



MORA

MONKS ORCHARD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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*A Peaceful
Christmas and
Prosperous
New Year*

Representing,
supporting and
working with the
local residents for
a better community

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

CONTRIBUTING TO MORA

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

Editorial

We welcome articles and contributions from all MORA members. Please

media@mo-ra.co or via post to **MORA C/O 40**

Please ensure we receive all articles for the Spring 2016 issue by 19th February 2016.

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 19th February 2016 for activities after 2nd March 2016.



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

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS



As you are aware I have been banging on for some time about assistance as road stewards. We are currently having a big problem with the collection of subscriptions. We are nearing the end of 2015 and yet have not received all outstanding subs. I myself have not been asked for my subs which is all very concerning. Remember MORA will only exist if the subscriptions are received as the cost of the magazine takes the large proportion of our income.

I am concerned for the future of MORA, as I have previously said we need new people to assist on the committee as I am getting old now and we really do need assistance. Those of you who keep up to date with things which go on within our council will note that they were originally going to provide three sites for travellers. It now appears they are to provide 3 in the "Shirley Place" and thirty nine sites in the Borough by 2036. I'm not sure

where these are but it appears to me we are likely to lose an awful lot of our green spaces. On another note I see we are going to lose our green waste collection. It is more than likely that householders will put their green waste at the bottom of the black sacks and cover it with normal household waste. They say this measure will reduce costs to the council but they are prepared to place a speed limit of 20mph in all roads except the main roads. You can

see the affected roads if you go onto the council's website. The problem as I see it is the cost of all the required signage. The council says it is out of a different budget (TfL are funding it at £1.5M total estimate and £300,000 per Zone See article page 10.). I don't care what budget it comes out of it is all out of the council taxes we pay. Also, who is going to police this speed limit, we certainly don't have enough police and I can't imagine the cost of cameras. Do write to your councillor with your observations.

I am very proud to say your community has come together again to support the British Legion, who have supplied the poppies. As you will see they are on trees along the Wickham Road but all paid for by your community!

We the committee wish you all a peaceful and happy Christmas and hopefully a peaceful 2016.

DAVE KING
Chairman

MORA NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

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

Area A covers the Northern part of the Ward and has 9 Road

Stewards serving 200 members. We also need **Road Stewards** to help support us.

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

Parkfields & Cheston Avenue (RS D3)

Wickham Avenue (RS D4)

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.

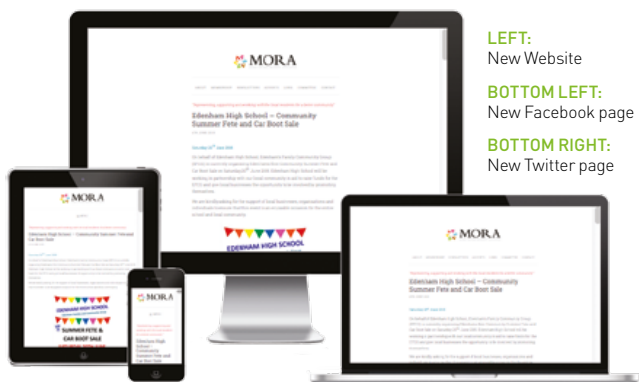
If you are interested please contact membership@mo-ra.co

CAN YOU SUPPORT MORA?



WOW What a bumper issue, you may have noticed the Magazine is getting larger each time, which is great. There is new and more information about your area. Unfortunately there is no magic wand to make it happen and your committee is very busy, they need your help.

Can you spare some time? We need support managing our new online presence, help with putting together the magazine in InDesign and help with photography from around the area. It would be a great opportunity to support your community.



LEFT:
New Website

BOTTOM LEFT:
New Facebook page

BOTTOM RIGHT:
New Twitter page

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.

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



hello@mo-ra.co



@TweetsMORA



Monks Orchard Residents Association





YOUR RESIDENT ASSOCIATION NEEDS

YOU

If you think you can help
us, please contact one of
the committee members
on the back cover.

REMEMBRANCE COMMEMORATION IN SHIRLEY



Your Royal British Legion poppy helps us to provide thousands of modern veterans, Service men, women and their families with vital advice and support.

Our Residents' Association in conjunction with Spring Park Residents' Association were asked by a West Wickham representative, Ann Jones, if we would follow their lead and put up large poppies along the Wickham Road.

We were happy to collaborate on this and with the help of Christine from MORA and Siobhan, acting as Royal British Legion representative, it was decided to put up the poppies, and ask local businesses to contribute towards the cost. Croydon Council would only allow us to use trees along the Wickham Road and therefore ladders and plenty of cable ties were required.

The display of poppies provided a fitting reminder of the sacrifices made by our Armed Forces and auxiliary support groups during the many conflicts, remembering them and the debt we owe for giving us the freedom we all enjoy today.

Together MORA & SPRA raised £115.00 plus a donation of £10.00, SPRA donated £85.00 and MORA donated £50.00 to give us a total £260.00.

Finally, I like to say a big thank you to everyone that helped with the collection and putting up and taking down of the poppies.

We expect to continue with this act of remembrance in future years.

ALAN MOLKENTHIN
Special Project Group





HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY FESTIVE SEASON

At this time of year the London Fire Brigade attends an increased number of accidental fires in the home. With winter fast approaching, and the nights drawing in, more and more people will be spending time at home. Log burners and fires will be lit, and heaters and electric blankets will start being used. The festive season also means family gatherings and family meals become more popular. These all contribute to the increase in accidental fires, but most can be easily avoided.

More fires and fire injuries are caused in the kitchen than anywhere else in the home, with around 60% of accidental house fires starting here. Ensure your oven, hob, cooker hood and grill are all kept clean, as fat and grease can easily ignite. Avoid leaving cooking unattended. Don't cook if you are tired, have been drinking alcohol, or are taking medication that may make you drowsy. If a fire does start, don't tackle a fire yourself, and don't attempt to move a burning pan. Never throw water on a pan, as it could create a fireball. Turn off the heat if safe to do so, and leave the room,

closing the door behind you. Warn others and call 999.

When you first use any portable or electric heaters for the first time, ensure they are clean and free from dirt and dust build up. Never put a heater near clothes or furniture, even if you are planning on staying nearby. Try to sit at least 1m away from heaters, especially if there is a chance you may fall asleep. Always turn heaters off and allow them to cool before moving them. If you have a log burner or open fire, ensure you keep chimneys and flues clean, and swept regularly. Use a fire guard to protect against

flying sparks and hot embers, especially if you have pets or children in your property. If you store spare logs, keep them away from burners, so they don't catch light.

If you choose to buy an electric blanket to use during the winter months, make sure its brand new. Never use a second hand electric blanket. Make sure it's unplugged before getting in to bed, unless the manufacturers specifically state that it has been designed to be left on. If you use an air flow pressure relief mattress, or you use paraffin based emollient creams, don't use an electric blanket, as there is an increased risk of fire.

These simple measures will significantly reduce the risk of an accidental fire in your property, and will help to ensure you have a safe and happy winter. If you have any concerns, contact the London Fire Brigade and we can arrange a FREE Home Fire Safety Visit to your property, where we can supply and fit a smoke alarm and give you all the fire safety advice you may need.

www.london-fire.gov.uk

0208 555 1200

THE YOUNGER GENERATION THEATRE GROUP

PATRON: THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR OF CROYDON



The Younger Generation Theatre Group, based in Purley, was set up in 1989, the brainchild of Frank Graves who had previously produced the South West London Gang Shows. His aim then remains the same today, to give young people aged 9 – 18 years the opportunity to appear on the professional stage but with the criteria that there are no individual 'stars', as it's a team effort and all the cast are 'stars'.

The group's main event is an annual show, with four performances over three days, at Croydon's Ashcroft Theatre whilst also appearing at various charity events during the rest of the year. Not least have been their invitations by Merton

Council to help represent the Borough at London's New Year's Day Parade notably, in 2012 and 2013, when the Borough took joint first place and then first. They have also taken part in the Lord Mayors shows and were represented



at the late Queen Mother's 90th and 100th Birthday parades in London and the Queen's Jubilee Parade in 2002.

Over the course of time both the group as a whole and individual members have received many accolades in recognition of their continued achievements and commitment. The group is a member of the National Operatic and Dramatic Society (NODA) which, as well as it's recognition to individuals, in 2008 awarded the group NODA's flame award for the London region for "outstanding training for young people in the fields of music and dance". In June 2013 the group received The Queen's Golden Jubilee Award for voluntary service by groups in the community. Equivalent to an MBE it was one of only seven awarded in the Greater London area. Recognition, in the form of both awards and funding, has been given to the group by the Jack Petchey Foundation, established in 1999 by 'rags to riches' entrepreneur Jack Petchey. His determination to get on in life and his final success made him want to give something back to society. As a result millions of pounds have been donated to numerous youth projects, his idea being to increase aspirations of young people by rewarding their achievements. Clearly, a tremendous amount



of hard work goes on behind the scenes of the shows and events. Some parents also get involved and lend an appreciated hand to the backstage crew, anything from chaperoning at events to making tea at rehearsals.

In the information on the group's website it says that "it doesn't matter if you are fat, thin, tall or short, or even from Mars, if you have the energy and are prepared to work with us, we will help you." This is a theatre group and not a stage school but, personally, I believe that experience with the Y.Gs must be a wonderful confidence builder. My 13 year old granddaughter, Kay, has been with them since she was nine, and her enthusiasm is the same now as when she joined.

For anyone who would like to get a feel of what the group is all about, there will be a workshop for 9-18 year olds on Sunday, 7th February 2016 from 2pm-6pm at St.Mark's Church, Church Road, Purley. Cost £5. No forms are needed in advance, just turn up. Auditions for 9 -18 year olds will be held on Sunday 6th March and Sunday 13th March 2016. Forms to complete for an audition will be on the group's website.

For full information and contact details visit www.youngergeneration.co.uk

JOAN PRING

Twitter: @YGTtheatreGroup



Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/youngergeneration1>
(Our community page)

www.youngergeneration.co.uk



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UPDATES FROM OUR LOCAL SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE TEAMS



Ashburton

Patrols were increased through early September as local children returned to school resulting in no school related robbery offences over that period. There was also high visibility patrolling in crime hot spots and transport hubs where the team engaged with school children to heighten awareness and deter offenders. Handouts, relating to new knife legislation, were also supplied. Theft of vehicle registration plates has been on the increase over the last month or two. Anti-theft screws and caps are available from the team who can be contacted on the number below. All vehicles are vulnerable but thieves are specifically targeting commercial vehicles and pick-ups containing power tools and generators.

Motor vehicle crime and burglary remain the top priorities across Ashburton and Croydon.

Ashburton contact details:

Tel: 020 8721 2474

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

Your team: Inspector Scott Smith, Sergeant Michael Woolley, PC Amy Spooner & PC Mehrzad Gholami

Heathfield

Over the last couple of months most criminal activity, burglary and anti-social behaviour, has been centred round Forestdale where the team undertook extensive enquiries regarding the volume of burglaries in the Viney Bank area. This resulted in an arrest and a large quantity

Heathfield team



**Inspector Kevin
Fitzgerald**



**Sergeant Simon
Cook**



PC Barry Swift

of property being recovered and identified by victims, although the investigation is still ongoing. There were three reported break-ins at the end of October. A lady in Forestdale went to bed leaving a small ground floor window open. Suspects gained entry and stole a laptop computer, bank cards and a driving licence. There were two incidents in Shirley Avenue. A resident returned from holiday and found the rear patio door glass smashed. A large quantity of jewellery and perfume had been stolen. Another resident returned home to find the chain had been put on her front door and she could not gain entry, although nothing had been stolen. The team stress that everyone should take precautions and remain vigilant, especially at this time of year.

Theft from motor vehicles on the ward remains low but the team wish to remind everyone that care should be taken by locking your vehicle and removing valuables even if it is parked on your driveway.

Heathfield contact details:

Tel: 020 8721 2468

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snt@met.police.uk

Facebook: facebook.
com/metpoliceuk

Twitter: @metpoliceuk

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

Shirley

Based on information received from the local community the execution of a drugs warrant resulted in a find of two large bags of herbal cannabis, an amount consistent with the offence of possession with intent to supply. The investigation is ongoing.

An e-mail was circulated in October warning local cat owners of several incidents of cats going missing and then being found mutilated. This investigation is also ongoing. Should any suspicious activity be spotted it should be reported via the police 101 number.

Youth anti-social behaviour (YASB) related calls to the police increased at Halloween and firework incidents in the Shrublands area are under investigation. Just prior to this, representatives from the Shirley team and Croydon Council were to arrange to meet to discuss YASB issues and to come up with a joint multi-agency approach to a solution. October saw an attempted

burglary in Wickham Avenue with five burglaries, two of which were attempted, in the ward in the previous month. The team ask residents to take simple steps to try and avoid being victims themselves, such as not leaving valuable item on display etc.

Recently, motor vehicle crime has increased in Shirley. In October there were six incidents of criminal damage to vehicles, one theft of a vehicle, five thefts from vehicles and one instance of vehicle interference. Again, the team ask residents not to leave items such as sat navs, money, keys etc. on display. In view of the approaching Winter weather, especially in the mornings, don't leave your car unattended with the keys in the ignition whilst it's warming up. It is not unknown for a vehicle to be stolen in such a situation!

A message from Sergeant Moore states that Shirley Ward continues to maintain low levels of crime but asks that we all should remain vigilant. Residential burglaries often increase over the Christmas period but they can be a preventable crime if certain steps are taken. For more information visit <http://content.met.police.uk/campaign/bumblebee>

On a lighter note and one which should be acknowledged, our Shirley Team recently gave a big thank you to The Orchard Public House and a student from Edenham School for assisting with dealing with an elderly gentleman who had suffered a nasty fall, broken his leg and suffered a bad head wound. Care and compassion was shown by both parties and is unlikely to be forgotten

by the victim whose hand was held by the student for around three hours whilst engaging him in conversation. Blankets and items to assist with his care were provided by The Orchard. A strong feeling of community spirit was present throughout with the members of the public assisting the police to help another member of the community who was in need.

Shirley contact details:

Tel: 020 8721 2469

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

Twitter: @MPSSouthCroydon

Your team: Inspector Kevin Fitzgerald, Sergeant Marcus Moore, PC Alexander Hollis & PC Samuel Harding

JOAN PRING
Ward Panel

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MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNINGS

This year Christine Ross Smith, MORA Social Secretary, and I decided to combine our efforts to raise money for Macmillan Nurses by holding joint coffee mornings, one in my home and two at Christine's bungalow. I prefer to bake, rather than dust and polish ready for guests so took the easy option!

Most of you will know of the work carried out by Macmillan Nurses in offering emotional, physical and financial aid to those diagnosed with cancer. Sadly, one of my close friends died last year from breast cancer, so I saw at first hand the importance of the vital work these nurses do.

All the events were well attended and we would like to thank all those who gave up their time, and their money, to

support this cause. We would especially like to thank all those who made cakes (I like baking, but not that much!) We would also like to thank Diane McInerney for contributing to the raffle prize of a cake to be made for a special occasion by a professional baker.

Our joint efforts made £350 which has been sent to Macmillan. I received notification that so far they have a total of £21 million. Our contribution was small, but very necessary part of this magnificent sum. I have to say, however that by the end of the third coffee morning we never wanted to see another cake. Unfortunately for my diet this situation has now changed.

Advance warning for our guests, we have already

been asked to register for next year's event, so get your taste buds and your donations ready for September 2016.

MARY EVANS



CROYDON IMPLEMENTING 20MPH SPEED RESTRICTION ZONES PRIOR TO GOVERNMENT FUNDED RESEARCH REPORT!



I have since done a bit of research on this issue and have, after a great deal of difficulty found some information on the Croydon Council Website on the reasoning for going ahead with this policy and who is funding it.

I have studied the reasons why the Council are going

ahead with this strategy but I wondered why they are doing so prior to the Government's funded research to establish the benefits or otherwise of a 20mph speed restrictions in residential areas (see below).

I understand TfL are funding the staged implementation

for the London Borough of Croydon which is estimated at £1.5M in total, with each Zone estimated at £300,000. Zone 1 in the North of the borough is the first to be implemented.

Just look at Zone 1 Map and work out the signage; how many 20mph signs would be required for each side road (one on the inward direction and reversed on the outward direction) off each of the 30 mph green thoroughfares – into a 20mph area and out onto the 30mph main roads – and this on every side road. Each sign at that boundary would have 20mph limit on one side as you enter the zone and 30mph limit on the other side of the pole as you exit onto a main road; possibly both sides of the side road (back-to-back).

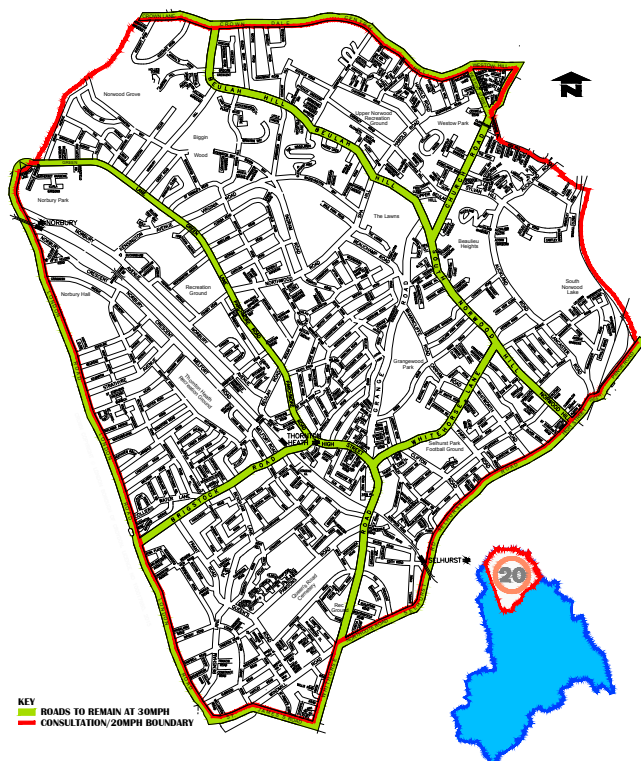
Who is going to police these speed restrictions?

It is my understanding that the government have commissioned research into the effects of cutting urban 30mph speed limits to 20mph. The research is led by London University Professor Michael Maher¹ and is expected to report in 2017.

In instigating the research, the then (2014) Transport Minister Robert Goodwill MP (now Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Transport) said:

"the research will examine the impact on collisions, casualties and air quality ... This will cover

SURVEY AREA





*many aspects including effects on speed, collisions, casualties, and modal shift [i.e. whether people switch from cars to other forms of transport. ... The research will also consider air quality, best practice, road users' perceptions and effects on the quality of the environment, as well as relevant research from other countries]."*²

After checking on Professor Maher's bibliography, he has not yet published his report or an interim report, so why are Croydon Council or TfL prematurely funding this policy prior to Prof. Mike Maher's report which is only a couple of years away from publishing – or has that research been dropped?

<http://www.cege.ucl.ac.uk/php/iris/staffprofile.php?ref=MJMAH36>

However, a report published by the Department for Transport has found 20mph speed limits in residential streets may not bring any significant improvement in road safety. An analysis of the UK's first city-wide scheme, in which the limit was lowered from 30mph to 20mph on all residential streets in Portsmouth, at a cost of £500,000 – found that it has not brought any significant reduction in the

number of accidents.

The Daily Telegraph published the findings of the Portsmouth 20mph limits and found accidents actually rose because pedestrians took more risks in the belief that vehicles would be able to stop and that drivers were glancing more at their speedometer rather than looking at the road ahead. The number of people killed or seriously injured on affected roads actually went up, not down, after the limit was lowered. The analysis, carried out by the consultants Atkins on behalf of the DfT, found that prior to the reduction in the limit, an average of 18.7 people per year were killed or seriously injured on the streets covered, whereas after the reduction this rose to 19.9 per year. This increase when, over the same time period there was a nationwide fall in road casualties of 14 per cent. The Atkins report concluded "*casualty benefits greater than the national trend have not been demonstrated*".³

The Institute of Advanced Motorists' (IAM) and motoring groups said the findings cast doubt on the case for city-wide 20mph schemes.⁴

The push for new 20mph

road signs also flies in the face of separate Government guidance to local authorities which encourage them to keep street clutter to a minimum.

There are quite a number of leaflets and websites quoting the benefits of the 20mph limit policy but they don't quote where they get their facts, figures or evidence. All the evidence we have seen is hearsay and surveys rather than based on actual facts or research.

We leave you to make your own conclusions.....

DEREK RITSON

¹ Mike Maher is an Honorary Professor, Dept. of Civil, Environ & Geomatic Engineering, Faculty of Engineering Science. His specialism is in the mathematical and statistical modelling of transport problems. In over 40 years of research, he has worked mainly in the areas of network modelling (traffic assignment, OD estimation), optimisation methodology, and traffic safety modelling (predictive accident modelling, and regression to the mean). He has held a number of EPSRC research grants, published in excess of 130 papers, and is a Fellow of the Transport Research Foundation and of the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications.

² <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-27911516>

³ <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-27911516>

⁴ <http://www.iam.org.uk/images/stories/policy-research/iam%2020mph%20survey.pdf>

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SHIRLEY



CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND EVENTS 2015

St JOHN's, Shirley Church Road, CR0 5EE

Sunday 20th December

5.40pm – Carol Singalong,
followed by

6.00pm – Carols by Candlelight,
with mince pies & mulled wine

Christmas Eve (24th)

5.00pm – Crib Service
for children & adults.

11.30pm – Midnight Mass

Christmas Day (25th)

8.00am – Holy Communion

10.00am – Family Eucharist,
children can bring a present.

Sunday 27th December

8.00am – Holy Communion

10.00am – Sung Eucharist

St GEORGE's, Elstan Way, The Glade, CR0 7QJ

Sunday 29 November

4.00pm – 6.00pm – Christingle

Sunday 13 December

10.00am – Nativity
Play in Church

Sunday 20 December

10.00am – Children's
Christmas Party

6.00pm – Service of Nine
Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve (24th):

4.00pm – Crib Service
(all-age service, with
children encouraged to
dress up as a character
from the Nativity Story);

11.00pm – Carols, followed
by 11.30pm – Midnight Mass

Christmas Day (25th)

10.00am – Sung Eucharist
(bring a present to show and tell)

ALL SAINTS, Bridle Road, CR0 8HX

Sunday 13 December

10.00am – Christingle Service

Sunday 20 December

10.00am – Sung Eucharist

6.30pm – Nine Lessons and
Carols, *followed by Mulled Wine
and Mince Pies in Church Hall*

Christmas Eve (24th)

5.00pm – Crib Service

11.30pm – Midnight Mass

Christmas Day (25th)

10.00am – Said Eucharist
with Carols

Sunday 27 December

10.00am – Sung Eucharist

Thursday 31 December

11.30pm – Watch Night Service

SHIRLEY METHODIST CHURCH, Eldon Road, CR0 8SD

Sunday 13 December

10.30am – Gift Service
for Nightwatch

Sunday 20 December

10.30am – Morning Service

6.00pm – Carol Service

Christmas Eve (24th)

11.15pm – Holy Communion at
Addington Methodist Church

Christmas Day (25th)

10.30am – All Age
Christmas Celebration

Sunday 27 December

10.30am – Holy Communion

OUR LADY, Bingham – Road, CR0 7EN

Christmas Eve (24th)

7.00pm – Mass;

11.30pm – Carols and
Midnight Mass

Christmas Day (25 December):

8.30am – Mass; 10am –
Mass; 12noon Mass

Sunday (27 December)

8.30am – Mass; 10am –
Mass; 12 noon Mass

WEST WICKHAM – & SHIRLEY BAPTIST CHURCH,

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

Sunday 6 December

10.30am – Adult
Baptism Service

6.30pm – Communion Service

Sunday 13 December

10.30am – Christmas
Family Fun Day, including
Children's Nativity

6.30pm – Evening Service

Sunday 20 December

10.30am – Communion Service

6.30pm – Carols by Candlelight,
with mulled wine & mince pies

Christmas Day (25th)

10.00am – Christmas
Morning Celebration

SHRUBLANDS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, CR0 8JA

Please check with Alan

or Martin

but likely to be:

Sunday 20 December

10.30am – A Shrublands
Nativity, followed by a Christmas
Party for all the family – *in
Shirley Community Centre*

Christmas Day (25th)

10.30am – Christmas
Day service – *in Broom
Road Coffee Shop*



CHURCH OF GOD APOSTOLIC, Spring Park Road, CR0 5EL

Please check with Pastor
Metilda [REDACTED] or email
[REDACTED]

but likely to be:

Sunday 20 December

11.30am – 12.30pm –

Sunday School

12.30pm – 2.30pm –

Sunday Worship

6.30pm – 9.30pm –
Evening Worship

Monday 21 December

10.30am – 3.00pm –

Fasting Service

Christmas Eve (24th)

10.30am – 12.30pm –

Prayer Breakfast

Christmas Day (25th)

11.30am – 2.00pm –

Christmas Service

Sunday 27 December Services

same as for 20 December

Thursday 31 December

8.00pm – 1.00am – New

Year's Eve Worship

LONGHEATH BAPTIST CHURCH, 49a Longheath Gardens, CR0 7TD

Please check website [www.
longheath.churchinsight.com](http://www.longheath.churchinsight.com)
or phone Arnie [REDACTED]

For further information, please see our website
www.churchestogether.org/shirleycroydon

HELP SAVE CROYDON'S GREEN GARDEN WASTE RECYCLING SERVICE!

Our Labour-controlled Council has announced that from next year it is going to start charging for the recycling of green garden waste – over and above the Council Tax we all pay.

Why are they doing this?

Because they have run out of money. They say this is because the Government is cutting their funding. Whilst that's true, they have been able to find hundreds of thousands of pounds to pay for a Fairness Commission and hundreds of thousands more to pay for a music festival over the summer. Are these things really more important than basic services like helping residents to recycle the rubbish they produce?

The recycling of garden waste is one of the Council's

most popular services. It was introduced when the Conservatives ran Croydon Council from 2006 until 2014. When Labour left office in 2006, Croydon had one of the lowest recycling rates in the country with just 16% of our waste being recycled. By 2014 that had trebled to nearly 50% because the Council made it easier for us all to recycle by collecting things like paper, cardboard, glass, plastic, tin cans, food waste and garden waste from the kerbside. If our Labour Council starts to charge for these services or withdraws them altogether two things will happen: first, people will put more in their wheelie bin, which would lead to the Council paying more in landfill tax; and second, some people will dump their garden waste on

the public highway, making our flytipping problem even worse. Put simply, it's a crazy idea.

My friend, Steve O'Connell, who represents us on the Greater London Assembly Member as well as being a local councillor, has launched a petition to persuade the Council to change its mind. I would strongly encourage you to sign it and to forward it on to your neighbours and friends who live elsewhere in Croydon.

You can find it at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/
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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 fly-tipping, 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 environmental crimes 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 online. Register for My Account to see all of your reporting information, and dealings with the council in one place.

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.

Stay in touch

Over the coming months there will be ways for you to take part in the campaign and show your support. We will keep you updated of all the latest news and developments during the campaign including the number of people fined and prosecuted.

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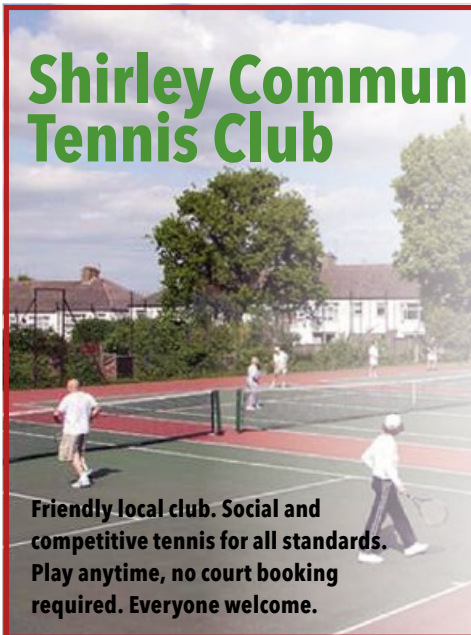
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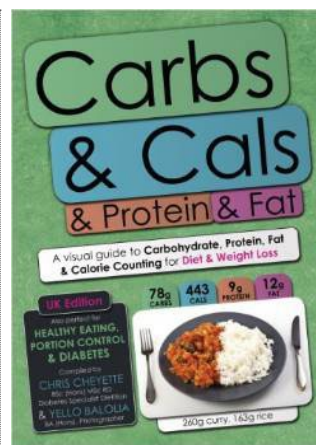
Once you go onto Insulin you are required to inform DVLA and your car insurance company; as a result I lost my Group C1 Licence.

I injected these units for a few years and I had stomach problems and gall stones with the effects of the insulin. This carried on until I became aware of an "Expert" Insulin Course run by the NHS locally. I joined after asking my diabetic nurse. This changed my life.

The course was for one day a week for 8 weeks and I learnt everything there is to know about the body and diabetes. I found out why I was getting stomach trouble and that instead of a set insulin dose I should be adjusting the dose in accordance with the carbohydrate and sugar intake of my food. By experimentation I related the equivalent Insulin Units to Carbohydrate units in grams. The Carbohydrate counting was news to me but by Carb Counting, blood sugar monitoring and judicious exercising and the adjustment of my insulin I could with confidence adjust my insulin dosage and retain safe blood sugar level (See graphs 1 & 2).

The trick is to measure your blood sugar level before you decide what to eat and if your blood sugar is high have a low carb meal (i.e. eggs or fish, etc) and if your blood sugar is low you can have a treat or a higher carb meal (bread, potatoes some cereals, etc). I purchased a very useful book called "Carbs & Cals & Protein & Fat" by Chris Cheyette & Yello Balolia, published by Chello Publishing Ltd., which is 283 pages of various foods with their portions of carbohydrates and calories etc., for various meals measured in grams weight. Initially I had to get the scales out and measure my portions but after a while you get used to it and can judge the amounts of carb for each type of food.

I did this over the period from April until October 2012 by which time I had reduced my

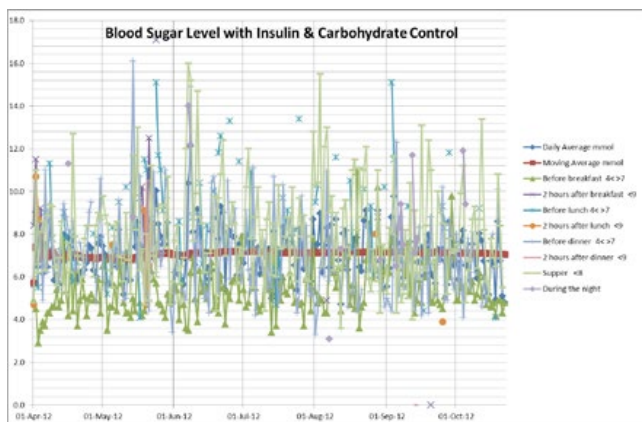
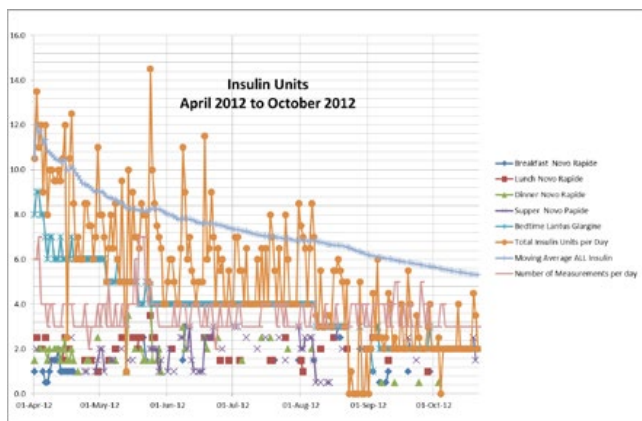


insulin from the high original units prescribed per day to a moving average of below 6 insulin units per day.

Over the same period my blood sugar mmol/L remained at a moving average of around 7mmol/L even though I was gradually reducing my daily Insulin unit injections.

Over the period between April 2012 and October 2012 (see graph) I reduced my insulin to a sufficiently low dosage that my diabetes consultant was amazed at the recorded reduction and my HbA1c blood test results, he took me off insulin completely.

Now, with close regular monitoring of my blood sugar level and Carb monitoring of my food intake I have my 30 day HbA1c down to around 6.4 and 30 day moving average to around 6.4 and have been off insulin since October 2012 and with tablets (Metformin) I have full control of my blood sugar level. I normally test my sugar level before each meal – unless I am eating



out – and by this method have kept my blood sugar level fully under control. I also take Cinnamon tablets which helps to control blood sugar level.

However, my GP practice recently tried to reduce my test strip allowance as my sugar level is now at non-diabetic levels, saying I need not take regular blood sugar tests and have tried to stop providing test strips (to save money). This is very short sighted as I would not know whether to eat high or low

carb food at any meal and am afraid my blood sugar before bed would be too low and cause a Hypo in the middle of the night. If I carried on this way I would be back on insulin very soon. I spoke to my diabetic consultant and he immediately instructed the GP practice to allow me to continue regular testing and supply prescription Test Strips.

I have now been off insulin since October 2012.

Trying to convince the DVLA to give me back my C1 License

is another long story and I still have not succeeded.

So, if you are a Type 2 (late-onset) diabetic, try Carb counting and adjust your insulin dose accordingly, and you might be able to reduce your insulin and prevent those stomach problems, and even possibly get off insulin altogether.

DEREK RITSON

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MORA 2016 AGM

CELEBRATING 92 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Guest speaker:

To be announced

Invitations to: Gavin Barwell MP (Croydon Central),
Steve O'Connell GLA Member, Shirley and
Ashburton Ward Councillors, The Shirley Safer
Neighbourhood Police Team and representatives
from the Health Service and Fire Brigade

Friday 8th April 2016

St George's Church Hall, Elstan Way, Shirley

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

Drinks and nibbles

If anyone has any questions for our Elected Representatives, please forward them to hello@mo-ra.co,
Derek or Kevin (Phone numbers on Back Page) so these can be passed to the appropriate person for a
considered answer at the AGM.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT



Membership Subscriptions & Donations for 2015 as of 10th Nov 2015

	Subscriptions	Donations
Area Manager & Road Stewards	(£)	(£)
TOTAL	3,232.00	76.60

Area Manager & Road Steward News:

Area Manager Vacancies: **WE URGENTLY NEED A NEW AREA MANAGER FOR AREA A (North of the area)**

- To assist in delivering Area A Magazines for this Winter edition, Area G Manager Anne & Basil Horton has taken A11 Road Steward (Aldersmead) into Area G and has allocated G14.

Christine Ross Smith has offered to deliver mags to Road Stewards A1 to A6 and A9; and Dave King has offered to deliver Mags to Road Steward A10 (Chaffinch Avenue) and I will deliver to Road Steward A7 (Ash Tree Way).

Briefly, an Area Manager's responsibility is to manage all the Road Stewards in their area:

- To collect or accept the

total number of quarterly magazines for all their Road Stewards members and to break them down into separate bundles for each of their individual Road Stewards.

- For the Spring Quarterly Magazine, to supply each of their Road Stewards with sufficient magazines and new yearly membership cards for all their members.
- To collect the yearly subscription from their Road Stewards, check the subscription and donations collected agree with the amounts on the membership cards and then forward the subs and cards to the membership Secretary (currently me) for entering the details onto the membership database and

marking up the cards and collating the membership cards for indexed yearly storage by Area Manager and Road Steward.

- The money collected and a printout of the database is then passed to the Treasurer (Terry Greenwood) for entering onto the MORA accounts and paying the collected funds into our Bank Account.

Road Stewards:

New Road Stewards:

- Mrs Shelia Mason has taken on C5 Pippin Close.
- Mrs Julie Thomas of Woodmere Ave has taken on D5 & D6 Firsby Avenue.

Road Steward Vacancies:

We URGENTLY require new Road Stewards for the following:

- Parkfields & Cheston Avenue (RS D3) Area C Volunteer Temp
- Wickham Avenue (RS D4)

DEREK RITSON

Membership Secretary

Our committee member Joan's cat Suki, fascinated by the Christmas tree



PLANNING REPORT



Major changes to Croydon LPA Planning Policies

Consultation starts 6th November
until close on 18th December

This comes along just when everyone is preparing for Christmas so although an interruption, PLEASE devote important time to comment.

It's your neighbourhood that will be affected so it is up to each and every one of you, your neighbours and friends to comment on the proposals, if you agree or disagree with the changes.

We won't have time before the next Magazine to advise you so use the following information to access the various documents on the Croydon Planning Website as from 5th November.

The following are the lists you need to look at:

Croydon Local Plan One (CLP1.1) is in response to the amended London Plan.

Croydon Local Plan Two (CLP2) is the detailed policies & proposals and site allocations.

Links to council website given for viewing the proposed local plans as from 5th November 2015 will be placed Here:

<https://secure.croydon.gov.uk/askcroydon/users/public/admin/kab14.pl?operation=SUBMIT&meet=40&cmte=CAB&grpid=public&arc=1>

The Croydon Plan Strategic Policies will be placed here:

www.croydon.gov.uk/localplanone

The Croydon Local Plan-detailed policies and proposals (preferred and alternative options) will be placed here:

www.croydon.gov.uk/localplanone

The consultation on these documents start on 6th November and closes on 18th December.

For representations, email: LDF@croydon.gov.uk

Post: Spatial Planning Service, Bernard Weatherill House, 6th Floor Zone B, Mint Walk, Croydon, CR0 1EA.

The Plans include:

a) Recommendations for three new traveller's sites.

b) Changes to Back Garden Development rights (relaxation).

c) Local Plans – detailed policies for local areas.

New Applications (September-October):

3 Burrell Close;
Ref:15/04853/P

Application Received:
30 Oct 2015

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

Status: Deposited [i.e. valid and registered]

31B Woodmere Avenue;
Ref:15/04797/LP

Application Received:
26 Oct 2015

Proposal: Erection of dormer extensions in side roof slopes

Status: Deposited [i.e. valid and registered]

Target Determination Date: 31 Dec 2015

41 Orchard Way
Ref:15/04696/P

Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling; erection of a pair of two storey four bedroom semi-detached houses with accommodation in roof-space; formation of vehicular access and provision of associated parking.

Application: Outline planning permission

Consultation Close: TBA

Target Decision Date:
23rd December 2015



4 Homer Road;

Ref:15/04413/P

Application Received:
01 Oct 2015

Proposal: Erection
of conservatory

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

27 Orchard Rise;

Ref:15/04394/LP

Application Received:
01 Oct 2015

Proposal: Erection of
dormer extensions in side
and rear roof slopes

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

The Retreat, Chaffinch Close

Ref:15/04333/GPDO

Proposal: Erection of single
storey rear extension projecting
out 5.4 metres with a height
to the eaves of 3 metres and a
maximum height of 3.2 metres

Received: Tue 29 Sep 2015 |
Validated: Tue 29 Sep 2015 |

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

66 Woodmere Avenue;

Ref:15/04031/P

Proposal: Erection of two
storey side extension and
conservatory (without
compliance with condition
3 – windows in conservatory
should be obscured glazed
– attached to planning
permission 14/00579/P)

Received: Tue 08 Sep 2015
| Validated: Fri 11 Sep 2015
| Status: Deposited (i.e.
valid and registered)

2 Lavender Way;

Ref:15/04014/P

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

Received: Tue 08 Sep 2015
| Validated: Tue 08 Sep 2015
| Status: Deposited (i.e.
valid and registered)

5 Woodmere Gardens;

Ref:15/04316/P

Application Received:
28 Sep 2015

Proposal: Erection of single
storey front/side extension

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

4 Valley Walk;

Ref:15/03906/P

Application Received:
01 Sep 2015

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

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

8 Wickham Avenue;

Ref:15/04297/P

Application Received:
25 Sep 2015

Proposal: Erection
of conservatory

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

393 Wickham Road;

Ref:15/04202/P

Application Received:
21 Sep 2015

Proposal: Demolition of
the existing dwelling;

erection of a three storey
building with lower ground
floor comprising 6 two
bedroom and 1 three bedroom
flats with associated access
and forecourt parking

Status: Deposited (i.e.
valid and registered)
MORA Objected 16th
October 2015

90 Gladeside;

Ref:15/03766/RES

Proposal: Discharge of
conditions 1,2 & 3 attached
to planning permission
12/02199/P for the Demolition
of existing building;

erection of 2 two storey four
bedroom semi-detached
houses with accommodation
in roof-space and 1 three
bedroom bungalow;

formation of access road and
provision of associated parking

Received: Wed 19 Aug 2015 |
Validated: Mon 07 Sep 2015

MORA emailed LPA on
27th October indicating
lapse of permission.

Status: Not approved –
30th October 2015 (No
option – out of time!)

Full Planning permission for
Ref:12/02199/P expires/lapsed
on midnight 26th October 2015.

10 Shirley Avenue;

Ref:15/03951/P

Application Received:
04 Sep 2015

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

Status: Deposited (ie
valid and registered)

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119 Orchard Avenue;

Ref:15/03075/LP

Application Received:

06 Jul 2015

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

Status: Deposited (ie valid and registered)

263 Wickham Road;

Ref:15/04417/P Xin Chinese Restaurant

Application Received:

01 Oct 2015

Proposal: Demolition of the existing building and erection of three storey building comprising retail use at ground floor and 8 x 2-bed apartments over;

formation of associated access and parking

Status: Deposited (ie valid and registered)

Previous application refused.

MORA Objected: 25th October 2015

27 Orchard Rise;

Ref:15/04394/LP

Application Received:

01 Oct 2015

Proposal: Erection of dormer extensions in side and rear roof slopes

Status: Deposited (ie valid and registered)

Decisions:

176 Orchard Way;

Ref:15/03518/P

Application Received:

04 Aug 2015

Proposal: Erection of three bedroom detached

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

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

Case Officer: Billy Tipping

Ward: Shirley

Planning Sub-Committee 12th November 2015 – Refused

40 Orchard Avenue;

Ref:15/03885/P

Application Received:

28 Aug 2015

Proposal: Demolition of an existing dwelling; erection of a three storey building with basement containing 9 two bedroom flats;

formation of associated access and parking

Status: Application Withdraw by applicant 10/11/15

MORA Objected: 29th September 2015

Expected Decision Level: Delegated

26 Woodmere Avenue

Ref:15/03840/P

Proposal: Alterations; construction of first floor and new pitched roof; erection of two storey side extension and single storey side/rear extension

Received: Wed 26 Aug 2015 |
Validated: Thu 03 Sep 2015 |

Status: Refused 29th October

10 Shirley Avenue;

Ref:15/03994/GPDO

Application Received:

07 Sep 2015

Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension projecting out 4 metres with a maximum height of 3.78 metres

Status: No objections – approved

27 Orchard Rise;

Ref:15/03444/LP

Application Received:

30 Jul 2015

Proposal: Erection of dormer extensions in side roof slopes

Status: Refused 25 September 2015

The proposed dormer extensions are in the side elevation and are not obscure glazed and non-opening below 1.7m therefore do not constitute permitted development.

263 Wickham Road (Xin Chinese Restaurant);

Ref:15/03021/P

Application Received:

02 Jul 2015

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

Application Type: Outline planning permission

Ward: Shirley

Case Officer: John Asiamah

Consultation Close: 10th August 2015

MORA Objection: 2nd August 2015

Refused Date: 24 September 2015



44 The Glade;

Ref:15/03359/P

Application Received:

24 Jul 2015

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

Status: Grant of planning permission 18 September 2015

98 The Glade;

Ref:15/03478/P

Application Received:

31 Jul 2015

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

Ward: Ashburton

Refused: 24 September 2015

Reason: Loss of important trees.



New Application received (see above)

Developer got all 'uppity' about MORA's objection.

29A Woodmere Avenue;

Ref:15/03404/P

Application Received:

27 Jul 2015

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

Planning Sub-Committee: 21st October – Permission allowed

Another Back Garden

Development Accepted:

The chair interrupted the Residents' Speaker after 3min 6seconds but allowed the

Agents' speaker to amble on for 3min 35seconds until he actually completed his speech, as time stamped on an audio recording of the proceedings? Obviously prejudicial!

55 Shirley Avenue;

Ref:15/03261/P

Application Received:

17 Jul 2015

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



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Status: Deposited (ie valid and registered)

Approved: 09 September

47 Ash Tree Way;

Ref:15/03416/LP

Application Received:

28 Jul 2015

Proposal: Erection of detached double garage

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

Grant of Certificate of Lawful Use or Development
29 September 2015

70 Woodmere Avenue;

Ref:15/03321/P

Application Received:

22 Jul 2015

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

Status: Deposited (ie valid and registered)

Grant of planning permission
17 September 2015

4 Orchard Way;

Ref:15/03395/P

Application Received:

27 Jul 2015

Proposal: Demolition of entrance porch and erection of 2-storey front and side extension with replacement entrance porch; alterations to elevations and associated landscaping

Status: Refused – Compromise retention of a number of visibly important preserved trees!

Ongoing:

4 Fairhaven Avenue;

Ref:15/03183/P

Application Received:

13 Jul 2015

Proposal: Erection of first floor side extension

Status: Pending Decision (Recommended)

Expected Decision

Level: Delegated

**La Rioja High Street
West Wickham (KFC);**

Ref:15/00489/FULL3
(Bromley LPA)

Proposal: Change of use from A3 restaurant to A3/A5 restaurant (KFC) with takeaway, alterations and extension to existing building and provision of new drive-thru lane, new car park, management of community woodland and associated tree planting and landscaping.

MORA Objected 31st March.

12th October Bromley Planning Committee

- The committee initially voted 5 to 2 in favour of rejecting the application.
- However, their grounds for rejection were mainly centred on traffic issues and since TFL and Highways reports both failed to raise any issues, the committee was advised that their decision could easily be overturned on appeal.
- The committee requested that Bromley conduct their-own traffic/highways survey and therefore the committee withdrew their objection to the application and subsequently voted 5 to 1 to defer their decision.
- The outcome of the Bromley traffic survey is crucial. It wasn't clear but WWRA may

have carried out their-own traffic survey. Also, some of the councillors reported that they had visited the site and sat in their cars for 40 mins/1 hour to view traffic situation at peak times and the current traffic volumes and proximity to the roundabout definitely influenced their decision not to support the application.

Appeals:

68-70 Orchard Avenue;

Appeal Ref: APP/L5240/W15/3121599

LPA Ref:15/00940/P

Proposal: Demolition of existing buildings;

erection of 6 four bedroom Semi-detached houses, 2 four bedroom detached houses and 1 five bedroom detached house; formation of vehicular access and provision of associated parking.

Appeal Start Date: 21/07/2015

Consultation Close: 25/08/2015

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

MORA Appeal submission:
1st August 2015

Appeal Dismissed: 10/11/15

**Land r/o 110 The Glade
Appeal reference:** APP/L5240/W/15/3006436

LPA Reference: 14/04979/P

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

Case Officer: Ms Alison Kendall



MORA Appeal submission:

13th August 2015

- Appeal Dismissed
16th October
- Emailed all Ashburton Cllr's for request to issue an s215 Enforcement Notice for demolition of structure and return the area to garden land. Advised that 110 was on the market and that the land owner may up sticks and go.
- Spies told me that the owner loaded a lorry late evening of Thursday 22nd October and left the property on Friday 23rd October.
- I have produced a Petition for signing by all local affected residents.

- We need to ensure that the council demolish the structure and bring the area back to garden land and it's up to the Council to try to locate the land owner to bill her for costs using an S219 Enforcement Order.

Land Adj 3 Woodmere Close and R/O 18-22 Gladeside;

Ref:15/00271/P

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

LPA Permission

Refused: 10th April

Reason(s) for refusal:-

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

Appeal Received: 12th June 2015 W/15/3089667

Consultation closes on
20th November 22015

DEREK RITSON
Planning officer

CROYDON MALE VOICE CHOIR

Looking further ahead, we are staging two more concerts in December. On Thursday 10 December we are singing at Merstham Village Hall and on Saturday 12 December we are holding our ever-popular Christmas Concert with the Croydon Welsh Society at Shirley Methodist Church – with full audience participation! Tickets for both concerts will be on sale at the door.

You may also see us at one of our customary Christmas appearances at the Whitgift Centre, on Sunday 6 December and Sunday 20 December.

We are delighted to be in touch with you again and hope to see you at one or more of these events.

With kind regards

PHILIP TALMAGE

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Concert List (and dates for your diaries)

All concerts start at 7:30 unless otherwise stated. Full uniform unless otherwise notified

DATE	CONCERT	NOTES
2015		
10 Dec	Merstham	Note THURSDAY 20:00
12 Dec	Croydon Welsh	Shirley Methodist
2016		
6 Feb	Emmanuel, West Wickham	
5 Mar	St John's Penge	For David Henderson radio charity
9 April	Shirley Methodist	Concert for Hall Grange Appeal
27 May	Menin Gate, Ypres	Invitation from St Georges Church
28 May	Ypres (Prov)	
9 Jul	Patrons concert	Croydon High School

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Free, regular children's activities and events

Book Buddies, stories, colouring and crafts. Mondays 4-4.30pm, for 3-7 year olds and their adults. Also, get your session sheet stamped on each visit and collect certificates.

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.

Children's Christmas Craft sessions -

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

Stitch a mini felt Santa. Thursday 17th December. 4-5.30pm. For 5+.

February Half Term events -

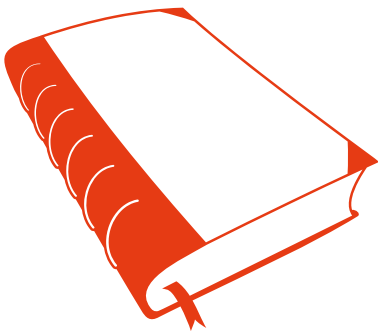
Book Buddies, stories, colouring and crafts. Monday 15th February 4-4.30pm. For 3-7 year olds and their adults. Also, get your session sheet stamped on each visit and collect certificates.

Make a fridge magnet from fun foam. Tuesday 16th February 2.30-4pm. For 3+.

Stitch a dressed, felt mouse character. Thursday 18th February. 2.30-4pm. For 5+.

Make a variety of paper dragon crafts. Friday 19th February. 2.30-4pm. For 3+.

The library no longer closes at lunchtime. Full opening hours can be found at the bottom of page 33.



Free, regular activity for teenagers -

We're looking for Hackers! Reading Hack is a programme for young people aged 13 to 19. As a Hacker you will get the chance to produce book inspired activities, meet new people, learn new skills and inspire others to read. We will meet once a month, on the last Thursday of the month, from 4-5pm. Forthcoming dates will be Thursday 28th January and Thursday 25th February. If you would like to become a Hacker please contact fiona.phillips@carillionservices.co.uk

Free for Adults

Free 15 minute sessions with nutritionist Elke Westerkamp. She has a BSc and MSc in the Science of Nutrition. Thursday 7th January and Tuesday 2nd February between 2.30-4.30pm. Please reserve your place with the library for this.

Monthly games club including chess, Monopoly and Scrabble. Beginners and more advanced players welcome. Thursday 17th December, Thursday 28th January and Thursday 25th February from 2.30-4.30pm.

Monthly talks: Dementia Friends talk. On Tuesday 8th December from 2.15-3.30pm followed by Q&A. Please reserve your place with the library for this talk.

The local Rabbi will give a talk on Tuesday 26th January to mark Holocaust Memorial Day. From 2.15-3.30pm followed by Q&A. Please reserve your place with the library for this talk.

Barrie McKay will give an illustrated talk on the Crystal Palace Museum on Monday 29th February from 2.15-

3.30pm followed by Q&A. Please reserve your place with the library for this talk.

Adult Reading Group: The group will meet on Thursday 10th December and will discuss Brick Lane by Monica Ali. On Thursday 14th January the group will discuss The Book Thief by Marcus Zusack and on Thursday 11th February the group will discuss The Eye in the Door by Pat Barker. Meetings are from 6-7pm.

Monthly Craft session: Card making. Tuesdays – 8th December, 12th January and 9th February. £1.50 for library members and £2 for non-members. 2.30-4.30pm.

Christmas Adult Craft Special – Make a fabric pine cone decoration on Tuesday 15th December. 2.30-4.30pm. Please reserve your place with the library for this activity.

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

learn or improve. On Fridays every fortnight from 2.30-4.30pm. 4th and 18th December, 8th and 22nd January and 5th and 19th February.

Free Internet Taster Sessions

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



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(BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE)

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Address:

Postcode: Email Address:

Mobile No: Home No:

Please send this completed form with your subscription:

Derek Ritson, [REDACTED]

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