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Winter 2013**



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## Chairman's Letter

Dear Neighbours

I'd like to start by thanking everyone who came to our AGM in September, which was well attended and very successful meeting. Several key issues were raised, among them concerns regarding the ongoing maintenance and its associated costs at Addiscombe Recreation Ground. There was also renewed annoyance that the problems caused by the increased traffic on Bingham Road is not, it would seem, being taken seriously by Croydon Council. These items are being followed up and will be reported on more fully in the next newsletter.

The Addiscombe Carnival will be held on Sunday, 26 May between 11 am and 5 pm at Ashburton Park. The Carnival has its own webpage at [www.addiscombecarnival.org.uk](http://www.addiscombecarnival.org.uk) where you can find more details on what will be happening.

In previous letters I have often complained about the lack of support the Committee has had in running the Association but I am happy to report that people are now coming forward. It makes a big difference to both the Committee and your Association to have as many volunteers as possible. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to Bob Sleeman who has volunteered to act as Advertising Manager and is already getting results. I'd also like to send a personal thank you to Councillor Adam Kellett for all the work he has done on behalf of the Association in the last year. He is becoming a very proactive Councillor which can only benefit our members. The Association would also like to send best wishes to Councillor Avril Slipper and hope she continues a full recovery after her nasty fall. Councillor Eddy Arram's term as Mayor finishes shortly and we look forward to welcoming him back to our meetings.

We are urging everyone in our neighbourhood to be particularly careful about their home security; there has been a marked increase in burglaries in the area and entry is often made through unlocked doors or windows.

At the last Committee meeting in February, it was reiterated that all members of the Association are welcome to attend these meetings. The next one will be on Monday, 13 May at 8pm in the Small Hall at St Mildred's Centre, Bingham Road. We look forward to seeing you there.

*James Maloney*

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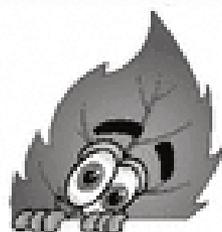
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# **The Croydon Art Society**

## **Bob Sleeman**

The Croydon Art Society meets alternate Monday evenings at the Methodist Hall in Lower Addiscombe Road.

The Society was founded in 1881 and is the second oldest Art Society in England outside London. It has around 100 members, some of whom live within the ASPRA area.

New members are welcome, subject to selection panels in February and October.

The following events are planned during 2013

### **EXHIBITIONS**

#### **VENUE**

Croydon Clocktower (closed Mondays)  
Denbies Wine Estate, Dorking  
Fairfield Halls Croydon

#### **DATE**

13 April - 4 May  
2 - 15 September  
18 - 30 November

### **TALKS**

Visitors charged £2

#### **TITLE**

Up the Thames  
Glass in Architecture  
Finding Your Own Direction  
Constable & Turner

#### **SPEAKER**

John Chisholm  
Ray Bradley  
Alan Brian  
Anthony Slinn

#### **DATE**

18 March  
20 May  
8 July  
21 October

Bob Sleeman  
Hon. Treasurer  
Croydon Art Society  
Northampton Road

<http://www.croydonartsociety.org.uk/>

# DO YOU OWN AN IPAD? ARE YOU AN ARTIST?

## Bob Sleeman

You may have seen David Hockney's iPad drawings at the Royal Academy. There was a brilliant exhibition of his electronic art "Me Draw on iPad" at the Louisiana in Denmark which included a video of him at work on site as well as several "pianola" displays showing his technique in a stroke by stroke replay. There is more information in "Past Exhibitions" at <http://www.louisiana.dk/uk/Menu/Exhibitions> & <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ojabJKtqKok&list=PL2ECB7416D586BABA>.

David Hockney uses an application called "Brushes" from a USA download [19 brushes & 6 layers (1024x768) with generous undo/redo]. Unfortunately the UK copy is rather basic. There are many reviews on the web and I spent a long time reading & viewing demonstrations to identify applications that are aimed at artists rather than children, graphic designers or those seeking special effects. The most helpful reviews were <http://appadvice.com/appguides/show/drawing-with-your-ipad> and <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dYZuqNjI8Sg&feature=related>.

Sketchbook Pro was the one I purchased (£2.99). [60 brushes & 12 (1024x768) or 4 (2048x1536) layers with 20 levels of undo redo]. (For the high quality picture, the undo is only 5 or 6 strokes, not 20). Google for "sketchpad pro windows tutorial" and select the tutorial called "Basics of Sketchbook Pro (Tutorial) – YouTube". There is a discussion about "Layers" which I have not really played with yet.

Inspire pro is more of a design aid than an artist's pad. [5 brushes ? layers with 1000 undo/redo]. A more recent one Layers is interesting. [15 brushes & 5 layers with generous undo/redo]. Some details of the four products mentioned are available via the links in the electronic version of this newsletter.



"A sample iPad drawing  
January 2013  
by Avril Sleeman  
using Sketchbook Pro.  
"Bandstand Bermondsey"



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Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9.30-5 & Sun 11-5

## **What area does your charity support and work with**

- The UK's largest animal welfare charity
- We rescue, rehabilitate and rehome hundreds of thousands of animals each year in England and Wales
- We offer advice on caring for all animals and campaign to change laws which will protect them and which we will enforce through prosecution

## **Organisation**

We have over 200 charity shops. Each of the 166 UK Branches are all separate charities run by independent Trustees. There are 215 RSPCA Charity Shops. There is a 24 hour national call centre : 0300 1234 999 and a network of inspectors.

## **Why did RSPCA choose Addiscombe?**

- Good location
- Suitable footfall
- Reasonable rent
- Parking for customers.

## **What we need most:**

- Quality clothing
- CDs
- DVDs
- Bric-a-brac
- Toys

## **Items we can't accept or don't need:**

- Knives
- Shells
- Real fur
- Hunting scenes
- Animal tested products

# CROYDON MENCAP

249 Lower Addiscombe Road

020 8656 8703

Reg. Charity No 1073063

[www.croydon.cswebsites.org](http://www.croydon.cswebsites.org)

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10-4:30

## What area does your charity support and work with?

- Understanding learning disability.
- A learning disability is a reduced intellectual ability and difficulty with everyday activities e.g. household tasks, socialising or managing money which affects someone for their whole life.

## Organisation

Croydon Mencap was set up in 1952 by local parents. It is locally run and a registered charity in its own right with a Board of Trustees and, although affiliated to Mencap National, it is not supported, staffed or managed by the national body. We provide paid employment for several people with learning disabilities, within the shop.

## Why did Mencap choose Addiscombe?

Croydon Mencap chose Addiscombe as it is such a lovely, vibrant High Street and is easily accessible with a variety of shops. The Croydon Mencap Charity Shop is the only one in the borough. The income raised supports activities including the Treetops Children's Centre and activities for adults.

## What we need most:

- **Good condition:** China, bedding, curtains, clothing, bags, belts, shoes, books, DVDs, CDs, toys, puzzles and games. Carrier bags & bubble wrap.
- Tools (garden and household)
- Small items of furniture
- Wools, craft materials, knitting and dressmaking patterns
- Jewellery

## Items we can't accept or don't need:

(If in doubt please phone the number above)

- Videos
- Large furniture items
- Large electrical goods



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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

### **Committee meetings**

13th May 8pm In the Small Hall  
AGM 26th September 8pm in the Pavillion

All Held at St Mildred's Centre  
Bingham Road

### **Addiscombe Carnival**

26th May 11-5  
Ashburton Park  
[www.addiscombecarnival.org.uk](http://www.addiscombecarnival.org.uk)

### **Local Clubs and Groups Update**

**Shirley Short Mat Bowls Club**  
play 4 times a week on Monday and  
Thursday mornings 9.15-12.15,  
Friday afternoons 2.15-5.00pm,  
Friday evenings 7.30- 10.  
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8777 7371  
[patricia.godden@homecall.co.uk](mailto:patricia.godden@homecall.co.uk)

### **Running**

There are 2 running clubs who meet  
at Sandilands sports ground:

### **Striders of Croydon:**

[www.stridersofcroydon.co.uk](http://www.stridersofcroydon.co.uk)

### **Croydon Running Sisters:**

[www.croydon-running-sisters.org.uk](http://www.croydon-running-sisters.org.uk)

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## **CROYDON BACH CHOIR**

[www.croydonbachchoir.org](http://www.croydonbachchoir.org)

***Conductor: Tim Horton***

**Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2013 at 7.30pm  
St Mildred's Church, Bingham Road**

***Mendelssohn: Elijah*  
With Croydon Bach Orchestra**

**Saturday June 29<sup>th</sup> 2013 at 7.30pm  
St Matthew's Church, Chichester Road**

***Faure: Requiem*  
*John Rutter: Magnificat***

Tickets £12 (including programme)  
available from: 8405 2172 or at the door

Croydon Bach Choir is an amateur choir of 60 members. Each season we perform a concert in the Croydon area which includes professional soloists.

We welcome new members throughout the year. We are having a free open rehearsal at St Matthew's Church on Wednesday 17th April 2013 at 8pm when you can come and see if you like us before joining!

Rehearsals are on Wednesdays 8 -10pm at St Matthew's Church, Chichester Road. Bus routes 64, T33 or 409.

If you need any further information, please call:

Marion: 8655 3064.

# **CROYDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

[www.croyonsymphonyorch.org.uk](http://www.croyonsymphonyorch.org.uk)

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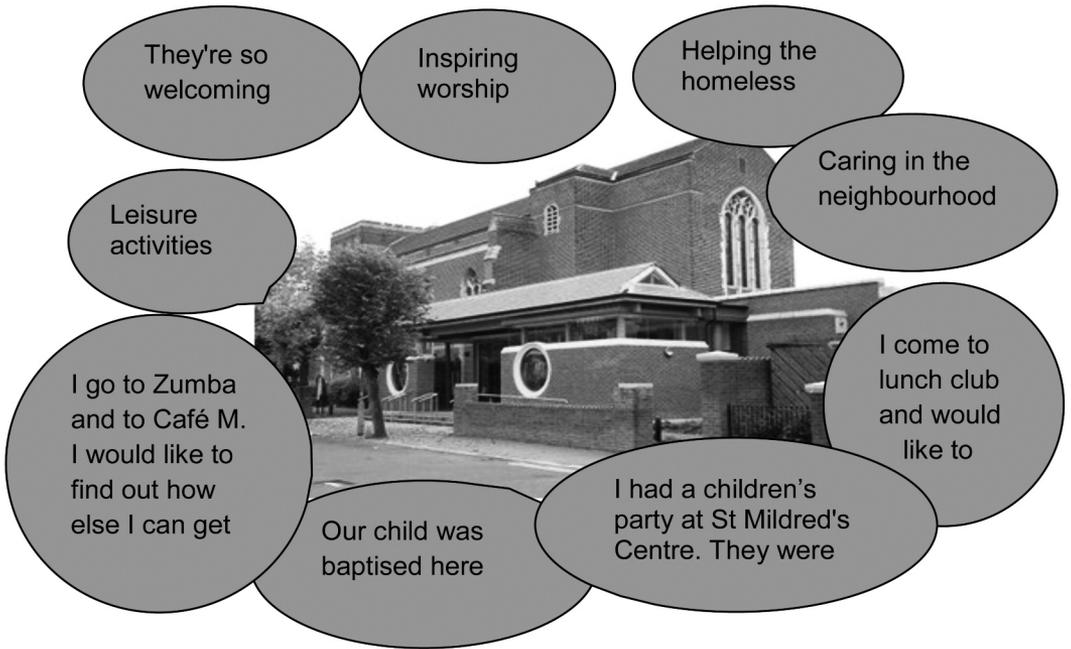
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**Saturday 22nd June 2013 at 7.30pm  
Croydon Concerto Competition  
Trinity School Concert Hall**

***Wagner: Introduction to Act 3 "Lohengrin"***  
***Croydon Concerto Competition Final***  
***Dvorak: Symphony No 9 "From The New World"***

The finale of the Bi-annual Concerto Competition will feature soloists from the competition held in February 2013 and the audience will be involved in the voting process.

Tickets: £12, £5 (child under 16) to include interval refreshments  
Available from: Ticket Secretary (Linda Penn: 8680 2639)



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With the same team working at these practices, we are confident that you will find it to be business as usual and look forward to welcoming you and your pets to the practice.

# **Denmark Discovered**

## **Borgen, The Bridge and The Killings**

### **Bob Sleeman**

It has been quite an experience watching so much TV with English subtitles. One thinks of the introduction of stereo FM broadcasting in the 1960s that made one listen attentively. More recently 3D cinema has wrapped you in the adventure and brought “Life of Pi” to your seat. We have become used to TV as a background in much the same way as shops, hotels and pubs play “musak”. Having to concentrate while watching TV is perhaps a new experience for many of us – well done DR/Danish Broadcasting Corporation.

Denmark has a Queen (Margrethe II) with a fabulous set of historic palaces, many open to the public. It also has a female Prime Minister (Helle Thorning-Schmidt). It has some of the most content citizens in Europe and yet has some of the highest taxes. The working hours are more “human” than the Working Time Directive, so don’t expect 24/7 shopping and you may find that galleries and museums are not open for long hours. Children love Denmark’s Legoland and there are some superb sandy beaches and the warm buoyant water of the Kattegat. Many Danes own a holiday home near the coast and a boat.

In both 2010 & 2011 we enjoyed the mini cruise from Harwich to Esbjerg and have explored parts of the mystical kingdom of Denmark and particularly its art. Some of you may have seen the Christen Kobke exhibition at the National Gallery in 2010, which provided a good introduction to Denmark. Three large land masses are joined by bridges, one longer than “The Bridge” to Sweden featured in the TV detective story. There are many gammel (old) places to visit; try Gammel Estrup and learn about manorial research.

The first “island”, **Jutland**, connected to mainland Germany, boasts Denmark’s second city, Aarhus with an open air museum of historic buildings. The castle at Kolding provides a magnificent art space; Randers Kunstmuseum has a collection of famous Danish artists. Many artists groups flourished in the north.

The middle island, **Funen** has been isolated from the external influence of Germany or the Nordic countries and has wonderful coastal scenery as well as a preserved longboat. Odense is famed for Canute’s Cathedral, the composer Carl Nielsen and the children’s author Hans Christian Andersen. Faaborg has its historic street and gallery.

On the island of **Zealand**, Copenhagen (the Glyptotek gallery is brilliant) and Helsingor (Hamlet's castle) act as the gateways to Sweden. A new road/rail tunnel will add a direct link to Germany. The north of this island is popular for holiday homes, sandy beaches and boats. It also boasts the wonderful Louisiana Gallery overlooking the Oresund with views of the Swedish coast. The Karen Blixen (Out of Africa) museum is nearby.

One artist L.A. Ring (1854-1933) covers both the Danish landscape and the social impact of improved transport and evolving welfare state on the "working man". A surprise find at Frederikssund, Zealand was the artist J.F. Willumsen (1863-1958). If you would like to find out more about Denmark, you could make a start at <http://danart.croydon-it.co.uk>



*J.F. Willumsens*



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# **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

## **Katie Breen**

I am the new Croydon Borough Neighbourhood Watch Association (CBNWA) manager. Recently we started a partnership with the London Fire Brigade where our offices are housed in Old Town. From this new partnership we aim to expand our role by helping the fire service, the council and other Safer Croydon Partnership organisations to identify issues which affect the community including abandoned vehicles, fly tipping and new issues such as 'beds in sheds'. Through this initiative we can act as Community Safety Advocates, so that issues can be responded to quickly and efficiently which means concerns and problems can be addressed early which will help to improve the environment and the safety of Croydon residents. If you see something that you think could be a hazard, contact me by phone or email; there is an answer machine when the office is closed. For concerns about crime either dial 101 for the Police or, if it is a crime in progress, dial 999 (DO NOT leave a message on the neighbourhood watch phone). Any resident who would like to set up a Watch should contact me. More 'Watches' mean more people can be advised about crime prevention measures and how to look after vulnerable neighbours and to protect against distraction burglary and scams.

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## **Setting priorities for local policing**

### **Bob Sleeman**

Our local Safer Neighbourhood Watch police team meet monthly with a panel of local residents. Residents get an update on local crime statistics and any current problems or issues. We then discuss and vote on policing priorities for our ward. The current priorities are:

- Antisocial behaviour (ASB) by youths
- Motor Vehicle crime
- Burglary
- Speeding Vehicles

The Coordinator for Neighbourhood Watch in your street can represent your views or perhaps you would like to attend as a Ward Panel member. For more information please contact:

[Ashburton.SNT@met.police.uk](mailto:Ashburton.SNT@met.police.uk) tel: 0208 721 2474

## Lower Addiscombe Shops Lyn Simmons

As a community, we are very fortunate to have such a diverse range of shops and services available to us along Lower Addiscombe Road. Many other districts have seen the demise of their local shopping streets while ours has recently benefited from paving and street furniture improvements. Such an asset can only thrive if people in the community, as well as those from further afield, actually use and support their local shops and businesses.

While Christmas is now over, with decorations packed away for another year and Christmas trees taken to be recycled, here is a thought for the next festive season. Over the last two years, I have set myself an objective to try and do as much Christmas gift shopping locally as possible.

Friends and family have been the recipients of:

- Toys, games and arts and crafts materials from **Gordon's**
- Delicious products from the delicatessen at **Vic Gibson**
- Gardening gifts from **Ground Jewels**
- Hot towel signature treatment from **The Valet**
- A manicure at **Serenity Beauty**
- A variety of products bought online at **Boots.com** but delivered to the local store who benefit from purchases made in this way.

This is in addition to my own purchases as follows:

- Festive food and drinks from local supermarkets, independent butcher, fishmonger and greengrocer.
- Christmas tree at **Ground Jewels**
- Cards from several outlets
- Stamps at the **Post Office**
- Pre-Christmas hair cut at **Weavers**
- A break for a relaxing coffee at **PMT**

Sadly there are no book shops in Addiscombe, so I had to venture further afield to tick those off the gift list, but I hope I have made a small, personal contribution in helping to sustain our local shopping street. Perhaps I could set a challenge for others to achieve a 100% success rate in Christmas 2013.

**NB** I am not specifically endorsing the shops mentioned above, they just happen to be the ones I have used.



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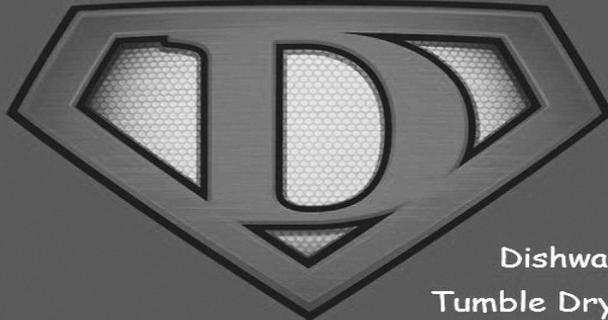
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