

www.monks-orchard-web.org.uk | email: monksorchardweb@btinternet.com

(Non Party) Croydon (Independent)



In this issue



Contributing to MORAIFC	John Lewis 150 years trading	12
Chairman's comments 01	Your local library: Shirley Library	
Shirley Town Football Club	Planning Report	16
A message from your Local MP 04	Don't Mess with Croydon	19
Changes to Special Educational	Shirley, London	2(
Needs and Disabilities 05	MORA need your support	22
Choral Society 06	Changes at Hall Grange	
A message from your Councillors 08	Local Activities	26
Being a Team London Ambassador 10	MORA news	27
Kev's Corner11	MORA vacancies	

Contributing to MORA

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

EDITORIAL

We welcome articles and contributions from all MORA members. Please send all material via email to monksorchardweb@btinternet. com or via post to MORA C/O

Please ensure we receive all articles for the Spring 2015 issue by January 16th 2015.

ADVERTISEMENTS

To advertise in the MORA Magazine please contact our Advertising Manager, Barbara Turner on:

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 January 16th 2015 for activities after mid-February 2015.

Chairman's comments



regular readers will know we have been reporting on the situation of containers in Poppy Lane, I am pleased to report they have now been removed but I understand scrub is also being cleared. We will continue to monitor the situation.

You will also be aware we have been looking for members to come forward and volunteer to join the committee. I can report we have had a couple join us which can only strengthen us. However, we really need a Vice Chair as I may not always be available due to family commitments. Being Chair is quite easy really, you only need to attend meetings monthly and keep control. Meetings start at 7.30pm and rarely last more than two hours. If anyone feels they can help please contact anyone listed on the back of the magazine.

Recently I attended a meeting at Fairfield Halls to listen to a Director of one of the two companies who wish to develop the Whitgift Centre in central Croydon. These companies have fought tooth and nail to become the successful developer and to resolve the situation; Croydon Council got the companies to act in tandem and develop the site together. Although agreement has been reached, due to planning problems it appears a spade will not be put into the ground until sometime in 2017.

We also heard a 21 year old female describe how, as a 13 year old she got involved in gangs. It was great to hear that with outside help she learnt she was on a path which could end in a custodial sentence. She now leads a group of young people which are against knife crime. There is clearly hope for our young with girls like this.

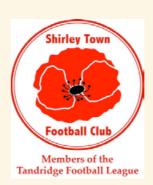
Turning now to a more local issue you may be aware that MORA is involved in a planning issue where it appears a developer is trying to squeeze a quart into a pint pot, i.e overdeveloping a plot of land. MORA on your behalf has supplied a carefully considered objection which runs to a number of pages so we await developments.

Another problem which has occurred is that planning applications no longer have to be reported by letter to local residents which may be affected by the development. The only notice required is placed on a local lamp post or somewhere similar. It has been reported that these notices, as soon as being placed are being removed. I will leave you to decide who the likely culprit is but if anyone sees someone removing any notice please report it to any committee member and we will take the appropriate action.

Best regards to all,

DAVE KINGCHAIRMAN

Your local football club... **Shirley Town Football Club**







Shirley Town FC was formed in 2007 by a group of local parents to provide grassroots football for local children. With good people, good hearts, patience and determination to get going we started on our journey with one team of 9 and 10 year olds. How things have evolved!

From our humble beginnings, we have grown in strength and size. In 2010 the Club Committee successfully achieved the FA Charter Standard, which was introduced by the FA to improve standards in youth football.

The Charter Standard Scheme was designed as a best practice guide, setting standards of coaching, administration and child protection for clubs working with



young people. As a benchmark for quality, it has been designed to improve the playing experience for all and each club is reviewed annually to maintain the high standard set.

What does this mean for our players:

- All our Managers and Coaches are qualified FA Coaches, with a CRC, Emergency First Aid, Safeguarding Children and are committed to inservices training throughout the year run by the FA.
- The Club has a Child Welfare Officer and a Child Protection Policy (player/coach ratios maintained at training, and has a good discipline record).
- The Club has demonstrated evidence

of good administration and procedures, (ie, has a Constitution and Committee with clear roles and responsibilities, has Public Liability Insurance, implements the Respect Programme Codes of Conduct for all players, spectators, officials, managers and coaches and has an Equality Policy).

Receiving the Charter Standard on the Pitch at half term at Crystal Palace FC. The Club is permitted to use the FA "Three Lions Badge" on all publications and letter headings.

What a fantastic journey it has been, giving young footballers the opportunity to play and improve their sporting skills over the years. Our philosophy as a club has always

been that the enjoyment of playing football will always be paramount.

For the 2013/2014 football season that ended in May we are delighted to report that we have added to the club's trophy cabinet... our first trophy being a Fair Play Award!



Our Under 13 team reached the League Cup Final and won and the Under 18 team also reached the final getting medals as runners up having narrowly lost the game after extra time.

In addition, all our teams have put in a really good league performance.

No time to rest of course, we are already planning for the 2014/2015 season with training and trials over the summer period until we kick off again from mid September.

For the coming season Shirley Town FC plan to have:

- Adult Team
- Under 21 Team
- Under 17 Team
- Under 16 Team
- Two Teams at Under 14

A big thank you to all of those involved with the club, the coaches, the referees, the parents and helpers but most of all the players for their commitment, discipline and great attitude to the beautiful game. We would also like to thank Edenham High School for the use of their facilities throughout the year.

If you would like to get involved with Shirley Town Football Club in any way then please visit our website: www.shirleytownfc.org or call one of the committee members:

Richard Smith, Club Secretary

Andy Stephens, Club Chairman

Beverley Stephens, Club Welfare Officer

We are always looking for sponsorship; if you are a local business looking to increase your market profit or simply a generous benefactor, we would love to hear from you! Your company could be on our shirts and website!

A message from your Local MP



roydon Council is planning to introduce 'Selective Licensing' of the private rented sector. Despite the title, there's nothing selective about it. Every private landlord in the borough would have to pay £200 per year to the Council for each property they rent out.

It doesn't take a genius to work out what will happen if the Council goes ahead with this policy. Most landlords will pass the cost on to their already hard-pressed tenants.

Lest I be accused of scaremongering, the Council itself admits this is what will happen. At a national level, Ed Miliband is saying rents in the private sector are too high; here in Croydon, his councillors are pursuing a policy which they admit will push them even higher. You couldn't make it up.

No-one would deny that there are problems with the private rented sector. A small minority of landlords keep their properties in a very poor state of repair. But the Council already has powers to tackle this – it doesn't need to introduce licensing. And in any case, the landlords who are behaving in this way – who know they are breaking the law – aren't going to pay.

Gavin speaking at a meeting regarding the Selective Licensing Scheme. Over 100 people attended and all were opposed to it. So why is the Council doing this? It's quite simple really: because it will raise about £4.5 million. It's a classic stealth tax. The Council is hoping that tenants will blame their landlords for the rent increase and it will get extra income without having to take the flack for increasing Council Tax.

I'd encourage MORA members to let the Council know what you think of this barmy scheme, by emailing shayne.coulter@croydon.gov.uk or writing to Ms Shayne Coulter, Head of Housing Standards & Enforcement, Zone D, 3rd floor, Bernard Weatherill House, 8 Mint Walk, Croydon CRO 1EA.

GAVIN BARWELL MP



Changes to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities



he Children and Families Act 2014 is driving changes to the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) system. By September 2014 Croydon, along with other local authorities across the country, will have to publish a Local Offer of services for children and young people (aged 0 – 25) with SEND.

Croydon's Local Offer provides information on a range of services for education, social care, health and leisure opportunities. It also provides information on pathways to employment, accommodation and independent living. The Local Offer has been compiled with the feedback received from parents, carers and children and young people. We will use it as a basis for further dialogue with service users to review and improve service provision.

An important change brought about by the Act is that the Statement of Special Educational needs will be replaced by an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP). This will mean that education, health and social care services will need to work together more closely to identify the services needed by children and young people with SEND. Each Education Health and Care Plan will describe the outcomes and aspirations for the child/young person and the service that they will need to help them meet these outcomes.

If you work with children and /or young people with SEND – you need to be aware of these changes and what they will mean for your service. Also if you are a parent of a child/young person with SEND you need to know about how the changes will affect you.

For further information please contact Trisha Holmes, SEN Reform Manager, telephone number is 020 8726 6000 ext.62281 or trisha.holmes@croydon.gov.uk





HAS THIS BIRD VISITED YOUR GARDEN?

On 6th September we were amazed to see this completely yellow parakeet land on one of our bird feeders. It arrived with a normal green one. We've not seen it since, but keep hoping. Have you seen it? With the colder weather on it's way and as the birds come in to feed it may arrive in your garden.

Joan Pring

John Ruskin Choral Society



follow us on twitter @johnruskinchoral or find us on facebook





Autumn 2014



Power & Glory

Schubert – Kyrie in D Minor D.31

Brahms – Love Song Waltzes Op.52

Mozart – Piano Concerto No.20 K.466

Mozart – Veni Sancte Spiritus K.47

Schubert – The Song of Miriam Op.136



Julia O'Connor – Soprano Clara Murnig – Piano Ruskin Sinfonia Adrian Connell – Conductor



29 November 2014 St Francis of Assisi Church Ravenswood Avenue, West Wickham 7.30pm



Programme Vouchers £7.00/£6.00 Students free

Available on the door, or contact: Email:johnruskin2014@hotmail.com



JOHN RUSKIN CHORAL SOCIETY

OUR FRIENDLY LOCAL CHOIR WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

(NO AUDITION REQUIRED)

DESCRIPTION:

GILBERT & SULLIVAN

John Ruskin Choral Society was formed in
1981 at John Ruskin College in Selsdon. Since
then the society has given over sixty concerts
encompassing a wide variety of music in a number of events
in and around the Croydon area. The choir continued to meet there
until 2002 when the College could no longer accomodate them in the
evening. They then moved to Shirley Methodist Church. We are a mixed choir
with between 30 and 40 singers.

REHEARSAL INFORMATION:

We rehearse at Shirley Methodist Church, Eldon Avenue, Shirley Surrey. Rehearsals are 7.45 pm to 9.45 pm every Wednesday

JOINING INFORMATION:

We welcome new members. There are no auditions and you don't need to be able to read music so why not come along and sing with us? We are a teaching choir and help with basic music reading skills will be available to anyone who asks.

If you are returning to singing after many years of absence you are also very welcome and you may like the opportunity to brush up your music reading skills and regain your confidence.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

BACH, BRAHMS,
ELGAR, FAURE, HANDEL,
MOZART, PUCCINI, RUTTER,
SCHUBERT, VAUGHAN WILLIAMS
PLUS ABBA, THE BEATLES,

Call

Email
follow us on Twitter @johnruskinchoral
or find us on Facebook

A message from your Councillors 🦘



t is a great honour to write this article as a new Ashburton Councillor, and my first act must be to congratulate you all for being such a strong, committed and long standing residents association. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank residents for putting their faith in us at the ballot box, and to pay tribute to the former Ashburton councillors for the work they did in the ward. Yes we may come from different sides of the political divide but respect is due to anyone who puts themselves forward for public office, especially when serving for as long as Eddie and Avril did. I hope we will be around for as long as they were.

Maddie, Stephen and I look forward to working with MORA and indeed have already started this relationship. Recently I was alerted to the travellers on Ashburton Playing Field by Derek Ritson and by acting quickly we had them evicted as fast as legally possible and kept him informed at each stage. We all know of the mountain of rubbish that was left behind and we must act and learn from this incident. Cllr. Collins the cabinet member for Clean Green Croydon has taken a real interest and we are looking at measures to prevent travellers camping on the site again.

If you see any fly tipping the new "Don't Mess With Croydon" fly tipping hotline 020 8604 7000 is monitored 24 hours a day. Also you can report via email at

flytip@croydon.gov.uk which again is monitored around the clock. The more tech savvy MORA members can also use the "My Croydon" app available on android and iPhone

We are not just interested in clearing fly tipping but stopping it happening in the first place. So I ask all MORA members if they have any information that can help us prosecute or issue a fixed penalty notice then please let us know. We are of the opinion that for too long people have dumped rubbish knowing they will get away with it, and that will change.

Many people have asked us "why do you want to be my councillor?" Our response is always the same, "to help". The case work side of being a councillor may not be as glamorous or as public as the politically charged meetings in the Town Hall but to us it is the essence of being a local councillor. All three of us are dealing with sizeable casework loads with issues ranging from housing to education via youth clubs and pot holes. I would like to say to all residents please use your local councillors; it's why we fought so hard to get elected. We are here to help everyone as party politics is irrelevant when it comes to serving the community, and we will respect MORA's non party, independent mantra.



Over the next few issues each of us will offer up a piece which I hope will help you get to know us. As I'm up first..... I'm a sound engineer by trade working mainly on sports outside broadcasts, (trust me it's not as glamorous as it sounds). I live close to Ashburton Park with my wife Caroline and three children, Olivia, Luca and Mika, Olivia is in her final year at Ryelands, Mika is in nursery and Luca has just started at the ASD unit at Castle Hill. Many councillors have a personal drive in their political life and Luca's Autism has opened up a new world for me. As the Croydon Autism Champion I hope to develop policy and services for everyone on the spectrum. I also have the honour of being the deputy cabinet member for People and Communities which includes health, adult social care, prevention services and mental health. As you can imagine it's a very demanding role but fascinating and enjovable.

I also have an interest in education and am looking forward to going into our schools to talk about local democracy & community engagement. I have also offered pupils the opportunity to get a tour of the Town Hall. In her acceptance speech the new Mayor spoke of the Town Hall as "The People's Town Hall" and I hope to engage the next generation in the political democratic process and show them how vital a strong community is to Croydon.

So in closing it's an honour to serve Ashburton, we look forward to forming a strong relationship with MORA, and please if you need our help remember it's what we're here for.

Best Wishes

ANDREW RENDLE

You can contact us at-

Cllr Maddie Henson – maddie.henson@ croydon.gov.uk –

Cllr Stephen Mann – stephen.mann@croydon.gov.uk –

Cllr Andrew Rendle – andrew.rendle@croydon.gov.uk –

Or write to us c/o Town Hall, Katharine Street, Croydon, CRO 1NX.

Surgery Times (no appointment needed)

First Tuesday of every month 6pm – 7pm (except August)

Cedar Room, St Mildreds Centre, 30 Bingham Road, CRo 7TQ

Third Saturday of every month 10.00am to 11.00am (except August and December)

Longheath Community Centre, 49a Longheath Gardens, CRO 7TQ

Being a Team London Ambassador

Since my exciting opportunity of being a Games Maker at the London 2012 Olympics, other doors have opened for me because of this.

Apart from giving talks to local clubs about my experiences as a Games Maker, I have now become a volunteer Team London Ambassador. After completing the required application form I was invited along to City Hall for an interview. We were told what was expected of us and were observed carrying out various role-play exercises. They were designed to show our knowledge of London and also to show our communication skills and how we were able to work together as part of a team.

At the end of the day's training we all had a short one-to-one interview and were asked where we would like to volunteer. I mentioned that London Gatwick would be my choice as I thought it would be interesting 'meeting and greeting' visitors to the UK. It was then a question of waiting to see if my interview had been successful. It was, because in June I was asked to attend a training day at Gatwick. A short time later, I was able to access and choose the shift times I wanted to work, so I was now ready for action!

My uniform soon arrived which I am sure was designed to stand out from the crowd! The polo shirt was magenta, the cagoule cyan and the trousers black. I did mention to fellow Ambassadors that had we been issued with yellow caps (thank goodness we

weren't) we would all have looked like packs of printer ink!

It felt very odd taking the train to Gatwick on my first morning as most of the passengers were off to far-away places and I was going to work! On arrival at 7.45 a.m. I met with other Ambassadors and the Team Leader who gave us a briefing. We were then ready to start 'meeting and greeting' the visitors to the North Terminal! The most frequently asked questions were - 'where are the toilets?'; 'where can I charge my mobile phone?'; 'where do I go for the Gatwick Express?; and 'where do I get a coach for London?'. On several occasions I accompanied visitors who had slight mobility problems, escorting them with their luggage to whichever part of the airport they wished to go. It was all very rewarding as everyone seemed so appreciative of the assistance we were able to give them.

We Ambassadors worked various shifts throughout the main summer holiday season. When it all came to an end it seemed very strange not to be at Gatwick on a regular basis and meet up with colleagues I had become friendly with. I'm hoping I can repeat my role at Gatwick during other peak holiday periods as it was such a rewarding voluntary experience.

BARBARA TURNER

Kev's Corner



t's now been a year since I joined the MORA Committee, and this is my fifth issue producing the MORA Newsletter. I have continued to develop the design from the feedback I have had over the last year and the re-vamped newsletter seems to have gone down very well amongst the MORA residents. So well, in fact, that we have received a bumper amount of requests to add articles and adverts – we've had to make this a 40-page newsletter to fit everything in! That's 3 out of the last 5 issues which is great, long may it continue. I hope you enjoy the variety and diversity of the content.

Since moving to the area, my family and I have continued to enjoy living in the area. Our almost 4 year old daughter is loving life in the local preschool, especially as it's within a 10 minute walk too. I even managed to take time off for my daughter's 1st sports day, which was great (even if I did come last in the father's race!!). I'm sure we will enjoy plenty more 1sts in the coming years. Since then we have had another little bundle of joy enter our lives; baby Oliver was born at the end of July, which really completes our little family.

It's been a special year for MORA: 90 years is something residents should be proud of. We have enjoyed the AGM and celebrated with some lovely cake! We thanked all our the Area Managers and Road Stewards too for the

continued support come rain or shine delivering the newsletter.

Recently we have had a few changes on the Committee and we still need more support. It's only a few hours a month, but means we can continue to make a difference. We also need more volunteers to join the Road Stewards, with delivery of the newsletters and collecting subscription fees. There has been a small re-shuffle too. with myself taking over the role of Editor, so Derek can continued his distinguished service to MORA with planning and membership.

The Handy Ad's section that follows in a few pages has grown in the last year too, and I have had the pleasure to design some of the adverts for them. I believe this shows how well the improved

newsletter looks, and also that local businesses are once again starting to thrive. So remember, if you need any business services, look here first and support our local businesses, especially as some ad's include special offers. Maybe if you need a graphic designer, drop me a line, I do lots of preferable deals when dealing with local people and businesses.

I want to continue to help move MORA forward with the help of the team, share experiences and learn more about the history of the area, putting my skills to use. I would love people to send us more articles, help pack out the newsletter with more details and updates about what's happening in our corner of the world, and what's great about living in Monks Orchard. Hopefully next time you'll be itching to find out the latest local news in the MORA magazine coming through your door.

I wish all residents a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year. ■

KEVIN MARTIN EDITOR

John Lewis 150 years trading



t was in 1864 that John Lewis first set up in business and opened his small drapery shop at 132 Oxford Street, London. John Lewis recently celebrated with a fascinating exhibition depicting the beginning of the company until the present day.

Born in 1836, and one of six children, in Shepton Mallet, Somerset John's family was moderately affluent but tragedy struck when, by 1843, the children were orphaned. The threat of the workhouse loomed until they were taken in by an aunt who took full responsibility for them.

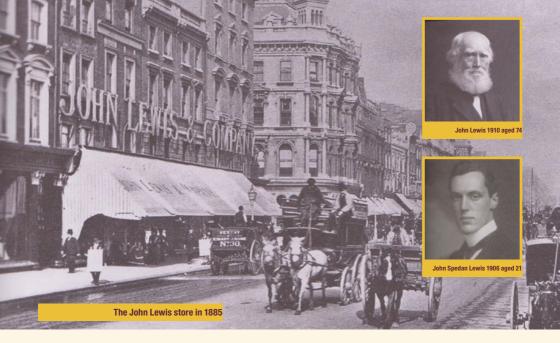
John was 15 years old when he began the first of a series of retail apprenticeships in the Somerset area but by the time he was 19 years old he was determined to break free from the bondage that accompanied an apprentice's life and took himself to Liverpool where he worked for a draper. In 1856, sacked for fighting, he took off again but this time made for London where, by this time, retailing had become revolutionary.

Whilst living in a Regent Street hostel with 54 other shop assistants, John's first job was with a small drapery business in Regent Street. He then moved on to Peter Robinson at Oxford Circus. There his expertise broadened as he specialised in buying silk, necessitating trips to the City and involvement with trading merchants. He soon became head buyer and Robinson offered him a partnership. By this time, however, he was determined to strike out on his own and rented, on the site of today's store, 132 Oxford Street, a four storey

Georgian house flanked by small businesses. From the beginning he clearly had an exceptional ability to assess what customers wanted from his drapery business, buying most of the stock personally and filling his shop to the brim with the needs of the day. It was said he could provide 'fifty shades of black'. His knowledge of French came to the fore when he made trips to France to buy lace and silk. Gradually, with careful buying of stock and investments, he prospered and bought other business premises between 132 Oxford Street and Holles Street towards Oxford Circus. Peter Jones at Sloane Square was purchased in 1906 in cash for £22,500.

The terms of employment for most shop assistants, certainly in London, in the 1800s and early 1900s were very severe. Apart from extremely long working hours, no sick pay etc. it was often dismissal if they were to marry. John was no different as an employer and ruled with a rod of iron. With the upsurge of unions, in 1920 400 John Lewis staff went on strike. He held firm in refusing their right to join a union and all strikers were dismissed.

His marriage in 1884 produced two sons, first John Spedan and then Oswald. It was Spedan who was to create the turning point in the future of the company of John Lewis. A strong character, like his father, his views on employment were the exact opposite, believing that staff should have a say in management and a share of any profits. Aged 21, he was given the role of Director at Peter Jones in 1906, then Chairman in 1914 giving him to a limited degree a chance to



put some of his ideas into practice, although under the shadow of his father. For Spedan the 1920 strike was a special learning curve which he made note of.

In June 1928 John died, having worked to the very end. Spedan stepped into his shoes and at once started to bring together and formulate his dynamic ideas on how the company as a whole should be run. It was in 1929 that he formed the John Lewis Partnership, enabling staff involvement, which remains today.

Severe bombing in September 1940 necessitated relocation of staff to provincial branches but rebuilding began, albeit slowly, with the new building designed in 1954 and built between 1958 and 1965. Trading at John Lewis returned relatively quickly, despite all the ongoing reconstruction.

I became a junior member of staff in the 1950s, two years before Spedan's retirement

as Chairman. Induction of staff naturally included the background of how the company began and, of course, the major part that it's then Chairman had subsequently played. We were all very conscious of his presence, although largely unseen by us very junior partners. My move to the Export Desk really brought home the extent to which the store and it's vast comprehensive stock was so well respected by the public at large as, for our many customers both at home and from abroad, we arranged the exporting of our goods around the world.

We were taught first and foremost that the most important person was the customer and shopping at the Partnership in the present day, I have found that this old adage still rings true.

JOAN PRING

Thanks are given to Laurence King Publishing Ltd. for permission to reproduce images from their book 'A very British Revolution 150 years of John Lewis'



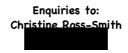
Christmas Fair

Saturday 8 November 2014
Shirley Parish Hall
Wickham Road
11.00am – 4.00pm

FREE ENTRY

Supporting:

Demelza /Evelina Children's Hospital
Help for Heroes / Royal Marsden /
St Christopher's Hospice / Town Women's Guild /
Women's Institute





1-2-3 CHIMNEY SWEEPS



A&J NAISH
FAMILY BUSINESS EST. 1870
CHIMNEY CLEANED
USING VACUUM & BRUSH
METHOD

TELEPHONE ANYTIME:

020 8668 9914 020 8654 0847

MOBILE:

07956 385112

Parker Brothers of Croydon

Service – Sales – MOT

Bywood Avenue, Croydon, CR0 7RB

Tel: 020 8654 1923





Friday Market

St Francis of Assisi Hall

[opposite Sainsbury car park, Ravenswood Av.]
Craft Stalls, handmade cards, crystal gifts, cd's, silver, bric-a-brac, gift wrap, Home made Jam's & Marmalade, Toy's, Picture Framing, watch & clock repairs, and many more stalls. Etc

Café serving Hot Food Fridays 9am – 1pm For a Stall Please Call:

Rosie Tel:



Intruder Alarms - CCTV - Entry Phone

Your Local Approved Installer Installation - Maintenance - Service - Repairs

Tel 07971 462 469 or 020 8654 2797 62 Shirley Road, Shirley CR0 7EP



I. A. McKENNA

ROOFING CONTRACTORS
General Building Work

020 8777 3929

07956 658 808

All Roof RepairsNew Roofs

FR

FREE ESTIMATES
ALL WORK GUARANTEED

Flat Roofs

FULLY INSURED

192 Cheston Avenue, Shirley, CRO 8DD

Mark Drake-Lee Shirley Tree & Garden Services

Tree work-landscaping-garden clearance-garden maintenance- turfing-pruning-grass cutting-domestic and commercial-one-off and contract.

31 Homer Road Croydon CR0 7SB Office 020 8656 3873 Mobile 07958 516553

email: admin@shirleytreeandgardenservices.co.uk

"LEARN 2 PLAY"

Pop, MI & Classical.

Piano lessons are fun!



Children and adult beginners, all ages.

Mr A. Telfer.

020 8665 1292.

Over 20 years experience All examinations covered



- Local company, friendly service
- Quality made to measure pvc-u & aluminium windows, doors & porches
- Conservatories all styles
- Fascias, soffits & guttering
- 25 years experience, free quotations
- 10 Year insurance back guarantee on all installations

020 8777 6811

www.vfmwindows.com sales@vfmwindows.co.uk





Phil Woolger

t: **020** 8656 **7201** m: **07906** 333 670

Free estimate | Reliable and friendly
Over 30 years experience | City & Guilds

Hall Hire

Under 8? Over 60?, St George's Church Hall could be a venue for your Birthday/Anniversary celebration.

For bookings contact Mrs Jan Payne, hallmanager@stgeorgeschurch.co.uk 020 8776 0185

Regular and Casual Slots available at very reasonable rates.

Miss Johnson B.A. Dip.E.d. Private Tuition in

West Wickham, Sussex Road Maths and English to 11 plus English to GCSE.

Qualified and Experienced Teacher.

01323 639 396 0773 055 6590

Lisa's Florist

Florists of distinction

www.lisasflorist.co.uk

FLOWERS, CARDS AND GIFTS FOR ALL OCCASIONS



215 Wickham Road, Shirley, Croydon CRO 8TG 020 8771 9013 lisa@lisasflorist.co.uk

Alturnertives Established 1971

For all your Property Maintenance requirements
Serving the Shirley area for the past 23 years

Plumbing, Electrical, Carpentry, Painting & Decorating
Floor and Wall Tiling,
Kitchen & Bathrooms fully fitted and supplied

For your free quotation call Richard on

020 8656 5821 07956324756

email: richardfturner@yahoo.com



Reflexology and Reiki



for Ladies

For enquiries and appointments please 'phone Isabel Mantle, M.I.F.R.,

www.belcaretherapies.co.uk

020 8777 4396



N & S BUILDERS

SPECIALISTS IN ROOFING

020 8654 0955

020 8656 6255

Mobile: 07958 478729

Mobile: 07738 922569

CONVERSIONS * EXTENSIONS * BRICKLAYING * CARPENTRY nsbuilders7@yahoo.co.uk

EST 1981 BASED IN SHIRLEY

FREE ESTIMATES * WORK GUARANTEED * FRIENDLY SERVICE

desresblinds

Customer service and quality guaranteed by small family business specialising in domestic blinds

■ rollers
 ■ venetians
 ■ verticals
 ■ velux
 ■ pleated
 ■ conservatory roof
 ■ awnings
 ■ shutters
 ■ canopies
 ■ window films
 ■ curtains

Call us for an estimate or check out our website Tel/fax: 020 8651 3569. Mobile: 07961 827 917 email: info@desresblinds.co.uk web: www.desresblinds.co.uk

PC Support & IT Advice to Small Businesses & Home Users

- On-site fix or collect & return
- Supply, Install, Upgrade
- · Data-Transfer, Backup
- Email, Broadband, Wireless
- Secure-Erase hard disk



Is Your PC Driving You MAD?

Poppy IT Services

..keeping you sane!

Steve Hunt

020 8777 4700

www.poppyits.com



Local - Trusted – Experienced - Competitive

Four great reasons to choose Allen Barfields Estate Agents

LOCAL: We are an online Estate Agents based in the heart of West Wickham

TRUSTED: We belong to the well-established Allen Barfields brand - so you can trust our integrity and professionalism.

EXPERIENCED: Our Property Sales Manager has over 20 years' experience selling properties - so you can be sure we will do a good job for you.

COMPETITIVE FEES: Call to discuss our competitive fees for sole agency-We can offer an inclusive fee for the sale and conveyancing.



allenbarfields.co.uk

Telephone 020 8777 2292



If you have already entered into an agreement to sell your property, the terms of that agreement must be considered prior to instructing another agent so you are not liable for more than one commission.

S. D. P. Property Services

- Interior/exterior **Decorating**: Painting, Tiling, Coving, small Plumbing.
- Carpentry Work: Laminate/wood Flooring, Decking, Door hanging, Dado rails.
- All Garden Work undertaken: Fencing, Hedges, Ponds, Borders.

Fully Insured, Free Estimates, References Supplied



Call Steve 020 8777 9611, or 07792 700151



42 West Way, Shirley, Croydon



Solicitor Carol Snazell at local firm Thackray Williams is a member of **Solicitors for the Elderly** which is an independent, national organisation of lawyers, who provide specialist legal advice for older and vulnerable people, their families and carers. You can therefore be sure that your particular needs are fully understood.



Carol has worked in the West Wickham/Bromley area for a number of years. Her main practice areas are: Court of Protection applications, Lasting Powers of Attorney, Registration of Enduring Powers of Attorney, Probate & estate administration, Wills & Inheritance tax planning.



For more information please telephone 020 8777 6698 or call in at 73 Station Road, West Wickham, BR4 0QG (offices also in Beckenham and Bromley) email: carol.snazell@thackraywilliams.com www.thackraywilliams.com



www.jdkheating.vpweb.co.uk

Tel: 0208 651 1473

Mobile: 07727 001 087

e-mail: idkillick@hotmail.co.uk



Heritage Brickwork and Restoration

Experienced bricklayers specialising in all types of brickwork. Extensions, landscaping, garden walls and patios. I am also recommended on

trustatrader website For a free estimate please contact Graham Duffin 07738702414 -

graham.duffin78@btinternet.com

CARPET & UPHOLSTERY CLEANING

Professional service **Excellent results** Domestic & commercial Over 12 years experience

Fully insured - free estimates and advice. Registered member of *checkatrade.com*

"Recommended, vetted and monitored local trades & services"

CREST CLEANING SERVICES 0208 407 5274 - 07771 863519 pfhamer@hotmail.com





Katie Elliott MCFHP-MAFHP FOOT HEALTH PROFESSIONAL

Looking after your feet in the comfort of your own home

To make an appointment, please call: 07718 090 560



VENCLEAN. The original oven cleaning specialists

- √ Friendly, professional & reliable local operator
- √ Completely safe, eco-friendly cleaning system
- √ No fumes, no mess, no bother
- √ Removes grease, fat & burnt on carbon deposits
- Ovens
- BBO's
- Grills Extractors
- Hobs
- Filters
- Ranges & AGA's

Microwaves

Call Martin on 07792 073306 or visit www.ovenclean.com



We offer a completely flexible mobile service to suit you.

Servicing repairs & diagnostics carried out at your home or work.

Based in Shirley, Croydon & covering South London, Surrey & Kent.

Mark Webb MOBILE MECHANIC

07821 444 750 www.mw-automotive.co.uk





Picturepartnership Professional Photography

Don't just give a gift this Christmas, give a gift to last forever!









tel: 020 8656 4024

Portrait Packages from £35.00

Gift Vouchers available

213 Wickham Road - Shirley - Croydon - CRO 8TG www.picturepartnership.co.uk

pictures@picturepartnership.co.uk

ANTHONY

Proud to offer a specialist Lasting Power of Attorney and Will writing service

If you want to protect your future please call us first

T 020 8654 7757 W www.anthonyleonard.co.uk

THE SOLICITORS

LEONARD SOLICITORS



161 Shirley Road, Shirley, Croydon, Surrey CRO 8SS

Maths Tuition

GCSE and A Level, Retired Maths teacher with 30 years experience of 1-2-1 tuition

Phone Ann on 020 8654 7288

Disclaimer

IN SHIRLEY

To the full extent permissible by law, Monks Orchard Residents' Association disclaim all responsibility, liability, or otherwise, or from any action or decision taken as a result of using this 'Handy Ads Section'. We reserve the right to withdraw any advertisement if we receive any complaints about the service provided.

TO CONTACT US FOR MORE DETAILS. PLEASE TELEPHONE THE

ADVERTISING MANAGER, BARBARA TURNER ON:

Your local library: Shirley Library 🤼



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?

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

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

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.

FREE, REGULAR CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

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

Storytime, stories and craft, Thursdays 2.15-2.45pm, for 2-7 year olds and their adults.

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

Once Upon a Rhyme. Alternate Saturdays from 10-10.30am. Please contact the library for dates.

FREE, ADDITIONAL **EVENTS FOR CHILDREN:**

Make a tactile book. Tuesday 2nd December. 4-5pm. Age 3+.

Stitch a felt reindeer. Monday 15th December. 4-5pm. age 5+.

Make felt tree decorations. Tuesday 23rd December. 3-4pm. Age 4+.

Events for children in February Half Term 2015

Kite making. Monday 16th February. 2.30-4pm. For 3+.

Make felt animal pencil tops. 2.30-4pm. For 5+.

Storytime. Thursday 19th February. 2.15-2.45pm. For 3+.

Storybook crafts. Thursday 19th February. 3-4pm. For 3+.

Cat or owl brooch making. 2.30-4pm. For 4+.

FREE FOR ADULTS

Felt hat restyling sessions: Local resident Valerie MacKenzie will facilitate two free sessions at Shirley Library. Firstly, she will lead an information session on felt hat restyling on Monday 10th November from 2.30-3.30pm. She'll then lead a follow up session on felt hat restyling and decorating on Tuesday 18th November from 2.30-4.30pm. Customers are asked to bring in their own felt hat to restyle. Please contact



the library to reserve a place for both these events.

Christmas afternoon tea: Come and enjoy a cup of tea and coffee and a slice of cake at the library. It's an opportunity to browse our stock and to meet other residents who live in the community. Monday 1st December 2.30-4.30pm. Please contact the library to reserve a place for this event.

REGULAR EVENTS:

Monthly talks: Ron Cox will give a talk entitled At the Going Down of the Sun: The Human Stories Behind Croydon's War Memorials on Tuesday 11th November from 2.15-3.30pm. Please reserve your place at the library for this talk.

Croydon Vision / Croydon Voluntary Association of the Blind – Keith Bill will talk about supporting people with sight loss. Monday 8th December 2.15-2.30pm. Please contact the library to reserve a place for this talk.

Barrie McKay will give a talk entitled the Myths and Secrets of the Crystal Palace on Tuesday 20th January from 2.15-3.30pm. Please contact the library to reserve a place for this talk.

Author Gulshan Ul Amin will give a talk on Monday 16th February 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 – 13th November, 11th December. Please ask at the library, in the new year, for January and February's dates.

Monthly Craft session: Card making. Tuesdays – 4th November, 9th December, 13th January and 10th February. 2.30-4.30pm.

Knit and Natter: Do you enjoy knitting, crochet or other needlework? Enjoy swapping skills with a chat at our group, on the following Fridays from 2.30-4.30pm. Friday 7th November, Friday 21st November, 5th December, 19th December, 2nd January, 16th January, 30th January, 13th February and 27th February.

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, Friday afternoons as well as on Saturday mornings. 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, CRo 8BH, Tel 020 3700 1019; email: croydon.shirleylibrary@carillionservices. co.uk

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

Planning Report



NEW APPLICATIONS

8 Bywood Avenue – Ref: 14/03586/P – Use as an acupuncture practice and retailing herbal teas and health related products Application Received 1st September; Consultation close on 7th October and Target Decision 31st October.

Public Comments: None as of 15/09/2014

16 Orchard Avenue – Ref: 14/03596/P – Erection of first floor side extension; construction of roof extension to include erection of dormer extensions in rear roof slope.

Site Notices displayed on 3rd September; consultation close 24th September; Target Decision 27th October.

Public Comments: None registered as of 15/09/2014

61 Woodmere Avenue – Ref: 14/03729/P – Erection of single storey rear extension

Application Received: 08 Sep 2014

105 Orchard Avenue – Ref: 14/03778/P
 Alterations; erection of single/two storey side/rear extension

Application Received: 11 Sep 2014

6 Firsby Avenue – Ref: 14/03807/P – Retention of first floor side extension.

Application Received: 11 Sep 2014

28A Orchard Rise – Ref: 14/03590/LP

- Use of garage as habitable room

Application Received: 01 Sep 2014

DECISIONS

4 Valley Walk 14/02801/P

Erection of single/two storey side/rear extension and dormer extensions in roof slope

Application Received: 04 Jul 2014 Status: Decided Approved 5th Sep 2014



UPDATES

168 Orchard Way

Ref: 14/02636/P – Erection of single storey side extension

Email sent to the Case Officer, copied to Head of Development Management and others, on 3rd September asking why modified plans were allowed after consultation closed on 30th July and whether an extension of the consultation would be allowed for comments by those that had already commented.

Deputy Head of Development Management replied indicating that further modifications were envisaged and that an extension to the consultation will be allowed by the Case Officer in due course. We questioned why

Planning Report



modifications were being considered when conditions placed on the appealed retention of the existing bungalow stated that no extensions should be allowed.

62 and R/O 64 Woodmere Avenue

14/00194/P – Demolition of 62; erection of 5 three bedroom detached houses; formation of access road and provision of associated parking.

LPA Permission Refused on 24 /07/2014 Appealed on 28/08/2014 – Ref: APP/ L5240/A/14/2224393

"Grounds of Appeal" published 30/08/2014 closing date 2/10/2014

MORA Submission sent to the Planning Inspectorate 19th September 2014 – acknowledgement received.

Based upon:

- a) Inappropriate Back Garden Development
- b) Access road issues regarding manoeuvrability of entrance and exit of large vehicles (viz Refuse and removal vans etc).
- c) TPO root protection issues related to the mature Oak street tree;
- d) The development is out of "character of the area;"
- e) Surface water drainage problems;.
- f) Over development of the local area;
- g) The effects of increased housing and residential density without consideration of the effects on local services;
- h) Lack of local infrastructure to support the increased residential density;

31a Woodmere Avenue - update

Stage 2 Complaint response received, analysed and considered unsatisfactory. Approval has been confirmed from our MP Gavin Barwell to escalate the complaint to the Parliamentary Ombudsman. Evidence has been prepared and was submitted on 8th October. The complaint is based upon the following reasons:

The basis of our complaint: Maladministration of the process of the Planning Appeal Ref: APP/ L5240/A/13/2209293 – 31a Woodmere Avenue, Croydon

- a) Failure to consider all the relevant overwhelming evidence provided;
- b) Failure to consider the weight of objections from local residents, the Residents Association, the LPA, the Enforcement Officers Report, the local MP, the Local Ward Councillors, etc.;
- c) Not considering the local representation in accordance with the Localism Act;
- d) Failure to consider the LPA's existing Local Plans or place any weight on the emerging preferred Policies of the Local & Neighbourhood Plans (NPPF);
- e) Placed an unenforceable condition to be met by the appellant in order to allow the appeal;
- f) Issued the condition against the guidance given in the Planning Inspectorates own guidance rules (the six rules for conditions);
- g) Not using the VOA definition of the outbuilding for valuation purposes;

Planning Report



h) Failure to observe, during site visit, that the roof tiles were of a totally different design or material than those on the host dwelling or surrounding properties.

The summary of the reasons why we are not satisfied:

- The responses from the Planning Inspectors Quality Assurance Unit has not addressed our fundamental complaint; they have only given reasons why they cannot do their job;
- j) The Inspectorate's decision is by one unaccountable inspector;
- k) There is no peer review of an inspector's decision;
- There are no QA Audits of Inspectors decisions prior to a decision being made. By their own admission, the Inspectorates Quality Assurance Unit does not have the authority to question an Inspectors decision;
- m) The QA Unit does not have ISO 9000-9001 accreditation or have regular Audits for continuous improvement;
- n) The QA Unit is only involved after a decision has been made and a complaint



- is received, and is therefore totally ineffective in ensuring quality;
- o) The only recourse is by Judicial Review which is too expensive and too late to correct mistakes which should be identified before a legal challenge is made and therefore the QA Unit is totally ineffective.

COMMUNITIES & LOCAL GOVERNMENT SELECT COMMITTEE

MORA has submitted evidence to the Communities & Local Government Select Committee on the "Operation of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)" and the "Communities right to challenge". Our written evidence has been accepted as Ref: NPPF0296 and listed on the C&LG Select Committee's Website.

The Select Committee 10th Sitting, was on 15th October, and the Committee asked the Planning Inspectorate and Ministers about key issues arising from the evidence taken during the inquiry. If you didn't watch it on 15th October, you could watch it on Parliament TV Archive.

Forthcoming LPA Planning Committee dates:

Full Planning Committee: 9/10/14; 6/11/14; 20/11/14

Minor Applications Sub-Committee:

8/10/14; 19/11/14

DEREK RITSON

PLANNING OFFICER



The Don't Mess with Croydon campaign seeks to crack down on fly-tipping and other environmental crimes in the borough. It sends a firm message to anyone who blights our borough with litter.

Issues such as fly-tipping have a negative effect on people's quality of life. Those who dump rubbish in our streets affect everyone in the community; it is not enough to simply remove the fly-tips once reported but to ensure that we are taking strong action.

To tackle some of these issues, we will put in place special fly-tip reaction teams to patrol the borough with council enforcement officers, investigating fly-tips to catch, fine and prosecute offenders. We will work closely with residents and local business to ensure they too are playing their part in supporting our campaign.

Take pride: it's your duty to look after the environment and dispose of your waste responsibly; there are a range of services available to help you to keep communities clean and tidy. With your support we can make Croydon one of the cleanest greenest boroughs in London.

FLY-TIPPING IS ILLEGAL, REPORT IT:

We want you to take action to reduce litter in the area where you live, work or visit. Preventing littering and fly-tipping is everyone's responsibility and

together we can make a difference to our communities. If you see someone flytipping, littering or leaving other types of mess, don't just ignore it, report it!

We rely on your help to bring prosecutions so have made it easier for you to tell us about fly-tippers and reporting envirocrimes such as fly-tipping. You can telephone our dedicated fly-tipping hotline on 0208 604 7000 or email flytip@croydon. gov.uk. You can also report a problem via our My Croydon smartphone app, visit the My Croydon webpage for more information.

If you live in the borough you can help to keep your area clean by reporting street cleansing issues using our My Account service – Registering for My Account will allow you to see all of your reporting information, and dealings with the council in one place. You can also report this anonymously.

We will ensure that the fly-tip is cleared as quickly as possible and as part of our Don't Mess with Croydon; take pride service we'll let you when it's done. ■

Credit: http://www.croydon.gov.uk/environment/dontmess/

Telephone the dedicated fly-tipping hotline on

0208 604 7000 or email flytip@croydon.gov.uk.

Shirley, London

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia



Shirley is an area of South East London, within the London Borough of Croydon. It borders the London Borough of Bromley. It is located east of Croydon, and 10 miles (16.1 km) south south-east of Charing Cross.

DESCRIPTION

Until the 1930s Shirley consisted of a few hamlets between farms and the estates of the large houses. These included Spring Park, Monks Orchard, Shirley Park, Shirley Lodge and Ham, names which are reflected in the names of neighbourhoods today.

Originally part of Addington and contrary to popular opinion, Monks Orchard is not named after a monastery in the area, but probably commemorates a family named Monk, who owned some of the land at one time. When Lewis Lloyd acquired the land and had a mansion built in 1854, he adopted the name of a local wood, "Monks Orchard", for the whole estate.

Lloyd's Monks Orchard House was one of the most substantial mansions in the Croydon area. It had 19 bedrooms, a billiard room, library, and numerous other rooms. The Dining Hall alone was over 36 by 21 ft (11 by 4 m). The estate covered a huge area, 1,540 acres (6.2 km²), stretching northwards from the Wickham Road almost to Elmers End, southwards nearly as far as Addington, and eastwards across

the Borough boundary into West Wickham. It also included several other major residences, such as Spring Park; farms, including Eden Park, Ham Farm, Shirley Farm, Spring Park Farm and Oak Lodge Farm; two dozen or so cottages; The Rising Sun, The Cricketers and the White Hart; and Beckenham Golf Course.

As late as 1923, the area was described in the following way:

The Estate, which has an extensive frontage to the road between the villages of Shirley and West Wickham, is delightfully rural in character, typifying that which is best in the unspoiled English countryside...

The land seems adapted by nature for those who are seeking country houses not too far from London, being already park-like meadow land, well timbered, and dotted with coppices; thus affording almost unlimited scope for imagination, and taste, in laying out grounds, by utilising the natural advantages already there.

When the estate came up for sale in 1920, only parts of it found buyers, and the rest, including the part we now call Monks
Orchard was offered again in 1924. This was purchased by the City of London
Corporation for the relocation of the
Bethlem Royal Hospital, which had long outgrown its Lambeth home. Building of the new hospital started in 1928, and, sadly, this involved pulling down the old mansion. The hospital development did not need all the land and parts of it were sold off for housing



development. There are still substantial grounds around the Hospital largely undeveloped, although planning permission was recently granted amid local controversy. The Hospital and grounds were transferred into Bromley in the 1990s in exchange for South Norwood Country Park.

In the 1930s, a large amount of building took place over much of the open land, largely suburban-style semi-detached houses. To the north, Shirley links into neighbouring areas. However, some land escaped the building boom. Shirley Park House with its extensive grounds became a hotel and in 1965 was bought by the Whitgift Foundation to become Trinity School in a new building constructed on the site. Neighbouring the school grounds is Shirley Park Golf Course. To the south of Shirley are large areas of woodland, including Shirley Hills and Threehalfpenny Wood. Parks and open spaces are dotted across the area, including Miller's Pond. In Upper Shirley, very large houses in a few exclusive estates have been built, housing ambassadors, etc.

SHIRLEY PARISH CHURCH

Shirley has three Anglican churches. Shirley Parish Church – St John the Evangelist – was built in 1856 from Sir George Gilbert Scott's design. All Saints' Church, Bridle Road, was built in the 1950s by Rev Aubrey K W Wright and its design is of a very high quality. It was one of the first post-war buildings in Croydon to be listed. St George the Martyr on The Glade was also built in the 1950s. There are also various evangelical churches, Shirley Methodist which is opposite Trinity School for Boys and Baptist Churches. Croydon's Synagogue is on Shirley Oaks Road.

SHIRLEY OAKS

This was originally Shirley Lodge Farm. The 17th Century farm house was situated on Shirley Road and was demolished in 1996. There was a farm lodge on Wickham Road which marked the farm entrance, now called Shirley Oaks Road. In 1903 the farm was replaced by the Shirley School, a totally self-contained model village with houses for the children to live in small groups. These were names after flowers and trees, Acacia to Yew. Some of the original buildings are now converted to flats, and in addition there are many new houses. To continue the naming, every road in the development is alphabetically named after a flower. The exclusivity of the area and two hectares of open space have made the place popular.

The area lies encapsulated near the high street with just two main roads linking to Shirley and Addiscombe. Shirley Oaks Village is home to the only hospital in Shirley, private healthcare centre Shirley Oaks Hospital.

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?

Ovington Court, Kempton Walk

Gwynne Avenue

Fairhaven Avenue

Lavender Way / Glenwood Way

23 - 49 Gladeside

32 – 52 Gladeside

E6 for Shirley Avenue

G3 for The Glade Nos. 3 to 73

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



SWITZERLAND 2015

For the first time in our 76-year history, the 4th Shirley Guides, based at St George's Church in Shirley, are planning an overseas trip.

We want to take our Guides to Bernese Oberland in Switzerland, home to one of the Girl Guides' World Centres, to experience the culture and amazing scenery there.

As a Guide unit, we have a varied and active programme and usually camp in the summer. However next year we are hoping we'll be staying in more traditional accommodation. During our trip we will be visiting a cheese factory, mountain walking and much more.

We will be travelling with the 2nd Selsdon Unit. I am a leader with both Units, which keeps me out of trouble! They are 4 years older than us and will be celebrating their 80th anniversary.

We want to make this a reality for all our guides and will be working really hard to raise funds. We have already raised money with a Danceathon, looking at creating our own mugs & tea towels to sell and planning a Grand Raffle for Christmas.

So, that's a little bit about us and our ambitious plans for our trip next year. This is where you come in. We need your help!

We're looking for prizes we can raffle, volunteers to help us contact local businesses to get their support to selling raffle tickets, and any other support or advice you can offer in reaching our goal of raising £2000. We would be most grateful for any help friends, neighbours and residents who live in the Shirley community can give us. If you would like to contact me directly, please ring

. If you would like to help with the raffle, please contact Tracey on

RUTH CLERY

GUIDER, 4TH SHIRLEY GUIDES

THINKING OF BUYING CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS

Then why not visit Cards For Good Causes at St Michaels and All Angels with St James Church in Poplar Walk, West Croydon (Behind M & S, next door to tram, train and bus West Croydon stations).

They have around 270 designs from 34 charities, from Age UK to Young Epilepsy. At least 70p in the £ goes to the charity less the VAT payable on the amount retained by CFGC. The retained amount goes to cover CFGC costs of running the temporary charity Christmas card shops.

They open on the 17 October to the 16 December, Monday to Saturday from 10am till 4pm.

Why not give them a visit? You are bound to find a suitable card either by charity or design.

MIKE STEWART

CROYDON MANAGER OF CFGC

Changes at Hall Grange



Ithough just outside our area many of you will be familiar with Hall Grange in Shirley Church Road, a care home run by MHA, a registered charity. The charity was founded by the Revd Walter Hall, a Methodist Minister for Shirley, but the home looks after those in need, irrespective of race or religion.

There have been two inspections this year achieving a score of 94%. In view of this MHA applied for planning permission to build a new care home for 45 older people in the grounds of the existing home, linked to 23 apartments which will provide independent living for up to 46 residents. This will mean that couples no longer need be separated but will still be able to access increasing levels of care as needs change.

The home is situated in beautiful grounds, which will include an enclosed sensory garden so that residents can move around without restriction. MHA also hope to create more access to the grounds for the local community to experience the unique setting.

On 28th March, Ronnie Corbett, accompanied by his wife Anne, celebrated "The First Cut" to mark the start of the rebuilding programme, by cutting the first turf on the site. It was a brilliant start to the process; Mr Corbett circulated and chatted to residents, staff and volunteers, and the day was enjoyed by all. Completion of the home is estimated to be July 2015, and the apartments in the autumn of 2016. There is an estimated shortfall of nearly 1,000 places in residential homes in the Croydon area and these facilities are urgently needed. We are an ageing population and the situation will only get worse unless action is taken now. Currently all the places at Hall Grange are occupied and there is a waiting list for those wishing to move in.

Although the staff are hardworking and caring, providing activities and stimulation as well as the basics, there is also a need for volunteers to help out, particularly for the activities on Saturday mornings or afternoons. One of the members of our committee works there several days a week, in the small shop, going on outings with the residents and generally providing contact with the outside. If any of you have any spare time and would like to know more about volunteering get in touch with Hall Grange (tel



St John's Church presents The

Shirley

(Registered charity number 1140076)

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

in the picturesque historical Grade II listed church of

St. John the Evangelist

Shirley Church Road, Shirley, Croydon, CRO 5EF

28th - 30th November 2014

FRIDAY 28th November : 11.00 - 7.00 p.m.

SATURDAY 29th November : 11.00 - 5.00 p.m.

SUNDAY 30th November : 12.00 - 4.00 p.m.

Tickets £3.00 (accompanied children free)

First 100 visitors each day receive a Christmas gift

CHRISTMAS MARKET - FESTIVAL TEAROOM

LIVE MUSIC every hour during the festival

TREE-FEST CONCERT

Saturday 29th November 7.00 p.m.

Local Activities



Croydon Petanque Club

ACCESS: TENTERDEN ROAD, CROYDON CRO 7DN

Croydon Petanque Club meets 4 times a week throughout the year in Ashburton Park next to the bowls club, Tenterden Road. We meet Wednesday morning and Sunday mornings at 10.00. Friday afternoon and Saturday afternoon at 13.00 There are boules available to anyone who would like to give it a try.

Anthony Webb

Shirley Singers Christmas Concert

Saturday 6th December 2014 at 7.30 p.m

This will take place at Shirley Methodist Church, Eldon Avenue, Shirley.

As well as traditional Christmas music and carols, the concert will feature songs from Christmas films – can you guess the film titles?

Tickets: £8 including light refreshments.

Contact – Christine: or Janet:

Save the date

Saturday January 17th 2015

Churches Together in Shirley invite all local residents, whether members or not of a local church, to join them on Saturday January 17th 2015 for "God in my Day" – a breathing space with input and time for quiet reflection. At the start of the New Year, and ahead of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, all are welcome to join us as we look at the different ways we meet and respond to God within our daily lives. We are delighted that our leader will be Chris Chapman, who is the Spiritual Formation Adviser for the Anglican diocese of Southwark. He is an experienced spiritual guide and retreat leader and the author of Seeing in the Dark, published by Canterbury Press in 2013.

We shall meet from 10.00am in the Tamberlin Room at St John's Church, on the junction of Shirley Church Road and Spring Park Road, and finish at 3.30pm, with a light "bring and share" lunch about 12.45, but it is possible for participants to slip away earlier if necessary. Cost just £2.00 a head — bookings and more information from Liz Bebington,

The latest MORA news



RESIGNATIONS

Vilas Patel

Vilas has resigned as Membership Secretary and from the committee due to pressure of work. MORA extends their sincere thanks for all the work she did during the time that she covered this difficult position.

Derek Ritson has since agreed to take over from Vilas.

Barbara Turner

After taking over the Advertising Manager position for MORA for the past couple of years, Barbara has decided to resign due to her increased involvement in voluntary work. (See article "Being a Team London Ambassador" – page 10 of this newsletter). Her volunteering activities are taking up large amounts of her time as she increases her involvement. Apart from being a "Team London Ambassador" volunteer, she is now likely to be accepted as a member of the "Fairfield Corps of Stewards."

Barbara has offered to cover the Advertising Managers post for the Handy Ads Section until the end of this year and to sign up advertisers for 2015 but will resign as from the start of the New Year. So we are looking for a volunteer to take on this very important role for MORA. The funds from the Advertisers are extremely important to supplement the membership subscriptions and keep MORA viable.

We would like to thank Barbara for her contribution to MORA over the recent past

and would welcome further articles for the newsletter on her volunteering activities and wish her well for the future.

POSITIONS VACANT

Vice Chairman

We are looking for a Vice Chairman to assist the Chairman, who may not always be available due to family commitments. Being Chair is quite easy really, you only need to attend meetings monthly and keep control. Meetings start at 7.30pm and rarely last more than two hours. If anyone feels they can help please contact anyone listed on the back of the magazine.

Secretary

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

If you are interested please contact monksorchardweb@btinternet.com

MORA 2015 AGM

Friday 20th March 2015 St George's Church Hall, Elstan Way, Shirley

MORA Committee Members 2014-2015

Chairman	Dave King	
Vice Chairman	VACANCY	VACANCY
Secretary	VACANCY	VACANCY
Treasurer	Terry Greenwood	
Planning Team	Derek Ritson	
	Omer Ahmad	
Membership Secretary	Derek Ritson	
Editor	Kevin Martin	
Advertising Manager	VACANCY	VACANCY
Primary Care	Mercia Nash	
Social Secretary	Christine Ross-Smith	
Transport & Highways	Julie Cornell	-
Ward Panel & Security	Joan Pring	
Trees & Open Spaces	Sue & Martyn Buchanan	
Committee Members	Michael Nash	
and Area Managers	Anne Horton	
	Mary Jennings	
	Sandra Scott	

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:

Derek Ritson,

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

Printed by MARSTAN PRESS, Bexleyheath Kent Tel: 020 8301 5900

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING MORA. PLEASE PASS ON TO A NON-MEMBER.