

Monks Orchard Resident's Association

Croydon

(Non Party)

(Independent)

NEWSLETTER – Summer 2001

MINUTES OF THE 77th. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MONKS ORCHARD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION HELD AT ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH ON FRIDAY 30th. MARCH 2001.

Bob Akers opened the meeting by welcoming members to the 77th. Annual General Meeting. He expressed his delight at seeing such a good number of members present. He extended a warm welcome to representatives from neighbouring residents' associations, to Councillor Derek Loughborough and to the Member of Parliament Geraint Davies.

Apologies for Absence.

Councillor Campbell, Mrs. Chambers, Mrs Cooley, Ms. Darlow, Miss Johnson, Mrs. Janson, Ms. Moroney, Mr. Thatcher and Mrs. Walkington were unable to attend.

Minutes of the 2000 Annual General Meeting

These were published in the May 2000 issue of the newsletter and copies were available at the meeting for inspection. The minutes were proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously by those present as a correct record.

Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Reports.

Chairmans' Report

Bob Akers said that he was pleased to be able to report that the membership of the association remains strong and that the Executive Committee is continuing to actively represent members interests and concerns.

As mentioned in the previous annual report this is a time of change in local affairs. The first of these is the introduction of new constitution which is to govern the political workings of the Council and the control of its £300M budget which includes an average contribution of nearly £1,000 from every Croydon household. The decision making for this vast organisation is now in the hands of just ten councillors who are

responsible for running the borough. The new system aims to be more efficient and to quicken decision making but there is concern that there may be a reduction in democratic accountability. It is therefore more important than ever that associations such as MORA keep strong and alert to enable the views of the local residents to be heard.

The changes in the electoral boundaries will take place soon. In future, Monks Orchard will no longer be considered as a separate electoral ward. The northern part being hived off to the Ashburton ward and the southern part to the new Shirley ward. As a consequence of this change, the rules of MORA need to be revised. Members will be consulted during this necessary and important process. The Executive Committee plan to produce a draft of the amended rules which will be published in the Autumn issue of the newsletter. This will give members a chance to submit comments and suggestions. Following consideration of the comments, a final draft will be presented for approval at next years Annual General Meeting,

Treasurers' Report

Mr. Walkington confirmed that the accounts are in good order. A copy of the audited accounts was published in the Spring issue of the newsletter and copies were available for inspection at the meeting. He announced that there is an annual surplus of £440 so there is no immediate need for an increase in the membership subscriptions. An item that needs some further explanation was the profit from Tom bola. MORA had a stall at the occasion of the night of the Christmas lights which made a profit of £152 which was donated to St. Christopher's Hospice. The annual accounts were proposed, seconded and formally accepted.

Planning Report

The majority of planning applications in Monks Orchard over the past year were proposals to alter or extend existing properties. The most common being for permission to erect a single or two storey side or rear extension. There has also been an increase in the number of applications to erect conservatories. Permission for this type of proposal is usually granted after consulting the owners of neighbouring properties, however, a number of applications were refused because the development would be detrimental to the amenities of the occupiers of adjoining residential property.

Since the last Annual General Meeting there have been 73 planning applications concerning Monks Orchard. Decisions have been taken on 88 applications, which includes those from the previous year, with approximately 86% being approved.

Planning News

The controversial application by Barnfield Homes to erect a three bed roomed house with integral garage on land adjoining 3, Lorne Avenue has been refused. The reasons for refusal were that the proposal would result in an over development of the site and would be out of character with the locality and detrimental to the visual amenities of the street scene by reason of the size of the site and the unsatisfactory spatial relationship with adjoining property. This sensible decision was welcomed by those living nearby who have strongly opposed the proposal. This is the third time that an application has been made to

build on this triangular piece land and the third time that permission has been denied. News has now been received that Barnfield Homes are to appeal against this decision.

An appeal was also made to the Secretary of State in respect of the application by Antler Homes to demolish 25 - 31 Cheston Avenue and to erect 12 detached four bed roomed houses with integral garages. The appeal followed the failure to determine a planning permission within the time allowed. The appeal was to be decided on the basis of an exchange of written statements by the parties and a site visit by an inspector. Subsequently, Antler Homes made an amendment to the original application. The proposal was reduced from 12 houses to 3 five bed roomed and 7 four bed roomed houses together with integral garages. The two applications were to be considered by the Planning and Traffic Control Committee at its meeting to be held on 22nd. March. Curiously, a few hours prior to the start of the meeting, both applications were withdrawn. It is, however, expected that a revised proposal will be made with a further reduction in the number of houses to be built on the site.

The long running saga of the redevelopment of the British Petroleum Petrol Station at 181 Shirley Road has now ended. Permission has now been granted to demolish the existing buildings and to redevelop to form a petrol filling station, sales building and car wash. MORA strongly opposed this application because of the stealth used to increase the size of the site which caused great anguish to those living nearby.

To date, no decision has been made on the application to change the use of the corner shop premises at 4, Bywood Avenue for purposes with class A3 (food and drink). At present the shop premises are being offered for sale.

Much time has passed since there has been any news to report regarding the promised footpath between Burrell Close and Greenview Avenue. When Burrell Close was built it was conditional that the footpath linking Orchard Way with Greenview Avenue be reinstated. There has always been strong support for the footpath from residents who would appreciate this more direct access to shops and buses. An order has now been made to complete the link. However, this has attracted objections from residents living near the access route. As a consequence of these objections there is now likely to be a public enquiry.

MORA has been informed that a development company has approached householders in Woodmere Avenue with a view to buying back garden land for new housing development. Over the past few months there has been a number of back land type developments. MORA has often opposed such schemes because they can cause amenity problems for existing residents such as a loss of privacy. However, with the continuing demand for housing and the possible increase in housing density, such schemes are becoming more difficult to resist.

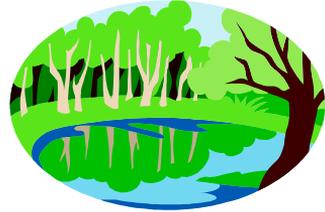
The Shirley Oaks Nature Reserve

The Chair introduced Mick Hewish Chair of the Shirley Oaks

Nature Reserve Committee and thanked him for attending the meeting in order to give a report on the present position. He began by confirming that the saga of the former tree nursery site in Shirley Oaks Village continues, as does the campaign to create the Nature Reserve.

He recalled that at this meeting last year he reported that the planning committees of Croydon Council had rejected the owner's application for a Garden of Remembrance on the site. The owner had lodged an appeal and was going to contest the case and I asked you to support our request to the Planning Inspectorate to hold a public hearing.

We received tremendous support from local residents, from Councillors, Croydon Council Planning Department and Conservation Groups. The Planning Inspectorate decided that with such high public interest the case would require a full local inquiry. At first we were concerned that with a local inquiry being called we may incur the expense of hiring solicitors and lawyers. However, because Croydon Council had contested the appeal they would have to incur the costs. With the probability of high legal fees to pay, the owner withdrew the appeal. We wrote to him with an offer to buy the land. We heard nothing until, a few months later, we had a request for a meeting with the owner's new Planning Consultant. This new consultant wanted to discuss a proposal "that might be of interest to our committee". At this meeting the new proposal was to offer part of the land to us as a nature conservation area if we agreed to 12 houses being constructed on the rest of site. The committee had serious reservations about the proposal and listed them in our letter of reply. We also advised that consultant that the consensus of opinion was that Croydon Council would reject any application for houses on Metropolitan Open Land.



At our committee meeting this week to discuss his latest reply, his answers regarding our concerns were not considered satisfactory. These concerns include the protection of the remaining land and trees, the wildlife, water levels, noise and access problems. We have therefore written back to him stating that, without any written guarantees that our concerns will be resolved, we would find it impossible to agree to the proposed development. We informed him that we are still willing to discuss a purchase price for the land.

This morning, I had a telephone call from the consultant. He stated that the owner was now possibly going to try for an alternative method of getting permission to build on the land. It involves requesting a change to the Unitary Development Plan of Croydon. This would be to change the designation of the land from 'Metropolitan Open Land' to one that would allow housing. He said that this would fall into line with the Government's plan to allow housing on Green Sites in cities. I will be consulting with Croydon Council to see if his reasoning is plausible. I thank you all for your continued support.

Report by Geraint Davies M. P. The Chair welcomed and introduced Geraint Davies Member of Parliament for Croydon Central. Mr. Davies began by describing how he had spent the day. He started by attending the assembly at Coloma Convent Girls School to congratulate

the students on their excellent academic achievements and to talk about education. Next, he travelled to Croydon College where problems are being experienced because the income earned from student admissions is out of balance with the current expenditure. This had prompted the Governing Body to seek savings by deciding not to increase staff salaries and to consider redundancies. With the help of Malcolm Wicks M. P. a solution to the problem of adequate funding is being sought. Next call was to New Addington where Geriant is spearheading a campaign to oppose the closure of the local Tesco Store. Tesco is nationally supporting the Government in neighbourhood renewal in which millions of pounds is invested in disadvantaged areas, but is intending to close a local store in an area where people on low incomes reside. Geriant is taking the issue up with the Chairman of Tesco and the Trade and Industry Secretary Stephen Byers. Finally before leaving to attend the Annual General Meeting he held face to face meetings with six constituents. One case involved a female witness due to give evidence at an important trial at the Old Bailey and who fears intimidation and personal attack. With the help of the police and council he will arrange secure and safe accommodation. Another case was that of a female with a chronic health condition who needs medical support but falls into a benefit gap between job seekers allowance and disability allowance. He was able to broker an appropriate benefit for her . He was also able to offer assistance to another constituent with a housing benefit problem.

Mr. Davies stressed that this was only one day in his busy weekly schedule. On another day in the week he had a meeting with Culture Minister Alan Howarth to put the case that South London was in danger of being discriminated against by the London Arts which has reduced the amount of money awarded to Croydon's Warehouse Theatre. Most of the financial grants have been awarded to centres north of the river whilst the internationally acclaimed Warehouse has had its funding reduced. The Minister offered to host a meeting between The London Arts, Geraint Davies accompanied by representatives of the Warehouse theatre and the Council. Curiously, none of the members of London Arts had visited the Warehouse or fully appreciated its work or reputation. As a result of the meeting the Minister made clear he expected London Arts to ensure funding wasn't reduced this year and opportunities were available next year. This is an example of a solution that can be brokered by an M. P. by bringing together various agencies. Additional examples are talking to the Thames Water in order to prevent consumers having compulsory installation of water meters also successfully lobbying London Transport to keep the 130 bus service operating when it was scheduled to be axed last year. As a local M. P. he also works closely with the Croydon Health Authorities, Mayday Hospital Police, Borough Council and other bodies to try to deliver improved benefits and services to Croydon.

All residents are effected by the scourge of graffiti which effects peoples lives and money is wasted on its removal. Geraint Davies has gained the support of Home Secretary Jack Straw for his initiatives to detect and speedily prosecute local graffiti yobs. Whilst on holiday in South Wales he gave a man the kiss of life and heart massage to resuscitate him after he had fallen off a sea wall. He was subsequently presented with the Royal Humane Society's Award for Life Saving by South Wales Police. Since the event, Mr Davies has persuaded the Government to include First Aid and life saving in the National Curriculum so that more lives may be saved. In conclusion, Mr Davies mentioned that in the House he chairs the back bench

committee on Environment, Transport and the Regions which brings him into contact with Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott. Since elected he has had a busy and generally successful time.

Mr. Davies then agreed to take questions from the floor. He was asked why, during the construction of Tramlink, such ugly iron pole girders were used to support the power lines also what is to happen to the empty properties close to the track at Sandilands tram stop. In response, Mr Davies said that no large project was perfect, however, on the positive side Tramlink is clearly Britain's most successful tram system with 17 million journeys in its first year. It has eased traffic congestion by lowering car use thereby creating a cleaner environment. Furthermore, it helps the local economy by attracting 100,000 shoppers per week and has helped put the town on the map.

Mr. Davies said that he helps over 1,000 constituents a year. Write to him at P. O. Box 679 Croydon CR9 1UQ or telephone [REDACTED] (10 a.m. to 12.30 p. m. Monday to Thursday) if you have a problem he can help with.

Report by Councillor Derek Loughborough

Councillor Derek Loughborough began by deploring the large amount of rubbish deposited in local parks, woods and playing fields. Cleaning takes place periodically in Ashburton playing fields and Long Lane woods and it is hoped that this will help deter further attempts at dumping. He then referred to the growing menace of graffiti. The Council have undertaken several removal operations in the area but the graffiti tends to reappear very soon after removal.

Councillor Loughborough mentioned that Edenham High School has become a Technical College and Ashburton High School is to be rebuilt as soon as a public and private funding partnership can be agreed. Orchard Way School has a new Head and the Head of Monks Orchard School is returning to full - time employment at her school after Easter.

For the information of those who do not know Waterlink Way is a theoretical cycle route that runs from Greenwich to Brighton and crosses the Borough.. It is routed along the footpath that runs from Long Lane towards the Arena tram stop. This is a designated pedestrian passage which is now also part of a cycle route. It is hoped to build a cycle path behind the hedge which grows alongside the passage in order to keep cyclists separate from pedestrians At the entrance to Parkfields a device has been installed to prevent motorcycles from entering but unfortunately also stops wheelchairs; this will have to be rectified.

Councillor Loughborough then referred back to the earlier question about the unsightly iron girders that support the Tramlink power lines. The original plan was to use light, delicate and well designed posts but the Railway Inspectorate specified that the pole must be sufficiently robust to withstand being struck by a large lorry without damage to the electric cables. Furthermore, regarding the empty properties situated near the tram stop at Sandilands, these are, or soon will be, offered for sale by public auction.

Councillor Loughborough then recalled that he first addressed a MORA Annual general Meeting in March 1978 when the electoral ward was newly formed. As mentioned earlier the Monks Orchard ward will no longer exist after 2002. However, he is hopeful that he will be able to stand for election in the Shirley ward. If successful this will mean that he will miss representing his many friends living in the Long Lane area. He said that he is also spending much of his time trying to get the housing benefit situation sorted out. If you have never been involved with housing benefit you cannot know what a nightmare it can be.

Councillor Loughborough then agreed to answer questions from the floor. A resident stressed the need for action to be taken to remove graffiti, rubbish and dumped vehicles from the area near the edge of Ashburton playing fields which encompasses Glenthorne Avenue, Shirley Oaks Hospital and Woodmere Avenue. In response Councillor Loughborough said that regular cleaning does take place in this part of the ward but dumped cars are a massive problem and the Council removes 3,000 each year. He mentioned that cards can be obtained from the Library or Taberner House and that these can be used to report dumped vehicles and other environmental problems to the Council. Normally the system works well but the removal of larger items such as furniture dumped in the Long Lane woods usually requires the use of heavy loading equipment.

A resident complained about the amount of rubbish left behind after the use of the football pitches in Ashburton playing fields. Councillor Loughborough agreed this was a problem and he has been in-touch with the Parks Department to suggest that those who hire the pitches should be charged for rubbish removal. It was asked if any attempt is made to trace the previous owners of vehicles dumped in the area. Councillor Loughborough said that proving who owned the vehicle usually proved an impossible task. A concerned resident mentioned the large number of vehicles parked at the bend outside Edenham High School which restrict the highway and pose safety problems. In addition the proposed introduction of new longer buses on the Route 367 service will greatly increase the chances of an accident. Councillor Loughborough said that providing the vehicles are taxed and properly parked on the highway no action could be taken.

Election of Officers

The Chair mentioned with regret that during the year the Association lost the valuable services of Ron Scott our Security Officer who presented such an entertaining report at the previous meeting. He died suddenly in August and his obituary was published in the September issue of the newsletter. Fortunately, Jean Cook accepted the invitation to fill the vacancy. Furthermore, Ann Johnson has joined the Executive Committee and has agreed to fill the post of Secretary. It is disappointing that no new nominations have been received. However, if anyone present would like to attend a meeting of the Executive Committee before deciding to take a more active role in community affairs, please let me know during the evening. Applications for membership are always welcomed.

The Chair said that he was very pleased to announce that nearly all of the present members of the hard working Executive Committee are willing to serve for a further year. The members of the Executive Committee were proposed, seconded and elected 'en bloc'.

Members of the Executive Committee

Bob Akers (Chairman), John Walkington (Vice Chairman and Treasurer), Ann Johnson (Secretary) Alyce Menhinnitt (Membership Secretary), Derek Ritson (Editor), Peter Mortimer (Transport and Highways), Jean Cook (Police Liaison/ Security), Charles Hutchins

(Hon. Historian), Marcia Nash (Primary Care Liaison), Michael Nash (Area Manager) Christine Ross-Smith

The Chair said that he was sure that members would like him, on their behalf, to thank all the members of the Executive Committee for their valuable contribution to the work of the association during the past year. He also thanked all the Road Stewards for their sterling efforts without which the association could not continue to survive.

Award of Honorary Life Membership

Arthur

Taylor has found it necessary to stand down from the Executive Committee after over twenty five years of continuous service. Arthur's community spirit and knowledge of legal procedures has been of immense value to the Association. He has freely devoted his time to represent and assist members especially those living in the Lawden estate. In recognition of his long and distinguished service the Executive Committee have decided to award him Honorary Life Membership of the Association.

Accepting the certificate Arthur said that as an alternative to the usual gift of an engraved tankard or wine glasses he had opted for a evening at the Victorian Music Hall at the Players Theatre for himself and his wife. This would assist with his historical research into his wife's family tree. The Chair said that he would be pleased to make the necessary arrangements.

Any Other Business.

Mr Madgwick mentioned that he owned a leasehold property and the number of years remaining on the lease are diminishing. This will present problems when a decision is made to sell the property because any prospective purchaser may experience difficulty in obtaining a mortgage. Two of his neighbours in a similar position and himself are planning, with the help of a knowledgeable local solicitor, to acquire the leases on their properties. There is draft bill progressing through parliament called 'Commonhold' which may make it easier for more owners to purchase the lease on their property. If anyone has any knowledge on this subject or wishes to share information please let him know. Telephone [REDACTED]

Lecture.

The Chair apologised to those members waiting for the presentation by Steve Davies. Borough Archivist . A few hours prior to the start of the meeting Mr. Davies had telephoned to say that he was unable to attend because of illness.

Concluding the meeting The Chair thanked Geraint Davies. M. P. and Councillor Derek Loughborough for their contribution and also all those who had attended. He hoped that they had found it interesting and worthwhile.

Summer Harmonies

A flower and music festival in aid of three deserving charities is to be held in July at Shirley Methodist Church, Eldon Way.



Live vocal, choral and instrumental music will be played throughout the festival and baskets of flowers and cards will be on sale. The festival opens on Friday 13th July and Saturday 14th July from 10 a. m. to 8 p.m. also on Sunday 15th July from 2 p. m. to 4 p. m. with a fanfare of praise at 6. 30 p.m. Refreshments will be available. Entry by donation of £2.00 (accompanied children under 10 years free) in aid of St. Christophers Hospice, Demelza House Childrens Hospice and South Bromley Hospiscare.



Party Patrol Service

The Council operates a Party Patrol Service on Saturday nights throughout the Summer months. The service starts on Saturday 7th. April and runs until Saturday 29th. September. Patrolling begins at 11 p.m. and continues until 3 a.m. on Sunday mornings. It involves an Environmental Health Officer from the Council patrolling the borough, with a Police Officer, dealing with noisy parties that are reported to them either by the Police or the Council's Control Room staff.

Should any resident of Monks Orchard be disturbed on a Saturday night then they should contact the Council on 020 8686 4433 and their complaint will be passed on to the Party Patrol Officer.



The Council does not have the legal right to stop a party. However, if the noise does not stop, party holders may be prosecuted. A maximum fine of £5,000 can be imposed if a prosecution is successful. In extreme cases sound equipment may be seized. The Council is advising party throwers that to avoid a visit they should:

1. Keep down the volume of music and in particular bass levels especially after 11 p.m.
2. Keep windows and doors closed
3. Prevent the party spilling out into the garden and streets
4. Ask guests to leave quietly after the party

Last year the patrols visited 197 noisy parties but served only one statutory notice, seized no equipment and avoided any prosecutions.

The Party Patrol Service is in addition to the Night Duty Noise Officer who deals with all aspects of noise from 8 p.m. until 3 a.m. every night of the week. There is also a 24 hour service for noise cases which have become 'ongoing cases' i.e. the offender has not responded to the initial warning letter from the Council and diary sheets have been returned by the complainant. Throughout the year the Council receives up to 3,800 complaints about a wide range of noise nuisance from amplified sound systems and barking dogs to DIY activities.

Signs You Live In The Year 2001.....

1. You just tried to enter your password on the microwave.
2. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.
3. You call your son's beeper to let him know it's time to eat. He e-mails you back from his bedroom, "What's for dinner?"
4. Your daughter sells Girl Scout Cookies via her web site.
5. You chat several times a day with a stranger from South Africa, but you haven't spoken with your next door neighbour yet this year.
6. You check the ingredients on a can of chicken noodle soup to see if it contains Echinacea.
7. Your grandmother asks you to send her a JPEG file of your newborn so she can create a screen saver.
8. You pull up in your own driveway and use your cell phone to see if anyone is home.
9. Every commercial on television has a web-site address at the bottom of the screen.
10. You buy a computer and 6 months later it is out of date and now sells for half the price you paid.
11. Leaving the house without your cell phone, which you didn't have the first 20 or 30 years of your life, is cause for panic and turning around to go get it.
12. Using real money, instead of credit or debit, to make a purchase would be a hassle and take planning.
13. Cleaning up the dining room means getting the fast food bags out of the back seat of your car.
14. Your reason for not staying in touch with family is that they do not have e-mail addresses.
15. You consider second-day delivery "snail-mail".
16. Your dining room table is now your flat filing cabinet.
17. Your idea of being organized is multiple-colored Post-it notes.
18. You hear most of your jokes via e-mail instead of in person.
19. You get an extra phone line so you can get phone calls.
20. You disconnect from the Internet and get this awful feeling, as if you just pulled the plug on a loved one.

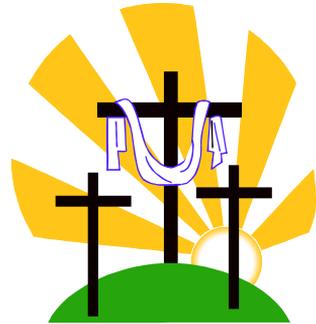


21. You get up in the morning and go online before getting your coffee.
22. You wake up at 2a.m. to go to the bathroom and check your E-mail on your way back to bed.
23. You start tilting your head sideways to smile. :)
24. You're reading this.
25. Even worse; you're going to forward it to someone else.

Shirley Group of Churches

The Shirley Group of Churches Annual General Meeting will be held at All Saints Church, Bridle Road, on Wednesday 2nd May at 8.00p.m. **ALL** are welcome to attend; if you feel you have some ideas to contribute to the success of the Group, or would simply like to hear more about what we do, please come along - the more the merrier!! It will be necessary to appoint a new Chairman this year. If YOU feel you may be able to take on this extremely worthwhile position (which is not onerous as it is well supported by the other officers in the Group), please contact Vera Harvey on [REDACTED].

Churches Together in the Borough of Croydon will be staging **Claim Your Crown** outside the Almshouses in Croydon on Saturday 12th May. The aim of Claim Your Crown is to follow up the Walk of Witness on Good Friday with a day to celebrate the Resurrection and to bring a celebratory atmosphere to the Central shopping area in Croydon. A wide range of activities will run throughout the day, both inside and outside the Almshouses, including clowns and jugglers, children's activities, face painting, live entertainment etc.



Volunteers are also needed to cover the event; on the day you could help to hand out leaflets, blow up and hand out balloons, help with childrens' activities, make and serve tea and cakes to shoppers, transport, construct and dismantle the staging and awning, staff exhibition stands etc. Help is also needed prior to the event. Please telephone Derek Cooper on [REDACTED], if you would like to be involved, however limited your time, in this very important Christian event.

Shirley Methodist Church are organising a **Plant and Produce Sale** from 10-11.30am on Saturday 19th May. A variety of cuttings and plants will be on sale at the Church, together with home made cakes and preserves. Light refreshments will be available and all proceeds will go to Christian Aid.

On Sunday 20th May, members of Shirley Methodist Church are taking part in a sponsored walk - "Walk the Heart of London" – for Christian Aid. There are three walks, approximately 3 miles each, and you can do one or more setting your own pace. You will have the chance to visit Churches and places of interest en route, there is entertainment for children and the afternoon concludes with a service at Central Hall, Westminster. If you would like to join in, details and sponsor forms are available from Pearl Spittle ([REDACTED]) or Jean Beecher ([REDACTED]).

On 17th May at 7p.m. in the Arnhem Gallery, Fairfield Halls, the Mayor Elect will present an Award from Croydon Continuing Education and Training Service to nine of the Shrublands **Friends From Abroad** Team - Velimir Bastajic, Parvin Dehgani, Mary Helyer, Anne Hill, John Kershaw, Anne-Marie Kilondo, Monique Pyle, Florence Roe and Sylvia Spurling. The **Friends From Abroad** project is in need of a single bed, so if you have a spare one you no longer need, please phone Anne-Marie Kilondo on [REDACTED]. If you have any other furniture for donation, please phone Susan Macdonald on [REDACTED].

Julie Turpin ([REDACTED])

e-mail: [REDACTED]

RUBBISH COLLECTION

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.



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 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 2metre 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 3rd 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 10th 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 17th 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 24th 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 1st 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 8th 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.

Environmental Events



MAY 2001

Sunday 20th

OPEN DAY: STALLS AND ENTERTAINMENT

South Norwood Country Park

Contact: Friends of South Norwood Country Park, Tel: [REDACTED]

Wednesday 30th

WALK: HAYES COMMON

19:30 Meet Hayes Station

Contact: Croydon Holiday Fellowship Rambling Club, Tel: [REDACTED]

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Wednesday 6th

WALK: WATERLINK WAY, ELMERS END, ADDINGTON VILLAGE

19:30 Meet Elmers End Tram Stop

Contact: Croydon Holiday Fellowship Rambling Club, Tel: [REDACTED]

Sunday 10th

GUIDED WALK: TREES AND MEADOW FLOWERS AT SPRING PARK

14:30 Meet by the drinking fountain at the junction of Woodland Way and The Grove, West Wickham.

Contact: Corporation of London, Tel: [REDACTED]

Sunday 17th

WALK: SOUTH NORWOOD COUNTRY PARK

10:30 Meet Elmers End Station

Contact: The Croydon Society, Tel: [REDACTED]

Tuesday 19th

CIRCULAR WALK: SPARROW'S DEN VIA NASH (6-7 MILES)

09:55 Meet near East Croydon Station for 119 bus to Sparrow's Den, Corkscrew Hill, West Wickham

Contact: Croydon Retirement Association, Tel: [REDACTED]

We've Found Shirley!

Further to our article in the February 2001 issue of the MORA Newsletter,

which pointed out the fact that for years the sign to Shirley has pointed in the wrong direction (towards Addington), we have since noticed that a number of new signs have been erected, and are, in fact, now pointing in the correct direction.

We'd like to thank Ray Wheeler for pointing out this strange fact to us, and thereby ensuring that from now on, people coming into Shirley from Croydon will now be directed through the more common route (via Wickham Road).



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