



Canning & Clyde Road Residents Association

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Gabriel

Bumper Christmas Edition

Christmas Tree?



Dotted around Addiscombe are fir trees like this one in Canning Road. What are they? Suggestions so far:

- Jubilee Pine (to commemorate one of Queen Victoria's anniversaries 1887 or 1897);
- Victory Pine (to commemorate the Battle of Waterloo);
- A huge Christmas tree?

Do you know the answer to this mystery? If so, do let

Carols and Bells

Get into the spirit of Christmas. It's traditional (see photo from late 1950s) and it's fun! Join the singers with lanterns and handbells on Wednesday 20 December, starting at 7.15 pm, on the corner of Stretton and Morland Road, or on Saturday 23 December at the same time on the corner of Nicholson and Lower Addiscombe Road. You don't have to be a church member to take part. Refreshments afterwards! Proceeds to the Children's Society. Listen out for them - they'll be visiting you!



Carol Singers outside St Mary Magdalene late 1950s (Photo by Gordon Weaver) from *The Book of Addiscombe Vol II*

Ding Dong

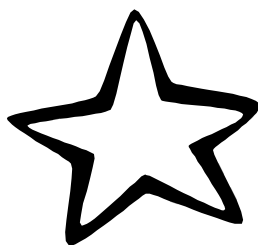
I am sure we have all heard the bell ringing at St Mary Magdalene, Canning Road. The church was built in 1868 but at the time there were not sufficient funds to build the planned exceedingly tall spire. Sixty years later after much fundraising the current tower was completed in 1929. The tower was dedicated in January 1930 along with the 10 tonne bell which was named Gabriel. The dedication service was shown in cinemas all over the country. Every day at noon Gabriel was rung to call parishioners to prayer. This continued until World War II when the pealing of bells was prohibited except as a warning of invasion. In 1953 the tower and bell were shown to have cracks so Gabriel was recast as a smaller replica.

This information was taken from the website of St Mary Magdalene Church, www.history.stmmm.org.uk and *The Book of Addiscombe*. **For a great Christmas present – one or both volumes of *The Book of Addiscombe*. £19.95 each or £35 for both. Lavishly illustrated A4 hardbacks (160 and 192 pages). Compiled by the Canning & Clyde Road Residents Association. All profits go to the**

A Star this Christmas!

A very big thank you to Trevor Phillips, Streetscene Team Manager, who throughout the year has unfailingly responded swiftly and efficiently to

requests for rubbish that has been dumped in the alleyways to be removed. He has made the environment more pleasant for all. Thanks, Trevor!



Have the wheels fallen off? East Croydon Gateway Update

At their invitation back in September, three of us from the committee met with the proposed 12,500 seat arena developer, Arrowcroft. We had the opportunity to ask questions firsthand that had been bothering us like, how is a pulse of 12,500 people going to get there for an event, let alone where they'll go to afterwards? Remember this is right by the side of East Croydon Station. We regret we did not receive any convincing answer. As for traffic flow and parking – which could impact really badly on our area - Arrowcroft say this is a matter for the Council.

It transpires that it's not just our residents association but others too. At the end of September we organised a meeting between five residents associations: us, H.O.M.E. (Elgin to Outram Roads), Whitgift Estate, Park Hill and Morland Park Estate. The Croydon Society was also involved. It transpires that we all wanted to ask the same question of the Council about how people get there and back after an event and the impact it will have upon where we live. We therefore wrote a joint open letter to the Leader of Croydon Council, Mike Fisher, requesting this information. Astonishingly, two months later, we are still awaiting any information on transport. Since easy, comfortable and affordable transport to such a large entertainment venue is imperative for its success, then we continue to question its commercial viability.

In the meanwhile the freehold owners of the Gateway site, Stanhope Schroder, intend to start work on their alternative park, office and Warehouse Theatre scheme very early next year. At least they have planning permission, which Arrowcroft currently does not.

We have just learnt that Croydon Council has begun a Compulsory Purchase Order for the whole of the Gateway site in an endeavour to facilitate the arena development. If you would like to add your

Safer Neighbourhood

We now have a team of five police officers working in Addiscombe: Sergeant Bill Barclay, Police Constable Cath Wynd, Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Joselle Arnold, PCSO John Blagden and PCSO Emma Johnson.

The officers spend most of their time out on patrol in Addiscombe, meeting the community and identifying and dealing with those crimes and issues you tell them cause you most concern. Your Safer Neighbourhoods team wants to hear from you. If your call is not answered, please do leave a message on the answerphone or send them an email. They assure us that a member of the team will get back to you.

Safer Neighbourhoods teams are not there to provide a 24-hour response; this is the role of response team officers. For emergencies dial 999.

You can contact the Addiscombe Safer Neighbourhood Team at Charity House, Rear Of Co-op, 311 Lower Addiscombe Road, Croydon CR0 7AF.

Phone: 020 8721 2473 (we have found this actually works!) or 07920 233886.

Email: Addiscombe.snt@met.police.uk

Visit their website: www.met.police.uk/croydon

Missing and Misdelayed Mail

We are very aware that local mail delivery problems continue. Mail for Clyde Road is delivered to Canning Road and vice versa. Some mail just goes plain missing. Please, if an item is delivered to you by mistake, please write on the envelope that it was misdelivered plus where misdelivered to and pop it back in the post box. At least the actual recipient will hopefully receive it. We've complained yet again to Royal Mail who acknowledge the problem and have promised to rectify it. If you have problems with Royal Mail, do let them know either through email: contactus@royalmail.com or phone: 08457 740 740 or write: Royal Mail Group plc, 148 Old Street, LONDON EC1V 9HQ. We shall be



In the Summertime

Many thanks to everyone who braved the heat for our BBQ with raffle and booksale on a scorching day in the hottest July on record. £118 was raised. Over 50 people of all ages attended and thanks for all the excellent food contributions; it was great to see people having such a good time.

A Local Success Story

St Mary Magdalene – our parish church

Not just for Christmas!

We have watched as more and more people come and go from St Mary Magdalene and wanted to know why it is so successful. **Lesley Kavanagh** interviewed Reverend Richard Williams to find out. Here's what she reports.

Our parish church in Canning Road is much more than just a place of worship. Admittedly the Reverend Richard Williams will welcome up to 1,000 local residents at Christmas services, but his wider vision is that of a church at the hub of a socially and racially diverse neighbourhood, a church which reaches out to all local people regardless of colour or creed.

A pastoral team of eight at St Mary's are concerned with the needs of the bereaved, the lonely, the deprived and the socially excluded. There is work done among refugees and asylum seekers, and a support group for those suffering from depressive illnesses. The young and the old of the parish are a high priority. There are projects such as the 'Kick London' football scheme and holiday activity clubs for local youngsters. Strong links have been forged with nearby schools such as Davidson and Oval at primary level and Tennison's and Stanley Tech at secondary level. At Barrington Lodge and Colby Court homes for the elderly, St Mary's plays both a religious and pastoral role.

It has been estimated that 70% of voluntary social work in Croydon is carried out by the churches.

Where would Addiscombe be without its parish church?

The Magdalene Centre is host to a thriving Pre-School and is used regularly by Brownies and Rainbows. Other activities which go on are the Mother and Toddler Club, Keep Fit, a 'French for Kids' club, a badminton group and the 'Melody Makers' singing club. There are occasional concerts in the centre or in the church, such as local pianist David Dreebin or the Croydon Male Voice Choir, and photographic and painting exhibitions have been held over the years.

Looking into the future, the expansion of the Magdalene Centre and the facilities offered is definitely on the cards, either through redevelopment of the existing site or by forming a partnership with a neighbouring church, such as the Methodists on the Lower Addiscombe Road. Richard Williams has big ideas for St Mary's and believes that community outreach is a way for Christians to show their love for those around them, whether they be potential church-goers or simply fellow human beings.

Tips for Being Green this Christmas

(from *Anne Barcellos*)

Reuse Materials

Most of the materials we use at Christmas can be used again. Wrapping paper, cards, decorations and Christmas trees all have more than one life so be creative! Here are some tips:

- ~ Make your own unique decorations from cards and scrap materials and make gift tags from old greetings cards.
- ~ Tie presents with ribbon, string or brightly coloured wool rather than sticky tape so that wrapping paper can be re-used over and over again.
- ~ Use a bag for life. Say no to sparkly supermarket carrier bags and use your own shopping bag or 'a bag for life'.
- ~ Buy a real tree with roots. Plant or pot it for the coming years.
- ~ Give away unwanted presents! See the articles on the Great Giveaway website and Croydon ARC or advertise in this newsletter.

Recycle

It's never been easier to recycle in Croydon this Christmas. Here's how:

- ~ kerbside collection. Use your green box for glass, tins and cans (including clean foil), paper and textiles. If you have extra materials place one type of material in a plastic bag (not bin bag) on top of the box. Please check your calendar to see if your recycling collection date has changed over the holiday period.

Keeping in Touch

There is a limited amount of space in a newsletter and it takes a little while to produce. We do ensure that the newsletter covers all the most important things that are happening in our area along with one or two more light-hearted items.

If you would like to receive an email bulletin, as and when events arise - for example on planning applications in our roads with a limited time for responses or events about which we hear at short notice – then do let us have your email address. Please email it to anne.bridge@addiscombe.net.

If you do not have email but would like to be similarly updated, please let us know and give us your phone number by contacting us on 020 8656 6707. For those of you with internet access, you can always visit our website at

WARNING!

If you have guests arriving by car over the holiday period, please be aware that parking restrictions apply on bank holidays. Christmas Day is the ONLY day free of charge.

Handy to Know this Christmas

CHURCH SERVICES

Our Lady of the Annunciation (RC),

Bingham Road

Christmas Eve: Carols 11.30pm;

Christmas Midnight Mass 12.00

Christmas Day: Masses at 8.30, 10.00 & 11.30am.

No evening Mass

St Mary Magdalene with St Martin (CofE),

Canning Road

Christmas Eve: All Age Worship with Nativity

10.30am; Christingle Service 5.00pm;

Midnight Communion with Carols 11.15pm

Christmas Day: Family Service 10.30am followed by shortened Communion Service

Christ Church Methodist

Lower Addiscombe Road

Christmas Eve: Christingle Service 4.00pm;

Holy Communion 11.30pm

Christmas Day: All-Age Christmas Worship 10.30am

Church of The Nazarene

57 Lower Addiscombe Road

Christmas Eve: Children's Service 4.30pm

Christmas Day: Family Service 10.30am

BUDDHIST MEETING

At Leafy Way off Park Hill Rise, Monday 1 January:

Gongyo & Contribution 11.00 – 12.30

If you would like to attend, contact Rosie Williams on 020 8686 2437

PHARMACIES

Sunday 24 December - Boots the Chemist, Whitgift Centre is open from 11.00am - 5.00pm.

Monday 25 December: A-Z Pharmacy, 20 London Road, West Croydon. Tel: 8760 0035 open 6.00pm - 7.00pm

Tuesday 26 December: Kents Chemist, 66 Church Street, Croydon Tel: 8688 0888 open 6.00pm - 7.00pm A-Z Pharmacy, 20 London Road, West Croydon, Tel: 8760 0035 open 11.00am - 12 noon

New Year's Eve - Closed as usual.

Monday 1 January 2007: Barkers, 105 Church Street. Tel: 8688 0835 open from 6.00pm - 7.00pm
Boots The Chemist, 257 Lower Addiscombe Road, Tel: 8654 2128 open from 11.00am to 12 noon

~~Tuesday 2 January 2007 - normal opening times~~

MEDICAL SERVICES

For emergency care, patients should ring their GP surgery. Details on how to contact their emergency doctor is always provided on the answerphone.

If medical advice or information is required, contact

NHS Direct On 0845 4647. Alternative providers of emergency care are: **Minor Injuries Unit** at Parkway Health Centre open Monday to Friday 2.00pm - 10.00pm on bank holidays (and 12 noon - 10.00pm Sat/Sun) **Walk-in Centre** 45 The High Street, Croydon, open Monday to Friday 7.00am - 10.00pm, and 9.00am - 10.00pm Sat/Sun and public holidays. **Emergency Dentist:** contact NHS Direct on 0845 4647

PUBS

Alma Tavern, Lower Addiscombe Road

Christmas Day - 12.00 - 6.00pm

New Years Eve - no ticket required

The Builders, Leslie Park Road

Christmas Day - 12.00 - 3.00pm

New Year's Eve - by ticket in evening only

The Oval Tavern, Oval Road

Christmas Day - 12.00 - 3.00pm

New Years Eve - evening only by ticket £5

The Cricketers, Addiscombe Road

Christmas Day - 12.00 - 3.00pm

~~New Year's Eve - 12.00 - 4.00pm. Eve by ticket only~~



SHOPS

Sodha Wines

Christmas Day - 10am-3.00pm and 7-9pm

All other days – normal times

Mr & Mrs Acharya's Newsagent

Open every day other than Christmas Day and New Year's Day (and the Sundays – 24 and 31 Dec) – and look forward to seeing everyone.

Tesco Express

Christmas Eve – 6.00am – 11.00pm

FOR SALE

DVD Recorder – like new!

Matsui DVDR100 DVD+R/RW recorder just a year old! Have upgraded to hard disk recorder, so grab a bargain. Plays most popular disk types DVD +/-, including CDs, MP3s JPEG and Kodak Picture. Up to 6 hours recording, digital coax output if you want it. Complete with remote and full instruction manual. Can be seen working – Canning Road. £45.00 ono. Call Steve 0771 4589443.

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