

# MONKS ORCHARD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Croydon

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**NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 2000**

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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The rubbish collections that took place in June and July were greatly appreciated by MORA members unable to transport their own non-domestic rubbish to the local clearing stations. In general, members observed the new code of practice as outlined in the May copy of this Newsletter. As a consequence, fewer unacceptable items were offered for collection although not everyone fully understood that car batteries, paint and large items cannot be collected because of disposal regulations. Our thanks go to Alyce Menhinnitt ably assisted by her husband John for organising and supervising the collections. Thanks also to those members who kindly responded to the appeal for volunteers. Without their valuable help some of the six Sunday morning rounds would not have taken place. It is very pleasing to know that the community spirit is still with us!

I know that members would like to have the rolling rubbish collections take place more frequently than once a year. Unfortunately, the cost of rubbish disposal has been increased by new land fill charges and the Council will not finance further collections even if MORA offered to make a contribution to the cost of additional rounds.

Members who believe in minimising waste and make more sensible use of our available resources will be pleased that the Croydon Council is now operating a pilot door to door recycling collection service. As mentioned in the message from the Mayor of London this new service will help solve the huge problem of waste in London. The target is to recycle or compost a third of our waste by the year 2003.

Bob Akers – Chairman

# MINOR REPAIRS SERVICE

Age Concern has acknowledged that routine domestic tasks that are normally undertaken without much thought can become a major worry with the passing of the years. Simple jobs such as changing a light bulb or hanging curtains can be difficult and sometimes dangerous when you are frail or have mobility problems. Sadly, not everyone has a relative or friendly neighbour willing to offer help. Furthermore, letting total strangers into your home to do minor repairs can also run risks.



In order to offer senior citizens help with these essential domestic tasks a Minor Repairs Service has been set up by Age Concern in Croydon. Those able to use the service are persons over the age of 60 living in the borough whether as an owner - occupier, tenant of a housing association, local authority or private landlord. People on Income Support or Housing Benefit will get the service free of charge: otherwise a small charge may be made. Materials used on all jobs will be charged at normal retail prices.

Types of jobs undertaken are changing fuses in plugs, wiring / rewiring plugs on appliances, changing light bulbs, replacing smoke alarm batteries, putting up repairing shelves, fixing curtain rails, taking down and re - hanging curtains, fitting smoke alarms, unblocking sinks and basins, replacing tap washers, changing ball valve washers in toilets, fitting draught proofing, fitting door or window locks, small fence repairs, fixing garden gates and catches, trimming bushes and hedges that prevent access. More complicated jobs such as tree lopping, roofing, electrical, plumbing and decorating cannot be undertaken but Age Concern may be able put you in touch with someone who can.



The Service is run by a full time co-ordinator assisted by volunteers who are carefully selected and trained by Age Concern. For more information contact Mike Small, telephone number [REDACTED] between 10.30 a. m. and 12. 30 p.m. Tuesday to Friday,

# Ronald Scott

Members of MORA deeply regret the very sudden death on Ron Scott on 3<sup>rd</sup> August, at age 72.

Ron was a senior official of Pearl Assurance when he came to the Ward in 1972, since when he has been a leader of his Radnor Walk residents' association.

When he joined MORA 's committee he represented the Ward on the Neighbourhood Watch Consultative Committee for the Monks Orchard, Selsdon, Forestdale and Spring park Wards.

Also, he was Vice-Chairman of the Neighbourhood Watch Steering Committee for Croydon, which the police also attended.

Amongst the mourners at his funeral on the 15<sup>th</sup> who appreciated his dedication to his locality were MORA, South Norwood Chief Inspector Miller, PC's Chas. Timms and Andy Williams (Spring Park), other constables and, which Ron would have appreciated, two on-duty constables who sharply saluted as he was borne into the church.

Ron worked to avoid troubles and attended the Monday coffee mornings at St. George's Church hall. He will be very much missed for the assurances and comfort, which he gave to all.



## SHIRLEY SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB



As summer draws to a close, a new season of Short Mat Bowls will commence on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2000. Shirley Short Mat Bowls Club hold regular sessions in the Parish Hall and have vacancies for Thursday morning, Friday afternoon and Friday evening.

If you would like to know more about this enjoyable pastime, please get in touch with the Hon. Secretary Pat Godden, telephone [REDACTED], who will be happy to send you membership details and an application form.

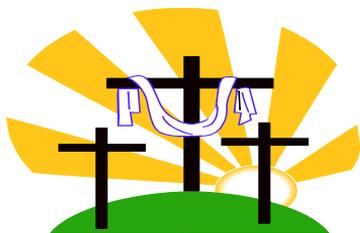
# PLANNING WATCH

Residents are not always made aware of planning proposals effecting their immediate area and, as a consequence, frequently miss the opportunity to express their views or to make a formal objection. The Council has to inform local residents of all planning applications but the degree of consultation can vary depending on the type of development being proposed. If a major change of use is proposed, i.e. erecting new buildings, a notice may be fixed on or near the site. With minor developments i.e. extension of an existing building or erection of a conservatory, only the adjacent neighbours will be informed. In practice, minor developments usually only impact on immediate neighbours but when a change of use from a retail shop (class A1) to a hot food take away (class A3) the resulting emissions and increase in traffic may well adversely impact on a much wider area.

Copies of all applications are placed in a register held in the Planning Department in Taberner House and a copy of the plans together with an outline of the proposal is available to anyone who wants to see it. Anyone can comment on the proposals and facilities are available for photocopies to be made for future reference. Comments do not always have to be negative, sometimes an observation from a person with local knowledge can result in a proposal being improved or modified for the better. Objections and observations have normally to be made within three or four weeks following acceptance of the planning proposal. It, therefore, pays to keep informed of all proposed developments effecting your home or locality. A good source of information is the edited list of new planning applications that usually appears in the first section of the weekly Croydon Advertiser. Subsequent to the changes in the electoral boundaries applications effecting the Monks Orchard area are now to be found under the headings of Ashburton or Shirley.

Files containing planning applications and other details can usually be obtained for inspection and copying from the Planning and Development desk in the 'One Stop' centre on the ground floor of Taberner House, Park Lane Croydon between the hours of 8.30 a. m. to 4.45 p. m. on Mondays to Fridays inclusive.

# The Shirley Group of Churches Reports -



**ADVENT 2000:** A three part pageant which celebrates the coming of Christianity challenges us to “remove a mountain” – 23, 24, 25 November 2000 at 7.30pm – Our Lady of the Annunciation, Bingham Road,

Addiscombe. A **welcome to join the singers** practising at Shirley Methodist Church, Eldon Avenue, on Tuesday mornings at 10.30am and Thursday evenings at 7.30pm.

The Croydon Methodist Circuit has for many years run a series of lectures. The next lecture will be given at Shirley Methodist Church on 17<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm for 8pm. The lecture, titled: “**How do we find truth and meaning in a text?**” will be given by the Rev Harvey S Richardson, M.A. B.A., Chairman of the London South East District of the Methodist Church. All members of churches in the Shirley area are welcome to attend.

As part of One World Week, this year’s Shirley Group of Churches **Prayer Vigil for World Peace and Hunger Lunch** will be held at St. George’s on 28<sup>th</sup> October. **Put the date in your diary now!** Timing for the day will be 10am – 6pm with lunch from 12noon – 2pm. Lists for taking part will be displayed in your church from the second week in October.

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October you can join in **Handel’s Messiah** at the Fairfield Halls in aid of St. Christopher’s Hospice. Singer tickets £9.50, audience £8.50. Afternoon rehearsal 4.00 – 5.00pm. Performance at 7.30pm prompt!

**St Mildred’s** in Bingham Road, Addiscombe (part of the Addiscombe Group of Churches) is organising a **millennium pageant** on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm, tracing the Christian story from the birth of Christ to the present day.

Julie Turpin ( [REDACTED] )

e-mail: [REDACTED]

# ALL SAINT'S BADMINTON CLUB

All Saint's Badminton Club seeks new players. We are a friendly club who meet 8.00pm every Tuesday at Shirley Parish Hall, Wickham Road.



Standard is average/improving (unfortunately we can't accommodate beginners) but even if you are a bit rusty why not pop in one Tuesday where you will always be welcome, or ring Jennie/Steve on [REDACTED] for more information.



## ROAD STEWARDS

**URGENTLY NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING ROADS: -**

Orchard Rise,	Potters Close,
Orchard Way (part of)	Cheston Avenue
Baron Walk,	Lorne Avenue (part of)
Ham View – Courts H & G	Shirley Avenue (part of),
Kempton Walk - Courts L,M,N & R	Valley Walk
Regency Walk - Courts E,F & G	Aldersmead Avenue,
Regency Walk - Courts Q,R & S	Oak Way
Radnor Walk – Courts T & U	Mardell Road
Sloane Walk - Courts A& B	Long Heath Gardens/Long Lane there are about 10 members)
The Glade (part - the long lane end)	

If you live in one of the above roads and can spare about an hour every three months, to deliver the MORA NEWSLETTER etc. Please give me a call on: [REDACTED] Alyce Menhinnitt

YOUR HELP WILL BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED BY ALL ON THE M.O.R.A. COMMITTEE AND M.O.R.A. MEMBERS.

## ADDINGTON CITIZEN'S ADVICE BUREAU NEEDS YOUR HELP

Addington CAB is looking for volunteers to train as advice workers. They need people who are:

- ❖ able to give two days (or twelve hours) a week for at least one year, are interested in working with people and able to treat all people impartially
- ❖ are capable of dealing with a variety of problems (given training)

In return for your time, you will receive fully supported training, leading to a Certificate in Generalist Advice work, and your travel expenses will be reimbursed. You will be part of a friendly, dedicated team working in a busy bureau.

Ellen Edwards, the bureau Manager, said, "The training covers all aspects of advice work, including debt and employment (the main work of the bureau). Trainees are continually monitored and supported during their training period and indeed after it."

The bureau is located centrally in New Addington (close to the Tramlink terminus) and there is ample free parking outside the building. If you are interested and would like to find out more, please contact the bureau by calling in or writing to [REDACTED] or by telephoning [REDACTED].



## CROSSWORD ?

Is any member interested in producing a crossword or other puzzle as a regular item in the newsletter? If so please write with suggestions to the editor.



# BECKENHAM AND CROYDON FOLK DANCE CLUB

**Fridays 8.00pm to 10.30pm**  
**St. Barnabas Church Hall, Perth Road, Off Oakwood**  
**Avenue, Beckenham**

Visitors always welcome at our active and lively club with its varied programme of events.

Dances first explained and walked through with reminders given during the dance by the caller for the evening.



## **OCTOBER**

- 6<sup>th</sup> David Jex with Stuart Alexander
- 13<sup>th</sup> Joan Cornish with Roger Letley on the Accordion
- 20<sup>th</sup> Ruth Badger with Tapes
- 27<sup>th</sup> John Lagden with Fred Grimshaw on the Accordion

## **NOVEMBER**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Anne Welch with the Shallcross Rotheron Trio - Halloween Dance. 8-11pm, American Supper, Raffle.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Carol Hewson
- 17<sup>th</sup> Dennis Badger – Note Venue: Worsley Bridge School
- 24<sup>th</sup> Ivan Aitken with Roger Letley on the Accordion

## **DECEMBER**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ruth Badger with Tapes
- 8<sup>th</sup> Crys Rotheron and the Shellcross Rotheron Duo

Admission: Members £1.50  
Visitors £2.00

\* Special Events: Members £2.50  
Visitors £3.00



## ABANDONED VEHICLES SERVICE



Cars abandoned at the roadside are an increasing environmental and safety problem in Croydon where parking for vehicles in regular use is already limited. It is a little known fact that legally, there is no 'right' to park a car on any street or highway. The law says that a highway is a route which people can use whenever they wish without hindrance. Under the Highways Act 1980 the Council has a duty to "assert and protect the rights of the public to the use and enjoyment of the highway". This Act also states that "If a person, without lawful authority or excuse in any way willfully obstructs the free passage along a highway he/she is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine."

Technically, then the owner of any vehicle parked anywhere on the highway could be considered to be committing an offence. However, in densely populated areas like Croydon, where very little suitable off-street parking exists, it is accepted that many motorists have no option but to park on the highway. Usually this does not cause a problem, and the situation is often eased by the introduction of parking controls and permitted parking space.

Unfortunately these accepted practices are being abused increasingly by a minority of irresponsible motorists who are dumping their cars at the roadside. Often these abandoned vehicles are untaxed - and therefore likely to be uninsured and lacking a current road worthiness MOT certificate. They are usually damaged or in a poor condition and they are causing mounting public concern.

The Council is pleased to receive information about abandoned vehicles because it provides an opportunity to free the roads for genuine motorists, To report an abandoned vehicle telephone 020 8686 6413 (direct) / 020 8760 5768 (ext. 2156) or write to Croydon Council, Parking Services, Municipal Offices (4.06) Fell Road, Croydon CR9 1B.

\*This item is an extract from a leaflet about the Abandoned Vehicle Service of the Croydon Council Department of Parking Services. The leaflet, which is obtainable from the Council, contains useful information on the reporting and disposal of dumped and unwanted vehicles.



## CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG

Responsible dog ownership is the key to eliminating this problem and therefore dog owners can help in the following ways:



- ❖ Keep your dog under proper control at all times.
- ❖ Encourage your dog to go at home.
- ❖ Remove and/or dispose of dog fouling in the dog bins where provided or take it home.
- ❖ Keep dogs out of children's play areas and away from sports pitches.
- ❖ Abide by the Parks and Open Spaces byelaws.
- ❖ Join a dog registration scheme.
- ❖ Ensure your dog has a collar bearing a contact name, address and telephone number.
- ❖ Worm your dog regularly (every 6 months)

Dog fouling in public areas is not only socially unacceptable but is also a health hazard.

Dog mess can contain a number of things which can make people ill – best known of which is infection with toxocara canis. This can result in a range of symptoms from aches and pains to bronchial conditions. In rare cases, eyesight can be damaged.

The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 gives the Council greater powers to respond to dog owners who continue to break the law in this anti-social way. The Council can now issue fixed penalty

notices, or the courts can impose fines of up to £1,000 for persistent offenders or those refusing and/or failing to pay the fixed penalty notices. THIS ACT APPLIES TO MOST PUBLIC AREAS IN THE BOROUGH.

\*This item is an extract from a Croydon Council leaflet on Dog Fouling of Land Act.



## CROYDON'S ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORT SCHEME

Croydon Accessible Transport Scheme (CATS) is able to provide, at low cost, minibuses for use by community groups, organisations and individuals in the London Borough or Croydon.

The minibuses range from 5 to 16 passenger seats and both accessible and non-accessible vehicles are available. CATS operate a Safe Evening Service for women who are concerned about their safety at night. CATS plan to expand this service to provide both local daytime transport for both men and women.

CATS welcomes membership from any organisation whose role is of benefit to the community and is non-profit making. Currently, our members are made up of youth groups, luncheon clubs, religious groups, day centres and residential homes.

The Safe Evening Service is open to women of all ages and from all sections of the community. It is not unusual for some women to feel isolated and unable to go out and this may be for a variety of reasons. In providing a door-to-door service, CATS enables passengers to travel to and from venues such as evening classes, visiting friends or participating in other social activities in absolute safety.

CATS is a membership organisation and on completing an application form voluntary and organisations may, subject to availability, book vehicles. An annual membership fee is payable and details of this are contained in our Membership



Information Pack. There is no membership fee payable by users of the Safe Evening Service.

CATS actively encourage members, groups and organisations to provide their own drivers. CATS will assess driving to a nationally recognised standard (MiDAS – Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme) before a driver is permitted to drive one of its vehicles. It is a principal objective of MiDAS to improve its safety standards in minibus driving.

## Volunteers

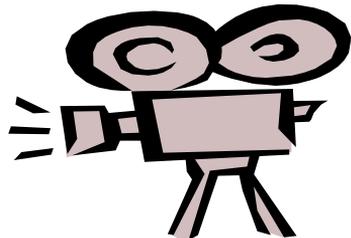
CATS is frequently asked to provide drivers for members groups and organisations that are unable to find their own. In order to meet such requests, CATS hopes to establish a pool of volunteer drivers and passenger attendants. If you are able to volunteer in any capacity we would be very pleased to hear from you.

To find out more information, call either Jackie or Allison on [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] who will be happy to send you a Pack or answer any questions you might have.



## Croydon Film and Video Awards

Do you want to produce, direct, or be part of a team producing a high quality video programme with a guaranteed cinema screening and an Internet broadcast?



The Croydon Film and Video Awards is a project-orientated training scheme jointly funded by the London Film and Video Development Agency, Croydon Fine Arts Service and In-Movies.co.uk. This year's scheme will lead to six productions with budgets of £2,000 each.



Applications are invited from anyone with some previous experience of production, with half the places reserved for people who live, work, or study in the Borough of Croydon.

For further details and an application form, call the Croydon Clocktower on 020 8760 5400 Ext. 1048 or download from [www.croydon.gov.uk/media.htm](http://www.croydon.gov.uk/media.htm).

Drama Production: January to April 2001

Deadline for applications 22 December 2000

## CROYDON FOLKSONG CLUB

September 18<sup>th</sup> – Nancy Kerr and James Fagan

Nancy and James are emerging talents from what may be called a Brit Folk Brat Pack. They feed on live performance with Nancy on fiddle, mainly, but also guitar. Accompanied by James on guitar, bouzouki and keyboard. Both give vent to traditional, contemporary and self-penned numbers. Can't wait.



September 25<sup>th</sup> – Singers/Musicians Night

Your first opportunity to try out the songs you practiced through the summer.

October 2<sup>nd</sup> – Mundy – Turner

October 16<sup>th</sup> – Singers/Musicians Night

October 23<sup>rd</sup> – Barn Dance with Crooked Stovepipe

October 30<sup>th</sup> – Ian Carr and Karen Tweed

November 6<sup>th</sup> – Marie Ni Chathasaigh and Chris Newman

November 13<sup>th</sup> – Singers/Musicians Night

November 20<sup>th</sup> – Johnny Silvo

November 27<sup>th</sup> – The April Verch Band

Held at Ruskin House, 23 Coombe Road, Croydon, by the junction with Park Lane. Join us on Mondays at 8pm for first class folk and real ale at club prices!

For more details contact Rita on [REDACTED] or Brian on [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] or See our website at:-  
[WWW.CROYDONFOLKSONGCLUB.ORG.UK](http://WWW.CROYDONFOLKSONGCLUB.ORG.UK)

## Graffiti

Most graffiti is created by young people, perhaps initially as a sign of teenage rebellion and then developing into a warped sense of pride in defacing someone else's property with a paint "tag".

Much of the disfiguring scrawl appears on private residential or business property and Croydon Council can help victims either by arranging low- cost removal or by providing heavily discounted specialist materials.

In some cases graffiti can be cleaned off using just a mild detergent and a scouring brush. In others it may be necessary to repaint the area involved having first applied a sealer to ensure the graffiti does not show through. However, aerosol paints or indelible will probably require more specialist materials and high pressure water jets. Products, which can be provided at discount prices, include: -



**Graffiti Coat** – Ideal for surfaces that are repeatedly hit by graffiti. Painted onto stone, brick and plaster surfaces it provides an invisible and permeable protective barrier that can then be washed down to remove unwanted spray "tagging".

**Graffiti Green** – a liquid remover for hard surfaces. The product is especially effective on most hard, non-porous surfaces but may also be used on non-absorbent surfaces.

Graffiti Wipe – a special cloth wipe impregnated with an advanced graffiti remover. It can be used to remove graffiti left by marker, felt and ballpoint pens from most painted and plastic surfaces.

All products should be applied with care and will be effective on many surfaces. For really stubborn stains the Council recommends more intensive cleaning agents such as Graffiti Clean 300, but these are more hazardous and are supplied only when used under supervision such as during community clean-ups.

For further advice on how to get rid of disfiguring graffiti scrawl – call free on 0800 056 2790 for information on how best to remove the mess.

## *Events of Local Interest - Autumn 2000*

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 7:45pm

United Reform Church, Addiscombe Grove, East Croydon

"The Work of English Heritage" A talk by Paul Calvocoressi of the Croydon Society.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 8:00 pm

Meet at Phoenix Centre, Westow Street, SE19

(Buses 157, 249,450)

"Great Exhibitions from 1851 to 2000". An illustrated account by Robin Hughes of the Norwood Society.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 2:30pm

Chatsworth Baptist Church, Chatsworth Way, SE27

(Buses 2, 196, 468. Rail West Norwood)

"Alfred Temple, Charles Gassiot and the Guildhall Art Gallery."

An illustrated talk by Vivien Knight, Curator, on the origins of the Gallery in 1886, with Alfred Temple as its first Director. A large and valuable collection was bequeathed to the Gallery by Wine Merchant Charles Gassiot.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 7.45 pm

United Reform Church, Addiscombe Grove, East Croydon

"Surrey Street Croydon" – An illustrated talk by Vivien Whitehouse (née Lovett), author of the book (Croydon natural History and Scientific Society)

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 7:45 pm  
United Reform Church, Addiscombe Grove, East Croydon  
“Racecourses and Airports: The Story of Croydon and Gatwick.” An illustrated talk by Croydon natural History and Scientific Society member John King.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30 for 8:00pm  
United Reform Church, Addiscombe Grove, East Croydon  
“How I found an Irish Ancestor through Poor Law Records and Army Records.” A talk by Mr Hawkins of East Surrey Family History Society.

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