

The H.O.M.E. Residents' Association

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INVITATION TO OUR SUMMER SOCIAL

Everyone is welcome to our Summer Social (and AGM) on **Saturday June 1st from 3pm to 6pm**. We're holding the event in the Clyde Hall (Clyde Road) in support of the efforts by Surrey Opera to restore this truly community venue.

Come and find out more about this historic building and fascinating restoration project. Come for tea and cake and a chance to meet your neighbours. Feel free to bring something to share or swap ... Don't feel obliged but all contributions are most welcome, e.g. homemade cake or biscuits; a spare plant; a second-hand book. At the AGM the proposal will be made that Ashburton Road, Close and Gardens become part of our residents' association and we expect to *welcome residents of these roads officially into H.O.M.E.*

ADDISCOMBE IN ACTION – “DOING THINGS OURSELVES”



Addiscombe in Action (supported by RECC, H.O.M.E, Chase, Canning and Clyde, Residents for Regeneration) invite you to come along to a meeting to help decide what local people are going to do to make East Croydon / Addiscombe even better **on Saturday 20 April, 2.15pm for 2.30 pm start, ends 4.30 pm, at St Mary Magdalene Hall, Canning Road** (right hand entrance so as not to end up in the wedding!) Following last year's *Have Your Say* event local residents have:

held an Action Day which went on walkabout to pick up litter, joined the Sir Phillip Game Centre Fun Day, saw what happens at Addiscombe Railway Park, joined CHASE Residents Association Summer Fayre; organised a highly successful Cherry Orchard Arts Festival; done some guerrilla planting of bulbs at Morland Road roundabout; better communicated local events like the Tattoo Art Fair, H.O.M.E Residents' Association morning at PMT coffee shop, digging holes with Friends of Addiscombe Railway Park so children can plant trees; begun to liaise with local businesses to make people aware of what we have to offer locally. *We want to do MORE! Please come along and contribute ideas of what you would like to do. The event will be an informal get-together. Everyone is welcome: all ages, whether you are new to the area or have lived here a while. Play area with toys for children (unsupervised). Light refreshments - please feel free to bring something to share. We look forward to seeing you and hearing what you would like to do.*

EAST INDIA ESTATE CONSERVATION AREA CONSULTATION

The roads covered by H.O.M.E form the major part of the East India Estate Conservation Area, which received its designation in 2008.

The aim of a Conservation Area designation is to preserve and enhance the special character and appearance of an area. So we need to think twice before we put up a satellite dish, add a dormer window or cut down a tree. Also, most developments in a Conservation Area need planning permission and some need Conservation Area consent. For more details see the Croydon council website, where you can also find out about the 'Croydon's Conservation Area General Guidance' document going for approval to Croydon Council on 22 April. The Council wishes to include the residents of the Conservation Areas in the consultation process taking place at the moment on the best way to manage and maintain the character of these areas. ***You are invited to air your views by returning your responses to the questionnaire accompanying this newsletter. You can fill in the same Questionnaire on line at: <http://www.home.addiscombe.net/Questionnaire.html> by 15th April.***

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PLANNING ISSUES 19 Ashburton Road - 6 different planning applications were submitted within a year. The last planning application - to create 11 bedsits - has gone to Appeal with the Planning Inspector in Bristol. We have had more than 70 objections. Let us hope the Appeal Inspector agrees with the residents and with Croydon Council and refuses it. The inspector has visited the site on 3rd April. The decision might take several weeks or months. *We will let you know.*



IMPORTANT - You will not get a letter about a planning application next door anymore. The Council has stopped sending letters to residents informing them of Planning Applications close to their homes. Instead they place notices on lampposts near the relevant property. This isn't particularly effective or reliable but the Council states that it saves them some money.

There is a direct link to the registration page via our own website under Planning Applications.

You can also register on-line with Croydon Council and receive automatic notifications by email. Have a go and let us know how the on-line registration works for you!

ADDISCOMBE COMMUNITIES SUMMER FUN DAY

Saturday 8th June 2013, 12-3pm at St Mary Magdalene Hall, Canning Road.

Community stalls, games, quiz, raffle, BBQ, cakes, teas and coffee.



MEMBERSHIP OF H.O.M.E.... HOME Residents' Association is 9 years old.

It came into being as a result of the community getting outraged by a planning application to demolish one of the fine Victorian Villas. In 2006, there was another planning application to demolish 2 Victorian houses in Elgin Road - this was refused and as a result we received our designation as a Conservation Area. In 2012 we have had a string of 6 planning applications in Ashburton Road - we are still battling with an application for an HMO – (house in multiple occupancy – see details above). The bonus - we now have Ashburton Road, Close and Gardens joining us in H.O.M.E. ***The best outcome over the years that H.O.M.E has been in existence is that through working together to preserve and enhance the character of our area we have built a strong community.*** If you are a resident of the H.O.M.E roads, membership of our Residents' Association is automatic. BUT if you register as a member of H.O.M.E each year this also gives you *membership of Neighbourhood Watch*and membership of **Neighbourhood Watch** can give you discount on your home insurance. A voluntary subscription, suggested as £5 per household, (or less or more if you wish) would be very welcome. This helps to offset expenses incurred in maintaining the H.O.M.E website, printing newsletters and corresponding with the council / ombudsman etc. You can register at our Social and AGM on 1st June or email us: athome@addiscombe.net or tel 0208 654 6437 and we will send you a form.

JOIN THE COMMITTEE - Do you have any issue you want addressed by H.O.M.E? Do you have any useful talents or a wish to join the Committee? We meet every 2 months. The meetings are ONLY one hour long. If you would like to receive emails with the latest from H.O.M.E please register with us.

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OUR VIEWS ARE IMPORTANT!



As H.O.M.E represents 2/3 of the East India Conservation Area, Croydon Council has approached us for help in ascertaining residents' views on how the area should be managed and what we like about it.

The Council is in the process of preparing Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plans for all of Croydon's 21 conservation areas to improve the effectiveness of heritage protection in these areas. This is being delivered during the course of the next two years in three tranches.

Tranche one underwent an eight-week public consultation from 1 August to 28 September 2012. Following this consultation, amended versions of the documents, including the Conservation Area General Guidance, were endorsed for adoption at Cabinet on 11 February 2013 and will be recommended for adoption as Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) at the Council meeting of 22 April 2013. They will become part of the legal framework when planning applications are considered.

Tranche two is currently being developed and this includes the East India Estate Conservation Area. The Council are keen to informally engage with the local Residents' Associations at this early stage, to hear our opinions on the East India Estate Conservation Area's special character, as well as what we feel are the key threats currently facing the area's short and long term protection. It is important to note that there will also be a formal public consultation on the draft of this document during the summer of 2013.

Your comments are invited on the points raised in the Questionnaire overleaf. Your answers will help to inform Croydon Council's Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan. Please return your responses to your local road coordinator (addresses below) by April 15th.

**Ashburton Road – Phil Emerson at No 29
Havelock Road – Ellen Forester at No 6
Outram Road – Stan Goron at No 74
Mulberry Lane – Simon Thompson at No 7
Elgin Road – Norman Young at No 44**

You can fill in the same Questionnaire on line at: <http://www.home.addiscombe.net/Questionnaire.html>
or via <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9G2F9SD>

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QUESTIONNAIRE on the East India Conservation Area

(continue on separate sheet if needed)

Respond by 15th April 2013 please!!!

1. What do you feel constitutes the area's special character?
2. What key buildings or features do you think illustrate this character?
3. How would you evaluate the area's current condition?
4. What do you see as being the key threats and issues currently affecting the Conservation Area?
5. Do you have any suggestions for how the area might be better managed to ensure its long term protection?
6. What specific guidance would you expect Conservation Area documentation to provide?
7. Any further comments.

Your name:

Address:

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