

# MORA

Monks Orchard Residents' Association

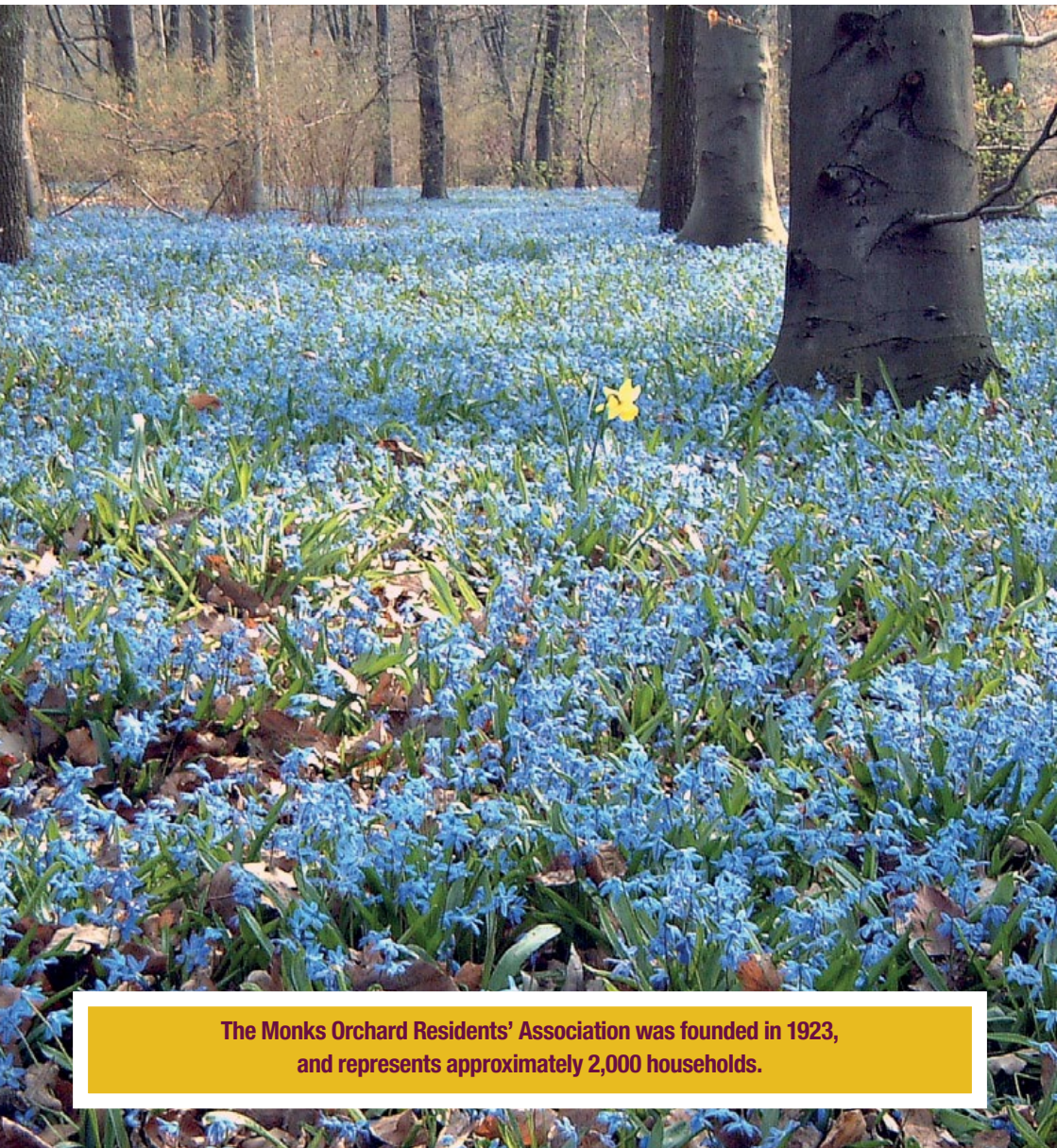
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NEWSLETTER

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

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## Contributing to MORA

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

### EDITORIAL

We welcome articles and contributions from all MORA members. Please send all material via email to [monksorchardweb@btinternet.com](mailto:monksorchardweb@btinternet.com) or via post to MORA C/O [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Please ensure we receive all articles for the Summer 2015 issue by May 15th 2015.

### ADVERTISEMENTS

To advertise in the MORA Magazine please contact our Advertising Manager, Mary Jennings on: [REDACTED]. Please confirm which size advertisement you would like to book and if you will be needing your

advertisement designed. Each advertisement is placed for four issues and is seen by 2,000 residents.

### LOCAL ACTIVITIES

MORA are considering inserting a local activities page in the next magazine. If any members could let us know of local activities in the MORA area we will try and include them in the next issue. Anything from indoor Bowls, short mat bowls, Zumba, Mother and Toddler groups etc. Please ensure we receive all suggestions by May 15th 2015 for activities after early June 2015.

# Chairman's comments

**N**ot long now to the general elections so make sure you tick the appropriate box for your preferred representative.

Don't forget our predecessors fought long and hard to enable us, the proletariat, to get the vote. Also we in Croydon know it's one man/woman not like Rotherham where it appears more than one person has been at the ballot box.

The MORA AGM will be on 20th March which is out of political purdah; six weeks prior to the General Election; so it should be possible to ask questions of our MP. Questions to Councillors are in order as they are in office for the next 4 years.

Mike Bell – Chairman Croydon Health Services NHS Trust, will be talking about Croydon Health Services and the future programme and advances at the hospital. He is a very welcome guest to whom we are grateful that he is willing to spend some of his valuable time with us and I recommend highly that you come to the AGM.

A sore point with me is that some of our Monks Orchard residents feel it is ok to leave their rubbish in their front garden un-bagged so that a portion of it is blown onto the road and pavement. We are proud of living in the area and do not want it to deteriorate as some parts of the inner city have.

I keep banging on about the state of our grass verges. You will not have failed to notice their condition. People are using them

to park on and where lorries have parked up to deliver building items I would urge you to withhold a stage payment from your builder and only release the final stage payment on the repair of the verge. If you wish to have in your agreement suitable wording I will be willing to help FOC. Do not hesitate to ask.

As you are aware MORA works hard on planning applications and we are currently watching the development of one particular property which has built a dwelling in the back garden. It is overlooked and although the application was for a shed it is clear it is used as separate accommodation otherwise why would a shed have curtains at the windows? The people using this out- building are not paying any additional Council Taxes so you and I are picking up their tab.

One neighbour was watching through binoculars at the activities but was spotted by the occupants and guess what, a visit by our local friendly policeman was made to the neighbour and was warned off. I fear we are losing control.

Finally I look forward to meeting you all at the AGM and don't forget to put it in your diary.

Best wishes to all. ■

**DAVE KING**  
CHAIRMAN

# Update on 4th Shirley Guides Fundraising Evening

held at the St. Georges Church Hall, Elstan Way

This photograph was taken of Terry Greenwood – our Treasurer – handing over the MORA cheque donation of £100 to the girl guides leader, towards the funding for their Guides trip to Switzerland this coming Summer.

The guides are still continuing their fundraising campaign and have a disco planned for the Brownies & Rainbows, and are arranging further raffles of the ‘mugs and tea towels’ – see pictures – as mentioned in the letter of thanks on page 03.

The total raised at the time of going to press, including the MORA donation has reached in excess of £810.

We wish them all an enjoyable trip to Switzerland during the coming summer.



Dear Readers,

MORA have very kindly been supporting the 4th Shirley Guides with their fundraising for their trip to Switzerland this Summer. A cheque for £100 was kindly presented to us by Terry Greenwood on the night of the raffle contributing greatly to funds. As previously mentioned this is the first time the Unit has been abroad in its 76 years, so the girls (and leaders!) are very excited.

We wanted to let you know that our Winter Raffle raised £710 – this is an amazing amount for a very small Unit! We are very grateful to MORA for the advertising and the parents for all their hard work. We would also like to thank the following businesses that kindly donated prizes: without their kind generosity the raffle would not have been so successful.

Cavendish Hotel London

Shirley Park Golf Club

Hilton Hotel Croydon

Wimbledon Theatre

Kidspage Croydon

Godstone Farm

Cadillac Diner

Co-op

Perfume gift sets Fishers Chemist

Selsdon Park Hotel

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Fairfield Hall Croydon

St Pauls Cathedral

Ember Inn Shirley

Beaver World

West Wickham Dry Cleaners

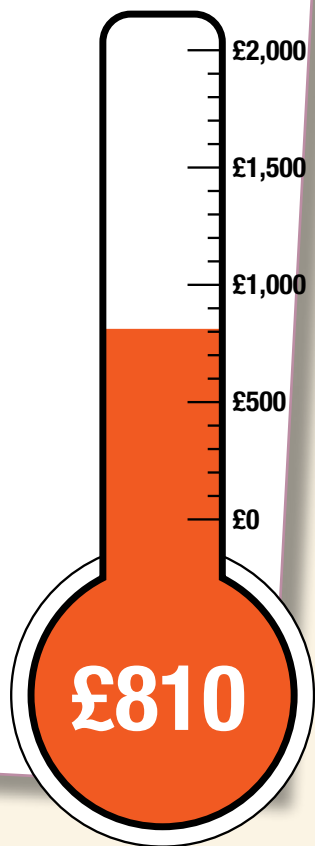
Shirley Garden Centre

We are still continuing our fundraising campaign and have a disco planned for the Brownies & Rainbows, a Pamper Evening and Quiz Night in the summer, and another raffle.

We are also selling tea towels and mugs designed by the guides. Please call me for further details, if you would like to purchase a mug or tea towel or if you can support are fundraising in any other way?

**Ruth Clery**

Guider, 4th Shirley Guides



**Thank you again for your support we look forward to updating you soon!**

# Update from Shirley Ward safer neighbourhood police team

Indications that reported crimes in Shirley Ward had generally reduced between October 2014 and December 2014, compared with the same period in 2013, were confirmed by the team at the January Panel meeting. There had been an increase in varied motor vehicle crime which included motor bikes etc., although theft from motor vehicles was down from 14 to 7. Burglaries were down from 100 to 70. In respect of burglaries there is a newly available live crime mapping website which you can visit viz.

[www.police.ukmetropolitan/00AHGY](http://www.police.ukmetropolitan/00AHGY)

The Shirley team are looking at instigating speed checks and control in the area of Orchard Avenue following concerns expressed at the Panel meeting.

## NEW LEADERSHIP

Supervision of the Shirley Police Team has been taken over by Sergeant Marcus Moore, who grew up in the borough and is resident here. He has 10 years police service. He transferred from the Emergency Response Team at Croydon, having previously served in Richmond and, on promotion, in Brent. During this time he has developed a very broad understanding of the needs and priorities of local communities and clearly is keen to put them into practise in our area.

Changes following the publication of the Mayor's Police and Crime plan in March 2013 have allowed more flexibility, thus enabling Safer Neighbourhood Teams to better focus on tackling local crimes and anti-social behaviour. Sgt Moore reassured and confirmed at the Panel meeting that there was regular interaction between the various local Safer Neighbourhood Teams.

Whilst we welcomed Sgt. Moore we had to bid a sad farewell to PC Tess Abrahams, who is furthering her career elsewhere. She has been a very dedicated and popular officer and will be much missed. However, since the Panel meeting the new year has seen the arrival of PC Lisa Richards, who has replaced PC Abrahams as our Dedicated Ward Officer and also that of Inspector Fitzgerald, who has replaced Inspector Robbins.

Residents are invited to the quarterly meetings where they may express any views or concerns about local policing matters. Notices will be posted, for instance in Shirley Library, giving dates and time. The next is meeting is scheduled for April at All Saints Church, Bridle Road, Shirley in the small hall.

## POSSIBLE USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

**Shirley Safer Neighbourhood Team:**

020 8721 2469) or: Emergency only: 999

**Heathfield Safer Neighbourhood Team:**

020 8721 2468) otherwise: all non-emergency: 101

**Ashburton Safer Neighbourhood Team:**

020 8721 2474)

**Abandoned Vehicle Section**

**(Croydon Council):** 020 8726 7100

(e-mail: [avs.parking@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:avs.parking@croydon.gov.uk))

**To report fly tipping:** 020 8726 6200

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**JOAN PRING**  
**WARD PANEL**

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

# MORA 2015 AGM

CELEBRATING 91 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

**Guest speaker:**

**Mike Bell – Chairman Croydon Health Services NHS Trust.**

**Invitations to:** Gavin Barwell MP (Croydon Central),  
Steve O'Connell GLA Member, Shirley and  
Ashburton Ward Councillors and  
The Shirley Safer Neighbourhood Police Team

**Friday 20th March 2015**

**St Georges Church Hall, Elstan Way, Shirley**

**7:00 pm** doors open for tea/coffee and  
biscuits for start at 7:30 pm

Drinks and nibbles

Due to the Date of the General Election we have had to pull forward the date of our AGM to 20th March such that it is prior to political purdah.

We are privileged to have our elected representatives attending and our Guest speaker, Mike Bell – Chairman Croydon Health Services NHS Trust.

Make sure you attend to hear Mike Bell provide the latest and official information on the changes and improvements to Croydon Health Services and Croydon University Hospital.

If anyone has any questions for our Elected Representatives or our Guest Speaker, please forward them to [monksorchardwe@btinternet.com](mailto:monksorchardwe@btinternet.com), Derek or Kevin (Phone numbers on Back Page) so these can be passed to the appropriate person for a considered answer at the AGM.

# Membership Report for 2014

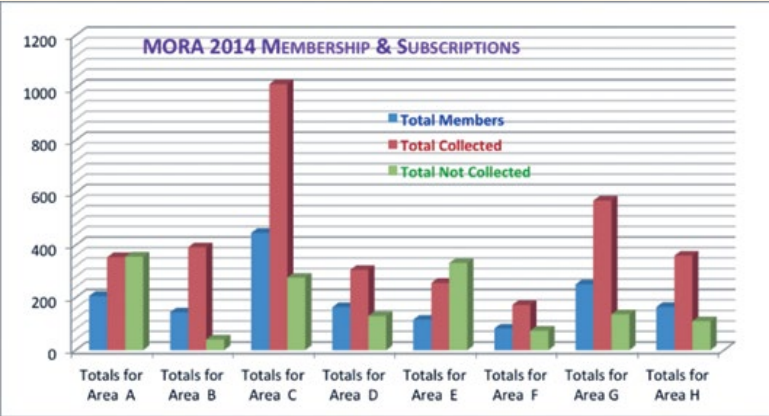
As you can see from the analysis, our total number of Households who are members now stands at 1,572 up slightly from 1,525 in 2013. However, at the time of going to press, the total membership

subscriptions collected is was £3,424 whereas if all membership subscriptions had been collected the amount collected would have increased by a further £1,454 to £4,878.

Road Steward	Total Members	Members Collected		Total Collected	Total Members		Total Not Collected	% Collected
2014		HH	SC		HH	SC		
Totals for Area A	206	69	39	£354	149	57	£356	52.43
Totals for Area B	144	64	68	£392	72	72	£40	91.67
Totals for Area C	447	145	217	£1,014	198	249	£276	80.98
Totals for Area D	163	34	85	£306	55	108	£130	73.01
Totals for Area E	116	39	50	£256	50	66	£332	76.72
Totals for Area F	82	26	34	£172	41	41	£74	73.17
Totals for Area G	250	81	123	£570	103	147	£136	81.60
Totals for Area H	164	55	70	£360	71	93	£110	76.22
GRAND TOTAL	1,572	513	686	£3,424	739	833	£1,454	75.72

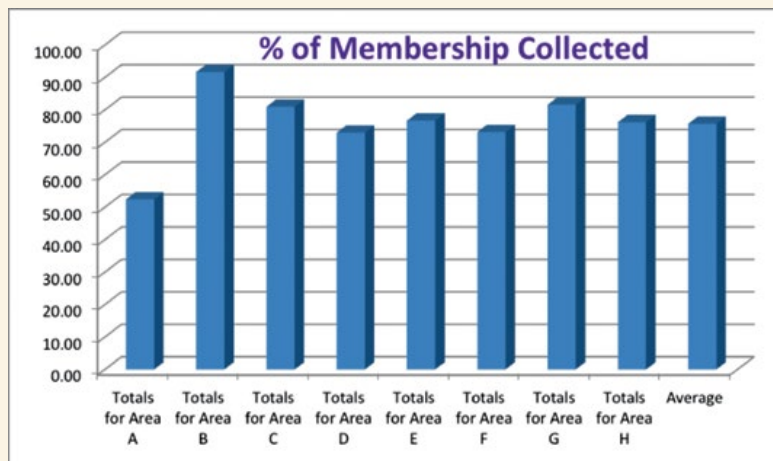
Nevertheless we need to commend the following Road Stewards who have managed to collect 100% of their membership over 2014:

- A9 Carol Stimson
  - B8 Christine Ross-Smith
  - C3 Lyn Barnett
  - C12 Lyn Barnett
  - E8 Joan Pring
  - F1 Pam Horton
  - G2 Basil Horton
  - G6 Barbara Turner
  - G7 Anne & Basil Horton
  - G13 Basil Horton



However, a couple of Road Stewards failed to collect any membership subscription throughout 2014; we are not sure if they delivered any newsletters given to them by their Area managers.

The following graph shows the percentages of subscriptions collected for each Area Manager and the overall % average collected.



We therefore need to either get these Road Stewards to actually collect their appropriate membership subscriptions within the year of membership and deliver the newsletters or try to find new Road Stewards who will take over this very important role.

MORA cannot survive in the future without the financial income from membership subscriptions – it is only £4:00 for each household and £2:00 for Senior Citizens so it is surely is not going to break the bank!

We do need additional Road Stewards and possible additional Area Managers to lighten the loads. Since taking over Membership from Vilas Patel in July 2014, I have tried to keep Area Managers and Road Stewards informed of any problem areas.

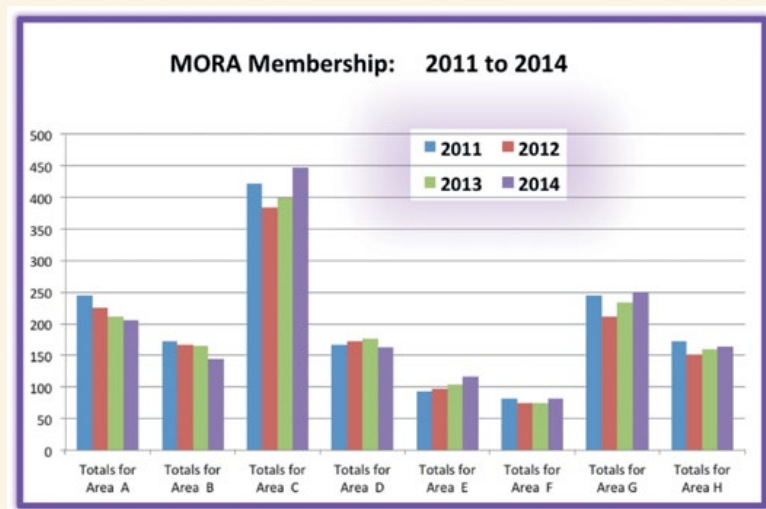
We have New Road Stewards for:

- Fairhaven Avenue (New B10) [Was B6]
- Gwynne Avenue (New B6)
- Lavender Way (B7)
- Glenwood Way (B7)

# Membership Report for 2014

We need Road Stewards for:

- A3 Nos. 1 to 20 Ash Tree Close & Fairway Close (20 members in total).
- C6 (Tower View 31 members) as current Road Steward is moving out of the area.
- F12 wants to resign; this is for Ovington Court, Kempton Walk (21 Members)
- B8 for 23 – 52 Gladeside
- H6 – Edgewood Green, as current Road Steward Samantha has resigned.



Comparing 2014 with previous years we can see that some areas are diminishing whereas others are managing to increase their membership. Area A, B has reduced quite significantly whereas C, E and G have increased over the last three years.

We may have the opportunity to expand our membership into the Shirley Oaks Village as some residents there have shown an interest in becoming members of MORA. We have

represented residents in Shirley Oaks Village in fighting the retention of Poppy Lane as Metropolitan Open Land during 2014.

**DEREK RITSON**

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY (AS FROM JULY 2014)**

# Account of Income & Expenditure

For the year ending 31 December 2014

INCOME	2014	2013
Subscriptions	3,453.00	3,817.00
Bank Interest	Nil	4.00
Advertising Revenue	2,000.00	1,695.00
Donations	58.00	132.00
Xmas Refund	Nil	80.00
	<b>5,511.00</b>	<b>5,728.00</b>
EXPENSES		
Printing & Stationery	4,200.00	4,590.00
Road Stewards	400.00	400.00
Hall Hire (AGM)	112.50	75.00
Hall Hire (Party)	358.50	Nil
Vestry Hire	Nil	25.00
Chairman's/Secretarial Expenses	Nil	Nil
Sundries	108.00	98.63
Insurance (BTCV)	102.38	102.38
Donations	Nil	Nil
Audit	10.00	10.00
Website	32.62	83.99
Subscriptions to BTCV	38.00	38.00
AGM (Equipment/Refreshments)	211.00	100.00
MORA Xmas Stall	12.00	10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,585.00</b>	<b>5,533.00</b>
Surplus	(74.00)	195.00
CURRENT ASSETS		
Current Account	6,734.00	6,812.00
Deposit Account	4,962.00	4,958.00
CURRENT LIABILITIES	Nil	Nil
NET CURRENT ASSETS	11,696.00	11,770.00
Carried Forward from Previous Year	11,770.00	11,575.00
Balance for Current Year	(74.00)	195.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>11,696.00</b>	<b>11,770.00</b>

Note: the difference between the subscriptions for 2014 quoted in the 2014 accounts at page 09 and the amount shown in the membership Report at page 06 is due to the inclusion in the 2014 accounts of late 2013 subscriptions received after the 31st December 2013.

# WW1

## A small glimpse of the Home Front

It was the 4th August when Britain declared war on Germany in 1914. The initial enthusiasm of the British people knew no bounds and just a few days later, on 11th August, cheering crowds gathered outside Buckingham Palace singing the National Anthem. Many people at that time were confident that the war would be over by Christmas and queues of young men formed outside recruiting offices eager to volunteer to fight for King and country. At the start of the war the military was very reliant on voluntary recruitment, conscription not coming in until 1916.

**T**he Croydon Territorials were hastily recalled from training on Salisbury Plain and mobilised on 6th August 1914 at the barracks in Mitcham Road. The event was captured on a postcard showing photographs of the barracks and of the men marching along Croydon's North End on their way to East Croydon Station, from where they were to proceed to Strood, near Chatham. Their participation in the 'Great War' had begun.

At the end of that same month of August, the Order of the White Feather was formed, instigated by retired Vice-Admiral Charles Cooper Penrose-Fitzgerald. He was supported, one may think now in his misguided view of patriotism by, amongst others, well known writers of the day Mary Ward and Emma Orczy, the latter famous for her novel 'The Scarlett Pimpernel'. The Order began with a band of around thirty women in Folkestone at the end of

the first month of the war, its aim being to encourage women to give symbolic white feathers to men that, they believed out of cowardice, had not joined the British Army. From there the practice of handing out white feathers soon spread through the country.

Much distress and humiliation was suffered because of this mistaken idea of patriotism as many of the recipients were, in fact, doing their bit by their contribution at home.

Although not in uniform, many were involved in the war effort. Not least were





those working in munitions factories and dockyards. The situation eventually became a concern of the Government and the Home Secretary, Reginald McKenna, who ordered that official badges should be issued to those who were on recognised war work. From then onwards and because of conscription

from 1916, the giving out of white feathers gradually ceased.

My interest in this part of our history simply arose from finding and examining the badge, pictured, that had been around our house for years in an old tin with other bits and pieces. It was especially the year inscribed on it, a hundred years ago this year, which made me think and want to know more as we had no idea who in either of our families it could have belonged to. The manufacturer, J.R. Gaunt & Son Ltd. is inscribed on the back, together with a serial number. There don't appear to be any surviving records relating to the numbers and recipients so, for us, whoever originally wore it, unfortunately, remains a mystery.

### JOAN PRING

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# Churches Together in Shirley

## Easter Services and Events 2015

### ALL SAINTS

#### Bridle Road, CRO 8HX

##### Palm Sunday 29 March

10.00am Sung Parish Eucharist with  
Palm Procession

##### Maundy Thursday 2nd April

7.30pm Eucharist with washing of feet

##### Good Friday 3rd April

2.30pm Stations of The Cross and Good  
Friday Liturgy

##### Holy Saturday 4th April

8.00pm Lighting of the new fire and  
Easter Ceremonies

##### Easter Day 5th April

10.00am Sung Parish Eucharist

### ST JOHN'S

#### Shirley Church Road, CRO 5EE

##### Palm Sunday 29 March

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Eucharist – starting in Shirley  
Ch Rec Ground

6pm Passiontide music & readings

##### Monday 30 March

8pm Stations of The Cross

##### Tuesday 31 March

8pm Prayers at The Cross

##### Wed 1 April

8pm Service of Anointing

##### Maundy Thursday 2 April

8pm Eucharist,

9pm Watching @ Gethsemane Altar

##### Good Friday 3 April

11am Family Service

12noon Music & Address

2pm Good Friday Liturgy

##### Saturday 4 April

8pm Easter Vigil

##### Easter Day 5 April

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Eucharist

### ST GEORGE'S

#### Elstan Way, The Glade, CRO 7QJ

##### Palm Sunday 29 March

10.00 am Liturgy for Palm Sunday, blessing &  
distribution of palm crosses

6.00 pm Palm Sunday Play

##### Mon, Tues, & Wed

8.00pm Lenten Devotions

##### Maundy Thursday 2 April:

7.00pm Passover Meal and Eucharist,  
followed by Watch at the Altar of  
Repose (until midnight)

##### Good Friday 3 April

11.45am Silent Walk of Witness (meet at the  
Church)

12.30pm Hot Cross Buns

1.00pm Church open for contemplation

2.00pm Liturgy of Good Friday, and Holy  
Communion

##### Saturday 4 April

9.30am Morning Prayer

10.00am Church Open until 12 noon

9.00pm Easter Vigil, and first Eucharist  
of Easter

##### Easter Day 5 April

8.00am Said Eucharist

10.00am Sung Parish Eucharist

## OUR LADY

**Bingham Road, CR0 7EN**

### **Palm Sunday, 29 March**

Masses at 8.30am; 10am and 12 noon

### **Maundy Thursday, 2 April**

8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper with  
washing of the feet, followed by  
Watching until midnight

### **Good Friday, 3 April**

9am Stations of The Cross

3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion  
and Death

### **Holy Saturday, 4 April**

10am Office of Readings and  
Morning Prayer

9pm Easter Vigil

### **Easter Day, 5 April**

Masses at 8.30am; 10am and 12 noon

## SHIRLEY METHODIST CHURCH

**Eldon Road, CR0 8SD**

### **Palm Sunday 29 March**

10.30am Worship Service

### **Wednesday 1st April**

12.30pm Prayer for Healing and Forgiveness

### **Thursday 2nd April**

7.00pm Communion Service

### **Good Friday 3rd April**

3.00pm Stations of the Cross

### **Easter Day 5th April**

10.30am Worship Service

## SHRUBLANDS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, CR0 8JA

### **Good Friday 3 April**

10:30am Broom Road Shop Reflection  
at the Cross

### **Easter Day 5 April**

10:30am Shirley Community Centre  
Easter Celebration

## WEST WICKHAM & SHIRLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

**corner of Wickham Road/Monks  
Orchard Road, CR0 8DR**

### **Palm Sunday 29 March**

10:30am Family Fun Day – a church  
onwards service – all welcome; then bouncy  
castles, food, lots of fun and an  
Easter egg hunt. All Free.

### **Thursday, 2 April**

7.30pm Experience the Passover, a Jewish  
feast and its meaning.

### **Easter Day**

10:30am Easter celebration – come and  
discover the meaning of Easter!

## IN ADDITION:

### **Good Friday:**

10.30am North End, Croydon – Drama of  
Jesus' way to Calvary (starting from  
Poplar Walk), and Crucifixion  
(outside The Almshouses from  
11am). Followed by silent walk of  
witness back along North End.

### **Easter Day:**

6.30am Shirley Hills Viewpoint – Easter  
Sunrise Service (max 40 mins)

# What is a Patient Participation Group (PPG)

## Hartland Way Surgery

**Dr D A Gardiner**  
**Dr A R Ingram**  
1 Hartland Way  
Tel 020 8777 7215



**Rena Amin**  
Clinical Associate  
**Jill Salvidge**  
Practice Nurse  
**Susan Barnes**  
Practice Manager

### **PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP**

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

**T**he PPG is formed of patients registered with the practice and able to take keen an interest in their health care provider, in this case their GP surgery. The group reviews the priorities and after a consensus agreement sets these priorities to meet the local needs of the practice population and improve health outcomes. Hartland Way Surgery's PPG group currently consists of 7 representatives.

### **The Hartland Way Surgery PPG**

The Hartland Way Surgery PPG is made up of patients registered with the surgery. Group members were recruited through an expression of interest publicised in the surgery. The purpose of this group is to establish a real opportunity for patients to influence decisions about which services are provided, how they are provided and how the surgery is run. Hartland Way Surgery's PPG has been active for a number of years. As a practice they firmly believe in two way communication and in order to achieve this, they encourage their patients to convey their thoughts and suggestions. If you wish to contact the representatives of Hartland Way Surgery's PPG or wish to comment on any aspect of this practice, please put this forward via the suggestion box which is in the practice's waiting area.

### **Aims of the Hartland Way Surgery PPG**

The group along with the staff and the clinical team work together to meet the needs of the patients, improve services and to share an understanding of issues, challenges and opportunities.

### **Hartland Way Surgery's PPG achievements:**

By working together in a constructive and supportive way, over the last few years they have:

- Increased the number of hours of their staff to reflect the needs of their patient population.
- Discussed and improved their appointment system.
- Set up a system for their clinical team to respond quickly to patient queries during surgery times and get a faster resolution.
- Improvements in the reception area and display boards.

The Hartland Way PPG would like more of their registered patients to join and contribute to the aims of the group. If you are interested please email Susan Barnes (NHS CROYDON CCG) [susanbarnes@nhs.net](mailto:susanbarnes@nhs.net)

### **DEREK RITSON**

Note: The Dr Abbott's GP Practice in Wickham Road has amalgamated with Dr Ford's (retired) patients from the now closed South Way GP Practice and also has an active Patients Participation Group (PPG). It is understood they have retained the old telephone number.

# Handy Ad's Section



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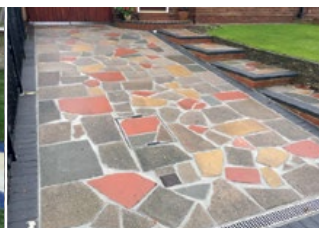
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# Planning Report

## NEW APPLICATIONS

### **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

This is a re-run of a previous application which was dismissed on appeal; It is still Back Garden Development, however most of the reasons for dismissal of the previous application have been addressed by the developer which includes provision of road construction for a proportion of Woodmere Close.

MORA submission is in preparation.

**Target Determination Date:** 20 Mar 2015  
(Date of AGM)

### **3 Lavender Way; Ref: 15/00092/P**

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

**Status:** Deposited (ie valid and registered).

**Target Determination Date:** 09 Mar 2015

### **68 Tower View; Ref: 15/00366/GPDO**

**Proposal:** Erection of single storey rear extension projecting out 4 metres with a height to the eaves of 2.5 metres and a maximum height of 3.2 metres

Only adjacent neighbours can object.

**Target Determination Date:** 11 Mar 2015

### **65 Firsby Avenue; Ref: 15/00029/P**

**Proposal:** Retention of detached (Out-) building with decking

**Target Determination Date:** 23 Mar 2015

### **65 Firsby Avenue; Ref: 15/00023/P**

**Proposal:** Retention of conservatory

**Target Determination Date:** 24 Mar 2015

### **47 Woodmere Avenue; Ref: 15/00504/P**

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

There are no comments lodged for this application as of 11/02/2015

**Target Determination Date:** 06 Apr 2015

## LPA DECISIONS:

### **44 The Glade; Ref: 14/05083/P**

**Proposal:** Erection of single storey side extension and two storey rear extension

**Permission Granted:** 09 Feb 2015

### **8 Greenview Avenue; Ref: 14/04895/LP**

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

**Decision:** Lawful Dev. Cert. Granted (proposed)

**Actual Decision Level:** Delegated

**Decision Date:** 13 Jan 2015

### **16 Orchard Avenue; Ref: 14/03596/P**

**Proposal:** Erection of first floor side extension; construction of roof extension to include increased ridge height and dormer extensions in the side and rear roof slope.

MORA Objected.

**Decision:** Permission Granted

**Decision Date:** 18 Dec 2014

### **46 Lorne Gardens; Ref: 14/05171/P**

**Proposal:** Erection of single storey rear extension

**Decision:** Permission Refused

**Decision Date:** 30 Jan 2015

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## **Reason(s) for refusal:-**

1. The development would be detrimental to the residential amenities of the occupiers of adjoining properties by reason of visual intrusion, loss of outlook and overshadowing.

## **2 Lavender Way; Ref: 14/05067/P**

**Proposal:** Alterations and use of garage as habitable room erection of single storey rear and first floor side extensions.

**Decision:** Permission Refused

**Decision Date:** 04 Feb 2015

## **Reason(s) for refusal:-**

Reason 1. The development would detract from the appearance of the building and be detrimental to the amenities of the street scene by reason of dominance, siting and design.

Reason 2. The development would be detrimental to the amenities of the occupiers of adjoining property by reason of its size and siting resulting in visual intrusion.

## **Land R/O 110 The Glade**

**Ref: 14/04979/P**

**Proposal:** Demolition of existing building (see photo of structure) and construction of a one bedroom detached bungalow at rear.

MORA Objected to this proposed Beds-in-Shed.

**Decision:** Permission Refused (Delegate Committee)



**Decision Date:** 21 Jan 2015

## **Reason(s) for refusal:-**

Reason 1. The proposal would constitute a cramped and unsatisfactory form of backland development out of keeping with the character of the locality with unsatisfactory access and parking arrangements and inadequate private amenity space for future occupiers.

It has now been confirmed that the applicant has a statutory 6 months to appeal, we will therefore wait until 21st July before requesting enforcement of demolition.

## **8 Greenview Ave;**

**Ref: 14/04895/LP**

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

Lawful Dev. Cert. Granted (proposed)

Delegated

**Decision Made Date:** 13 Jan 2015

## **21 Chaffinch Avenue;**

**Ref: 14/04566/P**

**Proposal:** Erection of single storey rear extension

**Decision:** Permission Granted

**Decision Date:** 29 Dec 2014

Condition 1: All new external work and work of making good shall be carried out in materials to match the existing

Condition 2: No window to be inserted in the north eastern elevation

## **32 Firsby Avenue;**

**Ref: 14/04553/GPDO**

**Proposal:** Erection of a single storey rear extension which projects out 6 metres from the rear wall of the original house with an eaves height of 2.41 metres and a maximum overall height of 4 metres

# Planning Report

**Decision:** Prior Approval No Jurisdiction (GPDO)

A total of 3 neighbouring properties were notified about the application and invited to comment. No representations were received from any adjoining occupiers; therefore the Council has no jurisdiction to determine this case.

## APPEALS:

None to report

## OTHER PLANNING ISSUES:

### Stage 1 Complaint – 168 Orchard Way

We have received a response to our stage 1 Complaint relating to the Planning Sub-committees decision to allow the extension of 168 Orchard Way against the Planning Inspectors conditions. This is on the Agenda of the February Committee Meeting to discuss our response. Will provide an update in the Summer Newsletter and at the AGM.

### Complaint to the Parliamentary Ombudsman

The Parliamentary Ombudsman has confirmed that they also cannot comment on an Inspector's determination whilst we have the option of a legal challenge. We have requested our MP Gavin Barwell to raise our concerns relating to "The Communities right to Challenge" with Brandon Lewis MP – Minister of State for Housing and Planning at the Department for Communities and Local Government.

Our concerns are documented in a 5 page summary with the conclusions:

"22 Conclusions:

a) Therefore, an Inspector is not even accountable to the Parliamentary Ombudsman. An inspector is only accountable to a legal

challenge which is much too expensive for the general public or local Residents' Associations.

b) The Planning Inspectorate argues that it is not mandatory for them to have ISO 9000-9001 accreditations. However, meeting such external accreditation and undergoing regular audits would ensure public confidence in the credibility and internal accountability of the individual inspectors and the Inspectorate, in the execution of their responsibilities.

c) Such procedures would prevent any likelihood of abuse or corruption.

d) The current accountability is fundamentally flawed and is much too late and too expensive to correct inappropriate decisions.

e) This lack of scrutiny and accountability results in complete loss of confidence by the public in the Planning System."

## Enforcement

### 31a Woodmere Avenue

The Local Residents affected by the allowed Appeal for an out-building at 31a Woodmere Avenue have sent a petition via MORA for the Condition, imposed by the Planning Inspectorate and suggested by the LPA, to be enforced. The rules for the imposition of Conditions state that any conditions imposed should be enforceable. The Enforcement Officers are now asking local residents to provide the necessary evidence for them to enforce their own suggested conditions. Isn't that what our Council Tax payers are paying the Council for! As we have stated in our complaint, the Council and the Planning Inspector should have imposed conditions which are enforceable!

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**DEREK RITSON**  
PLANNING OFFICER

# Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC)

Roadshow 4th November 2014

The Roadshow was one of a series of annual Roadshows held throughout the London Boroughs, designed to give an up to date overview of policing in each of the various areas and to take questions and comments from the audience. The Mayor's office oversees delivery of the Mayor's Police and Crime Plan and holds the Metropolitan Police Service and other criminal justice agencies to account for delivery of efficient, effective, fair policing and crime reduction in London.

The Mayor's office was represented by Stephen Greenhalgh, Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, accompanied by Steve O'Connell, London Assembly Member for Croydon. The police were represented by Andy Tarrant, Croydon Borough Commander and Helen King, Assistant Commissioner, Metropolitan Territorial Policy Directorate.

The Mayor's challenge to the Metropolitan Police Service to increase local policing and reduce crime in Croydon was shown to be on track, with a steady decrease in recorded crimes over the last two and half years. The Borough has seen an increase of one hundred and two Safer Neighbourhood Officers since October 2011, at which time there had been only seventy three. The target for 2015 is one hundred and eighty three.

The various areas which make up the Borough of Croydon are diverse but this is recognised by the Assistant Commissioner and the police and the audience were assured this is taken into account in the deployment of its officers. In addition, every effort is made to recruit new officers for London from the London area which gives them a head start because of their local knowledge.

In addition to criminal activity such as burglary, theft etc., the Assistant Commissioner talked of other crimes that are overall coming to the fore. Reported domestic abuse has greatly increased but this does mean that they are able to assist in providing support to victims. Reports of female genital mutilation are now emerging and by no means the least, cyber crime. Despite all these challenges, however, there is confidence that targets will be met. So far, London is leading the way in crime reduction but it is recognised that there is still work to do in specific areas and in respect of specific types of crime.

Further Information about MOPAC can be found on:

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## MONKS ORCHARD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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Open Letter: 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2015

(Independent)

(Non Party)

**Dear Julie Belvir - Director of democratic and legal services**

We understand that the Full Council Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2014 approved proposed changes to the CONSTITUTION OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF CROYDON Part 4K - Planning and Planning Sub-Committee Procedure Rules; specifically at: Para 2.20 GLA Members & Para 2.22 Members of Parliament, referral procedures.

The changes approved restricts planning referrals by the GLA Members and all Croydon MP's to only planning applications for Major Developments or larger as defined by the Department for Communities and Local Government. This change to the constitution prevents the GLA Members or any Croydon MP's from making referrals or speaking at planning committees on Minor Planning Applications which affect their local constituents.

However, local residents are mostly affected by adjacent neighbours planning applications for extensions and/or out-buildings which are considered "Minor" applications. These types of applications have the potential to affect local residents who would appreciate representation from their Local MP or GLA member. To prevent the Local MP<sup>[1]</sup> or GLA member from representing a constituent in this way is disenfranchising local residents and depriving local residents of their democratic rights. It should be remembered that local residents fund council employees and elected representatives from taxes and council tax receipts and they expect their public servants to consider and represent their concerns.

It is imperative that all appropriate representations are afforded to local residents when an objectionable planning application is presented to the Local Planning Authority (LPA). This is the case even if the LPA are minded to refuse an application, as an applicant has the right of appeal and in such circumstances the importance of an elected representatives' objection gives additional weight to the Planning Inspectorate's deliberations when considering the appeal and before determining the appeal decision.

We therefore believe the restrictions placed upon GLA Members and all Croydon MP's is undemocratic, unconstitutional, is 'ultra vires' and should be rescinded forthwith.

We also understand that the Council is proposing similar restrictions on Ward Councillors.<sup>[2]</sup> However, the reasons originally quoted for restricting GLA and MP's referrals were that " ... it is the role of Local Councillors to represent constituents regarding planning matters"<sup>[3]</sup> ... so why is there such muddled thinking in the echelons of the new administration?

Regards



Dave King – Chairman of Monks Orchard Residents' Association

Cc: Cllr. Tony Newman – Leader of the Council

<sup>1</sup> Outside Parliament, and at the discretion of the individual MP, you could request that your MP speak at an event concerning the issue, pledge their support to a campaign or write to the local media on your behalf. (See: <http://www.parliament.uk/about/mps-and-lords/members/what/>)

<sup>2</sup> See Croydon Advertiser Article Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January "Planning Referrals are back on the Agenda."

<sup>3</sup> As confirmed in the Localism Act 2011

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

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**T**he changes to the Council Constitution relating to referrals and speaking at planning sub-committee meetings were brought to our attention as our MP could not represent one of our members at a Planning Sub-Committee. We also understand from media reports (see article – Croydon Advertiser 23rd January 2015) that the council is considering extending these limitations of referral procedures to elected Ward Councillors.

We contend that it is the elected MPs, the GLA members and also the respective Ward Councillors obligation and responsibility to represent their constituents, if they feel it appropriate to do so, at either Full Planning Committees or Planning Sub-Committees and to hold the Local Planning Authority to account. We have sent this Open Letter to Ms Julie Belvir – Director of democratic and legal services, London Borough of Croydon and copied to Cllr. Tony Newman – Leader of the Council.

If you agree please write or email:  
[Tony.newman@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:Tony.newman@croydon.gov.uk)

Further updates in the Summer Newsletter.

**DEREK RITSON**  
 PLANNING OFFICER

## Planning referrals are back on agenda

PROPOSALS which could limit the power of councillors to refer minor planning applications to the planning committee will be looked at again.

At present objections from council members to any applications result in them having to be considered by the planning committee.

Budget papers for this year have suggested that from 2016, this right should be limited to major applications.

This would allow more minor applications to be decided by planning officers under delegated powers, reducing – the council believes – the costs of producing papers for meetings.

But following concerns raised by the council's scrutiny committee about the implications of the move, Councillor Alison Butler, the cabinet member for homes and regeneration, told Monday's meeting of the cabinet, said: "We were looking at changes that didn't affect frontline services."

### Forward

"Concerns have been raised by scrutiny and we will now take time to see if this is the best way forward and whether an alternative can be found."

Councillor Jason Perry, the shadow cabinet member for economic development, planning and regeneration, said it was important the rights for referral were continued.

He said: "The house being built next door or a massive extension are the issues which often upset residents and cause them most concern."

It was important, he said, that councillors retained the right to refer applications to the planning committee.

He said: "This proposal is an attack on all of us. Most members use the system wisely."

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By Gareth D  
[gareth.davies@cro](mailto:gareth.davies@cro)

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## Orchestral

# Your local library: Shirley Library

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

**NB: The library no longer closes at lunchtime. Full opening hours are printed at the end of this publicity.**

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

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**Y**ou 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 as encyclopaedias, business information and help with the Theory Driving Test, and Life in Great Britain questions.

Food waste bags – you can buy these at the library. We sell packs of 100 for £5.70. We also sell garden waste bags for £1 each.

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](mailto: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.

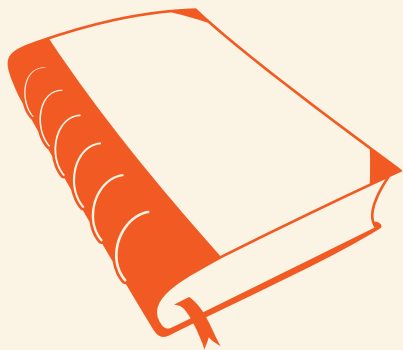
Children's Saturday Crafts. Alternate Saturdays from 2.30-4pm, for 4+. Please contact the library for dates.

### EASTER HOLIDAY / CITY READS ACTIVITIES:

Book Buddies (Easter theme). Monday 30th March. 4-4.30pm, for 3+.

Children's Saturday Crafts (Easter crafts). Saturday 4th April. 2.30-4pm. For 4+.

Make a policeman peg doll. Thursday 9th April. 2.30-4.30pm. Age 5+.



Rhymetime, rhymes and singing. Friday 10th April. 10-10.30am. For babies and toddlers and their adults.

## EVENTS FOR CHILDREN IN MAY HALF TERM

Spring collage. Tuesday 26th May. 2.30-4pm. For 3+.

Dinosaur finger puppets. Thursday 28th May. 2.30-4.30pm. For 5+.

Mask making. Friday 29th May. 2.30-4pm. For 3+.

Children's Saturday Crafts (Spring crafts). Saturday 30th May. 2.30-4pm. For 4+.

## FREE FOR ADULTS

**Monthly talks:** Brian Lancaster will give a talk entitled The Mysterious Death of a Family in Croydon on Tuesday 17th March from 2.15-3.30pm. Please reserve your place at the library for this talk.

Author Christopher Bowden will give a talk on Tuesday 21st April from 2.15-3.30pm. Please reserve your place at the library for this talk.

City Reads talk – Nick Dobson will give a talk entitled A Literary Cruise along the Thames on Tuesday 28th April. NB: This talk will be at 11am-12.15pm which is different to the normal time of 2.15-3.30pm.

Please contact the library to reserve a place for this talk.

Gordon Gillett will give a talk about Priory Farm, in Surrey, on Monday 18th May from 2.15-3.30pm. Please contact the library to reserve a place for this talk.

**Adult Reading Group:** The group will meet on the following Thursdays from 6-7pm – 12th March, 9th April and 14th May.

**Monthly Craft session:** Card making. Tuesdays – 10th March, 14th April, 12th May. 2.30-4.30pm.

**Knit and Natter:** Do you enjoy knitting, crochet or other needlework? Enjoy swapping skills with a chat at our group over a cup of tea or coffee, on the following Fridays from 2.30-4.30pm. 13th March, 27th March, 10th April, 24th April, 8th May, 22nd May.

## FREE INTERNET TASTER SESSIONS

**Includes:** Learning basic IT skills, setting up an email account, using the internet, online shopping! And much, much more!

Monday mornings, Thursday mornings and Friday afternoons. 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. ■

# MORA need your support

If you can spare a few hours we desperately need Road Stewards to help support us.

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

**A3 – Nos. 1 to 20 Ash Tree Close & Fairway Close**

**C6 for Tower View**

**F12 for Ovington Court, Kempton Walk**

**B8 for 23 – 52 Gladeside**

**H6 – Edgewood Green**

If the answer is YES and you can spare a few hours each quarter, why not volunteer? You are required to deliver newsletters once a quarter, collecting membership subscriptions and issuing memberships cards once a year. Also, possibly if something important crops up affecting those members (say planning) to deliver a flyer to affected residents.

If you are interested please contact [monksorchardweb@btinternet.com](mailto:monksorchardweb@btinternet.com)

# Nomination for 2015-2016 MORA Committee

Could we have nominations, for the 2015-2016 Committee – and also a seconder if possible – nomination(s) to be sent to our Chairman or our to our email address at: monksorchardweb@btinternet.com at least a week before the AGM.

Since the resignation of Mary, we need a Secretary to join the MORA Team. Duties will include minute taking during committee meetings, managing the MORA

email account, plus other admin duties supporting the MORA Committee. We are also in need of a Vice Chairman, to cover when our Chairman is not available; but all nominations would be welcome.

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

## Happy New Year to all MORA members.

Would just like to keep everyone updated on the donation made to the **Paediatric Unit of the Evelina Children's' Hospital** – the amount in December 2015 was £450, making a total of approximately £1,100. This is only possible by mainly the members of the MORA Lunch & Supper Club, from family and friends who kindly support me in buying the cards that I make throughout the year.

If you remember, I do this each year as I wanted to give something back to The Evelina which is where our grandson Max was cared for when he was so ill at the age of five and a half weeks (see the latest picture of Max, aged five. So proud to be dressed in his Crystal Palace football kit. He has now joined a football club at school which he enjoys greatly.

In December Terry and I were invited to the Guys & St Thomas' Chapel Hospital (The Evelina Children's Hospital is part of this) for a Carol service. This was lovely as they had a local school choir singing too.

We were also invited to meet the Matron of the Evelina. This we did and it was a great honour to go into the Intensive Care Unit and meet some of the people that do such an amazing job with such poorly children. I have kept in touch with the Matron, Louise over the years, but had never met her. She also sent a personal thank you card saying they were going to put this year's donation towards a special mattress which sets of an alarm if the infant laying on it should stop breathing.

Thank you everybody for your wonderful support – couldn't do it without you – please keep supporting me and the Paediatric Unit of the Evelina Children's Hospital.

**Carole Greenwood**



# MORA Committee Members 2014-2015

Chairman	Dave King	
Vice Chairman	VACANCY	VACANCY
Secretary	VACANCY	VACANCY
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Planning	Derek Ritson	
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	Anne Horton	
	Sandra Scott	
	Elsie Sutherland	

## MONKS ORCHARD RESIDENTS’ ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM



‘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:

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