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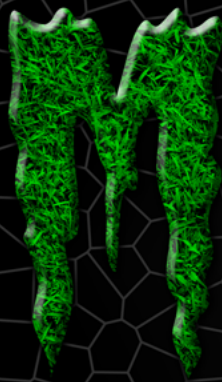
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## From the editor

Our experiments with style continue, so we hope you like some of the changes in look and presentation we've made. The 'local news' sections appear to be quite popular, so we've given them a title of their own and we hope you like 'Addiscomment'.

Elsewhere you'll find pieces on July's Jumble Trail and the installation and 'unveiling' of the new Addiscombe Village notice board; we hope it's all interesting stuff.

We are also trying out some new ideas with our 'What's on' pages, where you'll find some of things being planned for the Christmas season, some of the leisure activities in the neighbourhood and details of ASPRA meetings into next year.

If any of you out there feeling like getting involved with ASPRA more generally, but particularly with the magazine, we'd love to hear from you. Bob Sleeman, who's been our Advertising Manager, as well as many other things, would like to step back from that role and we're looking for someone to help us with that. If you're keen to talk to our local businesses, keen on design and a bit IT savvy, you might be just what we're looking for.

Although it seems odd just at the moment, this is our last issue this year, so as we sign off now we'll wish you an early Merry Christmas!

Phil Poole

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## Letters to the Editor

Sir,

I had intended to highlight how awful the litter in Bingham Recreation Ground has been over the summer. However, recently there has been some improvement as the bins appear to have been emptied and other rubbish cleared more regularly.

Bingham Rec is an incredibly valuable local resource and all of us who use it should cherish it. We're immensely grateful to the gardeners who have enhanced the ambience and attractiveness of the park and to the vast majority of dog owners who clear up after their pets (a great improvement from 30 years ago when my children played there).

The rest of us should take responsibility for our impact by using the litter bins or, when they're full, taking our rubbish home - especially those of us using the play-park or the tennis courts. When the park was at its messiest, the extent of rubbish was overwhelming and too much for any individual to tackle, but now we can take action by perhaps all aiming to deal with one misplaced bit of litter per visit.

I also wonder if there should be provision of more bins strategically placed, for example in the tennis courts where empty bottles magically accumulate.

I love to see my young grandchildren learn to master new skills on the excellent play equipment, but I am ashamed that they might also be learning that leaving litter and playing amongst rubbish is acceptable or the norm.

Yours sincerely

**Adrienne Cluer**  
*Bingham Road*

## Addiscomment

### Selfish stoppers

If you look up and down some of our side streets on a Sunday afternoon you'd be forgiven for thinking that parking problems around here are exaggerated by some of us Moaning Minnies. Then walk down the same streets on a Monday and see the rows of 'parked for the day' commuters, chancer shoppers and tradesmen's vans. Skip wagons, concreters and building suppliers inch their way in to impossible spaces and might just leave enough room for the skinniest of passing traffic to squeeze through.

This situation has gotten steadily worse over the last few years and has prompted many of us to give up our front gardens and have kerbs dropped, just to more-or-less guarantee being able to park in front of our own houses. The dropped kerbs, of course, prohibit casual parking and make the situation worse for shoppers and visitors and the frustrated would-be parkers start to

become brazenly inconsiderate.

Vans grab a space, even if half their length crosses a dropped-kerb exit and we can be forced to interrupt an irate plumber and persuade him to move before we



can get our own car on the road. A thoughtless commuter on the other side and you can be blocked in by two cars all day, and there's an awful 'sod you' in any response if you care to complain.

And it brings out the worst in some of us. We've heard of one local putting his own two cars out onto the street, so that his friends could use his front garden. Then he was putting boards and bollards out to protect his newly gained street spaces.

Is there a common sense solution to all of this? We fear not. With many of us having 'kids' that still live with us well into their thirties, we're

becoming two, and even three, car households. The age of our housing stock makes it ripe for regeneration and development, so the building work is going to be on-going. And the Addiscombe tram stop encourages the commuter and the shopper. We suppose we should be grateful to live in such a lively and upcoming area, but it doesn't stop us moaning about it.

### Food for thought

Did you know we have a local food bank?

Well it was a surprise too to our contributor Sarah Hills. However, she tells us that it was first set up in 1997 and became a registered charity in 2002. Called the Shrublands Food Bank, it doesn't just deal with the residents of the estate but all of the surrounding areas including our own. Its objective is to meet the needs of residents with the provision of advice, information and other support at or near the trust's premises.

The food bank operates out of the Advice and Coffee shop

on 7 Broom Road Shirley. Activities take place most days and include learning about



computers, debt advice and a craft club. Unfortunately, however, the food bank is becoming the busiest session of the week.

Sadly the shelves are often empty of certain items and, apart from their Christmas and Easter donations, most people seem to forget the food bank at other times of the year. More families are being referred as time goes by but not always those you would expect. People who are transitioning from benefits to work often have to wait for a month to get paid. In those weeks it is hard to survive. These clients are with the food bank on a temporary basis. People who are in very low paid jobs sometimes have to choose between paying the rent and services or food.

If you would like to donate to the food bank please make sure your food has at least a three month life.

Fresh fruit and veg is being donated by the allotment holders on the Woodside and Addiscombe leisure gardens.

If you wish to contact the food bank call 020 3441 7887 or email [info@shrublandstrust.org](mailto:info@shrublandstrust.org). They will happily take your donations on a Thursday morning between 9 and 12.

### **Blessed bankers**

And, while we're on the subject of banks - who seem to make more and more money by providing less and less service - we seem to be losing two out of the three surviving in the high street. Santander



will have closed their outlet by the time this magazine is going out, and Barclays have announced their intention to close the Blackhorse Lane branch in December.

Not only could this mean two more closed premises with uncertain futures, but it will add to the problems and frustrations of local traders and all of us who have to bank cash or cheques for societies and small businesses.

Those banking cash takings are being directed to the Post Office services - and what fun they can be in the run-up to Christmas! But frustrations and annoyance have led to a petition being set-up to oppose the Barclays plan. As we go to print, up to nine businesses in the high street are hosting the petition, which can also be found on the ASPRA Facebook page.

### **Imperfect progress**

Doesn't it appear that the things we can come to take for granted can be whipped away without warning, while improvements or changes for the better



seem to take ages to come through.



Nothing currently demonstrates this more than the Blackhorse Lane closure, now into its second year. While no vehicle wheels run over the bridges, the wheels of progress spin exceedingly slow and we learn that it is only now that TfL are putting the proposed work out to tender.



*You have been driving over this!*

Latest estimates put resolution and re-opening out to 'sometime' in 2019. Isn't it funny how a whole island flattened by a hurricane gets a quicker recovery than a rusted bridge in Croydon.

### **What price Westfield?**

As John Lewis announce a profits drop and cut plans for new stores, their planned 'flagship' store for Croydon's Westfield ceases to be mentioned. With no other major player in sight, questions are being asked about the viability of the whole scheme.

With more scheduled closures in the Whitgift centre, the whole area is going to look like a bit of a ghost town as 2018 comes around. Have successive Croydon Councils, we wonder, ever had a plan 'B' in the event of Westfield and Hammerson pulling out, or was it a case of eggs and basket?

### **Market forces**

One of better attempts at changing the old area into something new was the Matthew's Yard idea of an arts and creative

hub in the centre of town.



Although popular enough, this looks too to be threatened by developers wishing to put up housing on the site. We also wonder what impact major development work will have on the Surrey Street market after so much recent disruption.

### **Light Relief**

Left to our own devices we seem to do quite well. Our 'village' notice-board is up and running - and more about that later - and we're well on the way to getting a nice display of Christmas lights in place to brighten our bit of the Lower Addiscombe Road over the festive season.

Dave and Gill Lee managed to run a very quick opinion poll past the road reps, where we were given a choice for what we'd like to see. A very tasteful nativity star came out a clear

favourite, and something to look forward to as Christmas approaches.



### **Veteran car rally to bypass Croydon**

The Old Crocks Race, aka the London to Brighton veteran car run, will be bypassing Croydon this year. The traditional route since the run began on an annual basis in 1927 has been from Westminster Bridge along the A23, going through Croydon.



This year, though, major road works to replace Victorian sewers on Brixton Hill are

forcing the diversion, possibly until 2019.

According to *Inside Croydon*, on Sunday 5 November the hundreds of participating old bangers will take a detour through Stockwell and past Clapham Common, going through, suitably, Tooting, before taking the A24 to Colliers Wood and Morden and heading through Banstead and rejoining the traditional route from Reigate into Redhill.

That's a shame. I don't go every year, but it's nice to know it's there.  
**CG**

### **Petanque-top**

When the Croydon Petanque Club won the London Cup at Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens this summer it was no ordinary win: the founder of the club, Kathleen Herbert, now 92, was in the winning team!

Your intrepid reporter was buttonholed at the Noticeboard ceremony by four charming members of the club, which meets four times a week, 52 weeks a year in Ashburton Park. Come, as we tend to say, rain, snow or shine.

The tournament was a great day of petanque for Kathleen Herbert, Adrian Cowie (club sec) and the rest of the team. Six teams petanqued for the cup, including Friends of Palewell Common, wherever that is. The sport is getting more popular and more organised in the UK and no wonder – petanque is a very cheap sport, good exercise and good fun.



How cheap? “You don't have to have balls to have a go” was the advice from Linda Greenwood, club president.

Croydon Petanque Club is open to all ages and all abilities. The pitch is accessed from the Tenterden Road park entrance and you can contact Adrian Cowie on 8651 1510, 07884 428024 or [croydonpetanqueclub@hotmail.com](mailto:croydonpetanqueclub@hotmail.com)

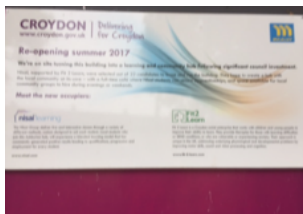
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You can even watch a video of the London Cup

competition here:  
<https://youtu.be/EGCl2f4wzyc> CG

### Library larks

There's a nice sign stuck onto the fencing surrounding the old Ashburton library, informing us that the old building will be re-opening in the summer of 2017 offering services from nial learning and Fit2 Learn. As of late September, however, there's no sign of much going on, except construction work, with everything else quite obviously shut down and shuttered up.



### *Delivering for Croydon?*

We hear that the planned new operators have pulled out and that new plans are 'under review'. Let's just hope that this doesn't threaten the end of a local community asset.

### **East of Addiscombe**

Whatever the outcome of the seemingly endless

Boundary Commission determinations, we can sadly say with some confidence that Ashburton Ward will disappear, and with it a bit of elegance and history. Instead, here in ASPRA-land we will be in the newly entitled Addiscombe East.

It could be worse, we suppose; at least we're not in 'New Addiscombe', but in this process the ward will lose Peabody Close, Glenthorne Avenue and Shirley Park Road, but they will remain welcome constituents of ASPRA.

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## Another big success for Addiscombe's Jumble Trail

by Lyn Simmons

Our Jumble Trail organisers are saying a big thank you to all the stallholders and local residents who supported the 2017 Jumble Trail.

This hugely successful event took place on Saturday 1 July. There were sixty stalls set up in the neighbourhood (ten more than last year) with a fairly even split

between stallholders returning for a second year and those trying it for the first time.

Fifty advertising boards, provided by Allen Heritage estate agents, were erected to promote the event. A donation of £150 from Allen Heritage went on to the Addiscombe Christmas lights fund, while stall fees and other donations generated a further £160.

The organisers received loads of positive feedback, and really raised local awareness of ASPRA and the work we're all doing. Some interesting comments came from those outside the area who were very envious that we held such an event.

For the stall holders it was a mixed picture in terms of the amount of sales made by individuals, but there was unanimous enthusiasm for taking part in a great event for generating community spirit and meeting neighbours near and far.

When the organising team got together at the beginning of the year, they did seek information about other events planned on July 1st in the area, but nothing came forward about all the local school fetes taking place. We think that



this had a bit of an impact on interest and footfall on the day, particularly for those with young children. We also gave careful consideration as to whether



Saturday or Sunday was the best day to hold the event. Saturday was felt to be a better option to draw in shoppers from Lower Addiscombe Road and Shirley Road and to include those who have church commitments on Sundays.

There have been lots of requests to have another Jumble Trail in 2018. We are considering holding it on a Saturday in September and will consult the local community



about dates to avoid. If anything springs to mind, please email [aspra.jumbletrail@gmail.com](mailto:aspra.jumbletrail@gmail.com) If anyone has any further ideas for the event, or wishes to get involved with the planning and organisation in 2018, just email.





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# Goings On In The Gardening Group

from Lyn Simmons

In spite of little organised activity since June, a great deal of work has been going on.

We received great news from the Parks Department that they were happy to approve the fencing devised by Chairman, Steve White, and completion of will be taking place very soon. This will enhance the look of the flower beds and hopefully create a deterrent to inquisitive dogs.

The established and newly planted shrubs, perennials and bedding plants have been thriving during the summer months. A new water butt was acquired along with a hosepipe which can stretch and reach both of the beds. Special thanks should be given to the residents and to the dog walkers who have regularly taken time to fill the watering can or direct the hose pipe onto the now very colourful flower beds.

Five sections of trellis will soon be erected on the 'toilet block' wall. They will be spread evenly across the wall but still allow the stonework to be seen in the intervals. Once in position a variety of climbing plants will be purchased and planted to give all year interest.

Now that the group has been responsible for looking after the beds for several seasons, we are learning which plants thrive and those that do less well. Our aim is to bring colour and interest to the beds and reduce ongoing maintenance and the need for regular weeding. A planting plan is being devised and the money from the Tesco Bags of Help initiative and our local councillors community budgets will be used to purchase plants.

In addition, local residents have continued to offer plant and seed donations which have been gratefully received.

As the two main flower beds continue to be developed, going forward we can start to think about enhancing the planting in the three entrances to the park, possibly using cuttings from the main beds, excess plants or donations from local residents. The objective would be to keep this to a very low maintenance planting scheme as the main flower beds already keep us quite busy.



## Taking notice of Addiscombe

### From our editorial team

Why does it have to seem surprising, in our sad and cynical day and age, that a group of people can decide to do something and carry that decision through to a successful completion?

ASPRA's continuing aspiration to enhance the spirit of locality and sense of village in Addiscombe was intended, about eighteen months ago, to be made manifest in the form of a community notice board, erected centrally and visible to all.

No easy task, if you think of the hurdles of costings, permission and logistics involved, but all tackled and overcome by the ASPRA projects team, led by Hilary Chelminski.

Hilary, along with Dave and Gill Lee, worked incredibly hard to get things going, with help from Croydon's Planning team and their Streets and Highways group. The professionals' advice helped toward design and positioning. The board's title, highlighting our village ambitions, came from a survey of our road reps all keen to differentiate our area from 'just another' neighbourhood.

The projects team kept the road reps informed, presenting mock-ups of the new board and dummy photo shots of how it would look in

situ, located in the shadow of the old Black Horse underneath the silhouette of Addiscombe's hussar.

As spring arrived this year all sorts of good news came with it. Councillor Andrew Rendle had made a very generous contribution from his ward fund toward the total cost, planning permissions had been granted and the manufacturers, WDS Signs Ltd, were well under way with our order.

Delivered and installed during the summer, all that was left for Hilary to organise was a suitable ceremony for an 'unveiling'.



*Left to right: Steve White, Hilary Chelminski, Croydon Mayor, Councillor Toni Letts, Councillors Andrew Rendle and Maddie Henson*

ASPRA thought that this was an event significant enough for some



prestige and asked Croydon's Mayor, Councillor Toni Letts, if she would do us the honour of opening the new notice board to public use.



*The Mayor shares a joke with ASPRA's Chairman, Steve White*

That she was delighted to do so provided us with a real sense of occasion on a wet and windy afternoon in August, and demonstrated great public spirit. We were encouraged by her words on the day, and by the letter she sent to ASPRA afterward praising the efforts of our community and its place in the hopes for Croydon's future. You can read the full letter on the notice board.

Already in good use, our notice board is standing busy promoting concerts, community services and events. We're even using it to promote the petition we're organising, trying to get Barclays to reconsider the planned closure of their Woodside branch on the other side of the road. It makes us wonder how we've managed without it!



*Project champion Hilary Chelminski*

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# Art at the heart of Croydon

by Lyn Simmons

A major art event focusing on an internationally famous visual artist taking place in Croydon. Sounds improbable? Well, actually no.

During the month of September, visitors from near and far flocked to experience 'Warhol Croydon' a landmark exhibition of contemporary Warhol-inspired art.



The event was initiated by Kevin Zuchowski-Morrison owner of the Rise Gallery in St George's Walk. An expert in urban contemporary and post war-pop art, Kevin realised that no other gallery in London was marking the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Andy Warhol's death. He invited 12 international artists to pay homage to Warhol and produce a piece of art. These were all

positioned on buildings or hoardings in central Croydon for everyone to see. In addition to the walking trail, there was an exhibition of original Warhol prints and watercolours in the gallery, lectures, films and screen printing workshops for adults and children.

I volunteered as a tour guide. After so much bad press over the years about our town, it was a real pleasure to have something positive and exciting to share with visitors. It was interesting to discover that people from all over London were inspired to come to Croydon. I even had one visitor on a walk who had journeyed over from Madrid especially for the event.

It was especially rewarding while on the Warhol trail to point out all the fantastic street art we have right on our doorstep. Croydon is fast becoming the home of the best street art in the country – even outpacing Shoreditch. Croydonians who hadn't ventured into the centre for some while were amazed at all the new cultural developments.

If you are kicking yourself that you didn't make it to any Warhol event, the street art remains. Several have been created by internationally recognised artists and Croydon is privileged to have examples of their work. Here are some highlights:

Winston Churchill on the corner of High Street and Park Street. The image of Churchill is a remarkable creation from words taken from his journals and speeches. It has been voted one of the top ten murals in London.

*To the Bone* on the corner of High Street and Fell Road. This piece is part



of a bigger worldwide project to highlight endangered species and the detail is exquisite. South African based artist Sonny was looking for a location in the UK. He rejected spaces in Shoreditch and selected the wall in Croydon so that the mural is on a permanent site.

*Boy Soldier* (left) by Schoony on a wall in Surrey Street near the entrance to Matthew's Yard. It is a bright blue installation appearing to rise through the brick and highlights the plight of young children becoming involved in warfare.

The art scene in Croydon is vibrant and ever changing. New galleries are



opening all the time. Following the huge success of Warhol Croydon it is likely more events will be coming our way including walking tours of the street art. Look out for further news in the local press and social media.





# What's on!

There's a lot going on in and around Addiscombe

## Concerts

**Saturday 11 November 10am  
until 6.00pm**

**Croydon Bach Choir** presents  
*'Come and Sing' Day*

Learn to perform Sir Edward Elgar's  
*The Kingdom*

**St. Matthew's Church,  
Chichester Road, CR0 5NQ**

Tickets for singers £18.00 or £5.00 for  
the 5.00pm performance.

[www.croydonbachchoir.org](http://www.croydonbachchoir.org) or phone  
07507 766565

**Saturday 18 November 7.30pm**  
**Ruskin Chorale** presents

*The Music of John Rutter*  
with Anthony Goode on piano and  
conducted by Adrian Connell.

**Shirley Methodist Church, Eldon  
Avenue, Shirley.**

Programme vouchers £7.00/£6.00

Students free. Contact

[johnruskin2014@hotmail.com](mailto:johnruskin2014@hotmail.com)

**Thursday Lunchtime Concerts –  
Shirley Methodist Church, Eldon  
Avenue**

**Thursday 3 November**

Ester Cavett (piano) and Cressida  
Lindsey (soprano) from Trinity Music  
Academy present a mix of piano solos  
and songs.

**Thursday 7 December**

A varied Christmas Concert by  
students from Trinity School.

**Thursday 4 January**

A performance of harp music by  
Keziah Thomas.

Admission to all concerts is free, and  
concert goers are welcome to bring a  
packed lunch with them.

Refreshments will be available free  
of charge.

## Christmas services

**At St. Mildred's Church,  
Bingham Road, Addiscombe,  
CR0 7EB**

**Sunday 10 December 10.00am.**

An All-Age Communion - *Christingle*.

**Sunday 17 December 6.30pm**

*A Festival of Carols* (followed by  
mulled wine and mince pies).

**Sunday 24 December** (Christmas  
Eve)

At **4.30pm** *Tea Towel and Tinsel*, and  
at **11.30pm** *Midnight Mass*.

## Pastimes

**Croydon Petanque Club** is open to  
all ages and all abilities.

The pitch is accessed from the  
Tenterden Road park entrance and  
you can contact **Adrian Cowie** on  
**8651 1510, 07884 428024** or  
[croydonpetanqueclub@hotmail.com](mailto:croydonpetanqueclub@hotmail.com)

Website address is  
[adrian2234.wix.com/petanque-in-  
Croydon](http://adrian2234.wix.com/petanque-in-Croydon).

## Christmas markets

**Saturday 2 December**

**At St. Mildred's Church,  
Bingham Road, Addiscombe,**

**CRo 7EB**

*Christmas Market*

**12.30pm to 4.30pm**

## St Mildred's Literary Society

Meetings are held on **Tuesdays** and start at **7.30pm** with tea and biscuits; talk at 8.00pm.

Talks include: **31 October** *Tudor London*, **7 November** *Frank Sinatra, His Life in Story and Song*, **14**

**November** *Women of the Raj*, **21**

**November** *A Policeman's Lot Can Be a Happy One*, **28 November** *I Died in Hell, They called it Passchendale*,

**12 December** *Handling History: Touch and Feel*, **9 January** *The Crystal Palace Subway*, **23 January** *Travels With a Camera Crew*,

**30 January** *Lesser Known Ceremonies of the City of London* and **6 February** *Charles Dickens: The Norwood Connection*.

On **5 December** we will host a *Quiz Night*, on **19 December** our *Christmas Social* and on **16 January** a *Beetle Drive*.

## ASPRA

Our **Road Reps Meetings** are held at **St. Mildred's Centre, Bingham Road**. All members are welcome to attend, you don't need to be a Road Rep to come along.

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday 8 February**.

Refreshments from **7.30pm**.

Meetings start at **8.00pm**.



**Happy Christmas  
to all our  
readers!**

**ASPRA needs  
your help!**

**We need:**

**A new ad manager**

(Bob Sleeman has decided to call it a day)

**Road reps**

Shirley Road (57-196)

Lower Addiscombe Road (194-362)

**Volunteers**

Editorial team

Local issues planning group

Loads of gardeners to help with our planting in Bingham park

We are an enthusiastic and committed committee and will give you all the help and support you need. Without volunteers to fill these roles the Association will not be able to continue.

If a local residents' association is important to you, please think about getting involved.

**Please contact the Secretary for  
more information**

# ***What's on for you!***

## **There's something for everyone at St Millie's**

### **Young families**

Millie's pre-school  
(07706 929878 or  
milliespreschool.wordpress.com)  
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Cubs and scouts  
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Youth clubs  
Out of School Club  
(07768 684863 or  
www.mlhclub.co.uk)  
Toddler groups  
Creative steps  
Spanishtastic  
Art venturers  
Birthday parties

### **Adults and older**

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The LIT  
Lunch clubs  
Popchoir  
Women's group  
Orchestral Ensemble  
Recorded music society  
Parties and receptions

### **Keeping Healthy**

Extend exercise  
Zumba fitness  
Tai chi  
Keep fit  
Yoga  
Pilates  
Slimming world  
Senior exercise class

### **Reaching out**

Drop-in for the homeless  
Art group  
Women's drop-in  
Croydon food bank  
Cafe M  
Creative writing group  
Charitable giving  
Addiscombe neighbourhood care  
(0208 656 6593 or  
www.anca.org.uk)  
S.A.I Infinity Care  
(0203 667 3474 or  
info@saiinfinitycare.co.uk)  
Halls and rooms to hire

St Mildred's Parish Church is the focus for Anglican worship in Addiscombe, but it is also very much the centre of the local community. Its activities are on offer to everyone. For more information contact St Mildred's Parish Office on 0208 655 1434 or email: [parishoffice@stmildredschurch.org.uk](mailto:parishoffice@stmildredschurch.org.uk)

# Arthur's

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## What's on at Ashburton library

**Ashburton library** can be found in the Oasis learning centre, Shirley Road, CR9 7AL

**Throughout the autumn there are a series of Monday Talks**

Admission to talks & events is free but booking is essential

**On Monday 30 October 11am**

*Haunted Croydon*

**Monday 20 November, 11am**

*East Surrey Family History Talk (part 2)*

**Monday 11 December, 11am**

*The History of Music Hall & Variety*

**Chair based fitness classes** run through fortnightly Fridays

On Friday **6 and 20 October, 3 and 17 November**. All from **11am to 12 noon**

Please wear loose, comfortable clothing if you're planning to attend.

Colouring isn't just for kids, when we're offering **Mindfulness Colouring for adults**

On **Friday 13 October, 2-3pm**

On **Monday 20 November 5.30pm** we host an **Author**

**Event** when local author, **Gareth Endean**, talks about his debut novel *Terrible Lie*.

Our **Crime Reading group**, who are really quite friendly, meet once a month when **new members are very welcome**.

**Monday 23 October, Monday 20 November and Monday 18 December**. All meetings start at 5.30pm

**In term times the library promotes a number of children's activities:**

*Addiscombe Young Writers*, alternate **Saturdays 9.30 to 10.30am**. A friendly, creative writing group for 6–11 year olds.

**Book Buddies**, on **Thursdays at 4.00pm**. Listen to stories and join in with fun crafts for the under 7s.

**Chatterbooks**, one **Friday** a month 4.00 until 5.00pm. A fun book based reading group for 7-11 year olds,

Please contact **Ashburton Library** to receive our monthly email with the latest information about all our events for adults & children.

Telephone **020 3700 1001** email: [croydon.ashburtonlibrary@carillionservices.co.uk](mailto:croydon.ashburtonlibrary@carillionservices.co.uk)

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## And finally...

It's quite common for magazines, even ones as posh as this, to have horoscope-y things at the back. So here we are with half a page to fill and – guess what? Yes it's a horoscope-y story. And, unusually for me, it's completely true. Ish.

Forty or so years ago I was working for a magazine company in the middle of Croydon. We published mainly hobby magazines, among them *Prediction*, all about horoscopes and tarot and graphology and things. One sunny Friday afternoon, after a busy week and having a bit of a wander, I was talking to Jo Logan, the editor, who said that if I gave her my birth details she would cast a horoscope for me.

I rang my mum for the details and Jo cast a horoscope. I forget everything she said except for the fact that I had 22½ degrees of Gemini rising.

That evening we went to a party at a friend's house in Orpington. I didn't know any of the people there and as it was a sunny evening we were mostly in the back garden. My wife went indoors for something or other. I was leaning against a garage wall, and I just turned and said to the woman nearest me, a complete stranger who was standing there by herself, "You won't believe this but I'm Aries in Uranus [I just made that bit up] and I've got 22½ degrees of Gemini rising." It was just a silly thing to say to a complete stranger at a party on a sultry Friday evening in a back garden in Orpington, Kent.

"Me too," she said, this complete stranger.

We were born on the same day. What are the chances? **CG**

## Advertising in ASPRA magazine

Addiscombe & Shirley Park Residents' Association is always happy to welcome new advertisers to our magazine.

The magazine is published three times a year. Our Autumn and February issues go to more than 800 households and businesses. The Spring issue is delivered by hand to every household in our area – over 1700 in all.

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## ASPRA Road Representatives

All our road reps have volunteered to be the first point of contact for our members. They distribute our magazine, the occasional notice and collect the annual subs. There are road reps'/members' meetings to share information. We currently have a vacancies for parts of Lower Addiscombe Road and Shirley Road. If you fancy volunteering please contact Dave Lee, [contact@theaspra.org.uk](mailto:contact@theaspra.org.uk) or at 38 Northampton Road.

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