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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 MORA C/O

Please ensure we receive all articles for the Autumn 2015 issue by August 27th 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 August 27th 2015 for activities after mid September 2015.



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

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

e have gone through some changes in the recent months since the AGM.

Firstly, we have welcomed into the committee Ngaire Sharples as our new Secretary and Sony Nair as a new committee member.

We have also been seeking a Vice Chairman to support me and help push MORA forward and am pleased to announce that our Editor Kevin Martin and Sony have agreed to take on this responsibility jointly. They have some great ideas and visions and will be pushing us forward around their already busy schedules.

You will notice we have also improved our identity and how we look (read more further on in this magazine). We are also becoming 'cool' with our new website; www.mo-ro.co, Twitter; www.mo-ro.co/twitter and Facebook; www.mo-ro.co/facebook. This is all down to Kevin and Sony but being old I'm currently not up to date with all this 'stuff' but will quickly learn. Please bear with me.

It was also great to see our new look at the Edenham School Fete, and how the community came together to support each other. We hope to be at more events in the coming months, so please follow us on social media to keep track.

Now the election is over we know who we are to be governed by for the next five years. Let's hope the deficit can be reduced.

Those of you who read the newsletter would

note the current Croydon Council representatives are preventing our elected MP, and GLA representative from representing constituents on planning matters. Indeed, we e-mailed Tony Newman (leader of the council) and it was deleted as unread. This is clearly how the council see us: just a thorn in their side.

I, along with two other members of the committee, and representatives of other residents associations, was invited to attend a meeting Chaired by a Croydon Councillor to enable us to air our views of the activities of the Council. It was interesting to hear the questions from the audience and how much they feel they are not listened to: in particular. comments regarding planning applications and how their Local MP or GLA member can no longer make a referral on minor applications, i.e. to refer the decision to a planning subcommittee rather than allow the decision to be taken by a delegation of planning officers. In fact we received an email. from Julie Belvir, Director of Legal & Democratic Services. stating that only planning applications of a certain size and scale are referable by MPs or the GLA member. This precludes us the people from objecting without difficulty, to residents building habitable accommodation in their back gardens (beds in sheds).

I understand it is proposed to hold regular meetings with Councillors so they are kept up to date with Residents' Associations activities and I will ensure you are also informed.

Those of you who are observant will not have failed to note the missing bench on the grass triangle at the junction of Orchard Avenue and Orchard Way near the bus stop. The bench was erected some years ago in memory of Hugh Allerdyce, a founder member of MORA. It appears a wayward driver mounted the pavement and destroyed the bench. The committee is looking at a replacement which when purchased will be securely fixed with steel brackets into a concrete foundation.

I must comment on an item raised by a Councillor at our AGM regarding our underground system. It appears he advocates the underground system coming out as far as Crovdon and other areas south of the Thames. I had to inform him that the reason the underground system is predominantly north of the Thames is due to the complex nature of the strata and the number of underground rivers. As I said, the system may one day extend further but it certainly won't be in the lifetime of anyone present. I only wish people would research their subject before speaking about something they seem to know nothing about.

The next issue of our magazine will be in Autumn so I wish you all a pleasant summer in what ever your plans are.

Best wishes.

DAVE KINGChairman



A BRAND NEW LOOK FOR MORA

Those eagle eyed of you will have noticed something looks a little bit different. Well here is why...

irstly an apology. We would like to apologise for the late arrival of this magazine and any inconvenience it has caused with the Area Managers or Road Stewards. A lot has happened in the last few months since the AGM, including this new look, but also the fact that I am now Vice Chairman alongside new committee member Sony Nair. During the recent AGM, I asked

During the recent AGM, I asked the audience "who uses the current website?" I also spoke about using social media to push more notifications inbetween magazines and help us move into the 21st century.

We were lucky Sony Nair stepped forward to support us. He has now joined the committee and is going to support us in our marketing and digital spaces and will work with me to attract the younger generation in supporting their local community.

We have had numerous meetings late into the night and decided to create a new young and fresh feel to the magazine. We presented the new look and feel to the committee who voted overwhelmingly in favour of this new direction and new impetus.

Feeling refreshed

New identity

We decided we need a fresh new look and revitalised impetus to help propel MORA into the 21st century. It's something that reflects who we are as an association, and our history within the community, but with a new modern vibe. With this also comes an updated design of the quarterly magazine.

We felt it was time to reinvigorate ourselves with a modern motto: "Representing, supporting and working with the local residents for a better community."

Our digital space

We have also been looking at ways we can communicate with the community during the periods between magazine issues, and to do that we have created some new, useful digital streams.

We have a new website, which is fully responsive so that it can be viewed easily on desktops, tablets and mobile devices. It is much smaller than before, with information about us, and a home page that will detail upcoming events and important planning information. To communicate news quickly, we now also use social media: check out our Twitter and Facebook pages. None of this will replace your current printed magazines, but will help with upcoming events and any planning issues vou should be aware of.

New contact details

To fit in with our new digital space, we have a new friendly email address hello@mo-ra.co

The old email address will be phased out so please update your Contacts/Address Book with our new details

Working with Local Schools

We are hoping to work more closely with the local schools and get regular updates for the magazine about what's happening and events that need promoting.

Identity

Full logo

Simple logo







hello@mo-ra.co



@TweetsMORA



Monks Orchard Residents Association







Are you a budding photographer/ designer or coder?

For each magazine, we are looking for that perfect photo, whether it's for our Front Cover or dotted throughout our magazine. If you are interested in helping please let me know.

Now that I have taken on further responsibility, I am hoping to be able to get some help with either laying out the magazine in InDesign or helping develop our website.

Younger members...

Are you a young professional who would like to be more involved with your community? We are looking for younger members to join the committee and utilise their skills, knowledge and experience to strengthen MORA.

Looking forward

We have some exciting plans which we will share with you in the coming months.

Standing Order/Online Payments

Fed up with scrabbling for coins to pay the yearly subscription fees? We are looking at allowing members to set up standing orders soon so you can sit back and relax with your magazine. We'll need to work out the best way to manage this together with our Road Stewards. Don't worry, for those of you that still like to pay using good old cash, we will still be accepting that.

In the meantime, be sure to keep up to date with us via our website/Twitter/Facebook.

KEVIN MARTIN
Vice Chairman, and
Marketing Manager
SONY NAIR
Vice Chairman

INTRODUCING **SONY**

Hello, my name is Sony Nair and I have recently joined the Executive Committee after having been a MORA



member for many years.

I grew up in West Croydon and moved to Shirley in 2006 with my wife Priya. We have two boys Aarian (aged 6) and Dhruv (aged 3). My eldest son attends Monks Orchard Primary School, where I am also a Governor.

I enjoy spending time with my family, swimming and going to the cinema. I also regularly go running around Shirley. I am a technology fanatic and have a passion for Apple products.

As an IT professional, working for a large organisation in the City for over 12 years, I have used my skills to help rebrand MORA and introduce a new Website, Twitter handle, and Facebook page. This will enable MORA to attract more members and facilitate more frequent and timely communication about local events and issues.

I am keen to see MORA improve and identify where it needs to be in the future for the benefit of the community, and believe this is best achieved by working with our members and associated authorities

I look forward to working with you all to improve the area we live in.

SONY NAIR Vice Chairman





PHOTOS FROM THE MORA AGM 2015







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ave King, Chairman of MORA, opened the meeting by welcoming all friends and members present, as well as quests Gavin Barwell MP, Councillors Andrew Rendle, Stephen Mann. Richard Chatterjee and Sue Bennett, GLA member Steve O'Connell and Councillors Mike Fisher and Maddie Henson arrived after the start of the meeting. Sqt Marcus Moore and PCSO John Iles of the Shirley Safer Neighbourhood Team and Trevor Ashby and Colin Poole from Spring Park Residents Association were also welcomed. A special welcome was given to the guest speaker Mike Bell, who was accompanied by Daniel Pople, both from the Croydon Health Services NHS Trust.

Minutes of 2014 AGM

These had been published in the Summer 2014 newsletter and were approved by a vote.

Chairman's Report Dave King

Dave warned all to be aware of anyone acting in a suspicious manner locally as he understood there had been a spate of burglaries recently.

He emphasised the need for prompt delivery of the newsletters which often contain details of time-sensitive events. He asked that the Committee be informed of any undue delays. He also asked to be informed of new residents so that they can be invited to join MORA.



On 17th May 2014 a very successful party for Area Managers and Road Stewards was held to celebrate the 90th anniversary of MORA.

On Planning issues Dave expressed concern that recent changes meant that neither Gavin Barwell nor Steve O'Connell are able to make a referral or speak on behalf of residents on minor planning issues such as extensions and back garden developments. He suggested one of the councillors present respond later.

Dave was also unhappy that residents are no longer informed individually of planning applications; instead easily removed notices are attached to nearby lampposts.

The bench in memory of Hugh Allerdyce has now been damaged beyond repair.

Michael Nash was presented with a certificate of Honorary Life Membership.

Treasurer's Report Terry Greenwood Income and Expenditure year

ending 31st December 2014. For the first time in 12 years more was spent than was taken in. This was due to the party held last year, although many of those involved did not claim their full expenses. Overall MORA was still in profit by £11,696. Detailed accounts are in the spring newsletter.

MORA donated £100 to the Girl Guides trip to Switzerland.

The Editor of the newsletters has negotiated down the cost of printing them.

We now have Affiliated Members, for supper club members from outside our area. These receive the newsletters but have no voting rights.

Membership Report

Derek had taken over the role of membership secretary following the resignation of Vilas Patel last year.

Derek stated that MORA would collapse without the support of Area Managers and Road Stewards. The membership fees they collect keep MORA

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solvent and fund the printing of newsletters and hall hire costs. He commended those road stewards who collected 100% of their fees last year and also praised Carol Simpson and Christine Taylor who have already collected this year's. If all fees were collected from

The website has been taken down as it was very out of date. Kevin asked if it would be better to communicate via Facebook and Twitter. He asked for feedback to assess requirements, and hoped to move forward over the next 6 months.

The newsletters have expanded to 40 pages since Kevin took over as editor 18 months ago; containing more articles, information and local activities. He thanked the Committee members for their contributions, but added that support is needed from all members.

Last year's speaker, Rob Barron from Edenham High School, had asked Kevin to pass on news that the school is in negotiations to become part of a Multi Academy Trust with Greenshaw High School in Sutton.

Electronic copies of the details were available from Kevin.

The spring newsletter has details of local activities and clubs, and Kevin asked that anyone knowing of such activities inform him. He also emphasised the need for prompt delivery of the newsletters.

One such club is the Shirley
Lunch and Supper club, which
has expanded from just 12
members to 60. They visit local
restaurants once a month for
lunch or supper; there are no
membership fees, but raffles
are held to raise money for
their Christmas party. Couples
or singles are welcome as the
focus is making new friends.
Day coach trips are also
organised and are very popular.
The club's 10th birthday is to

be celebrated at Croham Hurst Golf Club in the summer.

The club has also organised a Christmas Fair for the last 3 years, supporting charities such as St. Christopher's Hospice, The Royal Marsden, Evelina Children's Hospital, Demelza and Calleydown Shortbreak Children's Home.

Details are available from Christine Ross Smith, whose telephone number is in the magazine.

those on the database the accounts would have shown an increase of £1,454.

Last year's speaker, F from Edenham High!

asked Kevin to pass of that the school is in pass of the school is in pass.

A slide was shown giving details of where our membership is falling, holding steady or increasing. Offers of help to increase membership in failing areas would be very welcome.

Road Stewards are needed for the following roads: Tower View, Parkfields and Cheston Avenue, Wickham Avenue, Ovington Court, Gladeside, and Edgewood Green. Members are invited to apply.

Editor's Report

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Planning Report Derek Ritson

Derek took on planning following the resignation of Ian Fraser. He outlined the most important issues which had arisen during the year:

31A Woodmere Avenue - The planning inspector allowed an appeal for an outbuilding. which was larger than the host bungalow, and had all the facilities of an independent dwelling. MORA was not satisfied with the inspectorate's response to our queries and submitted a dossier of evidence (endorsed by Gavin Barwell) to the Parliamentary Ombudsman, It seems that an inspector is not accountable to the ombudsman other than by a legal challenge. Gavin will be following this up with the Minister of State for Planning.

168 Orchard Way – An unauthorised development was begun during the summer. An enforcement officer stopped the work and requested a planning application. The planning sub-committee allowed the

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application, ignoring previous conditions imposed by the Planning Inspector. MORA has raised a complaint and expects to take this to the Local Government Ombudsman.

110 The Glade – An application was put in for the demolition of an existing structure and the building of a 1 bedroom dwelling in the rear garden of this property. The application was refused.

There have been additional successes, including the appeal dismissal of the application for the demolition of 62 Woodmere Avenue and the building of 5 three bedroom homes; also the appeal dismissal of the backland development of 3 gardens on Gladeside.

Derek also advised that MORA cannot object on any permitted development applications as objections can only be received from adjoining neighbours, although we are happy to offer advice.

Nominations for the Committee 2015 to 2016

Dave listed the resignations which have taken place since last year, Mary Evans (Secretary) Vilas Patel (Membership) Barbara Turner (Advertising) and Julie Cornell (Transport and Highways) He thanked them for their past efforts. Derek has taken on Membership and Mary Jennings Advertising, MORA is in desperate need of a secretary, which will mean taking minutes at meetings, managing the email account and other admin duties. A vice chair is also needed when Dave is not available.

Nominations for those standing for the Committee were shown and the vote to elect was carried

Security Report Sgt Marcus Moore

Sgt Moore gave a brief overview of his career, a local man he has served in Brent, Harlesden and Richmond. The Safer Neighbourhood Team is based in Addington Village. There are 5 officers including himself and PCSO John Iles. He thanked MORA for the invitation and added that he was impressed with the turnout and level of support shown.

The team issue monthly updates electronically, and are able to deliver a few hard copies, but do not have the capacity to do this generally. The quarterly Ward Panel meeting is open to the public, but anyone who has a query should ask him or John lles or send an email.

In response to a prepared question Sgt Moore stated that the team do patrol the area, John Iles is out 80-90% of his shift. Some officers may be in unmarked cars, and at times plain clothes officers are on patrol. They do sometimes have to assist outside the area when immediate attention is required.

MP

Gavin Barwell

Gavin thanked MORA for its work which helps both the MP and Councillors.

Gavin gave details of local issues he has been working on. He wanted the Hammerson / Westfield redevelopment to go ahead as soon as possible. The result of the public enquiry into the compulsory purchase order should be through in June or July, which is the final legal barrier.

He has supported Croydon University Hospital in its efforts to get a new A & E department.



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There are issues with the rail service to central London. Much needs to be done by Network Rail to keep services reliable, especially at London Bridge.

He regretted the changes to

He regretted the changes to the rules on planning referrals and thanked Derek for his work on planning issues.

He thanked MORA for all the hospitality given to him over the past 5 years.

GLA Member Steve O'Connell

Steve is the representative for Planning Policing and Transport. Around 70-80% of his casework is devoted to transport. The Mayor has overall responsibility for planning and writes the London Plan. He also regretted the withdrawal of his ability to refer applications but stated he can still object on larger developments.

Ashburton Councillor Stephen Mann

Stephen reiterated Gavin and Steve's comments about the work of MORA. He is on the Planning Committee so is restricted but his colleagues have been working with Derek.

He has been working on the problem of flooding from Chaffinch Brook; a very long term solution may be to open it up as was done with the Wandle.

New measures are in place to prevent travellers setting up in the area.

There have been 11 prosecutions for fly tipping.

He has been campaigning for the Bakerloo line to be brought to Hayes.

Shirley Councillor Richard Chatteriee

Richard referred to 31A Woodmere Avenue, where the principal problem is enforcement and getting evidence. He also regretted the approval by the Planning Inspectorate of the building at 168 Orchard Way, which all Shirley Councillors had spoken against.

Prepared Questions for Elected Representatives

What is the situation relating

To Gavin Barwell

to our complaint to the Parliamentary Ombudsman's referral to the Planning Minister and what will happen in the event of a change of minister after the election? Gavin has not yet received a

formal reply but hopes there

will be a change in the law

to make inspectors more accountable. This is a good test case and he hopes that it will be taken forward, whoever the next planning minister is.

To Steve O'Connell

The 367 bus stop in Orchard Avenue for Tower View is situated in a muddy grass patch. Could it be relocated to the tarmac area?

Steve will liaise with TFL and report back.

To Stephen Mann – Planning Committee

Planning notices are put up on lamp posts etc and are sometimes removed intentionally or otherwise, which results in local residents being unaware of a proposed development. Previously letters were sent out to residents but this was stopped on cost grounds. If the cost of a planning officer's time and travelling expenses, plus the cost of laminating and fixing straps is compared to that of sending out perhaps a dozen



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letters it is doubtful whether money is being saved.

This has been a big issue in the MORA area. The planning officers referred to the Development Management Procedures Order 2010 which means that the council does not have to advise adjoining neighbours and put the notices up. Croydon is facing huge cuts but consideration should be given on how this can be better done.

Residents had sent in a petition about 31A Woodmere Avenue as they are convinced the outbuilding is being used as living accommodation, in contravention of the conditions of approval. They wished to know whether any enforcement action had been taken. The tax band for the property is E, and surrounding properties is F, although these do not have the additional building.

Stephen has raised the matter with officers and an investigation is ongoing.

Sgt Moore questioned how the police had prevented evidence being gathered by residents concerning this property. Derek Ritson replied that one resident had put up a CCTV. The police were called by the occupiers of 31A Woodmere, and told the residents to remove the camera.

Andrew Rendle - Councillor

A question was put concerning the retention of open spaces and how to prevent travellers gaining access to these. Andrew replied that the Council works to get the

travellers removed legally

as soon as possible. Actions have been taken to prevent those getting vehicles onto playing fields and talks are proceeding with travellers' associations to find suitable alternative sites in Croydon.

The issue of Long Lane Woods was raised. Andrew replied that he had an on-site meeting arranged for the following week and invited MORA to send a representative.

Martin Buchanan will liaise with Councillor Rendle.

The Trust has social workers aiming to get patients back into their homes as soon as possible.

Mike Bell and John Galston, Chief Executive, introduced "Listening into Action" which took on staff views and ideas for improvement. Major successes include "home for lunch" which means patients can be home by lunchtime. Physical Wednesdays mean that the executive team are out on the wards or community services. The public have

On average every day 10 babies are born in CUH, there are 100 operations, 350 people attend A & E, and there are 1000 outpatients at CUH and Purley. There are 3,500 staff over all the sites. The north of Croydon has the worse deprivation, worsening as the population grows. 1 in 5 people are not GP registered.

Invited Speaker - Mike Bell, Croydon NHS Trust

Among a huge number of other activities, the Trust opened Purley Memorial Hospital last year. Overall they now have 18 sites over the borough. On average every day 10 babies are born in CUH, there are 100 operations, 350 people attend A & E, and there are 1000 outpatients at CUH and Purley. There are 3.500 staff over all

the sites. The north of Croydon has the worse deprivation, worsening as the population grows. 1 in 5 people are not GP registered and use A & E as their primary care.

Target waiting time in A & E is 1 hour 20 minutes. Post Christmas actual time for 1 in 3 people was over 4 hours. This became a major incident.

attended a series of "listening into action" events, and he will have regular surgeries to liaise with the public. They are the first NHS organisation to achieve accreditation with the scheme.

The children's diabetes service was rated as excellent. Jointly with the council a service for young people with learning difficulties was rated best in London for the second year running.

A new approach to breast feeding has been introduced. With the Council they secured £1.5 million to set up Croydon's Breast Staff.

They are supporting older people by assisting them to stay in their own homes.

They have new initiatives for dementia sufferers.

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Together with others they are working to provide hospital grade care in patients' homes, and are working with GPs to speed up entry to hospital.

Staff roles are now more obvious and open, especially matrons.

The Trust is seeking continuous improvements and would appreciate the public's views.

They are hoping to re-develop the A & E department which had been built for 70,000 patients a year but was now serving 130,000.

Prepared question for Mike Bell

How will the hospital deal with the increasing population?

Mike hoped that the planned development programme would help. Primary care is the biggest challenge over the next 5 years, ensuring that there are enough GPs.

Derek Ritson asked if the Trust spoke to planners, Mike replied that information from the Council and GLA is used to plan their services.

Questions from the Floor

Q. Should libraries be run on a subscription basis?

Maddie Henson- Not all could afford to pay and the service should be for all.

Mike Fisher –The core library service is a legal requirement and cannot be charged for.



Q. Why are more high rise office blocks being built when many are standing empty?

Gavin Barwell – To attract major businesses back to Croydon, bring quality jobs to the town, new purpose built offices are needed. Some buildings are being considered for conversion to residential housing.

Q. What is to happen to Taberner House?

Stephen Mann – Schemes are coming up before the Planning Committee, and he believes there are proposals to provide 30% affordable social housing.

Q. A resident had been taken round the dementia wards but as there was no one in charge of activities the patients were not getting any stimulation. Also after a visit to the Rheumatology Department she has a 9 month wait to see a consultant.

Mike Bell – Will look into both issues

Q. Who decides the value of properties for council tax, and what is the basis of the assessment?

Mike Fisher – The valuation officer decides. The decision

is made on the basis of current value following a visit. There is a right of appeal.

Q. A resident asked about mental health issues

Mike Bell – There are several mental health trusts and it is hoped to break down the different problems which also include physical well-being. Significant progress is anticipated over the next 12 months.

Q. A further question from the floor also concerned mental health but was largely inaudible.

Andrew Rendle – One of his roles is Deputy Cabinet Minister for People and Communities, which covers health and adult social care. Work is being carried out on mental health and talking therapies. He is also taking forward a lot of work on autism and is Croydon's autism champion.

Dave King

Dave King closed the meeting by thanking everyone for coming and wished them a safe journey home.

THANK YOU

n March 20th 2015, the MORA AGM was held. All the extensive preparations, the weeks of planning, changes and meetings by the committee had finally come together. The hall had been prepared, the presentation and the PA setup, the biscuits had arrived and the kettle was on as the MORA committee members greeted the 50+ quests as they arrived.

Many thanks to all the MORA Committee who helped with all the arrangements, the setting up for the 91st AGM and the packing away at the end of a long night. Without them MORA simply would not be able to run.

But it was not just the Committee, the local

community came together on a lovely but chilly Friday night, to support the AGM.

Richard Stow, who supplied and managed the PA and audio equipment on the night.

Andrew Dunsmore of Picture Partnership for taking the time out of his busy schedule to take photos of the event, keeping everyone laughing and giving us some beautiful photos that are in this magazine.

And thank you to you, the residents of Monks Orchard for attending the event. I hope you enjoyed it.

KEVIN MARTINVice Chairman, and Marketing Manager



INTRODUCING **NGAIRE**

Hi, my name is Ngaire Sharples and I am the new Secretary for MORA, and also Road Steward for



Gladeside. I am a New
Zealander, but have lived in the
UK for 14 years, and in Croydon
for 4-1/2 years. My partner, Keith,
has lived in the Croydon area
his whole life, and has been a
member of MORA for many years.

At the end of August last year I left full-time employment in logistics for an export/import/ manufacturing company in West London. I am currently following an on-line writing course, as well as enjoying a lot more free time; it is a real change to not have to cram everything

I enjoy gardening, walking, reading and writing, and also swim and cycle for exercise. I joined the MORA Committee to do something useful, and as a way of putting something back into the community I am a strong believer in looking after the environment in which we live, and especially in taking care of the green spaces we are lucky to have all around us.

I am pleased to be involved in an Association that has done so much good for the residents of Monks Orchard over so many years, and look forward to the challenges that will no doubt arise in the future.

NGAIRE SHARPLES Secretary

SHIRLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD CARE SCHEME (SNCS)

Perhaps a little of the history of this organisation might help. Shirley Neighbourly Care Scheme was set up by the Shirley Group of Churches forty years ago. The Co-ordinator would be asked to find drivers from a list of volunteers to take local people to health appointments. This worked well while Co-ordinators were available but in the early 2000's it fell into disrepair. In 2004 Churches Together in Shirley (CTIS) decided to revive the project under the name Shirley Neighbourhood Care Scheme and many of the local churches agreed to support SNCS financially.

Shirley Methodist Church also agreed to provide an office free of charge. The decision was taken to employ a paid part-time Volunteer Coordinator and in May 2005 Christina Lyon-Williams took on this role.

Over the next 9 years SNCS went from strength to strength not only providing lifts to health appointments but also in 2010 a lunch club (Shirley Diners) was established with some help from Croydon Council who agreed to meet the salary of the new lunch club Coordinator, Danuta Plummer, and later that year SNCS became a Registered Charity. A shopping bus runs to Tescos every Wednesday and a Befriending Scheme has been developed to visit lonely folk once a month. In May 2014 Christina retired and was succeeded by Sue McVicker who is doing a great job.

In the last financial year total expenditure exceeded £23.000 as against total income of £24.000. More than 50% of

the expenditure comprised salaries for the two paid employees whereas only £5734 of the income was guaranteed from the Council and churches.

In view of the above, fund-raising has always been an important aspect of SNCS and for the last few years an annual Quiz Night and a Shirley Open Gardens weekend have been held which together raised almost £2,000 last year.

SNCS depends on unpaid volunteers to man the office Monday-Friday mornings, help with Shirley Diners on Thursdays, drivers for the shopping bus, drivers to deal with health related appointments and of course men and women willing to be befrienders.

You may already use SNCS yourself or you may be a volunteer. On the other hand you may be wondering if you too could be a volunteer in one capacity or another. If so ring Sue McVicker at the office on 020 8662 9599 or email her at sncs1970@gmail.com



www.shirleyneighbourhoodcare.co.uk



We enjoyed a superb Quiz Night in March when 140 people took part. This raised over £1300 for the Scheme.

I am writing this in the week leading up to another Shirley Open Gardens event on Sunday 28th June. Hopefully the sun will shine on the day and another useful sum will be raised for our charity

JONATHAN BAXTER

Chairman - SNCS

or



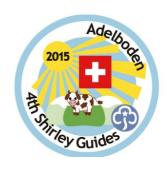
4TH SHIRLEY GUIDES FUNDRAISING

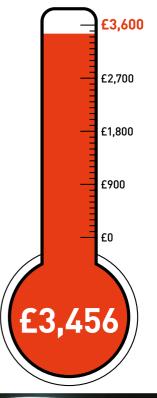
GUIDE ART & MUSIC AFTERNOON

On Sunday 10th May, the 4th Shirley Guides set to raise funds for their trip to Switzerland... we baked cakes for the congregation after the St George's church parade, we painted pictures to sell, we had our own designed tea-towels and mugs and had our Raffle tickets at the ready....

In the afternoon, ten of the Guides (and a Brownie!) stood up in front of all the visitors to sing or play their instruments – some of them had only been learning for 9 months. We were entertained with pieces on flutes, violin, keyboard, trumpet and the double bass. Rebecca (12) said "I was a bit nervous when I was performing but the audience was good and cheered for everyone. The art work on sale was also very pretty."

The day raised over £300 and helped us (almost) reach our fundraising target. We set the target at £3600 and ultimately raised £3456 – an amazing achievement for a small group of girls – we've danced, baked, done table top sales, packed bags at Sainsbury's and entertained Brownies & Rainbows! Thank you to all those who supported us – in person & encouragement. Mugs & tea-towels still available – and also a commemorative badge!







UPDATE FROM SHIRLEY SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE TEAM

he months of March/ April showed that burglaries in Shirley remain low. In the four weeks up to mid-April there were two burglaries and two attempted burglaries. The police stress, however, that residents must not get distracted by bogus callers or persons offering to do work on the house or garden, allowing them entry to property.

Motor vehicle crime offences have also decreased. In the four weeks to mid-April there were four thefts from motor vehicles and no theft of motor vehicles.

Key routes around the Ward continue to be monitored by officers in respect of speeding traffic. Recently speed issues were monitored, in conjunction with Croydon Council, in Orchard Avenue. The findings were generally indicative of average speeds in urban areas and the local authority did not believe there was sufficient concern as many other roads around the area generally have a much higher average speed.

With regard to Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), the team continue to patrol key estates to provide high visibility reassurance and reports of ASB have significantly reduced.

An extremely involved case recently ended successfully for the team when a local woman, who carried out prolonged and protracted disputes over five years towards many victims/neighbours, was given

a custodial sentence. The evidence went back a number of years, with many victims and witnesses attending the four court dates. Restraining orders were also issued against the defendant so that each family involved is now protected indefinitely. The team believes that this case proves we can all work together to stamp out this type of behaviour in our neighbourhood.

The team can be contacted by Email – Shirley. snt@met.police.uk
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"There is a car outside my property parked on the road for the last few weeks and I believe it has been abandoned. How do I get it removed?" Any information in regard to abandoned vehicles is useful in order to make sure the vehicle has not been stolen. Once you have called 101 to report the vehicle a check is done to ascertain if there are any reports on it. If there are not then the anti-social behaviour officer will contact the

Council's abandoned vehicles' team on 020 8255 2718, as it is down to the Council to deal. Their procedure is as follows: First visit - Enforcement Officer visits the targeted vehicle to confirm that, in their opinion, the vehicle has been abandoned. Photographs and a site visit report are made during this visit. If the vehicle is suspected as being abandoned. the officer will affix a self- adhesive seven day notice on the

vehicle. If the vehicle is a wreck or is a clear health and safety risk to everybody then the visiting officer can immediately order the vehicle to be removed for disposal. Second visit - If the vehicle has not moved within the period of the seven day notice and no response has been received for the letter of enquiry, the targeted vehicle will be immediately marked for collection and subsequent disposal by the Council's authorised contractor.

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The BIG Picnic

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Mary Guruparan, Chair of Friends of Ashburton Park said "What a truly wonderful day. We were blessed with fantastic weather and the coming together of our great community. Asian dancers entertained early attendees and our lady Mayor. Keith Nicholas Sr showed the basics of spiritual martial ways; hand painting, face painting and Bop and Boogie [www.bopandboogie.com] entertained our young visitors. Above all people were able to

relax and share. Huge thanks go to Croydon Lions and their young supporters for loaning us and setting up the marquees, generator and sound system. Your support is much appreciated. Thanks too to those who baked and brought along their cakes for free enjoyment. Special thanks go to my vice chair, Mary Leather, for leading on

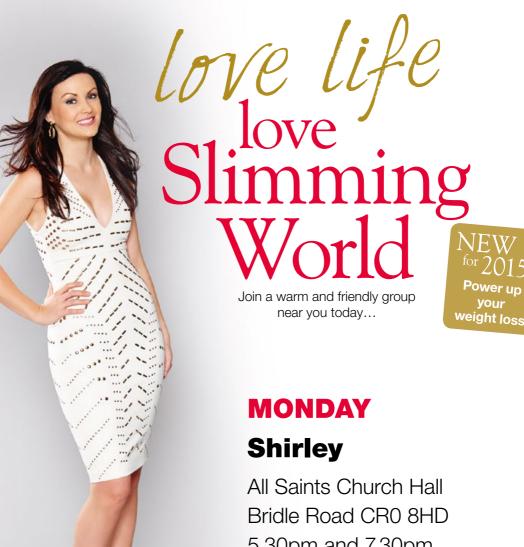
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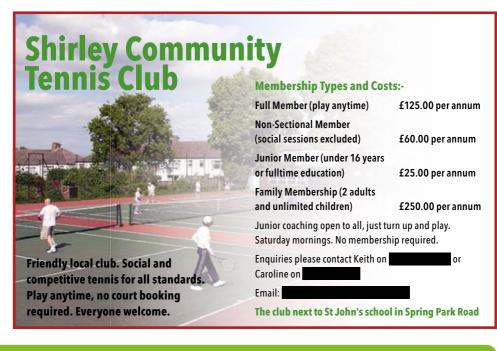
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ADVICE FROM SHIRLEY SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE TEAM

If wishing to report various issues/concerns – Frequently asked Question

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Team on 020 8760 5483 with as much information as possible (for example, a license plate or description of the vehicle). The Council and police then work together to find the suspects and issue them with either a fine or prosecute. which could lead to a custodial sentence. The Council can also seize the vehicle/s involved. The Council is not responsible for clearing waste on private land but will use the relevant legislation to ensure that those dumping waste on private land are prosecuted and any clear up costs recovered from the offender. In some instances this may also apply to the owner of the land, who may be liable for prosecution if they allowed their land to be used for dumping.

EDENHAM'S FIRST COMMUNITY SUMMER FETE AND CAR BOOT SALE

On Saturday 20th June 2015 Edenham's Family Community Group (EFCG) organised Edenham's first Community Summer Fete and Car Boot Sale. Edenham High School has been working in partnership with our local community in order to raise funds for the EFCG and give local businesses the opportunity to be involved by promoting themselves.

Working with Edenham High School

Sony and I have had a great meeting with Edenham High School and their marketing team. We felt it would be very beneficial for us both to build a positive relationship with both our local community and school community.

Edenham High School are working hard on raising their profile within our local and wider community, staying connected and outreaching locally – look out for an article from them later in this magazine.

We were asked if MORA would like to participate in the day and have our own pitch to help promote MORA to the local community, which we duly accepted.

This was billed to be a fun packed day for all, with many stalls, activities and refreshments and it did not let us down.

It was open to the public and welcomed the students, families, friends and local community to join.

For MORA it was a great opportunity to show off our

new logo and branding and all the hard work that we had done over the last few months, a chance to gain new members and let the community know who we are and how we can help them.

A nice early start to the day saw us arrive at 10am. We set up the gazebos and laid all the new marketing material out, and by 11.30am the public started to arrive.

Within the first 10 minutes we already had good interest, signed up new members, and chatted with the people who had come to the fete.

There was a fantastic BBQ to get us fed and a chance to enjoy a glass of pimms, whilst we were entertained with gymnastics, a band and the #EdenhamHasTalent contest.

We continued to sign up new members and learn more about what was happening in our area.

This was a great event and we look forward to being their for there next one.



A NEW APPROACH TO

WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION

As you should be aware by now, Croydon Council is rolling out a new approach to waste and recycling collection. We would really value your help in ensuring that residents are aware of the changes.

You and your neighbours in the area should have recently received a new timetable for waste & recycling collections. Residents can also check their collection day online www. croydon.gov.uk/bincollect as

well as download the latest calendar for your specific road. It would really help us if you could make people aware of the changes by informing your friends and neighbours in the area if they didn't already know.

As a reminder, since the 1 June, council staff and our contractors Veolia who previously worked in independent teams have joined forces to cover eight local areas.

Each local team will have an operations manager overseeing general waste collection, recycling, street cleaning and fly-tipping enforcement officers. The eight teams will have one or several trucks on patrol in each area at all times.

The new structure's benefits include:

- Faster responses to issues called in via the council's contact centre
- Better-planned routes through

more information on how much waste each street produces

 Improved co-ordination, such as timing collections with street cleaning

Croydon Council and Veolia are committed to ensuring no resident goes longer than the number of days listed below between their last collection under the old system and their first collection under the new village-styled approach. The number of days between:

- Refuse collections will not exceed 15 days.
- Food waste collections will not exceed 10 days.
- Recycling collections will not exceed 10 days.
- Garden waste collections will not exceed 15 days.

To achieve this we are scheduling additional landfill waste, food waste and recycling collections across the borough. Please leave your bin and boxes in a place where the waste & recycling crews can get to them and we will return to the curtilage of the property.

Once again we would like to thank you for your support during these changes.

Yours sincerely

STEVE ILES Director of Streets, Croydon Council



For more information on the new methods visit www.croydon.gov.uk/villageapproach





EXHIBITIONS AND EVENTS Summer 2015

He told me that his garden.

16 July 2015 - 19:00 Film-maker Natalie Joffre introduces her awardwinning short feature film inspired by the Museum's collections

Stiama and the Madness of Laughter: Contemporary and Eighteenth-century Ideas

25 July 2015 - 14:00

Richard Stern of Queen Mary, University of London, asks what the satirists of the eighteenth century can teach us about humour caricature and mental

Before the Mugshot: the

photographs of Henry Hering 1 August 2015 - 14:00 Our Education and

Outreach Officer, Caroline Smith, provides an introduction to a poignant collection of Victorian patient photographs.

Open and Expand Your Mind: a museum object handling drop-in session 13 August 2015 - 18:30

Renia Jenkins facilitates hand-on access to and starts conversations about items contained in the Museum's reserve collection.

Held 30 May to 21 August 2015

Our second temporary exhibition, comprising photographs by artist Jane Fradgley, is informed by the museum's collection of restraining garments, some of which can be seen or display in the permanent

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New Applications: 64 & R/O 62 & 64 Woodmere Avenue Ref: 15/01507/P

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 on 12th May. Target Date 28th July

60A & R/O 62 & 64 Woodmere Avenue Ref: 15/01506/P

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 on 12th May. Target Date 28th July

The developer does not own either of the house[s] they want to demolish!

Both applications challenged on site ownership certification details as DBS (developer) has not correctly stated ownership certificate on applications. Restarted application but other details remain the same so a likely delay in determination.

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 drivethru 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.

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 10/02/2015

Target Determination Date: 06 Apr 2015

24 Lorne Gardens; Ref: 15/01831/LP

Erection of dormer extension in rear roof slope Chair's Referrals and Applications of Interest Pending Decision as of 19th June 2015

196 Cheston Avenue; Ref: 15/01744/P

Erection of single storey rear extension
Pending Decision as of 19th June 2015.

LPA Decisions: 68-70 Orchard Avenue Ref: 15/00940/P

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



RIGHT: 68-70 Orchard Avenue

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





LEFT: 60A & R/O 62 & 64 Woodmere Avenue Ref: 15/01506/P

Consultation closed on 8th May. The MORA objection was sent to the LPA on 21st April.

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

We consider the proposed development is an overdevelopment squeezing 9 units accommodating 86 persons on a plot size of 3,128.00sq.m (0.31280 ha) with the minimum 12 number of car parking spaces.

Also; the access drive is on a very dangerous junction and the configuration would not allow removal vehicles to enter without forward and backward manoeuvres, or once on the site would not be able to turn round and leave the site without reversing back into Orchard Avenue.

We have supplied an Accident report to the LPA covering the 10 year period up to December 2014, compiled by the Met Police & TfL of accidents attended by police at the Junction of Orchard Avenue and Orchard Way. This supports our assertion that this junction is a dangerous

intersection of roads and additional intersections would make it more dangerous.

Decision: Permission Refused – 11th June 2015

Reason(s) for refusal:-

- 1. The proposal would result in an overdevelopment of the site out of keeping with the character of the area and detrimental to the appearance of the street scene with limited scope for quality replacement landscaping.
- 2. The development would be detrimental to the residential amenities of the occupiers of the adjoining property by reason of visual intrusion and loss of privacy.
- 3. The development would be detrimental to the residential amenities of future occupiers by reason of visual intrusion and loss of outlook
- 4. Inadequate provision is made for car parking within the site and the design and layout of the parking area and access would not be safe, secure, efficient and well designed.
- 5. The development could harm ecological interests on site or

within the adjoining site of nature conservation importance.

198 The Glade; Ref: 15/01873/GPD0

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

Target Determination Date: 09 Jun 2015

Prior Approval no jurisdiction 8th June 2015

18 Woodmere Avenue; Ref: 15/00697/P

Proposal: Retention of single storey side/rear extension
Permission Granted 14 Apr 2015

3 Lavender Way; Ref: 15/00092/P

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

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

Permission Refused 03 Mar 2015

Reason(s) for refusal:-

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

68 Tower View; Ref: 15/00366/GPD0

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. No neighbours objected so approved by default

Prior Approval No Jurisdiction (GPDO) 9th March

65 Firsby Avenue; Ref: 15/00029/P

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

Permission Granted 23 Mar 2015

65 Firsby Avenue; Ref: 15/00023/P

Proposal: Retention of conservatory

Permission Granted 23 Mar 2015

44 The Glade; Ref: 14/05083/P

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

Permission Granted 09 Feb 2015

236 The Glade - Ref: 15/01104/LP

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

Grant of Certificate of Lawful Development 30th April 2015

10 Firsby Avenue Ref: 15/01407/GPD0

Erection of single storey rear extension projecting out a maximum of 4 metres with a maximum height of 3 metres

Prior Approval No Jurisdiction (GPDO)

No neighbour Comments

39 Mardell Road - Ref: 15/01060/LP

Erection of gable end roof extension with dormer extension in rear roof slope Refused 21st April 2015

Reason: 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.

393 Wickham Road - Ref. No: 15/01185/P

Demolition of existing building; erection of a pair of two storey four bedroom semi-detached houses with basement and accommodation in roofspace; formation of ingress and egress vehicular access and provision of associated parking.

Received: 17 Mar 2015

Target Decision: 13 May 2015

Refusal of planning permission 13 May 2015

Reason(s) for refusal:-

- 1. The proposal would result in a cramped overdevelopment of the site by reason of its scale, and would be out of keeping with the character of the area and detrimental to the appearance of the street scene.
- 2. The development would be detrimental to the amenities of the occupiers of adjoining property by reason of its scale and would appear unduly dominant and visually intrusive.

46 Lorne Gardens - Ref: 15/01073/GPD0

The erection of a single storey rear extension which projects out 4.5 metres from

the rear wall of the original house with an eaves height of 2.7 metres and a maximum overall height of 3 metres.

Decision: (Approval) refused

Reason: 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.

This proves even for GPDO, if adjacent residents object it is possible to get a refusal.

192 The Glade - Ref: 15/01416/LP

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

Target Determination Date: 26 May 2015

Grant of Certificate of Lawful Use or Development 26 May 2015

61 Orchard Avenue; Ref: 5/01576/P

Erection of single storey side extension

Target Determination Date: 08 Jun 2015

Pending Decision (Recommended)

Appeals:

110 The Glade

The Grounds of Appeal has been lodged against the LPA refusal Ref: 14/04979/P; 110 The Glade – Demolition of existing building and construction of a 1-bedroom detached bungalow; in the partitioned off rear garden. Consultation dates to be advised. We await notification of the Appeal Reference and the Planning Inspector case officer.

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.

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

Other Planning Issues: Stage 1 Complaint – 168 Orchard Way

Our Complaint to the Local Government Ombudsman has been rejected on the basis that the Ombudsman cannot challenge a Planning Decision unless there is a clear case of maladministration. The LGO could not establish clear case of maladministration by the Planning Committee.

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 will report his reply in a future magazine.

Enforcement 31a Woodmere Avenue

Ongoing. We await the enforcement of the imposed Inspector's condition.

See the comments from our MP and Ashburton Councillors, and also Sgt Moore in the minutes of the AGM.

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 RITSONPlanning Officer

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership Cards

As you may have noticed, we are rolling out the introduction of new format membership cards. They include more details of membership including affiliated membership and donations. However, the main difference includes contact details for members; i.e. telephone number or email addresses. The completion of these details is not mandatory but entirely optional.



It has become apparent that in the event of a situation occurring within a local area, we cannot inform our members in that area until the next magazine is prepared and sent out. As this is at three monthly intervals the need for local knowledge may well have passed. Typically, if a Planning

Application is proposed, the Planning Department are obliged to put up notices on local lampposts and trees, etc. to notify local residents of the

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

application. We know that these notices are often removed by either the owner of the dwelling to be extended or an outbuilding in their rear garden; or even for householders who have agreed to sell part of their garden or their house for re-development and are likely to gain financially from such redevelopment. In such cases locally affected neighbours are denied the knowledge of the application if these notices are removed.

As the MORA Planning Officer, I monitor the LPA Website weekly for planning applications in the MORA Ashburton, Heathfield and Shirley areas. If MORA has contact details of our members by email or phone, we can immediately inform them of any planning applications that might affect them, so it is up to you if you wish this information to be provided on your membership cards and held on the MORA membership database.

This will mean an increased effort for Road Stewards to collect the information and for me to enter all this information on to the MORA membership database; however, once entered we would only use the information to inform our members of any important action that might affect you in your area.

Area Manager & Road Steward News

Area Managers:

We require Area Managers for 2016 to share the effort for a couple of our Area Managers who have a large number of members to split their loads to a more reasonable one. As we

need to re-arrange the Road Stewards, this needs to be sorted at the start of 2016 and planned in advance. Any offers please contact Derek Ritson at: membership@mo-ra.co

Road Stewards:

New Road Stewards:

Margaret Barker, already Road Steward for B5 Lorne Gardens has also taken on A3 Ash Tree Close. We would like to thank her for taking on this additional responsibility. We also have a new Road Steward. Pauline Matthews for 46 to 114 Tower View (RS C6) and a new Road Steward. Paul Farina for Ridgemount Avenue (RS D7). Our new Secretary, Ngaire Sharples has taken on Road Steward for 23 to 52 Gladeside (RS B8) and we also thank her for taking on this additional responsibility and also Pamela Barnes who is Road Steward for Woodland Way and High Trees (C4) who has agreed to take on Edgewood Green (now C16 was H6).

Road Steward Vacancies:

We **URGENTLY** require new Road Stewards for the following roads:

Parkfields & Cheston Avenue (RS D3)

Wickham Avenue (RS D4)

Firsby Avenue – Even Numbers (RS D5)

Ovington Court (RS F12)

I would like to thank those Road Stewards who have already collected subs and issued cards for the 2015 membership.

DEREK RITSONMembership Secretary

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?

Parkfields & Cheston Avenue (RS D3)

Wickham Avenue (RS D4)

Firsby Avenue – Even Numbers (RS D5)

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

YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY:

SHIRLEY LIBRARY

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

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?

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/onlinelibrary/, library services are available 24/7, with a digital library of audio and e-books to download, as well as resources such as 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 contact Fiona or Irene 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.

Summer Reading Challenge. This takes place every year during the Summer holidays. This year the challenge will run from 11th July until 12th September. Collect stickers and prizes for books read.

We are also looking for volunteers to help run the challenge. Please contact the library for details and an application form.

Summer reading challenge events

Those Magnificent Sheep in their Flying Machine collage activity for children aged 3 and over. Thursday 30th August 2.30pm – 4.00pm
Animal Record Breakers craft activity for children aged 3 and over. Tuesday 4th August 2.30pm – 4.00pm.

Lego Session for children aged 8 and over. Thursday 6th August 2.30pm -3.30pm





Record Breaking Paper Dolls – make and decorate your own paper doll chain for children aged 3 and over. Thursday 27th August 2.30pm -4.00pm.

Free for adults

Monthly talks: Barrie McKay will give a talk entitled Myths and Secrets of Crystal Palace on Tuesday 14th July from 2.15-3.30pm. Please reserve your place with the library for this talk.

Derek Coleman will give a talk entitled Wildlife of the River Wandle on Tuesday 15th September from 2.15-3.30pm. Please reserve your place with the library for this talk.

Adult Reading Group: The group will meet on the following Thursdays from 6-7pm. There is no meeting in August.

Thursday 10th September.

Monthly Craft session: Card making. Tuesdays – 11th August and 8th September. £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 over a cup of tea or coffee, on the following Fridays from 2.30-4.30pm. 17th July, 31st July,14th August,28th August, 11th September and 25th September.

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 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: carillionservices.co.uk

Opening times:

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

CHANGES TO THE COMMITTEE

After a number of years of looking after our trees and open spaces in Monks Orchard area I must say it is a sad moment to lose Martyn and Sue Buchanan from the committee and thank them for their contributions. Martyn's profession is taking him to Chichester on a daily basis and clearly will be unable to be on the case! We wish them well for the future and

as a neighbour I will be able to maintain contact and will keep the committee informed.

We have also lost Omer Ahmad as the Transport and Highways Officer; we thank him for his support over the last year.

Younger members...

Are you a young professional who would like to be more

involved with your community? We are looking for younger members to join the committee and utilise their skills, knowledge and experience to strengthen MORA. Please do get in touch if you can help.

DAVE KING Chairman

ADVICE FROM SHIRLEY SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE TEAM

If wishing to report various issues/concerns – Frequently asked Question

NOISE – "What do I do if I can hear a party happening nearby in the middle of the night which is disturbing me?"

The Council has powers to deal with noise that is considered a statutory nuisance. A statutory nuisance is determined by a number of factors including, but not limited to; type of noise, volume, frequency, duration and its impact on others. The Council generally adopts an escalating approach to noise enforcement and can deal with unreasonable noise from loud music. parties, dog barking, car and house alarms. The law enables the

Council to take action against those who cause a noise nuisance. which can result in a fine and confiscation of any equipment causing the noise. The Environmental Health Officers (FHOs) attend to assess the situation and if needed can request support from the police. The EHOs are contactable on 020 8726 6200 or by using the My Croydon app (which can be downloaded from the Apple App Store and Google Play Store). While the Council's legal powers enable them to deal with unreasonable noisv activities (Statutory Nuisance), they cannot deal with

noise considered to be 'normal domestic noise' which arises from people going about their normal day to day activities in a reasonable manner such as: noise that can be heard due to poor insulation, for example neighbours talking or walking on wooden or laminate floors: children playing in gardens or in the street: doors being closed: road traffic (other than vehicle alarms). "My neighbour deliberately makes noise throughout the day and night and it is affecting my quality of life. Who do I speak to about this?" Tackling and dealing with ongoing incidents of anti-social behaviour (ASB) often requires a multi-agency approach and the Council work closely with the police and other partners to

bring ASB to an end as swiftly as possible. Call 101 to report the incident to the police and this will be passed to your local borough for an officer to make contact with you to ascertain the exact details of what has occurred. The officer will then advise vou whether police will deal, or another agency. If further assistance is needed from another agency then you will be given their contact details. Alternatively, you may wish to report any nuisance, or ASB you've experienced, directly to the Council. This can be done by calling on 020 8726 6000 or emailing the ASB team directly at ASBTeam@ croydon.gov.uk If you are a Council tenant vou are advised to contact your housing officer on the same telephone number.

TRADING STANDARDS ALERT

ROGUE TRADERS AND SCAMS

romley Trading Standards in partnership with the Metropolitan Police and Bromley Adult Safeguarding have initiated a campaign to raise awareness about Rogue Traders and Mass Marketing Scams which are particularly affecting older persons and vulnerable adults in our local communities.

To raise awareness we have produced new publicity materials urging family, friends and carers to look out for the older persons and vulnerable adults they know and to report anything which they are suspicious or concerned about.

This will allow Trading Standards to gain valuable information about rogue traders operating in the borough and most importantly give those affected the advice, support and assistance to deal with the problems they have become a victim to.

Rogue Traders are generally those who "cold call", i.e. knock without an invitation and offer to carry out, often unnecessary, works on homes and gardens. They make untruthful statements and carry out shoddy work with the intention of obtaining as much money as they can.

Mass Marketing Scams are mass-produced letters made to look like personal letters or important documents, in the hope of tricking the recipient into sending cash, making money transfers or disclosing personal information such as bank details. People have been known to send thousands of pounds to these scams.

Courier Fraud involves fraudsters who phone and trick victims into handing their bank cards and PIN numbers to a courier on their doorstep. The cards and PIN are then used to buy goods and take cash from the victims account.

Further information can be found on the Bromley website.

www.bromley.gov.uk/scams



A Welcome from Edenham High School, Orchard Way

Principals Welcome 'A Good school with Outstanding features' OFSTED

"On behalf of our students and staff, I would like to offer you a warm welcome to Edenham High School."

Edenham High School is a happy and successfulocal school with a strong community spirit. We are an 11-18 mixed comprehensive school."

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"We are proud of Edenham High School and the opportunities it offers. We look forward to welcoming you to our school and working in close partnership within our community."

"If you are interested in securing a place for your child please contact admissions, Mrs P McMillan, Director of Student Care & Wellbeing. Email: pmcmillan@edenham.net Alternatively please visit our website www.edenham.croydon.sch.uk for further information."

MR R RUDD, PRINCIPAL

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