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From the Editor

WELCOME to the Autumn issue of the ASPRA magazine.

We have a new editorial team and we're experimenting with some changes to format and presentation. We hope you like our new look and we would be delighted to hear from any of you and to get your comments and ideas.

Our thanks are due to Liz Brereton, our outgoing Editor, for the huge amount of work she's put in over the last few years. If any of you out there would like to offer help, advice or features to the magazine, or help to the Association more generally, please get in touch

with us. The Road Reps List is on page 30.

Many thanks to our contributors for a range of lively articles.

Elsewhere in this issue you'll find pieces about Croydon Art Society, the Animal Samaritans and news of the Box-Park and the 'Play Street' activities. There's also updates on maintenance of the Recreation Ground and the state of the High Street. Plus the latest on the closure of Blackhorse Lane.

We hope you enjoy it all.

Phil Poole

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Local News

ALL AROUND THE AREA signs are going up to advise us that the **new 20 mph speed limit** is under consideration. Currently there is little available information on how this will implemented and enforced, save for the Council's website where their anticipated FAQs answer one or two points:

There'll be no speed bumps, 'some additional signage...kept to the minimum' and '[Police] enforcement of speeds in residential roads...done only on an ad hoc basis'.

They also say 'It is likely that not everyone will drive within the 20mph limit from the outset, but, over time, compliance will increase.' We'll see.

A HOMELESS MAN appeared to have taken up summer 'residence' in the doorway of the closed hardware shop (the old Sainsbury's store). He seemed able to leave his bedding there during the day, and returned at night to bed down in what limited shelter the shop front offers. There were no signs of the police or social services offering him alternative accommodation, and there's still no sign a for a future for what's quickly becoming our high street's biggest eyesore.

More about our changing High street scene from Catherine Hawkes on page 11.

A PAPER-BIN RAIDER seems to be at work in the night-time hours after we've all put our blue boxes out for re-cycling. Evidence of some pilfering has been detected by some of our keener-eyed colleagues, and it would be funny if identity-theft wasn't so serious and so potentially criminal. The moral being; 'shred what you don't want shared'.

ON AUGUST 19th, Mayor Wayne Trakas-Lawlor unveiled a new road name at Penhurst Square, the new **Bellway** development off Grant Road (behind the Alma Tavern). Nihill Place commemorates local Olympic hero **Paul Nihill MBE**, who won silver in the 50km walking road race in 1964. Joined by Mr Nihill himself, the occasion celebrated the day as the same event was being competed in Rio.

'Paul Nihill said: 'It is a great honour to be recognised with such a permanent accolade. I've always been proud to have been raised in Croydon, and actually lived just round the corner.'

MANY WILL REMEMBER the windswept large waste ground behind East Croydon station and the site of the much loved Croydon Warehouse Theatre that was demolished to make way for the Ruskin Square development, now championed by **Boxpark**. After months of expectation and news

that this food focused extravaganza would open in the summer the *latest* news is that the **Boxpark** Opening Festival will be on **29th - 30th October**. The festival focus will be on food and music, but a 'soft-opening' for food will begin two weeks before.

A LINEUP FOR THE BOXPARK FESTIVAL is currently circulating. **Saturday 29th** offers music from **Secret Guest, Wiley** and **Ghetts**. **Sunday 30th's** entertainers include **A2, Alfa Mist** and **Barney Artist**. An interesting choice of demographic selection - no Frank Ifield, then?

IF YOU'RE LUCKY enough to be having a **Green Waste** collection (the grey bin with the brown lid), please remember that the service will be suspended in **November**.

DID YOU KNOW about the **Play-Street Project** in **Craigie Avenue**? **Natalie Jensen** tells us that 'the **Craigie Avenue Play Street**, supported by Croydon Council, enables residents to close off their street to traffic for one 2 hour period every month, and allow children to play in the street. We have so far held two recent Play Street events and both were hugely successful. We had around 60 children at the first and around 45 at the second, plus parents and other residents! My children have all made new friends already and residents are already starting to get to know each other

better. We even had a sing along with residents who bought along a guitar, enjoyed greatly by children and grown ups alike!

'We have one further 'trial' in October, after which we fully expect the Council to approve the play street as a permanent event. We propose to hold the closure on the first Sunday of every month from 2.00 until 4.00 pm.'

CROYDON TRADING STANDARDS are warnings that they have received a large number of doorstep crime reports in August. The majority relate to rogue roofers claiming a roof needs repair, or that a roof coating is required, often costing the resident thousands of pounds and in some cases leaving the work incomplete.

REPORTS OF BOGUS GARDENERS claiming to be from the Council have also been received. Where one resident handed over £100 only to never see them again.

Croydon Trading Standards remind you to be vigilant, ask for identification and, if in doubt, don't let them in.

If you believe you have been a victim of rogue traders, report it to **Citizens' Advice Consumer Service** on **03454 04 05 06**.

INSIDE CROYDON REPORTS that The **London Mozart Players** have arrived in Upper Norwood, and are encouraging people to see them perform in their new home in a free concert at **St. John's Church**, Upper Norwood.

The LMP offer an afternoon of music, art and performance from **3.00 pm on Sunday, 23rd October**, and after the concert the chance to mingle with the musicians. The report indicates that refreshments will be available. Although admission is free, it might be wise to book if you can.

USERS OF SOUTHERN TRAIN SERVICES have our sympathy. Timetable alterations, staff shortages and industrial action are making travelling by way of East Croydon something of nightmare.

Important then to note that Southern themselves have just launched a consultation process on their plans for the service over the next two years. They say that: 'When [their planned] programme completes in 2018, it will transform north-south travel through London; journeys will be improved with trains every two to three minutes through central London at peak times. Improved connections will give you better travel options to more destinations than ever before, modern track will make your journeys more reliable and new trains will provide additional capacity. This will be the biggest timetable change on the routes affected in a generation. We are

therefore seeking feedback from any interested parties who may be affected by the proposed changes to help shape the new patterns of service.'

They'd pardon us for saying so, we're sure, but aren't regular users of their services just the 'interested parties' they're looking for?

I think we should seize the chance of telling them what we think, but beware! The consultation process ends on **Thursday 8th December**. Make sure you have your say before that!

Find it on:

<http://www.southernrailway.com/your-journey/timetable-consultation>

IN JUNE we propose organising another 'Jumble Trail', but not (hopefully) on the coldest Sunday of the summer. Next year we might go for a Saturday, however, there's no planned date yet.

We want to avoid clashing with other things that may be going on in the neighbourhood, so we'd be very grateful if those of you with plans or definite knowledge of events and arrangements in or around the area could let us know (and get a bit of free publicity) it time for our next issue in February.

And: If you can offer any help or support for organising on or before the day, please speak to your Road Representative.

Thanks in advance for that.

The **Planning Application** for a two-storey house to go up on the cleared site behind **263 Addiscombe Road** has been refused partly because ‘the design and appearance of the development would be out of keeping with the character of the area and detrimental to the visual amenity of the street scene.’

You’ll pardon us for seeing a remarkable resemblance to another well-known building.



We know ‘everyman’s home is his castle’, but is it his ‘palace’ as well?

What do you think?

A Village – Yes or No?

by Lyn Simmons

A RECENT REPORT written by an academic from the London School of Economics considered why citizens of one of London, one of the world's great capitals want to live in villages. As new developments in London are being built and new communities emerging, a leading house-builder had sought an answer to the question 'what constitutes an urban village and what are its main characteristics?'

The study identified six key factors when creating a new village. It made me reflect on whether Addiscombe met the criteria. Here are my thoughts:

1. **It's small and intimate and can be comfortably covered on foot.**

Our ASPRA boundary is well defined and even taking into account the area the other side of Lower Addiscombe Road and roads towards East Croydon (Havelock, Elgin etc), Addiscombe is manageable on foot and clearly understood.

2. **It's unique, and has an identifiable centre with its own atmosphere and sense of place.**

I'm not sure our area could be described as unique but for me Lower Addiscombe Road is the hub of our community and the focus for shopping, services and public transport.

3. **It's designed for social interaction with plenty of public and green space, and places for community events.**

We are fortunate in having several green spaces in our 'village'. For instance we have Ashburton and Bingham Parks, as well as the linear Railway Park. For indoor community events we have the much used St Mildred's Church as well as the hall at Our Lady's in Bingham Road.

4. It's locally driven and locally responsive, and residents are involved in decisions.

Initiatives led by ASPRA including the Jumble Trail, Christmas lights and looking after the flower beds in Bingham Park are all good examples of locally driven projects.

5. It's functional, well served by public transport and with good access to core services like a doctor's surgery, food shops and schools.

Compared to other Croydon district centres, we have a 'high street' comprising a wide variety of shops that includes a butcher, bakers, a greengrocer and a fishmonger. Not only do we have doctor surgeries but also dentists, chiropractors, osteopaths and physios. We have education providers from nursery through to secondary. As for public transport, numerous bus routes along Addiscombe and Lower Addiscombe Roads serve our neighbourhood. How many 'villages' could boast a tram service!

6. It's mixed – the community has a mix of ages, backgrounds and tenures; there are long-standing residents as well as new arrivals.

Undoubtedly, we are a mixed community which brings many positives to our area.

There are some long-established villages in London; Dulwich, Hampstead and Richmond being good examples.

Estate agents love branding areas as 'villages' to improve sales therein.

Not too far away we have Addington Village which, if we think about it, would fail to meet the above criteria; after all, where are its shops?

I feel as though I live in a village. My children went to its local schools, I use the local shops and have got to know the shopkeepers, I frequent the neighbourhood cafes and restaurants and make use of the library and the parks. So from now on I think it's OK to say I live in Addiscombe Village!

What do others think?

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Roll Up - Shutters Down! A Lower Addiscombe Road Shop Front Up-Date

by Catherine Hawkes

ADDISCOMBE STILL BOASTS a butcher, three bakers, a green grocer, a fish monger and two high street supermarkets as well as two card shops, a florist, several hairdressers and nail bars on Lower Addiscombe Road. If you read council publicity about our High Street you read about the ‘Jewel in the Borough’s Crown’, and agents report that there are high footfalls to attract potential investors. There are, however, a few empty shops that



What it was...

have appeared in recent months and, as local agents actively market them, it is hoped that they will soon be re-occupied.

Most notable of these is the old Sainsbury’s building near the Addiscombe tram stop. This unit has been empty for more than a year and has been fly tipped and vandalised. The agents Gildersleve and Payne confirm that they have had interested parties for the site but refused to give any further details.

Other empty and soon to be let premises are Euronics (at 241), currently with Cray & Norton who say a let is agreed, and the old Viva Hairdressers where Cray & Norton say yet another let is agreed.

At 194, the former afro-asian food store, local entrepreneurs have started a ‘pop-up’ restaurant on the site. Look out for ‘Four Dotts’ promotions of Caribbean food on differing dates over the next few weeks!



What it is....

What's Going On

IN AND AROUND ADDISCOMBE there's always a lot going on. Here are a few things that might catch your interest:

Ruskin Chorale Concert.

Saturday 26th November 2016 at Shirley Methodist Church,
Eldon Avenue, Shirley **7.30pm £7.00** (£6) (Students free). Tickets
available on the door.

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***At The Church of St. John the Evangelist
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Friday 25th (11.00 am to 7.00 pm)

Saturday 26th (11.00 am to 5.00 pm)

Sunday 27th November 12.00 noon to 4.00 pm)

Tickets **£3.00** (free for accompanied children)

TREE-FEST FILMSHOW

Friday 26th 7.15 pm

Tickets **£3.00** in advance
£5.00 on the door

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Saturday 27th 7.00 pm

Tickets **£8.00** in advance
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<i>4:30 pm</i>	<i>Tea Towel & Tinsel</i>
<i>11:30 pm</i>	<i>Midnight Mass</i>

Christmas Day

<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Dawn Communion</i>
<i>10:00 am</i>	<i>All Age Communion & Nativity</i>

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Saturday 3rd December 2016
"Music for the Festive Season"

including *Messiah* Part 1 (Handel) and *Laud to the Nativity* (Respighi).
Concert start time 7.30 pm.

Tickets £12.00. Interval refreshments will be available.

To purchase tickets please visit our website, croydonbachchoir.org

Croydon Petanque Club ***French Boules***

Croydon Petanque Club has been established in Ashburton Park for nearly twenty years. The Club offers members the opportunity to play either socially or in a more competitive environment. the atmosphere is friendly and relaxed and we would welcome anyone who would like to try a new sport. Our membership covers all ranges of abilities from beginners to experienced players, and there's always someone to offer help and coaching. Please come along to any of the sessions below (equipment is provided):

Wednesdays and Sundays 10.00 am, Fridays and Saturdays 1.00 pm

*Please contact: Brian on 86546929 or Terry on 86542601
or email: teames571@yahoo.co.uk*

What's On At Ashburton Library

Half Term Events 24th October – 29th October

Rastamouse

Meet Michael De Souza author of Rastamouse, for a fun filled storytelling event! Monday 24th October, 4-5pm.

Under 5s Rhymetime

Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 11-11.30am we hold a Rhymetime singing session for families and children under 5. Join us for a singing spectacular!

Regular Events at Ashburton Library

Addiscombe Young Writers, meet alternate Saturdays at 9.30-10.30am. A friendly writing group for 6-11 year olds.

Book Buddies, Thursdays at 4pm, for under 7's. Join our new reading club and listen to stories, followed by a fun craft. Collect certificates along the way. Just turn up and join in!

Chatterbooks, a fun reading group for children aged 7-11 years old. Chatterbooks meet one Friday per month 4-5pm.

Homework Help Club, every Tuesday and Thursday 4-6pm. Saturdays 2-5pm. Homework help for children aged 9-16.

Monday Talks, Join Chris Allen for a free talk about St Paul's Cathedral, Monday 14th November 11am-12 noon.

Under 5s Rhymetime, see above for times.

Please contact the library for further details and other events on 020 3700 1001 or croydon.ashburtonlibrary@carillionservices.co.uk

Parks And Progress In The Recreation Ground

by Lyn Simmons

EXCELLENT PROGRESS has been made by the group volunteering to maintain and enhance the two large flower beds close to the Northampton Road entrance of the park.

The group have held several planting sessions during spring and summer and there's been a rapid transformation from bare and uninteresting plots of earth to beds containing a wide variety of shrubs, flowers and bedding plants. In addition, members of the group have organised ad hoc sessions when work needed doing or when plants have been received. The addition of the rocks around one of the borders was organised by a member of the group and it immediately transformed the bed's appearance.

The local community, within and outside the ASPRA boundary, have been very generous. Some local residents have come along to give monetary donations for us to buy plants, while others have given plants, cuttings, seedlings and seeds. This has included a very sizable camellia, rhododendron and hydrangea cuttings, and other perennial and herbaceous plants which will be easy to maintain in the years ahead. Local councillors have shown their support and offered money from their community budgets. The gardening group was also delighted to be a recipient



of the RHS RE-USE scheme. A wide variety of plants previously on display at the Hampton Court Flower Show were offered to community groups and we made a successful application.

Stephens in Lower Addiscombe Road (the shop that sells pet foods and plants) have

kindly donated a large number of bedding plants which were planted on

June 4th, alongside plants from **Sullivans** the florists, supplied at a generous reduction. We are delighted to be able to support and get encouragement from, local businesses like these.

The beds have been further enhanced by the addition of a rather splendid bird bath, kindly donated by a local resident. A bird feeder has been positioned to encourage more wildlife, and a water butt has been installed beside the 'park keeper' hut.

During our planting sessions, we have had conversations with dog owners, runners, tennis players and people passing through. All were very complimentary about the work of the group and pleased to see the great improvements that have been made.

In July, a 'meet the gardeners' session was held achieving some volunteer weeding and general tidying, with the aim to create a more social event with refreshments and cakes being provided. It certainly encouraged more local residents to join us.

So what next? The lack of accessibility to a water supply, essential during dry periods or when bedding in new plants, has been a challenge. This is being discussed with the Parks Department. We have also been looking into the purchase of railings to prevent plants being trampled by dogs. Costs are quite high so we are investigating different funding options or alternatives.

We have a small but active group of gardeners and helpers but we could do with a wider pool of people to draw on for future activities. There are lots of different ways you could offer support, not only with gardening, but helping with social events, publicising our work and watering the plants! Please contact secretary@theaspra.org.uk if you would like to become involved or have other ideas for enhancing ours and your Bingham Park.



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Thursday 27th April 2017 - The Pavillion

Wednesday 14th June 2017 - Small Hall

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Please contact The Secretary for more information.

Croydon Animal Samaritans - Can You Help?

by Sarah Hills

HOW MANY OF US us know about a local charity in our area, with a forty-year history of rescuing and homing cats and kittens?

Back in 1974 a small group of ladies were raising money for several charities, initially in Chessington, and one of them happened to be a veterinary nurse. Their charitable ethic became stretched when, instead of just giving, people began asking for help for cats that needed re-homing. Two of the ladies, Sue and Barbara, started fostering these unwanted cats in their homes and began rescuing cats that were abandoned or just plain unwanted. Thus were the roots sewn for the Croydon Animal Samaritans which over the years has grown and grown.

Barbara now lives in Croydon and took over the running of the Charity when Sue had to stand down after having children.

We now have between 25 and 30 fosterers at any one time but even so we cannot accommodate all of the stray and abandoned cats for which we receive calls. All our fosterers are volunteers but there is also a lot of manual work involved and we would love some strong people to help out. Some supermarkets now have bins in which the public can donate cat food and they need emptying regularly.

We have four women who go out and trap the cats that are loose in gardens and other outdoor areas and others who will collect those cats and kittens already in people's homes.

Although we are called Croydon Animal Samaritans we cover a vast area from Catford and Lewisham to Banstead and Sutton. Four of our members, however, live in Shirley, including the treasurer and a fosterer who specialises in pregnant cats and kittens. The majority of our rescues come from built up areas of Croydon and Sutton where sometimes we have to trap, neuter and release due to the quantities of feral cats that cannot be re homed.

We try never to say no but often our foster homes are full and so sometimes we give the public cat food to feed the abandoned cats before we have room to take them in.

If you have a space in your garden for a chalet to be erected or are able foster in a room in your house we would really love to hear from you. We pay all the costs of vet bills, litter, food, bowls and cleaning products. All we need you to do is to supply tender loving care for these cats and kittens who have lost their homes.

The vet bills are paid for by our fundraising and the small donation fee we ask for when rehoming our cats and kittens. We do also have a small charity shop on Cherry Orchard Road where donations of good quality clothing and bric a brac are always gratefully received.

More than anything else we need people to adopt our cats and kittens. We are swamped at the moment and we have a waiting list of more to be brought in. All of our cats and kittens will have a full health check from a vet, including flea and worm treatments. If the cat is an adult they will also be vaccinated, micro chipped and neutered. Hence the small fee when you adopt which, although it does not cover the cost of all the treatment, it does at least help with our bills.

What we will ask from you if you adopt is that the cat has access to a safe garden preferably through a cat flap and that you will give them a safe and loving home.

If you can spare a few hours a week we could do with your help. You will however need a car. We would love someone to deliver food and litter to the foster homes as well as collecting and delivering the donated food from the supermarkets. We would also like help with the emergency pick up of abandoned cats and kittens which will be delivered to the vets or a foster home. We would also like someone who has space in their garage to store litter and food.

If you think you could help with any of these duties please call **Jean Frazer** on **020 8777 3065**.



We can only carry on if we get more volunteers so please bear us in mind. If you do not want to foster there are other ways in which you can help us. Please think about it.

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HANG IT

by Bob Sleeman

IN THIS YEAR'S Royal Academy Summer Exhibition there was once again a set of interesting ideas about how best to hang the diverse sizes, colours, framing and artistic styles on show. Gone was the excited crush of the Small Weston Room, replaced by the quiet of a group of monochrome photographs depicting German heritage architecture – grain hoppers, gas tanks and cooling towers. Perhaps my favourite was the first major room featuring the works of Fred Cuming, Bernard Dunstan, Ken Howard and Olwyn Bowey with oodles of space to stand back and enjoy.

If only we enjoyed that luxury in Croydon. In the Clocktower there are rules about how to hang pictures, so The Croydon Art Society generally end up with two neat rows of pictures. If we exhibit at Denbies in Dorking we're limited there to the two line approach by the shape of the available space, its lighting and hanging rails. At the Fairfield we had a challenge of how to hang a wide collection of work in what could best be described as a maze. With that gone for the next few years, Croydon has a severe lack of exhibition spaces.



Fairfield Halls Sun Lounge

It was a delight therefore for us to visit the Skagen Gallery in Denmark's northern Jutland, this summer, and see their intelligent use of space. A marked departure from their normal hanging policy allowed much of their historic collection to be viewed. A pity then that our own Tate Britain seems forced to run such partial shows of Turner that allow us to see just some of the massive bequest, with the rest stored due to lack of space.



The Skagen Museum

For CAS to manage an exhibition we have a Committee to discuss the rules sent to members. We set logistic details to ensure we have a mechanism to receive and unpack items and to check for presentation quality (poor framing). We have a selection committee that changes for each show. We have teams to meld the works together, apply professional labels, set up the necessary hardware and to hang pictures. There's also transport to arrange, photography, cataloguing and sales. Then of course we need stewards and organisation. All of that hard work is rewarded in the pleasure we hope to bring to those who visit the exhibition and the longer term delight it provides for those who purchase the work on show.

The CAS website www.croydonartsociety.org.uk has a record of past exhibitions and more information about the Skagen Museum can be seen at <http://skagenskunstmuseer.dk/en/>

Bob Sleeman is Honorary Treasurer of the Croydon Art Society

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Blackhorse Lane Is Closed – Again!

from our editorial team

HOW MANY OF US know that there are actually two bridges underneath Blackhorse Lane? One, owned by the council, is over the old railway line to Addiscombe station (which becomes Addiscombe Railway Park and ends at East India Way on Lower Addiscombe Road). The other, owned by Transport for London, is over the tramline to Addiscombe, Sandilands and beyond. Both bridges have had a weight restriction placed upon them for a number of years.

TfL's consultants have found that the condition of the steel beams under *their* bridge has deteriorated to such an extent that the bridge needs to be permanently closed on safety grounds.

TfL are carrying out a study on options to replace the bridge. This is expected to be completed by the end of October this year. The Council will also explore options for *their* new bridge to link up with the TfL bridge. The intention is to build both bridges in unison to maximise cost efficiencies and minimise disruption to the area.



Work is expected to commence early in the New Year. The design and construction of any new bridge is, needless to say, a complex process. In a residential area, and especially in a restricted area and over a tramway, building presents additional logistical challenges. It will be a lengthy project but the council assures us that everyone will be doing everything they can to complete the work in the shortest time possible, with a view to complet-

ing construction within 18 months.

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Baring Road	Helen Tilbury	27 Baring Road
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Bingham Road East (93-186)	Jenny Tighe	139 Bingham Road
Bingham Road West (1-94)	Jenny Crook	29 Bingham Road
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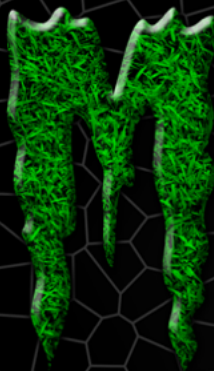
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