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All interviews by Helen Burch





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## Chairman's Letter

Welcome to our first colour issue. Lee Chester, our present editor, will be handing over the magazine to Liz Brereton at the next edition and Helen Burch will be continuing to prepare the feature articles. If you have any suggestions about themes for the magazine do let us know.

It's membership time again. Please keep your membership up to date by filling in the renewal form at the centre of this magazine. Help your road rep by putting the form and your subscription through their letter box. A full list of road reps is on the inside front cover page.

Please remember to fill out the email section of the form as this gives us the ability to contact you quickly when necessary.

If you take exception to the fact that the Co-op have started to lock their back doors to the car park at 7pm, please contact me. We are trying to persuade them to reverse this decision. If there is an issue which concerns you, please let us know by contacting us through our website, [www.thespra.org.uk](http://www.thespra.org.uk) The website is in the process of being updated by Fred Demay and Vince Hemment and will soon be relaunched.

## Pan Croydon Residents' Association

There has been a suggestion that in order to focus Croydon Council's full attention on the issues that residents actually care about, a pan-Croydon Residents' Association should be formed with the intention of looking into the feasibility of putting up independent candidates for the next council elections. The aim would be to achieve a coalition effect and to put a stop to at least some of the inter-party infighting. I believe local residents are looking for certainty, structure and continuity. We have no interest in Labour or Conservative vanity projects. We want the views of residents to be properly represented and responded to. Please let us have your views.

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Tuesday, 20 November 2010

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St Mildred's Centre, Bingham Road at 8pm

**The next AGM will be on Tuesday, 13 September 2011 in the Pavilion,  
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Addiscombe Residents will be pleased to know that despite very mixed media reports about the double dip and property prices falling Streets Ahead have, in July and August, registered more prospective purchasers than they did in the same period in 2009. We have seen during 2010 in Addiscombe demand outweigh supply, confidence grow and borrowing is more readily available. Residents may be comforted that the average time from marketing a property to receiving an acceptable offer has reduced to 17 working days [according to Streets Ahead statistics].



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of the area coupled with the Tram Link offering easy access to Croydon and Central London. The Streets Ahead message to the local residents is very simple in that while the demand is outstripping the supply property prices are likely to hold and transactions are significantly up on 2008 and 2009.

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# The Addiscombe Challenge

We challenged local resident Shirley to spend the day with £15 on Lower Addiscombe Road. Here's her report:

“Picking Cameron up from school on a wet, miserable day, he droned on about wet trousers and shoes. Thinking that he wasn't quite in the mood for a bit of quiet reading before tea and bed, it looked like the ‘Addiscombe Challenge’ might be just the pick me up he needed.

Firstly, sustenance at ‘Très Gourmet’, the lovely café conveniently located just by the tram stop. A cup of their comforting hot chocolate is the perfect remedy for soggy schoolboy syndrome, topped with his favourite ‘squirty cream’ as a special treat. Happiness restored, and with five minutes silence (helped by a generous portion of carrot cake), I treated myself to a large soya milk latte. Cost: £6.20.



Revived, but with the weather no better, we made the short dash to Gordon's Toyshop, our remaining cash burning a hole in the pocket of Cam's (now only slightly damp) uniform. An Aladdin's cave for toy-hunters tiny, teenaged and beyond, Gordon's never ceases to amaze me. Making the challenge even trickier, and sounding like he'd just stepped out of a Kinder advert, Cameron wanted ‘a surprise for Lottie’ (his sister) ‘AND a toy’ (for himself). Admirable generosity, but would our budget stretch?

I needn't have worried. Buried amongst an impressive range including all their favourite characters, we found a cute ‘Peppa Pig’ Kaleidoscope for just £2.50. Then, raiding the legendary pocket-money section at the back where prices start at about 20p, Cam was spoilt for choice. Settling on a bag of marbles and a packet of stickers for himself (£1 each), we still had change.

Whilst Cam was at school the next day, a trip to the ‘Kidplay Cafe’ with Lottie took care of the remaining budget. £3.95 (and £1.95 for subsequent siblings under 5) buys two hours in the soft play. And of course another contented child!”

Latin and Greek, it's about intellectual endeavour. For young people today, there's a real tendency to dumb things down, but Latin and Greek are academically challenging and therefore a good discipline to have for those who want to. I think this is an interesting balance with Chinese, which we also offer. Chinese is very difficult but it will be a language of use in terms of commerce.

## ***Educationally, what other changes do you see in the future?***

In the last few years, we've added A levels in Theatre studies, Politics and from September, Psychology as well. I think the biggest challenge on the horizon will be whether the government lives up to its rhetoric and gets rid of modular A Levels, but I don't know whether they will have the courage.

## ***Local residents reading this might say that 3700 seems a lot of money to pay per term. What would you say to persuade them otherwise?***

First of all, it's less than other comparative schools. Less than Whitgift, than Dulwich, than Caterham. This is deliberately competitively priced, for what we think is an outstanding offer of education. In the end, the most important investment I will make as a parent is my child's education. The critical thing I want to do for Trinity is to ensure that any parent, whatever their background, can send their own child here.

## ***What kind of bursaries are available?***

Certain parents pay £200 a year, total and even if you're earning up to £50,000, bursaries can be about half the fees. The school spends about 1.5 million pounds a year on bursary provisions, which is a fantastic position to be in and is, to be honest, the reason I came to Trinity as opposed to any other school.

## ***Are any of your fantastic facilities available for the community to enjoy?***

They are – there is some free use to local primary schools, for example, the swimming pool or theatre. The sports facilities are used by local residents groups and commercial lets as well. My aim is very much for Trinity school to be involved in its local community.

## ***Is there anything else you would like to say about Trinity?***

It's certainly the happiest school I've worked in. A school where students and staff enjoy being is enormously important.

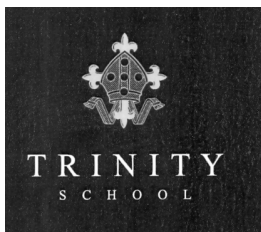


## Trinity School, Shirley Interview with Headmaster Mark Bishop

This September, Trinity School for Boys has taken the radical step of accepting girls to their Sixth Form for the first time. I interviewed Mark Bishop, the Headmaster of Trinity, to find out why. (I also discovered another reason to send one's son here: Mr Bishop, in his designer shirt and deck shoes is a little like the young Nigel Havers of headmasters, and mothers are sure to enjoy meeting him at parents evenings!)

### ***What was the motivation for letting girls into Trinity Sixth form?***

There are a number of reasons. The first is a philosophical reason; I strongly believe that whilst single sex education up to 16 is of real value, because you can teach in a way that focuses on the needs of boys, however I think that in the Sixth Form there are social advantages of having a co-ed education. The social advantages are obvious when preparing boys and girls for university and I much prefer that they prepared for that in a pastorally supportive environment. Equally, academically there are huge advantages of having a female perspective, for instance on literature.



### ***What are the advantages for girls who enter Trinity Sixth Form?***

I imagine that the majority of girls will come from single sex schools and they will benefit hugely in the same way that the boys will, in coeducational advantages. However, interestingly a number who are applying are from coeducational schools.

### ***You had 91% A-B grades at A level this year, why do you think this is?***

There's no question that part of this is high quality teaching. At the moment we have a large number of genuinely, inspirational, talented teachers. There has also become an increasing culture of ambition where boys want to achieve. And of course we had a really good year group who encouraged each other to work hard.

### ***I see you have 10% Oxford/ Cambridge entry amongst your students...***

Yes. Given that That Oxbridge has become increasingly competitive, if 10% are getting in, it's a healthy start.

### ***You still teach Latin, why do you think this an important subject to teach?***



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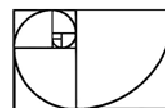
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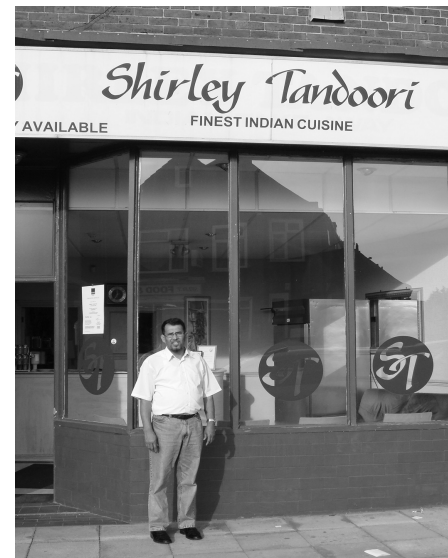
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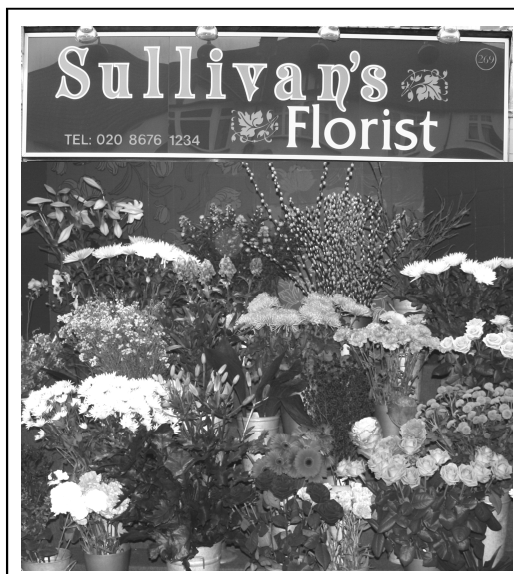
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# Welcome to the Kidplay Cafe

In "The Addiscombe Challenge," Shirley and Lottie enjoyed a morning at The Kidplay Café at 282-284 Lower Addiscombe Road. After my own visit, I wished for a young relative so that I could share the experience with them.

The Kidplay Café is a haven for young families, where parents and carers can have a cup of coffee in peace whilst their children play happily in front of them. It is a great place to have lunch, an after school snack or a fun trip during the school holidays. The café is light, airy and welcoming. There are plenty of chairs and tables and a comfy sofa, with a custom designed 'soft play' area including a ball park along one wall. The café is already buzzing at 9.30 in the morning. Toddlers play at the table with the train set and happily colour in, but the main attraction is definitely the play area, where several children are climbing and giggling. The notice boards are decorated with educational images and artwork by the young customers, and toy areas are dotted around the whole café.

Whereas similar play areas can have a reputation for being crowded and noisy, the great thing about The Kidplay Café is the relaxing, friendly atmosphere, which envelopes you as soon as you walk through the door. Ex-nursery-nurse Nicola Fox is the founder of the café. She is warm, friendly and brimming with enthusiasm. Inspired by her own experience with her young son, she knows "it can be really difficult to find places to go that aren't too expensive."

It costs only £3.95 for children over the age of one to play for two hours and £1.95 for any other siblings under 5. Children under the age of one are also only £1.95 and the café is completely free for babies under six months. Alongside coffee and cakes for adults, there are child size sandwiches available for 50p and parents are welcome to bring their own baby food. High chairs and bottle warmers are also available.

Nicola is very aware of child safety. She has installed safety gates at the door and frosted glass in the windows. She has even fought the council to ensure that she could install certain safety features. Nicola and her staff (who have nursery nurse qualifications and training in health and social care) make a real effort to talk to each customer and child; throughout our talk she is saying hello to new arrivals and greeting regulars.

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Christianity isn't obvious in the day to day operation. The Academy isn't faith based but the guiding principles are of Christianity in terms of outlook and how we should live our lives day to day. We are a Christian school, but we are a Muslim school. We are all faiths, because there is nothing that excludes about Oasis.

**Local residents have all seen your students' new purple uniforms, but have you noticed any other changes in them?**

From 7.15, the leadership team all stand out the front of the school and what's nice, is that in any given week, I have four or five strangers come up to me and say 'well done'. Believe me, having done duty for the last four years, people were saying many things, but it wasn't well done! I'm really proud of the students.

**I see that Oasis has a 'sensitive' approach to exclusion, what do you do about particularly disruptive students who are unwilling to change?**

Interesting point. It's about finding the correct path for every individual student. This year we've introduced a school counselling service, which has helped to significantly reduce the number of students being excluded. We also operate a system of managed moves with Coulsdon. If with some students it does become necessary to exclude them, we do stay involved. No one ever leaves for good but sometimes this may not be the right place for a child to receive their education.

Oasis academy  
:shirley park

**Tell me about the plans for the new Sixth Form in 2011?**

The new Sixth Form is very exciting. The idea of Oasis Shirley park being from 3-18, nursery to university is incredible. The Sixth form is about building aspirations. I was from a single parent family and the first in my family to go to university so I understand that you really need advocate to help you go onto that next step. As humans, we are our own worst enemies, we tell ourselves that we can't, shouldn't, musn't, so to have the example of someone that a student has known for a couple of years go on to University, there's very little that we can do as teachers to compare to that.

**How are your excellent facilities available to the local community?**

We have the library, as part of the learning Village. Rooms are available for rent (from the PFI company). There is Adult literacy, numeracy and computer training. In September, the new Shirley park community project is going to mean a huge amount available to the community.

**Is there anything else you would like to say?**

A massive thank you to the local community because the changes in turning the school into Oasis Academy have been supported and embraced. It proves to me that the area has been waiting for the school to become a school, and for local education to prove to be good enough. We have to prove that it is justified and the changes will be lasting.



## **Oasis Academy Shirley Park - Interview with the Deputy Head Teacher Dan Morrow**

In September 2009, the then Ashburton High School was combined with Ashburton Primary School to form the new Oasis Academy Shirley Park. I met deputy head teacher Dan Morrow to discuss how the first year of the new Academy has fared. He is just the kind of teacher that I would have loved to have been taught by at school and is wonderfully enthusiastic about the students and his job.

### ***Can you explain the difference between an Oasis Academy and other schools?***

The real basis of Oasis is inclusion, ensuring that all the children who attend the academy, with all their forms of educational needs, are taken care of. We ensure that they progress and that all of the students achieve. The element of inclusion that matters the most is that this building is more than just a school. It can be seen as a hub for the whole community. Also, as an Oasis Academy, we have twelve other Academies to draw on in terms of expertise, so we can benefit from some of the pitfalls that the others have gone through.

### ***How successful do you think that the first year of being an Oasis Academy has been?***

There was a mixture of fear and anticipation at so much change, and we from the predecessor school all felt very defensive of our kids, but it has been an incredibly welcoming, positive experience. The change in behaviour is absolutely incredible. This year around 85% of our year elevens are going onto further education and apprenticeships.

### ***Do you think that there will be an improvement in your league table performance this year?***

I have no doubt there will. We will be comfortably above the government target of 30%. That's an incredible story. This year group have done so well. We've had teachers in every Saturday and holiday. The level of dedication in the staff has been tremendous.

### ***Is the new academy more individually focussed on each student?***

Much more. Oasis has no policy on Gifted and Talented students because we say that all students are gifted and talented, so it's about finding where those talents lie. On one level that might sound a bit cheesy, but when you sit down one to one with each individual student, you know that in every single one there is something to celebrate and nurture. They're lovely, the most amazing kids, we're very lucky.

***The Oasis Foundation was started by Steve Chalk, a strong Christian. Tell me about the Christian Aspect of Oasis ?***

## **Addiscombe Little League Football**

Twenty seven years ago, I took my seven year old son along to Ashburton Playing Fields, because a number of his friends were joining a new football organisation called "Addiscombe Little League." He was chosen to play for a team called "The Bullets" and all that we knew was that they played in blue kit. He wasn't really sure what he was letting himself in for (and neither was I!). There were five other teams, all sponsored by local firms.

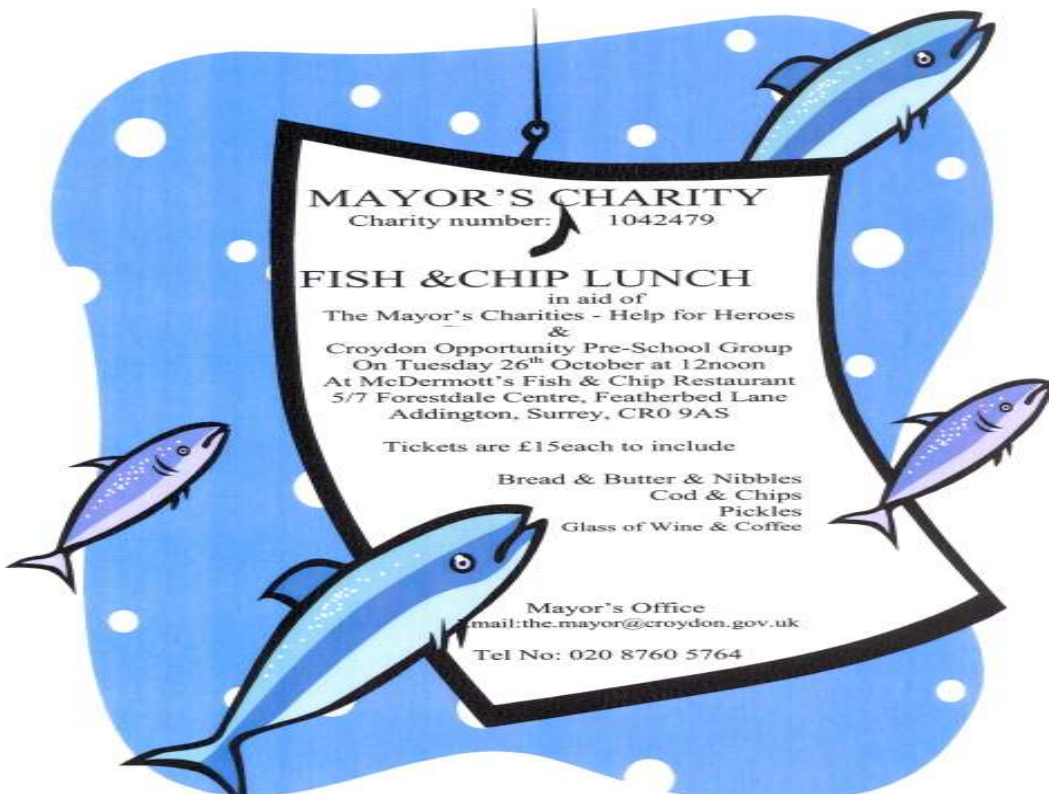
You didn't have to be a great footballer to join, the League had qualified referees and they said that sporting behaviour was much more important than winning. Players were loaned their team kit and it was free to play (parents could pay a nominal amount to become members of the League, as this would help pay for the pitches, kit and equipment). There was a great sense of community with mums and dads helping out, dads running a line, mums helping with the canteen.

My son loved his time at Little League, even turning down school team selection to play for "The Bullets" until he reached league retirement age (13 years). Son Number Two followed in his brother's footsteps; he is now a team Manager in the League.

We are still going strong as a League and have retained our sporting ethos. We have league and cup and 5 a side competitions each year. We still play at Ashburton Playing Fields ( bottom of Glenthorne Avenue), every Saturday morning, starting in September.

We are seeking new players, of any skill level, aged between 6 and 13 years of age; we ask parents for a voluntary contribution of £10 – for the whole season! All that players need to bring along are their football boots and shin guards—we loan players the rest of their kit. There is a Refreshment Stall available each Saturday to keep parents and players fed and watered.

**Interested in joining, or know of anyone who might be?  
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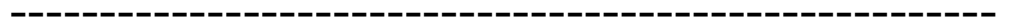
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