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Letter from the Committee

March, the late snow has thawed and Spring appears to be here at last. Croham Valley is one of those interesting roads where you see Spring arriving as you drive down the hill from Selsdon to South Croydon station. Every day the buds on the trees start a little closer to the summit until all are in bloom.

In this fun-packed issue we have an interesting outline of the council's long-term plans for the area as well as the usual list of local events, which we hope you find useful.

Sadly, Sara Pevsner who has edited our Newsletter for the last year has stepped down due to family responsibilities. We are delighted with Sara's innovation and design skills and hope to continue improving under her watchful eye. Anna Kirton has volunteered to act as editor and will be taking on the role from the next issue. We thank her and wish her every success.

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Letter from the Chair



A night at the Planning Committee

As you will be aware by now the Government Inspector appointed to review the Croydon Plan agreed in January that there is an exceptional need for secondary school places around the Coombe Wood area of Croydon and that the only site available is the Coombe Lane Playing Fields. Therefore, he has agreed for the site to be un-Green Belted (for want of a better expression).

As a result, several members of your committee went to The Council Offices in Katherine Street to hear the Planning Committee discuss the planning application for the temporary school which quickly followed the Inspector's decision, and to make a presentation on behalf of the CVRA. The write up of this appears later in the newsletter.

However, before the Council considered the temporary school they considered an application to knock down a detached house in Green Lanes in Purley and build flats on the site.

We know from experience in our own area that the Council looks favourably on these types of planning applications having seen similar applications approved in Croham Road, Melville Avenue, Castlemaine Avenue and Campden Road.

However, what struck us so sharply were the comments from the Chair of the Planning Committee, Paul Scott. He acknowledged that there were no houses of multiple ownership in the road in question and that the new building would be bigger than the one it replaced. He was not interested in the extra noise and traffic which would be created he simply deemed a change from single to multiple ownership would not affect the character of the area because architectural style was similar.

He explained that Croydon had been set a target of 34,000 homes to be built in 20 years and therefore no area of Croydon had a right to remain the same as it is now. All areas had to accommodate additional housing.

The irony of this is that if the meeting we attended was typical they will not make the target anyway. They need around 150 new dwellings per monthly meeting to make the target. The Green Lane development was about 8-10 dwellings and the other developments were a maximum of 40 dwellings. Way short of the target. So there is a good chance that housing in the south of the Borough will change in mix in an attempt to achieve a target that will be missed significantly.

We have been considering going from four to two newsletters per year as each newsletter requires quite a considerable amount of work from your committee. Sanderstead Residents Association publishes its newsletter only twice a year - but has an extensive up to date website .

If we move to two newsletters per year we would be in a position to spend more time on our website to be able to give you more up to date information. We would appreciate your views on this proposed change.

Regards Jeremy Gill

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Planning

Area A

50 Castlemaine Avenue

A planning application has been submitted for the demolition of the existing detached house at 50 Castlemaine Avenue and the erection of a block of 8 flats. The site is next-but-one to the block of 8 flats currently under construction on the corner of Castlemaine Avenue at 86 Coombe Road. The proposal will leave the small detached house at 52 Castlemaine Avenue sandwiched between two excessively large blocks of flats.

The proposed development involves creating an underground car park, which will be accessed by way of a car lift. The excessive size of the development does not permit the inclusion of an access ramp to the garage. The proposed building would be significantly larger than other properties in Castlemaine Avenue and out of keeping with the character of the area.

The CVRA, local Councillors and 35 residents have objected to the application. The decision of the Planning Department is awaited.

At 69 Croham Road, the conversion of the existing dwelling into 7 flats was completed in December, but three months, later all 7 flats remain unoccupied.

The controversial development at 2 Campden Road for 20 flats in two separate blocks has commenced. PK

Area B

10 Croham Valley has now been demolished and excavations have commenced to build 8 new flats. The applicant on the planning applications on this site was Aventier; however, they appear to have sold the site on having obtained planning approval, as they have also done in a number of other local planning applications. The site is now being developed by JFD Developments Ltd with all the necessary deep excavation work to take account of the basement level having been completed.

No new applications have been submitted this quarter. DR

Area C

No new major applications have been submitted this quarter. LO

CVRA made Representation to the February Planning Committee on the Temporary School Application

First may I say how disappointed we are at the lack of meaningful consultation with the local residents. We feel our views have not been taken into account. In particular regarding the dangers to be encountered by the pupils crossing the busy Coombe Road.

Also, the matter of utilising the adjoining Nursery/Timber station site with its entrance along Conduit Lane. As the operating leases are shortly due to expire we asked the Council to add this site to that of the playing field. We believe this would solve a lot of the access problems we see arising. Finally, the matter of unintentionally prejudging the permanent school application with this application. Please consult actively with us over the full application. However; at this stage our main concerns are:

Firstly: Proposed restrictions to traffic flows around Melville Avenue.

On balance we DO NOT want it to be partly one-way with a pedestrian crossing. At the 30th October public consultation, the residents raised concerns for themselves and the pupils over the extra traffic that will be generated in Melville Avenue. In response you are suggesting restricting access to Melville Avenue from Coombe Road, to help pupils cross when coming up from the Tram Stop. Which road will the Southbound traffic use instead? It will turn into Castlemaine Avenue - a road the pupils must also cross coming from the tram stop - as per your plan. Castlemaine Avenue is already a much more dangerous road to cross than Melville as it is on a blind bend of Coombe Road.

We think your scheme makes the journey more dangerous. Why not direct the pupils along the Lloyd Park side of Coombe Road as they come up from the Tram Stop and set-down carpark, by creating a new light controlled entrance from Coombe Road, located up from Melville, leading straight into the school. The pupils will then only cross one road instead of three. It is also a shorter journey for them and one they are more likely to take crossing the dangerous Coombe Road.

Secondly: Our concerns are around lorry and car access to the School site. We DO NOT want this to be from Melville Avenue. You state in the application "the Trust and project team acknowledge that the access from Melville Avenue will not be suitable for the permanent school."

Our response is that if you are going to provide a new vehicle access from Coombe Road, start building it NOW - please - In time for construction traffic to use, when building the temporary school and eventually, the permanent one.

Our concern on this point is amplified by the comments on the planning application from WATES the proposed builders stating that "as well as in and out access from Coombe Road - the existing access from Melville will be retained for servicing and deliveries". We strongly object to this as 'servicing' can be interpreted as construction vehicles delivering building supplies.

In summary

Child safety should be the number one priority when discussing access to this temporary school.

Your proposed layout takes a short-term, short-sighted approach instead of providing from the outset a new, light controlled entrance from Coombe Road into the playing field.

Thus allowing the pupils to cross in greater safety.

It is the only sensible approach to take and I ask the committee to give this VERY serious consideration to reduce the risk of injury to these pupils.

Thank you for listening.

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Proposed Permanent School Buildings

We appreciate the car park (10) being accessed off Coombe Lane and we appreciate the all-weather pitch (13), which we presume will be floodlit at some time, being located far away from Melville Avenue and Benchfield.

However, our main concern is the closeness of the main school buildings to the first few residents of Melville Avenue. Not only are the buildings close, the plan shows the bin store and the service area about five meters from the nearest house.

You can see from the diagram how big a site it is yet the architects have put the buildings where they are because they say they want the school to have a "strong presence" on the road. Despite the inconvenience to the residents of Melville.

The architects also said the proposed location is preferred as building costs will be less as that corner of the site is flatter. We are not sure about this as locations 16 and 17 on the site are flatter having already been levelled to be used as football pitches.

As for the facades of the buildings, they are not traditional but we think we would be better to concentrate on their location in the short time we have to comment during the Planning Committee meeting on the application.



We would appreciate your views directly to us or to the council. The planning page for the school is:

<http://publicaccess2.croydon.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=neighbourComments&keyVal=P32CBCJL0DS00>



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Evolution of the Suburbs - Proposed New Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

Following Croydon's new Local Plan being approved and adopted, the Council is also working on the above-mentioned document which sets out the design guidance policies which the Council will use to deliver some 30,000+ new homes across the Borough in the next 18 years and how Intensification will be the key feature. The proposed timeline for drafting and adoption of the SPD is as follows:

July – August: Formal consultation on the draft SPD

September: Consideration of representations and post-consultation amendments

October 2018: Adoption

The link below has the presentation to Scrutiny of 23rd January 2018 on the SPD:

<https://democracy.croydon.gov.uk/documents/s5839/Presentation.pdf>

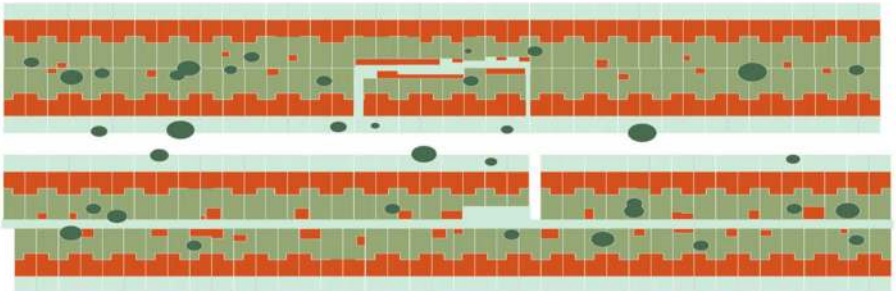
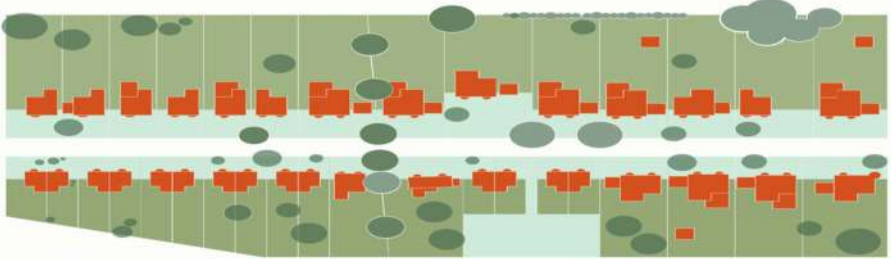
For your information we've extracted some information from this 24 page presentation which you should find of interest:

- Croydon's Local Plan Strategic Policies has set a housing of 32,880 new homes by 2036.
- It is expected that these would be delivered through approximately 10,000 new homes in the Croydon Metropolitan Centre, 10,000 on allocated sites and 10,000 on windfall sites.
- However the draft London Plan has increased housing target to 29,490 new homes to be delivered by 2028 in Croydon.
- This significant increase in housing targets will put further pressure on the suburbs to accommodate new homes.
- The emerging Croydon Local Plan Detailed Policies pro-actively encourages growth and sustainable intensification of suburbs to accommodate more homes.
- Policy DM11 outlines the expected modes of suburban development including: conversion, addition, infill and plot subdivision, rear garden development and regeneration.
- Policy DM11 outlines 4 intensification areas 1) South Croydon Brighton Road Local Centre 2) Kenley Station 3) Shirley Local Centre & Shirley Neighbourhood Centre 4) Forestdale Neighbourhood Centre. These are Areas with established infrastructure but relatively low density.
- The vision for these Intensification Areas would be the following:
 - Redevelopment of sites
 - Up to twice the existing predominant height
 - Managed change of character
 - Mixed-use
 - New public space, crossings & other amenities

What this Intensification might look like:

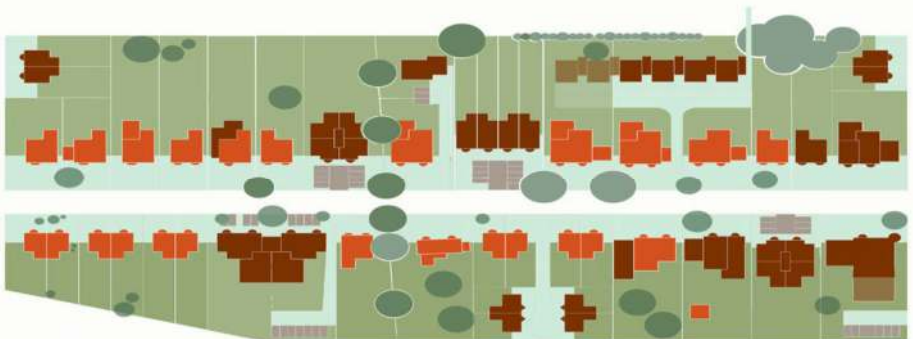
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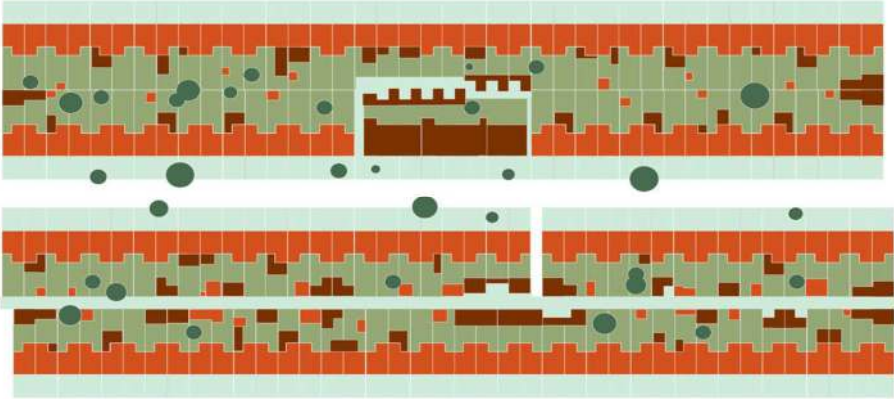
The Council's vision of typical streets you find in areas across Croydon today.



Typical Streets Vision 2036

The Council's vision of typical streets you find in areas across Croydon in 2036

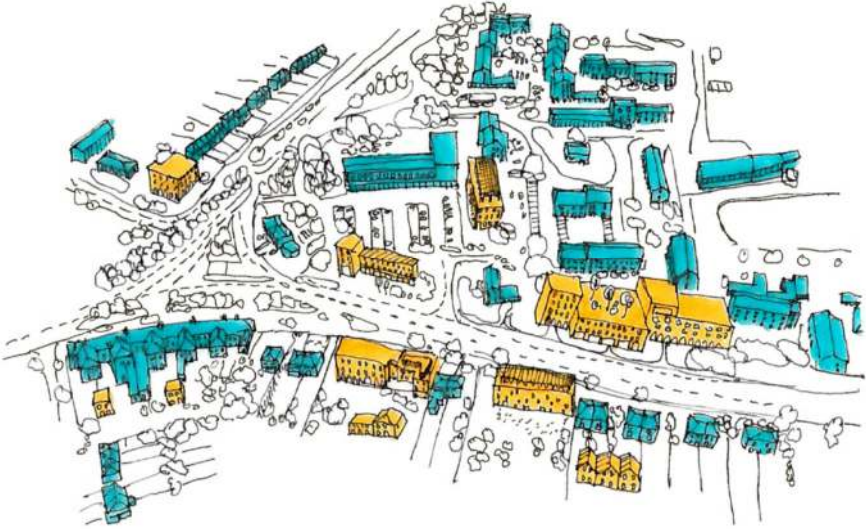




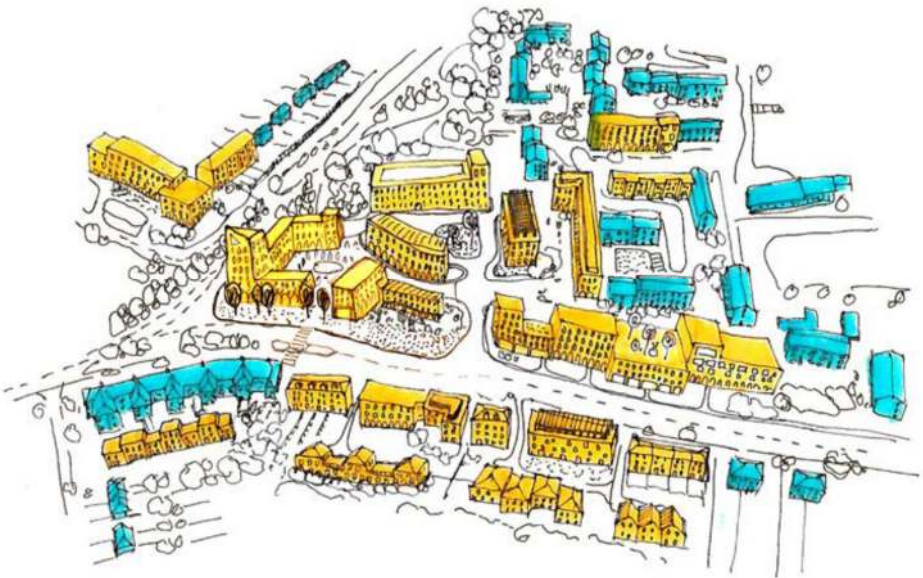
The Council's vision of the Forestdale Intensification zone today, in 2025 and 2033



Forestdale Intensification zone 2018



Forestdale Intensification zone 2025



Forestdale Intensification zone 2033



ROTARY CLUB of CROYDON JUBILEE



FUN with PURPOSE

A very Happy New Year to all of you with new resolutions and new projects to look forward to.

Firstly though, 2017 was a year of endeavour and great satisfaction. A very successful Car Run in May, our Charity Golf day in June, closely followed by our annual Big Band concert saw our donations to local charities go as £ 2000 to South Croydon Day Centre for the Elderly, £4,400 to Prostate Cancer UK (Croydon Branch), £1,000 to Hurricane IRMA appeal and sundry other donations totalling some £2,500 to other local causes. It is with very sincere thanks I record that the Concert raised £1,800 towards the total of £4,400 to Prostate Cancer UK. A successful Christmas Tin Shake supported by all members with Sainsbury's support supplemented our charity collections and our thanks to those who contributed on the days. We continued to provide drivers for the M S Ambulance run.

So what does 2018 ask of us?

The Jubilee Car Run - Sunday – 22nd April – Denbies Wine Estate, Dorking to Goodwood Motor Circuit, Chichester. Entry Price £45 (Car, Driver, Passenger, Run Pack and Finisher's Plaque). Maximum entries 150 cars. A fantastic opportunity to enjoy a beautiful run through Surrey and Sussex in the spring sunshine. **Contact: Dhiraj: 020 8686 7757(9-5.30) or David G: 020 8688 0273(6-9).**

The Jubilee Big Band Night – Friday – 15th June – Warlingham Rugby Club – with the Nigel Garrard Big Band – 7.30 to 11.00pm – Tickets £16 pp. Once more we will enjoy the music of Ted Heath, Count Basie, Sinatra and Ella with first class professional musicians. **Contact: David C: 07889 315 854 or Cliff: 020 8651 1164. Beware – Tickets are already being requested!**

Final detail regarding our **Charity Golf Day in June with decisions on specific local charities are not yet decided upon but proceeds from all events will go to Charity.**

And that is the first 6 months of the year!!

More information from Cliff Quarty on 020 8651 1164 or jubilee.rotary@gmail.com.

Better still come and join us at one of our meetings on Mondays at 7.00 for 7.30 pm at Croham Hurst Golf Club, Croham Road CR2 7HJ (Bank holidays excluded).



Charity Classic Car Run 22 April 2018

organised by The Rotary Club of Croydon Jubilee



We Start

the Annual Classic Car run at Denbies Wine Estate, London Road, Dorking, Surrey RH5 6AA and take a stunning route over two counties through the high grounds of Surrey Hills and country lanes of parts of "Old Surrey & West Sussex", incorporating the most beautiful villages and hamlets. Picnic at one of the beautiful sights on the way or enjoy a lunch at one of the plentiful pubs.

We end

at Glorious Goodwood Motor Circuit, Chichester, West Sussex, PO18 0PH. Nestled at the foot of the Sussex Downs just a few miles from the sea, the track is the only circuit in the world to remain entirely in its original form. Should you wish to have a bite at Goodwood it has the Aero Club and NAAFI wagon.

The entry price

is £45 which includes the car, the driver, one passenger, a run pack, route guide and finisher's plaque. Additional passengers are £15 each. Space is limited to 150 cars.

All surplus will go to local charities

Closing date for entries is 19 April 2018

Contact details: dhiraj@dsandco.com croydonjubilee@virginmedia.com

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Croydon Council Initiative - Brick by Brick

The following article provides some background information and poses some questions on this Council initiative:

- Brick by Brick Croydon Ltd (BxB) is a development company which has been setup and is wholly owned by Croydon Council. The aim of the company is to provide new affordable and private for sale properties across the borough. The goal is to deliver more than 1,000 high quality new homes across the borough by 2019.
- The council and the company's objective is that 50% of the overall smaller sites programme will be affordable homes and 50% private homes for sale. This will vary from site to site.
- In accordance with the Croydon Local Plan, and where economically viable, 60% of the affordable homes will be for rent and 40% for shared ownership in the programme overall; although this will also vary from site to site.
- The exact make-up of the affordable housing will differ from site to site, depending on the economics of that particular scheme. The intention is to create housing, whether it be for rent, shared ownership or any other tenure, at a cost which addresses the specific local need. Affordable rented units will not exceed 80% of market rent but may be significantly lower.
- There are no Councillors on the board of BxB, which is made up of two independent members and two Council nominated members who attend board meetings as observers on behalf of the Council as shareholder. The Managing Director of BxB is a Council employee and Cllr. Alison Butler is the lead Council Cabinet Member.
- The BxB Business Plan must be approved by the Council's Cabinet (which is only comprised of ten Labour Councillors).
- The Council lends BxB money so that it may buy Council land and develop it. BxB pays interest to the Council on the money it borrows.
- The latest available year end accounts for 2016 filed with Companies House show the following:

- BxB has an unsecured loan facility with the London Borough of Croydon, which can be drawn against for five years, until 2021, up to a total loan value of £10,061,091 of which £9,104,466 was drawn down in 2016.
 - In 2016, BxB made a loss of £1,088,108;
 - In 2016, £30,000 was paid to auditors;
 - In 2016, £37,500 was paid in remuneration to non-Council Directors.
- BxB currently has 26 sites with planning consent for a total number of units 539 of which 235 are affordable.
 - BxB has 12 other sites which have been submitted for planning consent for a total number of units 511 of which 244 are affordable.
 - BxB also has a substantial pipeline of sites which are at an earlier stage of Delivery. Design and viability work are underway on these. Subject to approval by the BxB Board it is likely that these sites will progress to planning application stage from summer 2018.

Questions to Consider:

- Despite having the benefit of backing from Council financial resources, it is entirely unaccountable to the people of Croydon and can easily avoid public scrutiny. But public scrutiny matters as BxB will deliver development schemes by making deals with building contractors and other parties.
- BxB is a private company and as such Freedom of Information requests do not apply.
- In spite of the Council's assertion that BxB will be flexible and quick to respond, the Public Sector generally finds judgements on efficiency or responding to changes in the market much more difficult.
- A concern for people living close to BxB developments is the Council's multiple roles and financial interest, as well as owning the planning process.
- BxB has the potential to make a return on its projects but equally there are risks such as cost escalations, projects not going ahead or being delayed.
- There's a fundamental question as to whether Councils should compete in commercial activities and more importantly perhaps, are they able to do so effectively.



LOTTERY FUNDED

Along with my family, I moved to Croham Valley two and a half years ago. We had no connections to the area moving from "Inner London" but were pleasantly surprised by the warm welcome we received from our immediate neighbours.

As we got to know our location better we realised we were living in a very special place, with a long, interesting history, a wealth of green spaces and where there was evidence of a sense of community.

Using the Big Lunch as a way to meet more of my new neighbours I organised a street party on Chapel View to celebrate the Queen's birthday. A number of my neighbours joined us as well as quite a few people I hadn't met before. This was the first time I had ever attempted anything like this so I was quite nervous and like many "hosts" I spent more time making sure everything was going well than actually engaging with people.

The feedback I received was really positive which gave me the encouragement to organise a second "Big Lunch" street party last year. Although the Big Lunch is dedicated by the organisers at The Eden Project in Cornwall I decided to dedicate our "Big Lunch 2017" to Ballards Estate as I had discovered that 2017 was the 60th anniversary of the housing developments in Croham Valley Rd, The Ruffets, Chapel View, the Gallop and Chestnut Grove being completed. Many of the residents who moved here 60 years ago still live in the same houses and had some wonderful memories to share about their time growing up, raising their families and living within this small community. We had beautiful weather, lots of food to share. Making use of the free road closure for the event the road was full of the sounds of laughter and joy as adults and children got together to join the party.

Once again I am starting to plan this year's street party, along with new found friends and neighbours who are keen to make this an annual event. I hope we will be able to pull off a street party with a bang but even if it is just a little pop I am looking forward to seeing some new faces as well as some some, now, familiar faces. Not being a natural organiser I tend to leave everything to the last minute but this year I plan to be better organised, less nervous and learn to delegate.

I truly believe that by knowing our neighbours, even a little, we become a stronger community, we look out for each other, we care about our surroundings and we are happier.

The purpose of the Big Lunch is to bring families, neighbours and communities together. The idea that eating together as a social occasion isn't new, we eat with our families and friends but rarely with strangers. By holding a Big Lunch street party, we strengthen ties within our communities.

But how do you do that? It really is as simple as bringing a plate of food to the table and sharing it with others. It doesn't need to be an elaborate 3 course meal, it can be a plate of sandwiches or a bottle of lemonade. It can be your national dish or your favourite snack. You can be a top chef or the one that's only ever allowed to wash up, so long as you go with an open heart and mind, ready to welcome new friends and strengthen your community.

Why don't you have a go at organising your own big lunch street party, you never know who you might meet. This year the Big Lunch is on the 3rd of June go to <https://www.edenprojectcommunities.com/> to get your Big Lunch starter pack. Bon appetite Sara

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Sundays 8 April, 13 May 1, 12:00-4:00pm

Afternoon of Dance & World Music

We are hosting a dance and world music event to raise funds for the centre Wheelchair Lift Appeal. This will involve learning circle dances from different traditions, and there will be a wealth of music from different countries to dance to. In the break, there will be an opportunity for some participants to share a song, reading, or poem of their choice, preferably from varying countries. Participants are asked to bring a bottle of water, but other refreshments will be available.

Suggested donation: £12/£9 conc.

The Buddhist Centre Croydon, 96-98 High Street, Croydon, CR0 1ND
Saturday 24th March 2:00-4.30pm

Croydon Universal Group Lunchtime Fundraising Quiz

Admissions: £2.50

Croydon BME Forum, 56a Mitcham Road Croydon, Cr0 3RG

Friday March 24 12:00-3:00pm

Comedy Utopia

Matt Burden hosts an evening of the finest UK comedy talent where Kelsey De Almieda, Ryan Dalton, and Danny Garnell return to kick off the year of shows at Matthews Yard.

Tickets: £11

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<https://www.tickettext.co.uk/live-at-the-utopia/comedy-utopia-07042018/>

1 Matthews Yard, Off Surrey Street, CR0 1FF

Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society talk: The Green Belt

A talk by Graham Lomas about the rise in population and economic growth making the Green Belt vulnerable and about the problem of reconciling the competing claims of living space and conservation. Lomas produced the first comprehensive map of the Green Belt.

Small Hall of the East Croydon United Reformed Church, Addiscombe Grove, almost opposite East Croydon Station

Wednesday 11 April 7.45pm

Bisexuality is Magic

Activist and magician Marcus wants to put on a comedy magic show about bisexuality.

Will he really saw someone's gender stereotypes in half?

And can supporting act Magenta

Surprise pull off their interpretive dance tribute to the bisexual flag?

Tickets: £10

For more information and booking please visit

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Saturday 14 April 2:00-4:00pm and 8:00-10:00pm

Purley and Coulsdon Debating Society Local Election Debate

"It's time for Croydon to come back to the Conservative" proposed by Tim Pollard, opposed by Andrew Pelling.

Admission: free

Old Coulsdon Centre, Coulsdon Road, Grange Park, Old Coulsdon CR5 1EH

Monday 16 April 8:00pm

Croydonites Festival of New Theatre

From personal memoir to pop-up opera, parody to pathos and immersive to intimate, we're welcoming new genres of performance to our programme from UK and Croydon based artists. Featuring four premieres and a film commissioned by Croydonites (and made on location here), the festival showcases fantastic British theatre and performance, with seven local artists leading the way.

For the full programme and more information please visit

<http://www.croydonites.com/programme-for-2018.html>

Friday 27 April - Sunday 20 May

Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society talk – Sword Hilts

A talk by Tony Tucker on the surviving ceremonial sword hilts, their design, their history and the coats of arms displayed upon them, based on his latest book for Friends of City Churches.

Small Hall of the East Croydon United Reformed Church, Addiscombe Grove, almost opposite East Croydon Station.

Monday 30 April 7.45pm

Recurring Events

A Journey Through Brutalism

National Trust Walking Tour

Delve into the contemporary heritage of Croydon as one of the most important examples of Brutalist and Modernist architecture. In fact, Croydon is one of the only London boroughs where you can see so many of these examples of post-war optimism.

For more information and booking please visit

<https://www.rise-gallery.co.uk/exhibition/a-journey-through-brutalism/> Tickets: £5

Taxi rank, East Croydon Railway Station

Every Saturday through March

Yarn & Darn

Bring your latest knitting project along to our friendly, informal weekly knit & stitch event. Everyone is welcome, no matter your age, sex or ability.

Please bring your own yarn and needles for this free meet up.

1 Matthews Yard, Off Surrey Street, CR0 1FF

Every Sunday 4 March – 1 July 14:00-17:00

Monthly Life Drawing Class

Art Now - Banstead Art School warmly invites you to our monthly life drawing sessions at Matthews Yard. We have had professional models, dancers, actors and even magicians step through our doors... Who will you get to draw next?! All levels of experience are very welcome. Tickets: £21

For more information and booking please visit - <http://artnow.club/Life-Drawing-1>
1 Matthews Yard, Off Surrey Street, CR0 1FF

The next dates are on Wednesdays: 28th March and 13th April and 23rd May 6.30 - 8.30pm

Walk For Health Lloyd Park

Admissions: free

Meet in front of Parklife Cafe, Lloyd Park, CR0 5RD

Every Monday 11:00am-12:00pm (grades 1-3)

Every Monday 1:00-2:30pm (grade 3)

Meet at Lloyd Park tram stop, CR0 5RD

Every Saturday 10:30-11:45 (grade 3)

Walk For Health Selsdon Wood

Admissions: free

Meet in front of Selsdon Wood Car Park, Selsdon Wood, CR2 8QH

Every Friday 1:30-2:30pm (grade 3) or 1:30-2:50 (progression)

Activities for Children

Musical Bumps

For ages 0 to 4 years.

For more information please contact thegirls@projectbcroydon
Project B Venue, 3-7 Middle Street, Croydon, CR0 1RE

Every Monday 10:00am

Spring Crafternoon

Join us for crafts to celebrate the first day of spring.

Admission: Free, no booking required. For children aged 4 – 7

Bradmore Green Library

Tuesday 20 March 3.15-4.15pm

Easter card making

Come along in the library and learn how to make an Easter card. Send the perfect personalised Easter card this year! Material provided.

Admission: Free, advance booking required.

For families

Sanderstead library

Tuesday 27 March 3.00-4.00pm

Cozy Glow Easter Egg Hunt

Visit Cozy Glow for the Easter Egg Hunt this March 2018, the Easter Bunny is coming back to Coulsdon and he has hid all his clues around town! Cozy Glow is the Easter Bunny Head Quarters where you will start your Easter Egg Hunt and take part in other eggciting fun and games.

Tickets: £5

For more information and booking please visit

<https://events.cozyglow.co.uk/easter-egg-hunt>

Friday March 30 – Saturday April 7 10:00am-5:00pm

Easter Eggstravaganza

Bouncy castle, cakes, arts & crafts, easter egg trail, face painting, hot food

Grange Park, Old Coulsdon

Saturday March 31 11:00am-3:00pm

Kids Charcoal Drawing Workshop

Zoe Akroyd Parker and her son Lucas (aged 10) will be hosting a Charcoal Drawing Workshop for kids, sharing their tips for using traditional charcoal sticks as well as pencils and chalk.

Drop in or stay for the full 3 hours and enjoy all the facilities at the historic Matthews Yard.

£20 for the afternoon, pay on the door.

All materials provided, kids of all ages welcome!

1 Matthews Yard, Off Surrey Street, CR0 1FF

Tuesday 3 April 1-4pm

Museum of Croydon Events for Children

11am to 4pm and are free, drop-in, family events. Each activity is suitable for 5 - 11 year olds, although other ages can enjoy them too.

Saturday 17th March - Be inspired to create your own piece of art to recognise International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Saturday 24th March - Come and make a water tower inspired by Croydon surveyor Baldwin Latham, for World Water Day.

Saturday 31st March - Make a portrait celebrating the works of Croydon authors and artists.

Museum of Croydon, Croydon Clocktower, Katharine Street

Selsdon Library Events for Children

We run the following free drop-in events for young children from all year round.

Rhymetime: *Mondays 11am - 11:30am*

Storytime: *Tuesdays-alternate Tuesdays are a 'Farmyard storytime and play session' 10:30 - 11am*

Rhymetime: *Fridays 10:30am - 11am*

Rock and Rhyme: *Saturdays 10:30am - 11am*

Crafternoon: *Saturdays 3pm - 4pm*

If you love to sing ... Don't keep it to yourself!



Popchoir Croydon

Mondays 8.00-9.30pm

St Mildreds Centre, 30 Bingham Road, Croydon CR0 7EB

No audition, no experience required, no need to read music!

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www.popchoir.com

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Why cut our trees?

Many of us were dismayed to see the council fell a large number of our roadside trees. Outside my house two, seemingly beautiful trees, were cut down to three-foot stumps, which have only just been removed. One can only assume they were diseased, but I would like to know the councils plan for replanting. WL



It is all very well for Croydon Council to say that they are planting 3,500 trees (over a period of five years) to improve air quality in the borough. How, therefore, do they explain the cutting down of 30 mature trees, of which less than 10% can have been described as diseased, in a total length of just over two miles of roads?

According to Cllr Stuart King, the object of planting trees is to make the borough “more attractive and less polluted”. I applaud this aim but he should make himself more aware of the current adverse policy. EG

If you have views or comments on this or any other topic affecting our area please send your thought to the editor at cvra@gmx.com

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Call 999 if you are reporting a crime in progress or if someone is in immediate danger

Reporting Non Emergencies

Call 101 to report crimes that are not an emergency or to give information to the police or make an enquiry

Croydon University Hospital

530 London Road
CR7 7YE
020 8401 3000

New Addington Minor Injuries

Parkway Health Centre
Parkway
New Addington
CR0 0JA

Croydon Council

Bernard Weatherill House,
8 Mint Walk, Croydon CR0 1EA

General enquiries: 020 8726 6000
Lines are open: Monday to Friday,
9am to 4pm.
www.croydon.gov.uk

* Councillors for Selsdon and

Ballards Ward

Clr. Dudley Mead,
Clr. Phil Thomas

* Councillors for Croham Ward

Clr. Maria Gatland, Clr. Michael
Neal, Clr. Jason Perry

* Pending May 3rd elections

All the Councillors can be contacted either on the web (My Councillor Croydon) or by post
c/o Town Hall, Katharine Street,
Croydon, CR0 1NX.

Refuse Information

Black caddy all food waste, cooked or raw.
Collection weekly

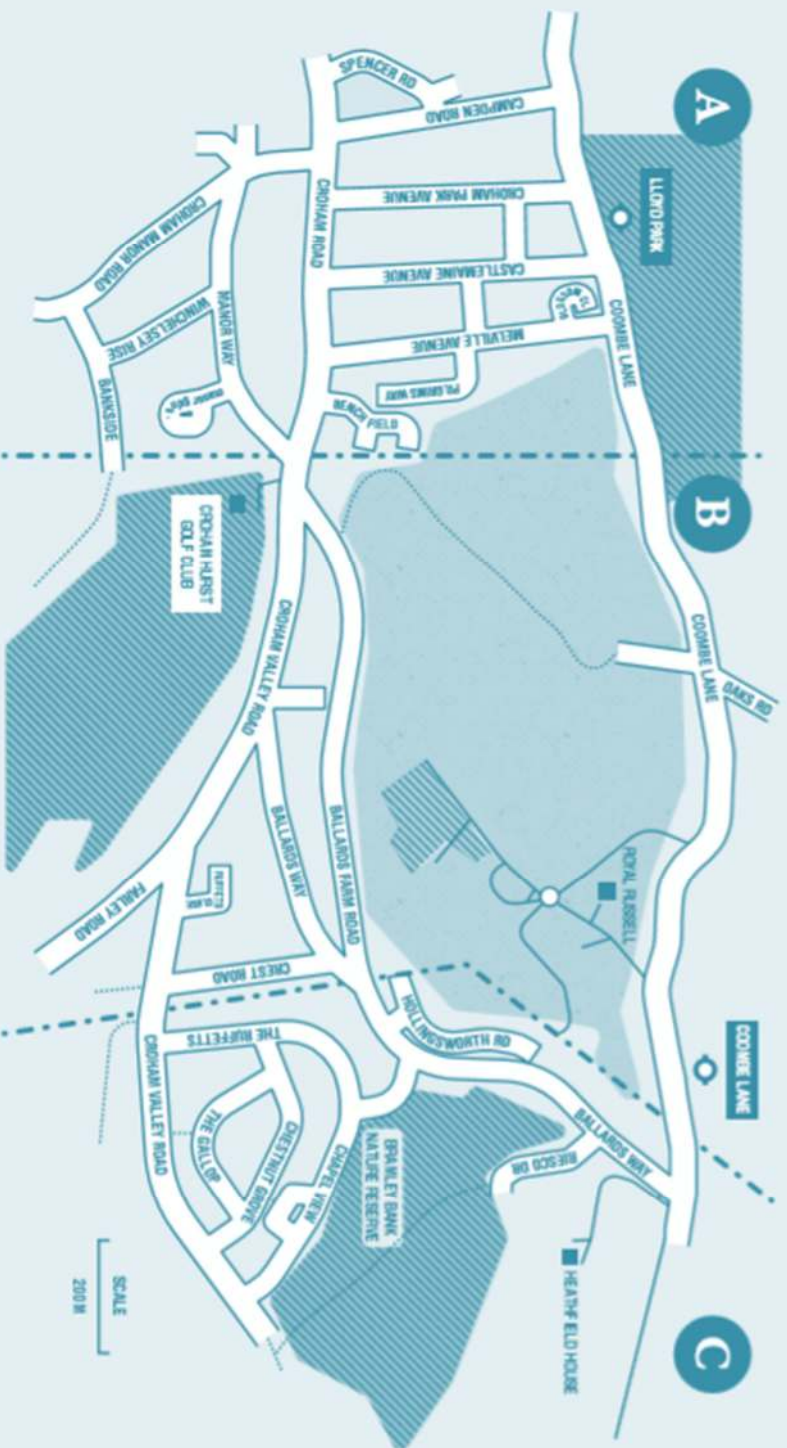
Blue recycling box: paper. Collection
fortnightly

Green recycling box: plastic, glass, metal.
Collection fortnightly

Large wheelie bins: landfill. Collection
fortnightly

Textiles should be bagged and left out
for collection weekly

www.croydon.gov.uk/environment



The above map indicates the areas that are covered by each association's representatives in respect of planning application or any other matters of concern. The phone numbers to contact for each are as follows:

A. 020 8688 9558 / B. 020 8657 8787 / C. 020 8657 6585