

MONKS ORCHARD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Croydon

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(Independent)

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SEPTEMBER OPEN DAYS AT SHIRLEY TENNIS CLUB

Shirley Tennis Club is holding Open Days on Sunday 21st and Sunday 22nd September to encourage new members to join and enjoy playing throughout the winter season.

Shirley is a friendly tennis club, with a good standard of play, where members play regularly together on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons all year round on four excellent all weather courts. A new practice wall has been built and coaching is available.

Visitors are invited to come and enjoy an afternoon playing doubles with members of the adults' section of the club. Play starts at 2:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided.

Entrance in Spring Park Road by St. John's School.
Enquiries: Telephone Brian Walton [redacted] or Joan Motts [redacted]

CONSUMERS PAY THE PIPER. NOW THEY CAN CALL THE TUNE.

MORA supports the new CROYDON and DISTRICT CONSUMER GROUP, which helps to look after the people who buy goods and services, and use local facilities.

Our members are invited to contact ARTHUR TAYLOR, [redacted] [redacted], especially if able to offer help on this project.

PLANNING NEWS

The last planning news focused on the proposal to demolish nos. 1, 3 and 11A Elstan Way and build 4 three bedroom houses, 3 four bedroom houses and 2 five bedroom houses on the site which adjoins St. George's church. The Council has been considering this scheme for over two months and so Sunley Homes, the applicants have appealed against its non determination. The appeal is to be determined by way of an informal hearing. A new application has also been submitted by Sunley Homes for the same site. This reduces the number of houses from nine to six, one of which would have four bedrooms the remainder having five. MORA welcomes the reduction in the number of houses but continues to have concerns over the implications for those living around the site, traffic on Elstan Way, and the continued use of the church hall as a valued community facility if new residents complain about noise from the hall.

Even more disturbing for neighbours is the proposal by British Petroleum to redevelop the petrol filling station on Shirley Road opposite the Trinity School entrance. BP anticipate creating a bigger petrol station with a much bigger sales area and car wash. The nearest equivalent would be the Tesco Metro filling station and shop, further down Shirley Road. The most objectionable element of this scheme is that it anticipates using one half of a pair of semi-detached houses as part of the sales area. The other house remains occupied and understandably the occupiers are very unhappy about the possible impact on the quality of their lives. MORA has objected comprehensively to this proposal and in the strongest terms.

Better news on the two proposals to redevelop the buildings and yard of H.W. West & Sons at 139-141 Shirley Road. One scheme to redevelop the site to provide 10 houses as well as offices and flats has been withdrawn. The Council has also refused permission for the alternative scheme to build 14 houses on the site.

The Council has finally decided that it does wish to reinstate the Burrell Close / Greenview Avenue footpath. A formal notification period is now being undertaken and it could still be some time before the footpath is actually put in place.

SECURITY

New members elected to our Committee are RON SCOTT and Mrs. JEAN COOK who will represent MORA on the SHIRLEY AND SELSDON POLICE CONSULTATIVE GROUP, which covers the Wards of Monks Orchard, Spring Park, Heathfield and Selsdon.

MARGARET'S MARSDEN MEANDER AGAIN!

Thanks to everyone who walked, came, helped and donated to Margaret's Marsden Meander Again! on Saturday, May 17th, 1997.

What a wonderful morning it was! The sun shone, Fiona Fullerton and her family charmed us all, All Saints' Concert Band's music filled the air as over two hundred people ran, walked and meandered five miles round the park, promising to raise over £9,000.

Hundreds came to the fete and spent over £4,250, drank numerous cups of tea and coffee with scones and cakes. Everything at the fete had been donated or lent with no charge, so this was how we managed to make such a magnificent amount along with so many people putting in such a lot of time and hard work.

Together with the very generous donations from so many people who were unable to come on the day the event should raise well over £15,000 for the Royal Marsden Research Fund. I have already spoken to the hospital and they have their thinking caps on deciding what they would like to use the money for (further details later). A very big thank you to everyone for their support.

Margaret Preece,




ROLLING RUBBISH COLLECTION USE IT, DON'T ABUSE IT

The rubbish collections are being abused. Just dumping a pile of rubbish on the side of the road and leaving it for someone else to clear up is selfish, unneighbourly and unlawful.

On the last couple of collections this has been happening more and more frequently. Most of the volunteers, who go around with the Dustcart, are over sixty-five years old and find it a strain. New and younger volunteers are needed to assist with rubbish IN THEIR ROAD.

If the behaviour of dumping the rubbish, with no thought of helping continues, then the collections will CEASE.

PLEASE NOTE THE ROUNDS HAVE CHANGED

ROUND ONE: SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER 1997

Dustcart meet 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 RD to CHESTON AVE, PARKFIELDS back to ORCHARD AVE, (1-77 / 2-72) WOODLAND WAY, HIGH TREES, ORCHARD RISE, FRESHFIELDS, PIPPIN CLOSE, OAKVIEW GROVE, RUSSET DRIVE, POTTERS CLOSE.

ROUND TWO: SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER 1997

Dustcart meet CORNER of WOODMERE AVE / ORCHARD AVE, ELSTAN WAY, TOWER VIEW & EDGEWOOD GREEN, WOODMERE AVE, PIPERS GDNS, MERE END, ROUND GROVE, WOODMERE CLOSE, WOODMERE GDNS, LORNE GDNS & LORNE AVE, GLADESIDE (as far as Homer Rd) GWYNNE AVE, GLENWOOD WAY, LAVENDER WAY, FAIRHAVEN AVE.

ROUND THREE: SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER 1997

Dustcart meet BYWOOD AVE, THE ROSERY, CHAFFINCH AVE, CHAFFINCH CLOSE, BROOKSIDE WAY, MEADOW AVE, GLADESIDE (up to Homer Rd), HOMER ROAD, GLADESIDE, ALDERSMEAD, STOKES RD, up the GLADE to nos 72/109 (as far as Greenview Ave), GREENVIEW AVE, ASH TREE WAY, ASHTREE CLOSE, FAIRWAY CLOSE, FAIRFORD AVE, FAIRFORD CLOSE, OAKWAY, STONELEIGH PARK AVE, down THE REST OF THE GLADE TO LONG LANE, up MARDELL RD, across to LONGHEATH GDNS.

ROUND FOUR: SUNDAY 26TH OCTOBER 1997

Dustcart meet corner ORCHARD WAY / BURRELL CLOSE, all of ORCHARD WAY, via SLOANE WALK, BARONS WALK, BARONS CLOSE, REGENCY WALK, KEMPTON WALK, CASTLETON CLOSE, HAM VIEW, RADNOR WALK, KELVINGTON CLOSE, OVERSTONE GDNS, CARRINGTON CLOSE, ORCHARD GROVE, LYCONBY GDNS, COVERACK CLOSE, down ORCHARD AVE (from nos 79-125 / 74-100) down the GLADE nos 1-70 / 2-107 (as far as Greenview Ave), GLADE GDNS, CAMROSE CLOSE, DARLEY CLOSE.

750th ANNIVERSARY

THE BETHLEM & MAUDSLEY NHS TRUST

FUN QUIZ

WEDNESDAY 1st OCTOBER 1997
7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

The Main Hall
Community Centre
Bethlem Royal Hospital
Monks Orchard Road

Quizmasters: Clive2 Productions

Book your table to avoid disappointment
Up to 6 people per Team

£5.00 includes Supper
(Vegetarians Catered for)

PRIZES GALORE

Bookings via General Office, Bethlem Royal Hospital.

Monks Orchard Residents' Association
Balance Sheet at 31st December 1996

We are happy to produce, as promised, the audited accounts Balance Sheet as at 31st December 96. The Auditors Reports that they we have audited the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance sheet as at the 31st Dec 96 and confirm that these are in accordance with the books and records maintained by the Association - signed by McKenzie & Co. Chartered Accountants.

FIXED ASSETS	1996	1995
Current Assets:		
Bank Current Account	571	3,252
Bank Deposit accounts	4,457	1,597
Subscriptions due	-	233
Cash in Hand	63	48
Sundry Debtor	102	-
	<u>5,193</u>	<u>5,130</u>
Current Liabilities:		
Accrual - Audit Fees	<u>294</u>	<u>211</u>
Net Current Assets	4,899	4,919
Net Assets	<u>4,899</u>	<u>4,919</u>
Represented by:		
Surplus at 1st Jan	4,919	3,524
Surplus for year (Deficit)	(20)	1,395
Surplus at 31st December	<u>4,899</u>	<u>4,919</u>

Ken Brown's Memorial:

Contributions of £80.00 have been forwarded to the Longheath Community Centre as requested by Mrs. Pickles Brown.



ARE YOU FOOTBALL CRAZY! asks our Councillor.

From the complaints I have received, some youths and some residents certainly are - and in conflicting ways.

Some youngsters use up their vigour by kicking a football on any available piece of grass that is not a park and away from the frontage of their own home. There they kick away for long periods.

The residents bought their homes pleased to have an open aspect on to grass and the expectation of quiet enjoyment. But they find the thump of the kick penetrates into their home like an electronic bass. The over kicked ball lands on cars, windows, doors or in the garden and creates the tension of anticipated damage. Their quiet enjoyment has gone.

Polite requests to stop have met with indifference or abuse. The potential accident by following the ball into the road is disregarded. If you are a parent of a youth who takes his ball to play elsewhere, why not in your garden or in front of your home. Even better, why not a park: they are already out of sight.

It is not fair that some residents should have continuous tension and contention.

Should the Council let the grass grow, or take some other action, and if so, what? Your comments would be welcome.

Councillor Derek Loughborough

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THANKS TO ARTHUR COLLEN

Arthur Collen, our Area Manager for the Northern part of the Ward, is moving out of Shirley. We would therefore like to take this opportunity to thank Arthur for his support in the distribution of newsletters and, more recently, his support on the committee. We would also like to wish him well in his new home.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS 1997

President:	Vacant	
Chairman:	Vacant	
Vice Chairman: John Walkington	████████████████████	████████████████████
Acting Secretary: ████████████████████	██	
Bob Akers	██████████	
Treasurer: Ken Butler	██	████████████████████
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Planning Officer: Owen Whalley	██	████████████████████
Minutes Secretary: Bob Akers	██	████████████████████
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Editor: Derek Ritson	██	████████████████████
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Transport Officer: Peter Mortimer	██	████████████████████
Highways Officer: Peter Mortimer	██	████████████████████
Membership Secretary: Alyce Menhinnitt	██	████████████████████
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Hon. Historian & Area Manager: Charles Hutchings	██	████████████████████
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Area Manager: Arthur Taylor	██	████████████████████
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VACANCIES ON THE COMMITTEE

As you can see from the following list of Committee Members, we have a number of important vacancies that need to be filled.

Chairman:	Vacant
Secretary:	Vacant
Area Manager:	North of Ward Lower part of Glade Homer Rd – Long Lane
Environment Secretary:	Vacant

We need your support to keep MORA active and capable of representing local residents interests. At our first committee meeting after the AGM, Alyce Menhinnitt has offered to take on Membership Secretary and Bob Akers agreed to undertake the task of both Secretary and Minutes Secretary in order to keep MORA functioning.

Please let any committee member know if you are interested in helping on the committee.