

MONKS ORCHARD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Croydon

(Non Party)

(Independent)

NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2000

NOTICE OF 76th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2000 **MORA** AGM will be held on
Friday March 31st
at 8.00 P.M.
St. George's Church Hall - Elstan Way, Shirley.

Nominations (in writing) for the Executive &
Committee Members must be received by the Vice
Chairman by
Friday 17th March 1999

All nominations must have a Proposer and a Seconder
with the full agreement of the nominee.



Minutes of the unadopted 1999 (75rd) AGM were published in the
Summer 1999 Newsletter
Further copies will be available at the meeting.

AGENDA 2000 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Minutes of the 1999 Annual General Meeting
- 3 Matters Arising
- 4 To receive and adopt the 1999/2000 Annual Reports and Accounts
- 5 To Elect Officers and Committee for 2000/2001
- 7 Any Other Business
- 8 Visiting Speaker

The speaker is to be Mr. Brian Irving and he will talk about Sustainable Transport Consultation. This consultation process on future transport strategy is important. The decisions made could have an impact on all residents.



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

This is the first newsletter of the new Millennium and it marks a time of upheaval and change in the government of our local affairs. Soon there is to be a Mayor of London with considerable influence over transport, police, fire and emergency services, development, and culture and with an ability to raise limited taxes. Furthermore, the Government wants to modernise local government by insisting that Councils change their decision making arrangements. It wants local Councils to adopt one of three executive style decision making models. Croydon Council is keen to modernise and is seeking the views of local people on what model to adopt. It is claimed that these changes will speed

up the decision making process and give the community more opportunity to become involved in town hall debate. The alternative view is that the new system will allow many decisions to be made behind closed doors. Many local residents will be unaware of the likely impact of these changes until it is too late to do anything about them. Monks Orchard Residents' Association represents the views of members and endeavours to keep them informed of changes that may effect their lives. You are invited to the Annual General Meeting on Friday March 31st. at St. George's Church Hall. Come along to hear reports on planning, security, finance and also hear what our speaker Brian Irving has to say about the consultation process on Sustainable Transport. It is becoming more important for local concerns and issues to be made known. If you wish to be well informed come to the Annual General Meeting.

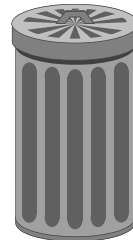


VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE DUSTROUND

We are now **required** by the Council, to **provide a named representative(s) for each round**. Also, three volunteers are needed for each round. If we haven't enough volunteers **three weeks prior to the round**, the round will unfortunately have to be **CANCELLED**.

If you would like to volunteer, please telephone:

Alyce Menhinnit on [REDACTED]
OR Bob Akers on [REDACTED]



Thank You.

MORA RUBBISH

Large amounts of rubbish are being dumped at the side of the road by non Mora members. Please would you leave your rubbish inside your garden, where it can easily be seen, and clearly marked **MORA RUBBISH**; or, by being there to assist.

Any rubbish left on the side of the road will not be collected.

PLEASE READ THIS CODE OF PRACTICAL ADVICE:

This code of practice is designed to minimize safety hazards that may arise during the provision of the service. All Associations and Groups must comply with the following; failure to do so may result in the service being withdrawn.

- ❖ It is expected that the maximum quantity per household will not be greater than 10 sacks or equivalent.
- ❖ In the interest of general safety and to reduce environmental impact, items for disposal should not be presented until the day of collection.
- ❖ The crew and/or Council Officer is in charge of the loading operations at all times. To assist the crew, they need to liaise with named representative(s) of the Association or Group. The representative(s) will be expected to accompany the crew throughout the collection and advise residents of the following:
 - ❖ Residents should be encouraged to participate in bringing rubbish to the rear of the vehicle but **MUST NOT LOAD**.
 - ❖ If items for disposal are being left unattended for removal by other members, then they must be placed at the front of each property close to the highway without causing obstruction on the footway.
 - ❖ A 2 metre exclusion area at the rear of the vehicle must be observed during the vehicle compaction cycle.
 - ❖ Children must not assist in the operation.
 - ❖ If you are unsure of the acceptability of any item, please seek advice in advance from this office on 020 8 255 2700, or ask a crew member on the day of collection.
 - ❖ Residents are encouraged to recycle as much as possible through existing recycling facilities.

- ❖ Gratuities should not be offered to the operatives.

- ❖ To improve on site safety and comply with disposal regulations, some items cannot be accepted. These include:
 - Large items such as washing machines, cookers and fridges (collection of these items can be arranged through this office on 020 8 255 2700).
 - Asbestos.
 - Waste from any commercial premise or operation.
 - Car tyres/batteries.
 - Paint, oil or similar liquids.
 - Trees.
 - Gas cylinders or aerosols.
 - Corrosive, flammable, explosive or toxic substances.
 - Construction waste (bricks, rubble etc).

ROUND ONE: SUNDAY 4th JUNE

Dustcart meet at SHIRLEY AVE - Junct. with WICKHAM ROAD, down SHIRLEY AVE to SHIRLEY RD, up SHIRLEY RD, down BARNFIELD AVE, up VALLEY WALK, ELDON AVE, WICKHAM ROAD to ORCHARD AVE, down FIRSBY AVE, up VERDAYNE AVE, down RIDGEMOUNT AVE, up WICKHAM AVE, along WICKHAM ROAD to CHESTON AVE, PARKFIELDS; back to ORCHARD AVE (1-77/2-72) via WILKES GDNS, RUSSETT DRIVE, POTTERS CLOSE, then WOODLAND WAY, HIGH TREES.

ROUND TWO: SUNDAY 18th JUNE

Dustcart meet at CORNER of WOODMERE AVE/ORCHARD AVE, ELSTAN WAY, TOWER VIEW & EDGEWOOD GREEN, WOODMERE AVE, PIPERS GDNS, ROUND GROVE, MERE END, WOODMERE CLOSE, WOODMERE GDNS, GLADESIDE nos: to 1-49/2-48) LORNE GDNS & LORNE AVE.

ROUND THREE: SUNDAY 25th JUNE

Dustcart meet at BYWOOD AVE, THE ROSERY, CHAFFINCH AVE, CHAFFINCH CLOSE, BROOKSIDE WAY, MEADOW AVE, GLADESIDE nos: 51-91/50-94 (as far as Lorne Avenue) via HOMER ROAD, GLADESIDE, FAIRHAVEN WAY, LAVENDAR WAY, GWYNNE AVE, GLENWOOD, MARDELL ROAD, LONGHEATH GDNS.

ROUND FOUR: SUNDAY 2nd JULY

Dustcart meet at corner ORCHARD WAY/BURREL CLOSE, ORCHARD

WAY up to 45/84, via SLOANE WALK, BARONS WALK, BARONS CLOSE, KEMPTON WALK, REGENCY WALK, CASTLETON CLOSE, HAM VIEW, RADNOR WALK, KELVINGTON CLOSE, OVERSTONE GDNS, CARRINGTON CLOSE.

ROUND FIVE: SUNDAY 9th JULY

Dustcart meet at the bottom of The Glade/Long Lane end; THE GLADE 72/109 (up to Greenview Ave) taking in OAK WAY, ALDERSMEAD AVE, STOKES ROAD, GREENVIEW AVE, ASHTREE WAY, taking in ASHTREE CLOSE, FAIRWAY CLOSE, FAIRFORD AVE, FAIRFORD CLOSE, OAKWAY, STONELEIGH PARK AVE.

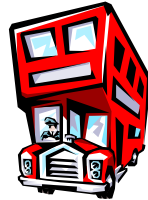
ROUND SIX: SUNDAY 16th JULY

Dustcart meet at ORCHARD GROVE, LYCONBY GDNS, COVERACK CLOSE, ORCHARD RISE, OAKVIEW GROVE, PIPPIN CLOSE, FRESHFIELDS down ORCHARD AVE (from nos. 79-125/74-100), down THE GLADE (Nos. 1-70/2-107 as far as Greenview Avenue), via GLADE GDNS, CAMROSE CLOSE, DARLEY CLOSE.



TRANSPORT

London Transport has now announced that when Tramlink finally comes into operation, bus routes will be cut back as proposed. It comes as no surprise that they haven't listened to arguments put to them, given the investment in Tramlink. The only exception is route 130 which has a temporary reprieve, and will be cut back after a settling in period. Route 54 will be terminated at Elmers End.



ABANDONED CARS

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.



All Saints Badminton Club

All Saints Badminton Club seeks new players. We are a friendly club who meet at 8.00 p.m. 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.

Time Travel

A local home is about to be put on a war footing in preparation for a unique television experiment. The makers of channel 4's "the 1900 House" have chosen to stage a new living history project in **West Wickham** as they recreate a domestic experience of Britain during World War Two. A three bed roomed semi-detached house will shortly be converted to exact Home Front conditions, complete with an Anderson shelter and blacked out windows, in readiness for the filming. Now producers are searching for a local family to travel back in time to take on the challenge of wartime restrictions, including eating real rations of the era.



The 1900 House proved an immensely popular insight into the lives of our great grandparents. Now it is hoped to test some assumptions and records of wartime living by asking a modern day family to experience this most challenging period in our recent history. The selected family will be expected to live in the house complete with period costumes, for a two month spell starting in April. A four part series will chart their progress to be shown on Channel 4 this autumn.

At the heart of the experiment will be living with precise rations of foods, fuel and household commodities from the last war. It was the era of "Make Do and Mend" so the family will be expected to maintain their clothes and house by resorting to the ingenious ways used to see them through the hardships imposed on households throughout Britain. A modern day 'War Cabinet' made up of historians and experts will set the conditions for the

experience based upon records of the time. As the family learn to survive with all the scarcities of everyday resources it's hoped that local people who lived through the war will offer the support that has become synonymous with the spirit of the blitz by offering support and advice to the 1940's family.

Wall to Wall Television would like to hear from any family keen to volunteer for the programme. They are ideally looking for a family with at least two children between the ages of 6 and 18 who have a real curiosity about life in the past. In addition they are very keen to speak to any local people who would like to share their memories of the war years - either at home or overseas. For more details call the production team on [REDACTED].



Planning

B. P. PETROL FILLING STATION

Members travelling from Monks Orchard to Croydon will have seen the deteriorated, boarded - up and unoccupied semi-detached house adjacent to the British Petroleum Petrol Station at 181, Shirley Road which has become an attraction to vandals and squatters. As you will appreciate this has impacted on the unfortunate residents of the adjoining semi-detached property. The Company has made no secret of its plans to expand the petrol filling station and to construct a large shop similar to the Tesco Express further down the road. Some expansion of the site has already been achieved by demolishing the attached domestic garage of the adjoining house and by occupying some of the garden.

Subsequent to many months of delay British Petroleum Oil (UK) Ltd. has submitted a further planning application to demolish the existing buildings and to redevelop to form a petrol filling station, sales building, car wash and the formation of a new vehicular access. Subsequent to inspecting the plans and consulting residents living nearby MORA has lodged objections to the

proposal on the grounds of increased noise levels associated with a wider range of services, the expansion of the garage site closer to the adjoining house and that the application makes no mention of the future use of the adjoining unoccupied three bed roomed semi-detached house which is owned by the British Petroleum.

THE GLADE

MORA has recently received notification of the submission of a planning application to demolish three existing bungalows Nos. 76, 78 and 80 The Glade and to erect 9 four bed roomed detached houses with integral garages. No doubt the applicant CBP New Homes Ltd. offered a tempting price to encourage the owners to sell but, as is often the case, the owners of the adjoining properties will feel threatened with the loss of amenity and privacy and may succumb to pressure to sell their own homes and move elsewhere. This will allow the developer to extend the development area which will then encroach nearer to the junction with Green View Avenue. The proposed new access road to the new estate will also add to the traffic problems at a heavily used and dangerous part The Glade.

Properties with large gardens continue to attract the attention of developers and we can expect further pressure to increase the local housing density. Demolition of one or two houses usually results in the construction of many more on the same site. Once considered semi-rural the area is in the process of being urbanised. MORA will do its best to protect existing residents' amenity and privacy but it is unlikely that such schemes can be stopped entirely. If you are approached by any developers please let Bob Akers know on [REDACTED].

The Register of planning applications is available for public inspection in the Planning and Development Department on the 13th Floor of Taberner House, Park Lane, Croydon

between the hours of 8. 30 a. m. and 4. 45 p. m. on Mondays to Fridays inclusive. Files containing the plans and other details can usually be obtained for inspection from the Planning and Development desk in the 'One Stop' centre on the ground floor. Photocopies of the plans can be obtained on payment of a fee.

Shirley Women's Institute

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, in the Methodist Church Hall, Eldon Avenue, Shirley at 7.45pm. Groups of members also meet regularly for walks, poetry, drama, craft and social and leisure activities.

Annual Subscription - £15.50.

PROGRAMME SPRING/SUMMER 2000

March 14th UPSTAIRS, DOWNSTAIRS Mr. & Mrs. South Home Cooking Stall	April 11th THE FALKLANDS 2,000 Geoffrey Moir
May 9th RESOLUTIONS "Drama Group" Plant Stall	June 13th PETTICOAT PILOT Mrs. Ann Chance
July 11th FOAL FARM "Talk about Animals"	August 8th ALL OUR OWN We entertain ourselves

For more information visit us at one of our meetings.



THE SHIRLEY GROUP OF CHURCHES

A group of approximately 30 of us met on 18th December for Carol Singing. We were blessed with cold, but fortunately not wet, weather in which to sing our little hearts out



and £125.50 was raised towards the YMCA Cold Weather Shelter Project.

Approximately 1000 Millennium Candles were handed out in and around Shirley – 500 of those were handed out at the Shirley Business Association's Christmas Lights Party in November. Demand was so great that some representatives' supplies were used up as they were being handed out!

BETHLEM ROYAL HOSPITAL BOWLS CLUB

**Are you a bowler or would like to be?
If so, come and join us at Bethlem Bowls Club.**

The Bethlem Royal Hospital Bowls Club has been running since 1936 and uses a bowling green within the extensive grounds of the Bethlem Royal Hospital, Monks Orchard Road, Beckenham. The Club is a thriving one, mixed, with the ladies fully sharing the bowling green and all bowling facilities with the male bowlers. Our season starts as the end of April and runs through to the end of September. Our bowling calendar is one a full one with games available weekdays, evenings and weekends.



The games are against other club members and against other local north Kent clubs. The season includes a number of social bowling occasions and competitions that we host for visiting bowlers. If any reader, new or experienced, is interested in finding out more about the club and/or the game they should contact the General Secretary on [REDACTED].



SALE OF BOOKS AND RECORDS

Saturday May 6th 2000 at Shirley Methodist Church will see another **Great Book Sale** take place. Doors open 10am to 4pm.



Admission 20p at the door. Refreshments and lunches available. Raffle prizes to be won. Funds raised will go towards further Church building improvements.

Collecting has already started, so please pass on to us all items which you do no longer need. Good quality hardbacks, paperbacks, children's books, CDs, tapes and records will be gratefully received at one of these locations:

Shirley Methodist Church, Eldon Avenue, Shirley, Croydon.

Mr Stephen Hunt, [REDACTED]

Mr Jonathan Baxter, [REDACTED]

Mr Brain Cantrell, [REDACTED]

Further enquiries from any of the above.

E-mail: [REDACTED]



CROYDON AGENDA 21

NEWS AND EVENTS – JANUARY 2000

Don't Choke Croydon 2000

Transport is a key topic in the borough as we prepare for this annual, national campaign to think positively about transport alternatives. We're looking for ideas and action for local or borough-wide events. Any activity, big or small, will make a difference. Past activities have included a procession of bikes and 'green' vehicles, free car emissions testing, a commuter challenge and promotion of Walk to Worship.

Green Fair

Saturday 15th July

A great family day out on Lloyd Park. Musical and poetic entertainment with a "green" theme



and a host of stalls from local organisations and businesses. Children's activities included. All for **FREE**. Part of the International Music Day it is on the same weekend as the Mela, and part of a fortnight-long Summer Festival.

LA21 Annual Conference
September 2000

There will be a lot to catch up on for this year's event. We want your involvement and ideas for preparing this annual get-together and to make plans for Agenda 21 in the 21st century. Meet at the Town Hall, Katharine Street, Croydon, 7pm Monday 13 March.



For all the above sessions, if you are interested, give Peter McDonald a call on 020 8760 5768 Ext. 2765, whether or not you can come on the date given.

Creating a 'greener' Place

LA21 grants are available for local projects that demonstrate sustainable development. Do you have something that you'd like to achieve in your neighbourhood? Call Peter McDonald on 020 8760 5768 Ext. 2765.

The Guide to Green Living in Croydon

Get Your Copy of The Guide to Green Living in Croydon. Practical choices to benefit the environment and you! Free available from Taberner House 1-stop, libraries, or from: Environmental Health & Trading Standards, Taberner House, Park Lane, Croydon CR9 3BT. Call [REDACTED] or visit our website at www.croydon.gov.uk/la21/index.asp.

ENVIRONMENTAL EVENTS

MARCH

Sunday, 19th

RAMBLE: RICHMOND AND THE RIVER – 8 Miles

Meet at 9.30am at East Croydon Station.

Croydon Holiday Fellowship Rambling Club: [REDACTED]

LATEST EVENTS & 'HAPPENINGS'

Fairtrade Fortnight

6-19 March 2000

A national programme promoting five actions you can take for a Fairer Future:

1. Display the Fairtrade poster.
2. Buy Fairtrade chocolate, coffee, cocoa, tea or honey as Easter or Mother's Day gifts (Croydon's Guide to Green Living tells you where you can find these).
3. Follow the Fairtrade Pledge to buy a Fairtrade product every month.
4. Organise a display, perhaps at your local library or place of worship.
5. Organise an event or supermarket sampling stand.

Call [REDACTED] for information and your poster, Display Pack or Action pack.

National Spring Clean

1-30 April 2000

Contact the Council's Recycling Unit for advice and help on organising a litter pick in your area: Call [REDACTED].



COMMITTEE MEMBERS 1999/2000

Chairman: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Bob Ackers [REDACTED]

Vice Chairman & Treasurer: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
John Walkington [REDACTED]

Membership Sec: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Alyce Menhinnitt [REDACTED]

Secretary: Vacant

Planning Officer: Vacant

Minutes Secretary: Vacant

Transport & Highways Officer: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Peter Mortimer

Area Manager: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Arthur Taylor [REDACTED]

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