

Canning & Clyde

We are a residents group covering Canning and Clyde Roads.

Our aim is to help foster a sense of community and to provide useful information on what is happening locally.

We do not collect subscriptions. Residents freely donate their time and talents.

We very much like to hear residents' views on things. Where we need to represent those views, we do so in a proportional way to give an accurate as possible reflection of how many residents think one way or another.

If you or a neighbour would like a larger print version of the words of this newsletter, please let us know.

It would be good if as many people as possible could get this newsletter by email. If you would prefer to receive an email version of this newsletter, please let us know.

If you would like to receive our monthly email update, please let us know - contact Anne. Contact details on back page.



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Hello!

Welcome to the first Canning & Clyde residents paper newsletter in two years. It's great to be back in print. We hope this finds you as well as possible. If you are new to the area – hi, we hope you are happy living here.

After a two year break we are devoting more space than usual in this newsletter to catch up on what *you* would like. Do please let us know.

To reduce use of paper we will only be producing two newsletters a year. You can still, however, stay up-to-date in one or both of the two following ways.

Monthly update email group

Firstly you can join our Monthly Update email group. Email Anne at annebridge175@gmail.com if you would like to receive it.

If you don't have email but wish to receive the monthly update, you might ask a neighbour or friend if they'd mind showing you or printing off the email for you. If you still need help with this, please let Anne know.

Website - what would you like to see ?

Secondly we have a website which we are updating. It is not currently visible and we are seeking first your views on what you would like to see on it. What would you find useful on a residents website? If you are familiar with our old site, is there something

on it you would like to keep? Please email Anne at annebridge175@gmail.com with your ideas. We would very much like to hear them.

Also – we would welcome your photos – either of our two roads or local areas you like and especially of you, your friends and family. Our residents group is above all about people and community. If you email us a photo with other people in it, please get their permission first for us to put it on our website or in a newsletter.

Our website will be at www.canni.addiscombe.net. We intend to have it up and running by the end of May.

Events or activities - your ideas ?

Shared events or activities can be a great way of doing things we enjoy while spending time with neighbours. What are your ideas? Since the way in which we're living with Covid 19 is evolving and the summer months are ahead – now might be a good time to ask residents of Canning and Clyde Roads for ideas of events or activities they might enjoy and also would help organise. We are open to considering all suggestions.

Do please contact Anne as soon as possible - events need to be planned a long time in advance. Your response to this joint question (ideas along with help) will inform what we do.



Cherry Orchard / Lower Addiscombe Road

This is very much at initial testing the water and exploring ideas stage. Nothing has been decided. All residents are invited to contribute ideas and opinions.

A local resident of Oval Road put forward the idea that the shopping area along Cherry Orchard and Lower Addiscombe Roads could be made more resident and child friendly, safe and pleasant to be. Even to sit around outside. He got in touch with an architect who lives in our area.

Together they came up with a few ideas that are only initial conversation starters. They looked at schemes that have worked well eg in South Croydon and Coulsdon, all the while bearing in mind the differences in circumstances. The emphasis is on making the Cherry Orchard and Lower Addiscombe

Road a more enjoyable place to spend time in and to encourage the development of the kinds of shops, cafes, leisure activities and businesses residents would like to see.

This might involve areas to sit outside including cafes, more trees. The hope would be that shopkeepers would see an increase in footfall and be willing to invest more in the appearance of their shop. It could attract new businesses.



This might involve widening the pavement. Here is a photo of a possible road layout. From what we can see, the pavements would be widened (wholly or largely) by removing the cycle lane. Any changes to the road layout would only be countenanced by Transport for London (TfL) so long as there is no increase in bus journey times. That also means of course no increase in car journey times.

If you are interested in finding out more or getting involved, please contact Councillor Sean Fitzsimons. sean.fitzsimons@croydon.gov.uk

Rubbish collections

To check which rubbish collection it is in any week see Croydon Council website at www.croydon.gov.uk. Select 'In your area', then 'Your home'. You don't need to set up an account to do this.

If you haven't already found this out – our excellent bin men are super strict. From experience, if they open a bin and see just one wrong thing, even if everything else should be there, they will leave the lot. We are not allowed to store bins on the pavement.

A number of us have experienced from time to time our rubbish bins not being collected or other issues with the service. Veolia provides rubbish collecting and street cleaning services to the South London Waste Partnership; Croydon is one of the four South London boroughs who have this joint contract with Veolia. Although Veolia is experiencing issues with a shortage of HGV drivers, this is not considered an adequate excuse. Croydon Council has issued a Service Improvement Notice to Veolia.

Huge change in the way Croydon Council will be run

On 5 May 2022 – we will be able to take part in local Council elections plus the election for Croydon’s first directly elected Mayor. This is a huge change and will impact us all.

Voting will be a form of proportional representation, which will give a more accurate result than the usual first past the post system. We will each have a first and second choice of candidate.

If you’d like to do your own research on how directly elected Mayors have worked out in practice in London, then the other four boroughs with directly elected Mayors are Hackney, Lewisham, Newham, and Tower Hamlets. London boroughs are unitary authorities.

Again if you want to do research - a high profile unitary authority directly elected Mayor is the Mayor of Bristol. This may be an interesting study for two reasons. Firstly the first and second directly elected Mayors of Bristol have had very different styles. Secondly events in Bristol over the last two years have thrown a spotlight on how a directly elected Mayor has had to respond to a situation where different residents have different strongly held views.

For more information on how the new directly elected Mayor system will work, there is a very clear explanation on www.croydon.gov.uk

Croydon Council's phone system

Croydon Council will be updating its phone system between March and June this year. Although most people contact the Council through its website or email, not everyone has digital access. Some people have experienced difficulty getting through so the updated system is designed to make it easier.



Steve’s tree

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