



## AGENDA 1998 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Minutes of the 1997 Annual General Meeting
- 3 Matters Arising
- 4 To receive and adopt the Reports and Accounts
- 5 To Elect Officers and Committee for 1998/99
- 7 Any Other Business
- 8 Visiting Speakers – Barbara Wolcox & Jeff Bolam of Croydon Council's Local Agenda 21



### **ROTARY CLUB OF CROYDON EAST SWIMATHON**

The Rotary Club of Croydon East Swimathon will take place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May at Trinity School from 9.00 a.m. onwards with all sponsorship money going towards local charities.



This is a fun event and does not require exceptional swimming abilities. It is open to swimmers of all ages. Teams of between one and six people swim in relay for a total of 30 minutes.

Application forms are available from Jonathan (Joe) Baxter on [REDACTED].



## LIVING TODAY WITH TOMORROW IN MIND

A BABY BORN IN MONKS ORCHARD TODAY SHOULD LIVE  
INTO THE 2070'S  
HER GRANDCHILDREN WILL BE ALIVE WELL INTO THE 22<sup>ND</sup>  
CENTURY  
WHAT SORT OF WORLD WILL THEY INHERIT

“Living Today with Tomorrow in Mind” is the slogan of Croydon’s local Agenda 21 initiative. Agenda 21 is the document agreed by world leaders at the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio. It sets out an international plan of action for “sustainable development” – ways of living and developing so that future generations can continue to enjoy the earth’s riches. In Croydon a Local Agenda 21 (LA21) action plan is being run in partnership between Croydon Council and the whole community.

So what has this to do with us? Where do we start?

At the AGM, the Council’s LA21 Project Officer Barbara Wilcox and LA21 volunteer Jeff Bolam will be running an introductory session to Local 21. The session includes an entertaining interactive exercise and tells you:

- ❑ The origin of Local Agenda 21
- ❑ How groups and individuals can be involved
- ❑ Look at actions proposed in the LA21 strategy
- ❑ Environmental actions for groups and individuals



## CALLING ALL BADMINTON PLAYERS

### *Orchard Way Badminton Club*

#### **FIRST VISIT FREE**

Mixed Friendly Club  
Feathers With 3 Courts  
Mondays 8-10 p.m.  
Edenham High School

**CONTACT Anna** XXXXXXXXXX



## PLANNING NEWS

### Cemetery Proposed for Shirley Oaks

In the last newsletter MORA reported that Lambeth Council had sold its tree nursery at Shirley Oaks by auction. The new owner's intentions became clear when in January a planning application was submitted for the use of the land as a cemetery. The proposed site is the area of land off Poppy Lane bounded by Laburnum Gardens, Parsley Gardens and Woodmere Avenue.

The land is designated as Metropolitan Open Land by the Council which protects it from new building development. However, the Unitary Development Plan indicates that in principle, cemeteries are an appropriate use on such land together with appropriate small ancillary buildings.

The trouble with this proposal is that we don't know yet what it entails as no details have been submitted. There is no indication of the size, location or function of any buildings. The provision for car parking or access remains a mystery as does the layout of the site and how it is proposed to be used.

MORA has objected to the proposal on the limited information currently available and has requested that the Council must find out much more before it can even entertain the proposal. Local people must be kept informed of all the details if and when they are submitted.

There would be a tremendous impact on the amenity of people living around the site which doesn't bear thinking about as well as other problems associated with drainage. MORA will be working hard to resist this proposal and when more details emerge will be mounting a campaign of opposition. If we can beat off Tesco we can certainly defeat this outrageous scheme.

If you want to hear more, come to the MORA Annual General Meeting on the 27th March. Your local Councillors will be there to answer questions.

## **Other Development News**

A new planning application has been submitted for the redevelopment of the H.W. West & Sons site at 139-141 Shirley Road. Previous proposals for residential development were refused by the Council. In this instance it is proposed to demolish the existing buildings and to redevelop the site to provide two storey buildings with accommodation in the roofspace comprising offices on the ground floor and 4 two bedroom flats above, together with the erection of 14 three bedroom houses and a new vehicular access on to Shirley Road and Primrose Lane. MORA is worried about the loss of amenity to the residents of Shirley Avenue as well as the implications for traffic on Shirley Road and Primrose Lane as this site is close to the ambulance station and to other busy junctions.

The Council decided to resist the proposed development of land at the rear of houses on Elstan Way and Woodmere Avenue close to St. George's Church. A lot of objections have been submitted against this further back land development. The only reason the Council objected, however, was the poor access and inadequate sight lines from the proposed access road. The developers appealed against the Council's non-determination of the application and an informal hearing was held at the Town Hall on the 18th February. We await the outcome with interest.

*Owen Whalley – Planning Officer*



### **BOWLS**

Would you like to learn to play the friendly game of Bowls – on a quiet privet green, not far from West Wickham High Street?

Bethlem Royal Hospital Bowls Club has vacancies for men and ladies who are either novices or experienced players

- ❖ Friendly and congenial atmosphere.
- ❖ Full equality for both sexes – No restrictions on playing hours for ladies!
- ❖ Competition Bowling available as well as casual play.
- ❖ Social events regularly arranged.
- ❖ Easy and Free Parking.

If you are interested and would like to know more Tel: XXXXXXXXXX

## SECURITY MATTERS



I have now been on the Monks Orchard Beat a year and on this anniversary I would like to bring to your attention the matter of BURGLARY as over the last year I have found that the SHIRLEY area has been targeted on several occasions.

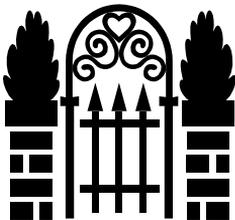
I would remind MORA members that although flats and houses in inner city areas often stand a much greater chance of being burgled, the risk is not restricted to them. If there is no one in all day, and your home is not overlooked, you will need to take particular care. The majority of burglaries occur during DAYTIME – not at night as many people think, and intruders usually attack downstairs at the rear. In many cases a burglar can be in and out in just a few minutes.

May I take this opportunity to remind householders of detached houses they are more at risk than semi-detached or terraced. This is because they are often secluded, and the neighbours may not be able to see or hear the burglar at work.

Houses or flats near ends of streets or backing onto alleyways, parks or wasteground are particularly at risk because of the ease of access.

During the past year I have noticed many properties where I have been able to gain access to the rear garden with ease and not been detected by the householder; if I can do this, a burglar can certainly do the same.

### **BE AN ALLEYGATER – “GATE UP”**



Many Houses in the MORA area have patio doors. This may give you a good view out but may weaken your security because they are normally situated at the rear and at ground level.

May I also remind MORA members where possible to mark your worldly heirlooms with your Post Code or the first two letters of your house name which will devalue items for the burglar and assist Police in making them more traceable.

I would also like to ask MORA members if you see or hear anything suspicious or think that a crime is being committed. PLEASE DIAL 999 IMMEDIATELY. You could be helping your neighbour or another member of the public from being a victim of crime.

**MONDAY POLICE SURGERY** : 10:30 – noon at St George’s Church, Eltsan Way, Shirley. Any resident is welcome to come along and bend my ear about local, non-urgent problems.

## **AVOID VAMPIRE SELLERS**

Bloodsucking salesmen are preying on the vulnerable and members of the public who are mature in years, with high pressure sales techniques known as “vampire selling”. Dodgy dealers exploiting people’s fear of crime by selling usually security equipment. They call at 7.00 a.m. when the householder is busy just to get them to go away the householder will sign anything thus committing themselves to something they do not really want, giving the salesman the opportunity for a return visit.

Although this sales technique is not illegal, be aware that these people may visit your area soon. Surrounding boroughs have fallen victim to these people who normally come from the Midlands, and target a particular residential area in numbers.

*Johathan Smith* – Beat officer Monks Orchard  
Addington Police station

## **GREAT BOOK SALE**

The great book sale, so popular over the last two years, is to be staged again by Shirley Methodist Church on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 1998. GBS3 will be open between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m., featuring over 10,000 good quality second hand books, records, tapes and CD’s. Refreshments and lunches will be available and raffle prizes are to be won.



Admission 20p at the door. Funds raised will help to pay for the new Church building.

Dealers may view ahead of the public sale – on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March,

between 7.00 p.m. and 9.00 p.m., and by prior arrangement only. Trade admission is £5.00. So, sort out those shelves and cupboards! Contributions will be welcomed at one of these locations:

The Church foyer	Eldon Avenue, Shirley	
Mr. Jonathan Baxter	██████████	██████████
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Mr. Brian Cantrell	██████████	██████████
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Mr. Stephen Hunt	██████████	██████████
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Further enquiries can be directed to any of the above contacts.



## **OPEN DAYS AT SHIRLEY METHODIST CHURCH ELDON AVENUE**

The church is recovering from a difficult year. Last year the old building, which had stood for more than sixty years, was demolished because it was unsafe.

For much of last year, a fire put out of action the church hall, where services were to have been held. Our friends at St. John's Church came to our help and invited us to hold our services there.



The first service in the rebuilt Methodist Church was held towards the end of last year.

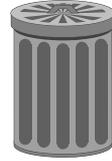
Shirley Methodist Church will be holding Open Days on Thursday and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of April, from 10am to 9pm, and on Saturday and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> April from 10am to 1pm.

Everyone is invited to come to look at our new premises and to find out what goes on in them. In particular we invite you to hear Mr. Richard Mander, of St. John's, show off our new digital organ on Thursday evening 2<sup>nd</sup> April and our choir perform on Friday evening 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 8pm. Admission to both events is free.

We look forward to welcoming you in April.

# NOTICE OF SPECIAL REFUSE COLLECTIONS

## FREE RUBBISH COLLECTION



Don't miss this opportunity to be rid of all your unwanted rubbish which is not normally collected by the weekly Council collection.

PLEASE FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES:-

- ❖ Items for disposal must be put out at the front and CLEARLY IDENTIFIED for rubbish collection (to avoid confusion with items not required for disposal).
- ❖ Place as near to the footway as possible by 9.00 a.m. (Be sure not to obstruct the highway or footpath).
- ❖ Please assist in transferring rubbish to the rear of the vehicle, BUT DO NOT LOAD.
- ❖ Please be considerate with size and bulk of the items to avoid damage to the vehicle.
- ❖ Any TRADE or COMMERCIAL waste (including builders' materials) WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.
- ❖ No paint, oil, or similar liquids.
- ❖ **Acceptance of items will be at the Driver's discretion.**
- ❖ Large items, such as three-piece suites, washing machines, cookers, etc., can be collected by prior arrangement, for a charge. There is also a free fridge/freezer collection service, just phone 0181-401 1919.

<b>PLEASE NOTE – THE ROUNDS HAVE CHANGED</b>
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Due to COST CUTTING by CROYDON COUNCIL, the round have had to be reduced. But we managed to keep SIX ROUNDS. There will only be ONE COLLECTION per YEAR, but the area for each round has been reduced.

The dates for the next Special Refuse collections service arranged by MORA are as follows on page 10:-

**ROUND ONE: SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> 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 14<sup>TH</sup> 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 21<sup>ST</sup> 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 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

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 5<sup>TH</sup> 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 12<sup>TH</sup> 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 & HIGHWAYS

### 367 BUS ROUTE



The response to the item in the December newsletter about the 367

Bus Route was enormous. The good news is that the London Transport has confirmed that there are no plans to cut it. Your views on bus stops was mixed, although what was agreed on by all was that it stops too frequently. There are problems inherent with bus stops, where to site them? What happens if you see a bus but are not at a stop? To mention just two. There are advantages to “hail & ride”, but as you all agree, the main disadvantage is the frequent stopping. As a possible way to overcome this, if you see someone else waiting a few yards along the road, why not walk towards them and meet them halfway.

### FOOTWAY REPAIRS



I have written to the Council expressing concern about the quality of footway repairs, particularly service manhole covers. If you have any worries let me know the location, I will send a list to the Council and follow up their action .

### ROAD SAFETY

If there is anything that you think needs attention let me know and I will bring it up at the Local Divisional Road safety Meeting. This is attended by the Police and Local Authority so your views will be heard.

*Peter Mortimer* – Highways and Transport Officer



### NEWSLETTER COPY DATES

Any contributions for future newsletters should be with the Editor by the following dates at the latest. The earlier copy is received the more chance of its inclusion as the total copy must result in a multiple of 4 pages.

Next Issue - May 17<sup>th</sup>, then Sept 12<sup>th</sup> and Nov 14<sup>th</sup>

# *COMMITTEE MEMBERS 1997/8*

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