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> Newsletter Autumn 2013



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LETTER FROM NEW CHAIRMAN Hilary Chelminski

It was with a mixture of surprise, astonishment & delight that I emerged from the recent AGM to find myself catapulted into the Chairmanship of the Association. I am already burning the midnight oil, pouring over Council briefing documents, appendices and making space in my diary for various Planning and Committee meetings. I have to say that I am very pleasantly impressed by what I have seen so far, which is all made much easier by the wonderful Committee. This is an exciting time with all the plans afoot for the regeneration of Croydon and if one might dare say after the riots 'to rise as a veritable phoenix from the ashes' and a marvellous opportunity for all of us to be able to personally contribute to the betterment of our surroundings. In my mind's eve is one of those posters from the First World War, with the moustachioed Lord Kitchener pointing at us with the words "YOU can make a difference". James Maloney and Lee Chester will be sorely missed and a very hard act to follow, but I realise that they have built some formidable foundations here and feel that the greatest tribute that can be paid to all their hard work and efforts over the years will be to continue to help to build ASPRA into something really worthwhile, effective and for the greatest benefit of us all.

LETTER FROM RETIRING CHAIRMAN James Maloney

The Association was formed in order to take action on behalf of its members. Any influence or power that ASPRA might have is based solely on the strength of its membership. In this edition you are being asked to join or renew your membership by paying your subscription and giving us your email address. I would suggest that instead of asking, "Why should I renew or join the Association?", the question is "Why shouldn't I?" Changes to the local planning laws are going to affect us all and applications are going to be made for planning developments in our neighbourhood which could fundamentally alter the character of some of our streets and our environment. I would urge you to join ASPRA and take an active part in its future. By not joining, you are effectively abrogating your responsibility to others and, I would suggest, that you don't care. A small number of residents are prepared to give up a great deal of time to enable the Association to function. All you are being asked to do is to join and take an active interest in the local community. Show your support and join now. One of the Association's strongest tools for keeping you informed is the website please have a look. I offer the Committee and all the Association members very best wishes and continued success.

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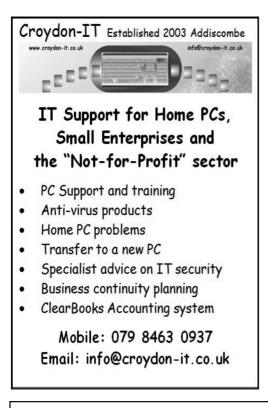
CAR SPEED REDUCTION Letter to Andy Szebeni from Nick Mabbs

Your article on speed reduction states that Bingham Road "Speed visor" records only 10% of traffic obeying the speed limit which is regarded as 'normal' by the Council Highways Department (90% of traffic breaking the speed limit not a problem ??) and that the Council are 'keen to get the Police to enforce the existing 30mph speed limit'. Clearly they are not keen enough, as they seem to be happy for Bingham Road to be used as the 'Addiscombe bypass'! These limits are not only flouted on Bingham Road but also on all the one way side streets, where a clear road ahead (except on 2 or 3 occasions a day when someone misses the No Entry sign) means foot down all the way, round the blind bends, to the other end, where a screech of brakes followed by wheelspin and the sounding of horns is another indication of vet another near miss. I think the real reason the Council feels disinclined to seriously do anything about speed limits on these one way rat runs or to restrict or divert traffic away from Bingham Road, is because it would drive traffic back onto Lower Addiscombe Road and make that problem even worse. Improve the Ashburton junction to make the main road route attractive, then make Bingham, Fernhurst, Baring and Parkview really unattractive as a speedy shortcut or break Bingham Road entirely halfway; thus making the whole estate 'access only'. The high-viz/speed gun idea is pointless and (potentially) toothless!

Editors Note: Any letters/articles on this or other subjects are gratefully received by the editor .

THE LOCALISM ACT

The Croydon Local Plan Detailed Policies and Proposals (CLPDPP) will be open for public consultation 25th October - 6th December 2013 and residents, business and local organisations including ASPRA are invited to comment. The Croydon Local Plan sets out the strategy, sites and planning policies necessary to meet these needs in the short term and over the next 20 years. The Localism Act has generated National planning as laid out in Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012. The London wide plan has been published which impacts on Croydon's plans The London Plan. The CLPDPP will assist the regeneration of the Borough through the setting up of a firm planning framework which will provide certainty to the community and developers. It will also enable the compulsory purchasing of sites needed to bring forward new developments in Croydon which will be subject to independent examination by a Planning Inspector. A further round of consultation is scheduled for summer 2014. During 2015 work will continue towards an independent examination before final adoption by the council in summer 2016. See ASPRA and Crovdon Council website for more information.





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Rhymetime/Wiggle and Jiggle

Tuesday and Saturday 11am; Thursday 10.30am. Singing for under 5s.

Storytime

Thursdays 4pm. under 7s. Listen to a story, followed by a craft.

Please contact the library for further details as above



All-Terrain Pushchair Walks Surrey by Eleanor Simmons



Local resident Eleanor Simmons has just published a book of local walks suitable for pushchairs. After the birth of her son, Eleanor was keen to maintain her love of hiking and share the enjoyment with her new baby. She researched and devised 30 varied walks spread across the Surrey area. Each route has a map, directions and essential information for fun and easy walking with babies and young children. Now her daughter Leah is following in her brother's footsteps (or buggy tracks) and getting to experience the wonderful countryside on our doorstep.

During the summer Eleanor led some very popular buggy walks for Croydon Ramblers www.ramblers.org.uk which will be repeated in 2014. She was joined by babies, toddlers, mums, dads, grannies and grandads for delightful strolls on Reigate Hill, Polesden Lacey and Banstead Woods. Her book can be purchased online, from major booksellers, direct from the publishers www.sigmapress.co.uk or by email <u>eleanorksimmons@yahoo.co.uk</u>.

MY YEAR Eddy Arram

On Monday 20th May 2013 my wife and I were taken to Croydon Town Hall for the AGM of the Council when I handed over my robes, chain and key to the Mayor's toilet to the incoming Mayor. My role was to promote and represent Croydon. Whenever I met Ministers, business men and foreign delegations, the first topic of conversation was how great Croydon was and what it had to offer; following these meetings people would often contact the Council to find out more. Croydon has the largest number of voluntary organisations in London and a lot of the volunteers are youngsters. A group of students from Croydon College have spent over 16 thousand hours of community work over and above their normal studies. For my charity I chose Multiple Sclerosis and SSAFA (Soldiers Sailors and Airmen Family Association.) At the end of the year they had raised just under £24k which will be split between them.

During the year I attended inductions of priests, Jack Peachey awards for youth in Croydon, memorial services, events for the Queens Jubilee, ceremonies to commemorate the Battle of Arnhem (Our twin city in Holland) and met 4 residents celebrating their 100th birthday.

During the year many funny and amusing things happened to me. On one occasion as I entered the Marriage Room at Croydon Registry Office to conduct a citizenship ceremony, the staff pressed the wrong button and played the National Anthem. On another occasion I was delivering a speech when a member of the audience fell off his chair fast asleep, but I was Informed that this was a frequent occurrence by this chap. My favourite antidote was as I was leaving a young carers tea party, one young lad came up to me and asked 'what are you going to do when you grow up'. He was my new best friend!

What annoyed me about my year? The lack of media reporting on the great things about Croydon, especially the achievement of our young people, which is often not reported in the press, but who are very quick to report on anything negative that young people do. What was the most proud thing I did? Collecting the cups for the London Youth & Para Games. The most humbling event I attended was the final ceremony at Arnhem which took place in the war cemetery. 700 young local Dutch school children laid flowers on each grave and uttered the names of each soldier lying there which was a very moving experience.

A YEAR OF CHANGE FOR HEALTH IN CROYDON By Adam Kellett

In April 2013 Public Health came back under Local Authority control and the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board became a statutory body, having been with the NHS since 1974. The Health and Wellbeing Board is made up of Councillors, Council Officers, representatives of the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), providers from Croydon Health Services including Croydon University Hospital and Community Health Services (formally the PCT), South London and Maudsley Mental Health Services (SLaM), Healthwatch and the Voluntary Sector. The Board establishes health needs of the Borough through the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and seeks to ensure that these are provided by the commissioners. Board meetings are held at the Town Hall which are open to the public who can send in or ask questions at the meeting; the CCG governing body also welcomes the public to their meetings. In April the CCG became responsible for buying healthcare. The annual budget is £400 million plus which provides services in hospitals, the community and GP surgeries. There has been publicity about proposals to alter the provision of services over South West London but it has not yet gone to consultation.

The Better Services Better Value (BSBV) review has been delayed and health professionals agree that the current position is unsustainable. BSBV is likely to propose the loss of both a Maternity and an A & E Department in the region. According to Dr Foster Croydon University Hospital has the worst mortality and efficiency rates in our area. We should actively engage in the BSBV consultation and insist that it is unthinkable for a Borough of Croydon's size not to have either of these services. Savings can be made by contacting 111 rather than A & E. I used it myself one Sunday and was given a GP appointment later that day rather than hours waiting in casualty. The NHS remains free at the point of delivery but its structures are undergoing fundamental change which is necessary to provide the best services in these challenging times.

Editor's Note

In the current climate there are severe cuts going on in staffing across the NHS which in the long term will have a negative effect on patient care. In the team where I work the caseload has doubled in the last 2 years so staff are stretched to capacity causing a lot of work stress, staff sickness and patient services have been cut or are no longer provided, which means that patients will have to travel further to access adequate services.

THE 28TH CROYDON SCOUT GROUP by Kevin Moynihan, Group Scout Leader

28th Croydon (Our Lady of the Annunciation) was formed on 23rd May 1951. Prior to this, 58th (St Chads Norwood) met in Addiscombe after their premises had been bombed in the war, until they were able to return to Norwood. Many members of 58th were from Addiscombe and wanted to keep a Catholic Scout Group in the area, so a new Group was formed. We have 2 Beaver Scout Colonies ages 6 - 8, 2 Cub Scout Packs ages 8 - 10 ¹/₂ and 3 Scout Troops ages 10 ¹/₂ - 14. Meetings are held weekly in term time at our Scout hut in Craven Road where we have been based since July 1967. Our activities include camping, pioneering, cooking, map reading, hiking, first aid, knotting, games, kayaking, rafting, archery and shooting and we have our own qualified Group Instructors. Each Section has a wide range of Challenge Awards and Activity Badges and each summer the Scouts go to camp. During the summer we hold meetings at local campsites or play sport at Bingham Road Park.

The group has won various local community awards including the Jack Petchey Young Achiever Award and 1 member was selected to attend 22nd World Scout Jamboree in Sweden in 2011; the next one is in Japan in 2015. We recently restored part of our Church Gardens as part of our Faith Partnership Award which involved all our members. We will soon be opening up our Scout hut for use as a day care centre for adults with moderate learning disabilities which will bring benefits to the Group and the local Community. We have a strong team of Leaders, Helpers, Supporters & Parents who help support the group; more adult volunteers are always needed. If you have a national qualification or a specialist skill which you would be willing to share, or if a young person would like to join please contact me. We have 2 white event tents which are available to hire. Sizes: 12m x 6m & 8m x 4m which we can deliver, erect and dismantle.



Email: <u>groupscoutleader@28thcroydon.org.uk</u> Group Website: <u>www.28thcroydon.org.uk</u> Croydon Scout District Website: <u>www.croydonscouting.org.uk</u> A larger article is on the ASPRA website: www.thespra.org.uk/files/scouts-28_croydon.pdf



AGM REPORT by Lee Chester

1989-2013

The 24th Annual General Meeting of the Addiscombe and Shirley Park Residents' Association was held on 26 September 2013 and the following was agreed:

- The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
- The Treasurer's report and the accounts for the year ending 30 June 2013 were accepted.
- The Constitution was amended to include the Magazine Editor and Advertising Manager as members of the Committee.
- Fred Law was elected as Treasurer and Jane Fisher as Secretary.
- The subscription fee was renewed and kept at the existing rate of £3 per year.
- It was agreed to fund a blue plaque at 22 Ashburton Avenue honouring the author R. F. Delderfield.

The new Committee is as follows:

| Chair | Hilary Chelminksi |
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| (co-opted after the AGM) | |
| Vice Chair & Treasurer | Fred Law |
| Secretary | Jane Fisher |
| Magazine Editor | Liz Brereton |
| Advertising Manager | Bob Sleeman |



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- Roofing & guttering
- Waste Clearance (registered with Environment Agency)
- Plastering, painting & carpentry
- Building works (Guild of Master Builders Certified)

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- Lawn seeding & turfing
- General maintenance, weeding, clearing
- Tree and shrub care (not tree felling)
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CBNWA

http://www.cbnwa.com

Aims of CBNWA:

To grow and strengthen neighbourhood watch throughout the Borough of Croydon with the aim of helping with crime prevention and community service by:

- 1. Disseminating relevant information regarding community safety measures to those in "watches"
- 2. Providing feedback to the police and fire service on crime and safety issues
- 3. Building up a community spirit where residents look out for one another, especially the old and more vulnerable in society.

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Neighbourhood Watch was started in the UK in 1982. Its basic aim was to reduce household burglary. Groups are now looking at other things which affect people's quality of life such as, poor street lighting, dumped cars, graffiti and other antisocial behaviour. Its not just about reducing burglary figures; it's about creating communities who care, bringing local people together who can make a real contribution. ,taking responsibility for the vulnerable, helping to reduce crime and being a good neighbour.

Neighbourhood Watch is now recognised by insurance companies, some of whom will offer a discount on household policies including our local group. Statistics show that you are less likely to make a claim if you live in a watch area.

To see regular Newsletters from CBNWA please see the Neighbourhood Watch page on the ASPRA website where there are also newsletters from Croydon Police plus links to National Police, Met Police and the Ashburton Team. Local crime statistics can be viewed at <u>www.police.uk</u>.

Useful Contacts List Spotted an error of found a new contact - Please let us know. www.theaspra.org.uk

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| Non Urgent 24 Hour contact Number for the NHS | 111 | If you need medical help fast, but it's not a 999 emergency, you can now cal 111 |
| Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Officer email: nhw@cbnwa.com Website: www.cbnwa.com/ | 020 8555 1200 Ext 37637 | (Mon - Thu, 10:00am - 2:00pm) Croydon Fire Station, 90 Old Town, CR0 1AR Do not report crimes on this number |
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| Abandoned vehicles | 0300 7906802 | This number is for reporting untaxed vehicles to the DVLA |
| Age UK | 020 8680 5450 | |
| Anti Social Behaviour - Out of hours | 0208 760 5565 | Reporting Anti Social Behaviour - After 5pm & Weekends |
| Anti Social Behaviour - Daytime | 020 726 6000 | Reporting Anti Social Behaviour during work hours |
| Anti Social Behaviour - TEXT | 60660 | text ASB with description + location (160 characters max) |
| Crime statistics etc. | | www.police.uk/ |
| Crimestoppers | 0800 555 111 | If you want to give information about crime anonymously |
| Croydon Council | | www.croydon.gov.uk/ |
| Croydon Council Careline | 020 8654 7166 | |
| Croydon Police Website | | www.met.police.uk/croydon |
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| Trading Standards | | www.tradingstandards.gov.uk/ |
| Victim Support | 020 8681 7711 | www.victimsupport.org |

CYTO - A CROYDON TREASURE Croydon Youth Theatre Organisation www.cyto.org.uk by Adrienne Cluer

The Shoestring Theatre, Oakley Road, South Norwood provides young people the opportunity to attend sessions in theatre, dra na, dance, singing, improvisation or technical skills which build confidence and teamwork. Despite cuts from the Council and recent uncertainty over the future use of the building which has now been resolved, CYTO still offers local young people aged 13-22 these opportunities. Over the summer CYTO supported two talented members who had written a musical (It's Who You Know) to direct and produce the piece, themselves. Not only did they take on the direction including the music, they devised warm-ups and exercises to prepare the young cast to give three stunning performances. Another young member, having attended technical and lighting classes, was able to mastermind the lighting including a dramatic fire effect.

Immediately after the show, members started working towards the next production, 'Fiddler on the Roof' to be performed 12-14th December, which is being professionally directed. Not all members can commit to the rehearsal demands of a big production, but anyone can attend any of the workshops. The membership fee is $\pounds 25$ a term and covers all CYTO activities.

The members include a cross-section of our local young people and new members very quickly become part of the CYTO team, which was particularly noticeable during the summer musical and at the first workshop this term. If you know young people who might be interested, encourage them to come along or you could attend one of our productions.

My children were lucky enough to be CYTO members during the 90s and I'm delighted that the opportunities they enjoyed so much are still there for Croydon's young people.



CROYDON RADIO <u>http://croydonradio.com</u> by Tim Longhurst

Did you know that Croydon has its own independent radio station, available 24 hours a day via the internet? Croydon Radio Station is a non-profit, community radio station which was founded by Tim Longhurst in 2012. We broadcast via the internet from our purpose built studio at Matthews Yard in the heart of Croydon. There are more than fifty volunteers who present around sixty hours of live shows each week.

Our programmes feature music from bands and performers from the local area, news, talk shows, event coverage and interviews with celebrities, authors, local politicians and performers who are appearing at the Fairfield Halls. Our shows reflect all facets of Croydon life. To date, we've broadcast programmes on topics as diverse as adoption, autism, fostering, health and wellbeing, money management, books, theatre reviews as well as suggestions for days out with the kids and coverage of the Croydon North By Election. We regularly broadcast Council Meetings live from the Town Hall so that listeners can hear for themselves how our town is governed and ensure our local leaders are accountable. We have broadcast more than two thousand hours of live shows, which all are available to listen to on our website or to download as podcasts.

Croydon Radio has been warmly received by the local community and was recently nominated for the Voluntary Organisation of the Year in the Croydon Community Civic Awards. Our station partners with the Croydon community to help promote local organisations, voluntary groups, businesses and spotlight individuals and groups who contribute to the life of our town.

If you would like to feature on the station, be a presenter or suggest an idea for a new show, we'd love to hear from you. You can listen to us on your computer or mobile device.



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www.croydonbachchoir.org

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Saturday 8th March 2014 10am-6pm St Matthew's Church, Chichester Road

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Saturday 5th April 2014 at 7.30pm St Mildred's Church, Bingham Road

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Handel (arr. Elgar): Overture in D minor Britten: Four Sea Interludes Delius: Concerto for Violin and Cello Elgar: Symphony No.1

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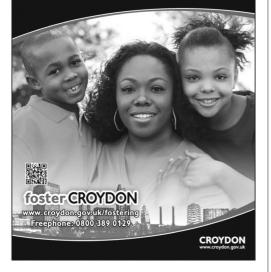
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