastbourne where he died suddenly on 20th December 2011.

The Funeral Service took place on 12th January at Beckenham Crematorium and was attended by members of the MORA Committee. The Service was conducted by the Rev. Carol Jones – a long-time friend and for some years responsible for the MORA funded Over 60's Club at St George's Church.

We offer our condolences to Betty, their daughters, other family members and friends.

MORA COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2011-2012

Chairman	Dave King	
Vice Chairman	Vacancy	-
Secretary	Mary Evans	
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Social Secretary	Christine Ross-Smith	
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Ward Panel Rep.	Joan Pring	
Trees & Open Spaces	Sue & Martyn Buchanan	
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Committee Member	Nicki Smith	



MONKS ORCHARD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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

Name:	Signature:
Address:	
Post Code:	

Please send this completed form to:

DIANE MCINERNEY
[Redacted]

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

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