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Sunset on Riddlesdown Common – Rachel Tarrant, Local Resident

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EDITOR'S NOTES

BY NEIL TARRANT

Welcome to the summer issue of the Recorder! It seems that we are still waiting for summer to start this year, but hopefully there will be some articles in this edition to distract you from the seemingly endless rain. I am happy to bring you all the usual news and reports prepared by members of the committee and our local representatives. There are also a number of features reporting on the various activities that have taken place recently in Riddlesdown. Gill Pates tells us about the recent celebrations of the Queen's 90th Birthday held at St Edmund's Church, Linda Bevin describes her

experiences learning to love running.

We are always keen to hear from you, whether you have a report you would like to write on a local activity, to tell us about a club or organisation or simply to comment on the content you have read. As ever I would like to thank the contributors to the magazine, Roger Cherrill for putting the magazine together and finally all the road stewards who work so hard to deliver it.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

BY BRIAN LONGMAN

What Does The RRA Do?

Recently, whilst speaking to a resident who had just moved into the Riddlesdown area, I was asked a simple question: What does the Riddlesdown Residents' Association (RRA) do?

I then spent the next 30 minutes explaining the issues and campaigns the Association had been involved with over the last decade. What was interesting was that I had been asked the very same question a few weeks previously whilst trying to recruit a new road steward. As many of you will be aware, the Association has an excellent and extremely informative website, Facebook page and Recorder magazine. However, for the many new residents who have moved into the area, a brief résumé of the Association's work within the local community might be useful.

The RRA was formed back in 1937 to promote the wellbeing of the residents in the Riddlesdown locality. In 1937 there were twenty-one people on the committee, more than double the number that we have today. In those early years the Association ran a number of social activities and clubs as the population of Riddlesdown grew and developed. A gramophone club that included a record library for the loan to club members, an autumn flower show with 39 separate categories and a Dramatic Society who produced several performances each year. In 1956 the RRA held its first dance at St Edmund's hall with 180 residents inside on the dance floor; many more had to be turned away at the door due to overcrowding.

The children's Christmas party, which still continues today, had a record number of 120 children attending 1957. This was the first children's Christmas party to be held in the new venue at St Edmund's hall. Also extremely popular, was the RRA's lawn tennis and badminton club.

On a more formal note, in 1937 the RRA kept a watching brief on the erection of the new shops in Riddlesdown. The builder of the estate gave the Association an assurance that they would do all within their power to safeguard the amenities and look after the interests of the residents in the matter of the shops. Even back in 1937, the importance of local shops was high on the Association's agenda.

However, with house building in Riddlesdown continuing at a pace, developers' attention quickly turned to the green belt land. Since our formation in 1937, the Association has, on many occasions, needed to defend the green, open and pleasant aspect of Riddlesdown.

At a public enquiry in 1974, the Association successfully opposed an appeal to the Secretary of State to build hundreds of new houses on the green belt land of Riddlesdown. The lesson was clear, the green belt cannot be taken for granted and if we value it, we must be prepared to fight for it, and we have ever since.

In 2006, large sections of the green belt in Riddlesdown were once again under threat, with speculators buying and selling plots of land. The Association worked quickly with



our local councillors and others to ensure we had the maximum protection in place on the sections of the green belt land under threat.

Where possible, a planning Article 4 direction was put in place by the Council, on the land under threat. This takes away the entitlement to undertake development that would ordinarily not require planning permission. This is particularly useful in safeguarding the visual amenity of a green belt site. Tree preservation orders (TPOs) were also put in place in Mitchley Wood, which is classified as ancient woodland, meaning that the woodland has existed continuously for more than 400 years.

Now, rarely does a month go by without some sort of challenge to the green belt in Riddlesdown. Trees are cut down, small parcels of woodland and fields are put up for sale at public auctions and planning applications are submitted. Now whilst the Association has not been able to protect every tree and bush, I can say that so far, no green belt land has been lost to development. Following discussions with Council Officers and Councillors, subsequent TPOs have also been put in place by the Council, to other local woodlands which have been under threat.

Also high on the Association's agenda is the local health services and in particular Purley Hospital. The Association has been heavily involved with both the hospital's initial redevelopment and more recently with the proposed changes to the minor injury and urgent care facilities. On this important health matter, we have worked closely with other local resident Associations and our local MP

to ensure the health needs of the local residents were clearly understood.

More recently Biggin Hill airport proposed a new flight path over Sanderstead and Purley and they have recently extended the opening hours at the airport. Following meetings with the Biggin Hill management, our local and GLA councillors, our local MP and other residents' Associations, we have submitted a detailed document of objection to the airport authority about the proposed new flight path. This also included our concerns over the number of new flights and increase in aircraft noise over Sanderstead and Purley. Transport in general (both trains and buses) and in particular the poor service provided by the 412 service has been a big issue during the last three months. The 412 buses have been cancelled or turned around at All Saint's Church on route to Purley on a regular basis. We are still awaiting a resolution to this problem from Transport for London (TfL).

Litter continues to be a real problem in Riddlesdown and as a result we have been in constant dialogue with our local councillors and council officers. I have to say without the efforts of Phil Thomas, our committee Planning and Environmental member and our local Councillor Yvette Hopley, some pavements and grass verges would have disappeared under a mountain of rubbish!

Supporting our local shops has always been high on the Association's agenda and last year was no exception, with the Association playing an active role in support of both our Pharmacy and Post Office during a difficult period of change.

A quick check of the last month saw the Association involved in a range of issues including: street cleaning, highway maintenance, gully and drain cleaning to reduce flooding, especially close to Riddlesdown station, green waste collection, access to the Purley Oaks Recycling Centre and changes to the local mobile telephone network.

The Association maintains for the use of residents an excellent website with up to date information on planning, crime, transport, scams and much more. Please have a look at www.riddlesdownresidents.org.uk.

This short report is only intended to be a brief snap shot of the work the RRA undertakes on behalf of the community. The Association has nearly 90% of households in membership, one of the highest in Croydon. But as I said before, in 1937 we had 21 people on the committee. We now only have 12 committee members, but even more

importantly we are still short of road stewards, especially in Hyde Road, Westfield Avenue and Copthorne Rise. The road stewards are at the heart of the Association and help to keep us in touch with the membership. A road steward delivers the Riddlesdown Recorder twice a year to around 30 houses and once a year they collect the £3 subscription from members. Please, can you help?

Riddlesdown is a pleasant place to live and the Association today is still totally committed to our objectives as set out, back in 1937; to promote the wellbeing of the residents and the community and help to make Riddlesdown a more pleasant place to live.

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Brian Longman

RRA chair



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PLANNING MATTERS

BY PHIL THOMAS

Planning Notifications and Decisions & Facebook

As usual all planning applications and decisions in our area are updated weekly on the RRA website. Did you know the RRA also have a Facebook page, which is becoming very popular? Why not give it a “like” and maybe post some comments on there!

Mitchley Hill Field

I reported last time that the owner of the Green Belt land in Mitchley Hill, beside the Dunmail Drive access way, submitted a retrospective planning application for the retention of the security gates and an agricultural hardstand/turning area. This application had to be submitted because the Planners had noted that the hardstand area was much larger than had originally been given permission for, and the front gates were higher. Croydon’s Planners refused the application in mid-December. We however learnt on 11 May that the owner has decided to appeal to the Planning Inspector. The appeal will be decided on the basis of an exchange of written statements by the parties and a site visit by the Planning Inspector.

New Telecoms Mast in Mitchley Hill

A telecoms planning prior approval request was lodged with Croydon’s Planning Department on 11 May, to remove the existing mast, cabinets and fencing in the woodland near the bottom of Dunmail Drive,

and to erect a new pole mast and equipment box. The proposed pole mast will be 15 metres high and on the grass verge in Mitchley Hill, near to junction with Mitchley Ave/Rectory Park. This new mast is required because the landowner of the woodland has served notice to quit on the telecom companies. The RRA do not know the exact reason for this but we guess it may have something to do with rent. The current 19.5 metre high mast is used by O2, Vodafone and EE. The new mast would be used by O2 and Vodafone only. We presume EE will rely on their existing mast further up Dunmail Drive close to Riddlesdown Collegiate. Whilst it is not an ideal location, it’s probably the best site for continued good transmission and reception for nearby residents.

As we received no objections from residents, the RRA and our MP Chris Philp submitted some observations and we remained neutral. We asked that the new mast and cabinet is painted dark green to match the colour on the existing mast. We also made comment that we hoped EE would not be submitting their own application in the near future to erect another mast on nearby highway land or Metropolitan Green Belt. It would surely make sense for EE to also share this new mast as well, if they need to operationally, without the need for another mast, which is Government policy. We asked the Planners to check if the Telecoms agent had approached EE in this respect. A final decision is expected at the end of June.

75a Riddlesdown Rd

An outline planning application was submitted on 13 April to demolish the “bungalow” on this site and to erect flats. The existing building appears to be single storey from the front, but is in fact two storeys at the rear, because of the steep fall of the land. The application is to demolish the existing dwelling and erect a part two-storey, part three-storey building comprising one one-bed and four two-bed flats; the provision of five car parking spaces, and the formation of vehicular and pedestrian access. This property is right on our boundary, abutting the Purley & Woodcote RA area. The RRA along with about forty local residents objected to this application for flats in a street that is predominantly single dwellings and would be out of character with the adjoining street scene. We are concerned this could set a precedent. Concerns were also raised about highway safety, as this is a proposal for five flats and vehicles and not for one dwelling. The site actually exits into Riddlesdown Ave and sight lines for vehicles exiting the site onto Riddlesdown Rd (which would happen) would not be very good. As the land falls steeply towards the rear, the modernistic building would, especially in winter, be seen across the valley towards Purley Bury Close. A decision is expected from the Council before the end of June.

Former Good Companions Public House, Hamsey Green

Although this site is outside of the RRA area, it is still in the Sanderstead Ward. Lidl, the owners of the site, submitted an application on 3 March, for the erection of a two-storey building comprising a supermarket, together with four two-bedroom apartments on the first floor; the formation of a vehicular accesses and provision of 85 car parking spaces and a service yard. This is now the second application submitted by Lidl. The first being refused by Croydon Planners and also on appeal, the decision for refusal was upheld by the Planning Inspector.

In early June, Croydon’s Planning Officers without the need to go the Planning Committee, refused this latest application. The full grounds for refusal were: the development would be out of keeping with the character of the surrounding area and detrimental to the visual amenity of the street scene by reason of poor design, prominent siting and scale of the buildings and would not respect the existing pattern of buildings, nor maximise the opportunities for creating an attractive and interesting environment. Secondly, the development would adversely affect pedestrian and highway safety on the adjoining transport network by reason of the siting of the access and egress points and the associated traffic and would thereby conflict with the objectives of the National Policy Planning Framework. It now remains to be seen whether Lidl appeal to the Planning Inspector again!



Land r/o 36 /60 Honister Heights & fronting Dunmail Drive

The RRA have recently been advised by a resident in Sussex, about the activities of Wineham Investments who has recently purchased land at Pondtail Wood, in the South Downs National Park, West Sussex, just north of Brighton.

This is the same Company who we understand felled many trees on the Green Belt land r/o 36-60 Honister Heights and opposite Riddlesdown Collegiate in Dunmail Drive, in November 2012. At that time, this land had no TPOs on it. Subsequent to this action by Wineham, the Council put a blanket TPO on this site and other woodland in Riddlesdown, primarily owned by Wineham. This site in Dunmail Drive was subsequently sold by Wineham in August 2014. It appears that Wineham Investments (or another company owned by the same individual) is now felling trees again on ancient woodland

at Pondtail Wood. This time it appears that thirteen acres of woodland has been felled, until various Agencies served enforcement notices. Many tonnes of hardcore have also been deposited in the site and Wineham have been told they must re-plant at least 600 trees and care for them for 10 years.

Wineham still own some land in Riddlesdown. Should their contractors start tree-felling again in Riddlesdown, residents are advised to report any activity to Croydon Council's Planning Department (Tree Officers) immediately on 020 8726 6000. We believe the Company still owns some woodland in Honister Heights (opposite 36/60) and adjoining the Common, the unmade section of Dunmail Drive, some woodland in Mitchley Ave and most of the farmland in Rectory Park/Mitchley Hill, and Mitchley Ave. Most of this woodland is now covered by blanket TPOs. These maps showing the TPOs are available to view on our website.

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ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

BY PHIL THOMAS

Purley Hospital – Urgent Care Centre (UCC)/Minor Injuries Unit

As I have reported in a number of previous issues, the eight Residents' Associations (RAs) in the south of the Borough have had continuous dialogue with the Croydon Clinical Commissioning Group (CCCG) about Urgent Care at Purley Hospital. The CCCG are responsible for the funding of all Urgent Care provision and GPs within Croydon.

On 2 February last, it was decision day for the CCCG, about Urgent Healthcare in Croydon, from April 2017. Some representatives of the eight Residents' Associations attended this public meeting in Croydon. There were no surprises about the decision by the CCCG Governing Body, who decided that Option 1, which was their preferred option, would be implemented from April 2017. This option is: one Urgent Care Centre open 365 days a year at the front door of the Emergency Department (A&E) at Croydon University Hospital; GP out-of-hours service on the same site; three GP hubs in the vicinity of current services (Purley, Parkway, Edridge Road), open from 8am-8pm, 365 days a year, covering all of Croydon.

From our representatives present at the meeting, they advised the CCCG Governing Body took it in turns to congratulate themselves on the good work they have done

and completely overlooked most of the concerns the eight RAs have raised over the last eighteen months. It would seem that the CCCG were keen to look after their interests in the north of the Borough, and were only too happy to offer promises of services for the communities around Croydon University Hospital. However, the RAs have managed to keep the three units in the town centre and the south, (at Edridge Road, Purley and Parkway; or in the near vicinity) open and all with the opening hours of 8am to 8pm, which we do not think was the original intention of the CCCG.

The RAs do at least have a commitment to a facility in the Purley area, opening hours from 8am to 8pm and bookable access to x-ray for some emergency treatment. This is not quite what we wanted, but we suspect it is considerably more than we would have got had we kept quiet. The restoration of morning opening hours is also an achievement. So we have achieved limited success.

Chris Philp MP also met with the CCCG many times. Chris said: "I think that our efforts over the last year or so have made a difference. The restoration of morning opening hours and very fact of a continuation of a service at Purley are the fruits of this labour. If Dr Agnelo Fernandes's promise about emergency x-ray referrals holds good, that will be a big victory. My remaining concerns are the name "GP Hub" which is underwhelming; (e.g. "Injury and GP Unit"

would be better). And secondly I am still concerned about the level of injury they will treat - I am keen that (for example) very serious cuts and ideally fractures get treated there. This detail has not yet been published and is very important.”

The next step in the process is for the CCCG to start working on a full draft specification for urgent care services. The CCCG have invited representatives from the eight RAs to attend some seminars and meetings prior to the full specification being tendered.

Street Cleaning

I reported last time about street cleaning and the litter-strewn state of many streets in our area from June 2015, when the Council brought in their new “village” refuse/recycling and street cleaning system.

As a result of the poor state of our streets, Sanderstead Ward Councillor Yvette Hopley and I met with Steve Iles, the Director of Streets at Croydon Council, in January. The purpose of the meeting was to address some of the local issues in relation to street cleansing, damaged grass verges, blocked gullies and flooding, particularly under the railway bridge in Lower Barn Rd, about which the RRA have been complaining to the Council for many years now.

We also showed Steve Iles the litter issue in Copthorne Rise and Mitchley Ave and also damage to grass verges in that vicinity. We did also stress to Steve Iles that Riddlesdown suffers with a huge influx of school children (2,000) as well as commuters (some from outside the area) and that the new six-weekly street cleaning (rather than the previous four-

weekly) is not enough for some of our streets! The streets we showed him were just a small proportion of those affected in our area. All the streets on the south side of Mitchley Ave, close to the Collegiate are still swept four-weekly, i.e. Honister Hts, Ingleboro Drive, Derwent Drive etc. However, Mitchley Ave, which is heavily used by pedestrians, is now six-weekly!

Sanderstead Ward Councillors have also received a huge increase in complaints since last June about the condition of the streets from litter and leaf fall. Steve Iles did stress that a big problem Veolia have, is from parked cars in some streets and the RRA accepts this is an issue, particularly in the four main streets near to the Station, also Honister Heights and Copthorne Rise. We did ask him if Veolia would undertake Saturday cleaning (when parking isn't as bad).

Subsequent to the meeting, the RRA submitted our proposed street cleaning schedule to the Council which included streets in our opinion that required four-weekly cleaning, instead of six-weekly, principally to try and stop gully grids becoming blocked and causing flooding in various locations. This included virtually all the streets in our area that fall directly into Lower Barn Rd where the worst flooding usually occurs. In addition we asked for weekly cleaning where there is high pedestrian traffic use, like Mitchley Ave, Lower Barn Rd, bottom end of Copthorne Rise, Rectory Park and Downs Court Rd. We will post more on our website and Facebook when we get a response from Steve Iles.

Flooding in Lower Barn Rd

We did ask in August of last year whether anyone had photos of the flooding in Lower Barn Rd by the Station. We have now managed to obtain some photos which show the extensive flooding on 24 August 2015. Most people who have already seen them comment that this is the worst flooding in memory at this location. The RRA have raised with the Council for many years now about the fairly frequent flooding at this location and we have passed these photos onto the Council.

In the RRA's recent correspondence to the Council, we have pointed out, as shown in the photos, the grey Network Rail high voltage electrical box, which is partly flooded.



The Police closed the road last August, because they were concerned members of the public would get electrocuted! We did tell Network Rail in 2011, that this may happen, when they located the box next to the road, at that time!

Interestingly at the Public Inquiry, which the Planning Inspector held for the Riddleah Court flats development in 2008, the Inquiry was told that flooding on this scale would not happen! The original planning application was refused by the Planning Committee but overturned by the Planning Inspector. The RRA believe this flooding is now worse because the land levels within the new flats development have been raised for the bicycle shed and the car park. There is now also a small retaining wall at the back edge of the footpath which acts like a dam. Previously, before this development was built, any high flood water that accrued at this point was allowed to overflow onto the woodland. This is now not happening. The RRA believe the Authorities and the developer should have taken this into account!

The RRA have asked the Council what they are going to do to stop any further deep flooding. It is a major inconvenience to commuters using the station and to residents wishing to get to the shops, not to mention the safety of the public, with Network Rail's high voltage electrical box closeby. We keep informing the Council that road gullies and soakaways as far away as Mitchley Hill, Derwent Drive, and Ingleboro Drive need to be regularly kept clear because this location is the low point for a number of square miles, if rainwater is not dispersed at higher levels.

The Council and Network Rail say they are looking at the situation. The Council did carry out large scale gully and soakaway cleaning in March and from the recent heavy rains in early June, it appears that no extensive flooding occurred here, as a result of this.

The photographs below were taken on 24 August 2015 and are kindly supplied by Darren Wittwer.



Purley Oaks Depot - Traffic Queues

As many residents will be aware, over the last few months there have been extensive queues at the Purley Oaks Household & Recycling Centre, also Factory Lane and Fishers Farm in New Addington. The Purley Oaks HR Centre is the Centre that perhaps affects Riddlesdown residents most, in gaining access in and out of Riddlesdown Rd, around Capella Court.

There seems to be a number of reasons as to why this is happening. One reason could now be the cost brought in, in April by the Council, for garden green waste collection. Of course previously the free collection (well, we paid for it in our Council tax) was for a maximum of ten plastic bags. Even with the biggest of the new wheelie bins, it does not come anywhere close to the quantity that ten clear bags used to take. Maybe four bags if you are lucky. So this surplus garden waste has to be disposed of somewhere, so Purley Oaks is the obvious place if it is not composted by residents. So maybe some residents, who already have the new garden waste wheelie bin are maybe using this Centre to dispose of surplus garden waste? This is of course in addition to those residents who don't have the new wheelie bins.

Secondly, there are two nearby Household Centres run by Surrey County Council (SCC) in Warlingham and at Caterham on the Hill. Although Croydon residents should not use them, it is probably more convenient for those residents at the southern end of the Borough and who have previously used them, than Purley Oaks. However, from March until 21 May, the Caterham on the Hill Centre was

closed for essential maintenance. So it is possible that some Surrey CC residents were using Croydon's centres at this time. Also the Warlingham Centre is closed from 23 May until the end of July and again Surrey residents may sneak over the boundary into Croydon! In addition SCC are now carrying out checks to ensure that only their residents use their Centres and they are also charging for the disposal of some materials! So why can't Croydon Council do the same and bring in checks that only Croydon residents are using our Refuse and Recycling Centres? About 15 or so years ago you had to display a sticker on your vehicle to prove you were from Croydon. Surely they could re-introduce them or something similar? There are big signs outside Purley Oaks saying "Non-residents use pay machine to insert £4." Have you ever seen anyone use this machine?

As far as traffic stacking on the Brighton Rd is concerned, I first complained to the Council about the queuing system around Capella Court in 2012. I asked then if yellow box junctions could be installed as the 412 bus was being delayed and getting stuck in the traffic jams. The 412 bus route terminates outside Purley Hospital but has to use the Capella Court "roundabout" to turn around and return back into Purley for its journey on to Croydon. The Council's senior Highways Officer said then, for safety reasons they couldn't lay yellow box junctions! However, following the worse traffic jams since April due to the increased use of the Centre, the Council have now done a U-turn and listened and in mid-May it laid new yellow box junctions and new lane markings! This is as a result of further complaints from the RRA (&

other RAs), Councillors and our MP. It will not stop the queues to the Centre but hopefully the yellow box junctions may now keep the traffic moving around Capella Court?!

We have also asked the Council if they will keep the Purley Oaks Centre open for longer hours and not to keep closing it to move containers around! We note the other two recycling centres in the Borough have longer opening hours, albeit Fishers Farm is not open longer at weekends.

Purley Oaks is currently Monday to Sunday, 8am to 3.30pm. Factory Lane is Monday to Saturday, 7.30am to 4.30pm and Sunday: 8.30am to 4pm. Fisher Farm is Monday to Friday, 8am to 4pm; Saturday, 9am to 2pm and Sunday, 9am to 1pm. We have suggested that Purley Oaks should at least match Factory Lane, which in total is open for 61.5 hours a week, compared to Purley Oaks at 52.5 hours. Other complaints we have received, are that at times the Purley Oaks Centre is closed at 3 pm (instead of 3.30 pm) because containers are being moved around and therefore it does not re-open because of the site closure at 3.30 pm. The site is advertised as closing at 3.30 pm and this should be the case.

The RRA have also noticed recently an increased amount of fly tipping on the streets of Riddlesdown! Of course this is an additional cost to the Council to clear the fly-tip off the highway. At the time of writing, Councillor Stuart Collins (Labour Cabinet Member for Clean Green Croydon) has advised the RRA that the Council are carrying out a review of all the Centres, starting first with Purley Oaks. Watch this space, as they say!

Paint Disposal at Purley Oaks Household & Recycling Centre

As a post note to the above, the RRA were advised in March, by a resident, that the Purley Oaks HR Centre no longer allowed surplus paint to be disposed of into bin 4.

We made enquiries with Sanderstead Ward Councillor Yvette Hopley and she contacted Croydon Council officers. The response from an Officer was that “paint is now classed as hazardous waste and therefore Croydon are unable to accept it at any of their three household reuse and recycling centres.” Paint being in liquid form appears to be the problem for disposal as it causes spillage if the container is damaged.

If you have any usable surplus paint, try offering it to friends, local community groups or you can contact Community Re-Paint. <http://www.communityrepaint.org.uk/>

However if this is not practicable;

- For disposal - Water-based paints
 - You can dispose of “solid” water based paint which can be sent to landfill. To make paint solid, you have to remove the lid from the can and leave it off for a number of weeks (replace the lid) before disposing of it. Putting sand or cat litter in it, makes it go hard quicker, or you can buy a special hardener. Recycling Centre staff will probably want to see that the paint is hard before disposing of it. Empty paint cans (plastic or metal) or dried water-based paint can be disposed of at the Council’s recycling centres.

- Oil paints - In the case of oil paint this is a bit more difficult.

Oil-based paint is now given a chemicals

advisory notice and needs to be collected by the City of London (this service is subsidised by our local authority). Further information and details about this service are on this City of London Corporation link <http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/services/environment-and-planning/waste-and-recycling/Pages/Hazardous-Waste.aspx>

The City of London Corporation provides a collection service for boxed chemical and paint only. You are entitled to three collections of 50L of containers per rolling year. Chemicals and paint tins must be put into cardboard boxes for collection. For further details, either speak with a member of staff at one of the Council’s recycling centres or contact Croydon Council direct. What the RRA finds baffling here, is why Local Authorities HR Centres can’t be the collection point with special containers, and the City of London Corporation collect from these Council sites. It must cost a fortune to go all around London picking up from individual households!

along the M25 corridor to then turn left to fly into Biggin Hill from the south. This will be by GPS. They say this will be for about 35% of the time, depending on the wind. Aircraft usually have to land into the wind.

The red line on the map, is the proposed route by GPS into Biggin Hill. Aircraft would come in from the southern tip of New Addington, then just south of Selsdon (over the nature reserve), then over Sanderstead Hill near to the Limpsfield Rd roundabout, over the Purley Downs Golf Course, Purley Bury Close, across Brancaster Lane and then turn left over Purley Cross and follow the Brighton Rd/rail valley down through Coulsdon and the new Cane Hill development, to just south of the M23/M25 junction and then turn left along the M25 before turning left again into Biggin Hill. These planes would be at 3,000 feet over us. It is expected noise will be heard from these aircraft for at least 1,000 metres either side of this flight path (if not more).

Riddlesdown does suffer with overflying of aircraft; with the stacking of aircraft bound for Heathrow immediately above the Biggin Hill beacon (at about 9-13,000 feet). This Heathrow-bound air traffic is usually at 7 to 9,000 feet above us. It is proposed Biggin Hill arriving aircraft will be at 3,000 feet. This is considerably lower. You also have to take into account the terrain as aircraft altitude is taken at sea level, this means with some parts of the Borough at 500 feet above sea level, planes would be at 2,500 feet above those areas! In addition we do also get outbound flights from Heathrow over us, which are usually below the inbound flights by about 1 to 2,000 feet.

This Flightradar24 is a good website to see this and to track flights and the height.

Our Chairman Brian Longman, Chris Philp MP, Cllrs Lynne Hale and Steve O'Connell and a representative from the Kenley Glider Club met with the Managing Director of Biggin Hill in early February. The meeting only really explained the facts and why Biggin Hill felt it was necessary to do this. They emphasised the final decision lay with the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). The Biggin Hill consultation document closed on 17 February 2016 and we submitted along with the eight other RAs, our objections. Our letter is available to view on our website.

In late April, LBHA responded to all the comments raised. Although LBHA answered virtually all the points we raised, we felt they did so in a patronising way and just re-hashed their original consultation document! So in effect they didn't answer many points but regurgitated their original document. They did also seem to refer solely to Coulsdon and made no mention of Purley, Sanderstead, and Selsdon.

What appears to be happening now, is that having gone through the "consultation" process, they are discussing finer technical points with NATS (National Air Traffic Service) before submitting their report to the CAA, who will make the final decision as to whether to allow the chosen route for southern approach on Runway 03. If approved, the proposals are likely to come in by late autumn.

1st Purley Cub Scouts Clean up our Area

On Saturday 27 February, 22 cubs and leaders from the 1st Purley Cub Scouts (based in Purley Park Rd) carried out a litter pick covering pockets of private land and footways between Purley Park Road, Brancaster Lane, Lower Barn Road, Mitchley Avenue, Buttermere Gardens, Ingleboro Drive and Honister Heights. They collected 38 bags of litter.



Tracey Bellamy, Croydon Council Clean and Green Champion co-ordinator, thanked the 1st Purley Cubs who were polite, well behaved and a credit to their pack. The RRA would also like to add our thanks the 1st Purley Scout Group, as they cleaned a large proportion of our area.

Are you interested in becoming a Street Champion?

We are sure many of you agree that some parts of our area are badly littered. Most of this litter is on private land. But not all; some is on the highway. The Council have now cut back on street cleaning to most streets in the Riddlesdown area, to every 6 weeks, rather than previously every 4 weeks, as reported above.

As a result of this, we have been in contact

with Tracey Bellamy at Croydon Council, who is the Clean and Green Champion Co-ordinator. These Green Champions are a network of people who have volunteered to improve the environment in their local area. Champions are local people who work alongside Croydon Council and its partners to encourage residents and businesses to recycle more, manage their waste responsibly and reduce instances of environmental crime.

We believe some litter in our area, originates from the 2,000 school children who visit the area, but they are not the only ones who litter! Visitors to the shops in Mitchley Ave and Lower Barn Rd, together with commuters to the Station, as well as some of our own residents. Some of the litter is also windblown from the recycling boxes! In order to try and improve things, Tracey has contacted Riddlesdown Collegiate who have expressed an interest in working with residents, to create "litter champions" which is really encouraging.

As well as maybe litter picking some streets (which we know some residents already undertake), we are particularly concerned about the following areas, which seem to be badly littered:

- Mitchley Ave – Footway, grass verges, farm and woodland frontages from opposite shops in Mitchley Ave, going towards the Mitchley Hill Junction.
- Rectory Park – Footway, grass verges, farmland and frontage.
- Mitchley Hill - Footway, grass verges, farmland and former grazing land frontages.
- Footpath 24 - besides 67 Mitchley Hill going all the way up to Dunmail Drive.

- Dunmail Drive – full length from beside the Collegiate to Mitchley Hill.
- Copthorne Rise (southern end near to the shops).
- Footpath 22 – Dunmail Drive (opposite Collegiate) to Grisedale Gardens and continues onto to Mitchley Ave opposite the shops.
- Footpath 130 - Dunmail Drive (close to Collegiate) to Mitchley Ave beside the Doctors surgery.
- Dunmail Drive – Public Bridleway beside Collegiate to Hamsey Green (section beside the Collegiate only).
- Lower Barn Rd - Green opposite the shops.

This is the link for further information on this scheme, to the Council's website <https://www.croydon.gov.uk/environment/dontmess/green-champions>

The RRA would like to know whether any residents and/or groups are interested in becoming "Street Champions" to help keep our streets and green spaces locally, clean and tidy? Any cleaning of litter can be done by individuals, or as a pre-arranged group. All cleaning equipment/tools and bags are supplied by the Council and they collect the bagged rubbish from agreed locations. For anyone who is interested in becoming a Champion, perhaps you can contact me. My contact details are at the front of this magazine.

We are aware of the strong community Riddlesdown already has, but the Street Champion Scheme will perhaps give residents the opportunity to make the changes in the area. At the time of writing, I have had two residents who have expressed an interest.

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TRANSPORT AND MEMBERSHIP

BY JOHN RAPP

Membership

Since my last article I have noticed that we all like to know about our neighbours, and I have experienced many examples of people sharing local knowledge within their micro-communities. Aware of the growth of the concept of personal data, I will not share more than outline details in the following examples. With my knowledge of her parents, I was able to confirm the identity of the young lady who had lost her house keys, and leave her with the knowledge that she could seek shelter if needed. I have talked about Riddlesdown being a good place for children, it also seems to be good for cars with one resident having five, and another going to Bolton to collect his new car.

By knowing each other we are more able to help each other. I recall the days when the Council would give us a dustcart for a Saturday collection supported by a team of Riddlesdown Residents. It was often the case that the twelve ton capacity was not enough and the cart had to be emptied before the collection could continue. On that basis about 150 tons would be cleared each year. I expect Health and Safety, and Council Finances (they are now charging for Green Waste Collection), would prevent it being re-introduced.

The new Green Waste bins do need to be filled, and I hope that some sharing can take place, so that bins are not collected almost empty when people are on holiday. I am happy that our community will work together to provide that service – of every bin for

collection being at least 85% full to the Council.

Best wishes for your summers.

Transport

Since I last wrote both buses and trains have provided services that the users would like to forget. Your Association has been in active contact with all parties in order to obtain improvement back to the levels needed.

I have heard that it is expected that two achievements that will lead towards the completion of the London Bridge Works will be made public later this year. Having seen that users of mobile telephones can easily communicate, and access websites, away from home I suggest that poor service is reported to Transport for London or Southern websites as applicable.

I and a number of East Surrey Transport Committee members are due to have a Meet the Manager session at which train running and state of the station will be discussed.

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS & ARTICLES

Thank you to all the RRA Committee for their contributions – we now have your contributions, information, articles, letters and photographs on the following pages.

The Queen's 90th Birthday Tea or How Cake Filled "Choristers" Risked Incarceration!

Gill Pates

There was a joyous event down at St Edmund's Church Hall on Saturday 4th June when around 65 residents gathered for tea and cakes to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's 90th Birthday.

It was organised by members of the congregation of St Edmund's but was a real community effort from the Christian Aid collectors of all denominations who delivered up to 1500 invitations around the neighbourhood to the kind donations by congregation members and residents of cakes and, in some instances, cash to cover some of the costs.



The Church Hall was festooned with Union Jacks and the tables set in a huge U shape to allow the maximum amount of chat. The

doors to the Church Chancel were open and light flooded the building. The scene was set for another great Riddlesdown occasion.

Whilst the guests gathered we enjoyed a somewhat curious mix of music from the infinite playlist of 90 years of the Queen's life. The burst of evocative tunes ranged from the regal (Rule Britannia, Pomp and Circumstance, Walton's Orb and Sceptre Coronation March) to the not so regal including The BBC Dance Orchestra with Jack Payne and Henry Hall (Red Sails in the Sunset) and Big Band Sounds (Doing the Continental, We'll Meet Again).

The hubbub grew as the hall filled and we chatted to friends, neighbours and people that we met for the first time. "We've lived in Riddlesdown so long. How is it we've never met before?" Young, old and all points in between joined together to celebrate the Queen's 90th in a style of which we think she would approve.

Around the hall there were displays celebrating The Queen's life and, fittingly for a community event in the Hall-Church built by the people of Riddlesdown for the people of Riddlesdown, the pop up exhibition showing how Riddlesdown and the Hall-Church developed popped up. For the younger guests there was colouring to do or, as was preferred in some circles, vigorous flag waving.

Guests were invited to take souvenir copies of the book "The Servant Queen and the

King She Serves". This lovely full-colour 64-page tribute was created by The Bible Society, HOPE and LICC for Her Majesty's 90th Birthday and has a foreword written by the Queen. It looks at the Queen's extraordinary life and uses her own words to draw out the central role her Christian faith has played in it. (Copies are available whilst stocks last from CPO on 01903 263354 or cpo.org.uk/thequeen)

We all sat down and tea and cake was served. The congregation of St Edmund's and some of the guests had been baking – almost on an industrial scale - and there was no shortage of home-made cakes and treats of every variety. One guest said to me that he'd just had a slice of the best carrot cake that he had ever tasted and wanted to congratulate the baker. I'm afraid I wasn't sure who baked it but I decided to try a piece to confirm his findings.



After tea we moved on to the moment in the "Order of Enjoyment" (as the cards on the tables called it) entitled "Riddlesdown sings". Surprisingly no one ran for the doors at this

point so after our Vicar, Susan had said a few words, she led a full house in a rousing chorus of "Happy Birthday to You".

There was no prior stipulation as to the mode of address to be used in this birthday tribute so in the full realisation that "Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Defender of the Faith and Head of the Commonwealth" didn't really fit in to the tune, there was a general melee of naming from the formal "Your Majesty" through to what some might construe as an application for detention in The Tower of London: "Lizzie".

Then all who were able to raise their cake filled forms into a roughly standing position did so to sing the first verse of The National Anthem.

After this we said our goodbyes and an army of people who hadn't been asked but just thought it would be a nice thing to do voluntarily set about washing up the tea cups, saucers and plates (proper crockery for a proper occasion), clearing the tables and chairs and setting out the Church for the Sunday morning services.

On her way out, one of our long-standing residents commented "That was lovely. Just like it used to be". I do know what she means. If the friendly, happy occasion, united endeavour and enjoyment of the Queen's 90th Birthday celebration reflects today's community in Riddlesdown, then I would say that we're in a very good place. Literally. Happy Birthday Your Majesty.

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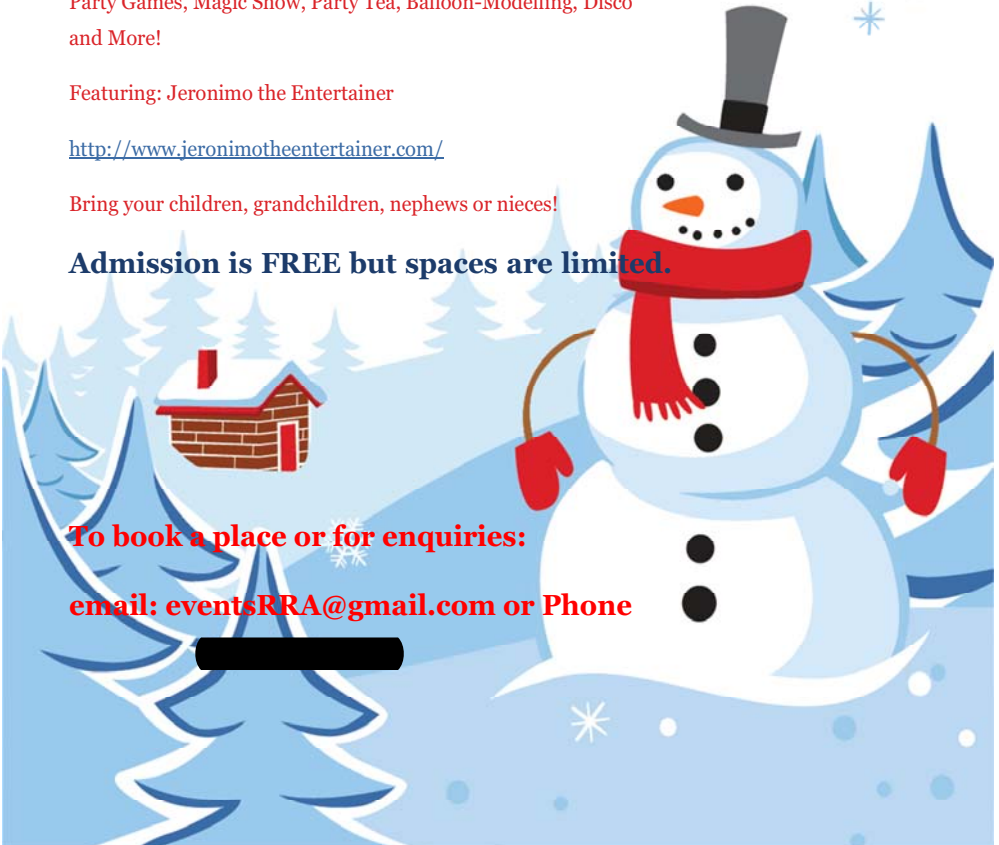
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The fun of the run

Linda Bevin

So something extraordinary happened this morning. I went for a run, before breakfast. Now that might not sound like a big thing to most of you, but the thing is I HATE RUNNING. I've always hated running. I'm not built for it. I'm always the last, the slowest, the least capable. If I was an antelope the lions would have got me years ago. I avoid even running for the bus if I can help it. My last attempt was some 10 years ago when I foolishly volunteered for the interdepartmental relay race. I'm fit, I thought, I can do this. Until I started training and remembered how bad I am at running. Then I decided that my goal was just not to come last. I didn't – but only because someone else ran the wrong way round the staff car park and added an extra few hundred yards to his course. Yes, I do yoga – I can touch my toes and stand on my head but it doesn't help much when it comes to jogging. Or does it?

Let's start with why I ran this morning.

I've been reading this book called "Born to Run" by Christopher McDougall. It's the story of a man's search for an almost mythical tribe called the Tarahumera who live deep in the canyons somewhere in Mexico. Along the way the author discusses our attitude to running. These days we run to get fit, get thin, to win a race or beat a personal target. We don't (well I certainly don't) run for fun. We used to when we were kids but somewhere along the way, most of us lost that. The author also writes a lot about our

anatomy and theories of how and why we evolved to run. I'll skip a lot of it but here's the gist.

- Animals don't sweat, they can only lose heat through their breathing.
- We less hairy humans can lose heat through perspiration as well as by panting.
- So we can run further (although not always faster) than our animal prey because we don't have to stop to cool down.
- So, with a bit of help from those big brains of ours to track and predict what our prey is going to do, we could simply run them into exhaustion. Well no, it's not simple – but you get the idea.
- Incidentally, he reckons this is why the big, strong, hairy and intelligent Neanderthals became extinct – when the earth warmed up they lost out to us feeble, hairless runners.

Anyway, I was convinced enough by this book to give running another go but with a different approach. I decided to leave my ego behind. I would just go out and see what happened and run totally in the present – no goal, no race, no pressure on myself.

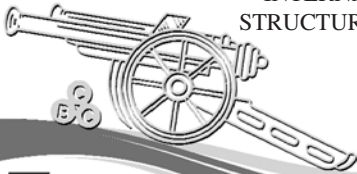
I should also mention that this book is pretty anti-running shoe. We are designed to run barefoot – not on roads but on grass and sand and rocks and uneven surfaces. My feet are the one bit of my body that has been totally transformed since I started taking yoga seriously. The arches are higher, the toes more spread, they are wider, stronger and more flexible. But it is January, the temperature is barely above freezing, and Riddlesdown common is one of the most popular in the borough for dog walkers – and

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they don't all scoop their poop. So I compromise with toe socks and a cheap thin soled pair of trainers.

I warm up with a brisk walk uphill. We are lucky to have Riddlesdown common just a couple of minutes walk away. Then first on the asphalt path I start to jog down to the car park. Really slowly. No speed, no long strides, just a very gentle jog. The air is fresh and cold. The sun has just come up and is lighting up the dew on the grass. I'm running across the top of the common – a chalk ridge, the first of the North Downs and I can see across the valley with mist rising from the trees. It's pretty, but I'm not having fun yet. So at the end of the path I turn round but this time I step into the cold, wet, muddy grass. The surface is slippery and uneven, with hummocks and tussocks and nettles to negotiate. But straight away I feel lighter and my legs feel better.

I run back to the gate where I started and decide that I can go a little further so I carry on, even zig-zagging up and down a little slope to bring more variety into my stride, I go into the trees where it's muddy and hop and skip around the puddles. This is almost starting to feel like fun. As the common starts to descend I decide it's time to turn round to avoid having a long uphill climb on the way back. And it's probably best that I don't go too crazy on my first run in 10 years. But I do run all the way back to the house and have energy to spare. I might even have another run tomorrow.

So in letting go of my ego and choosing to have fun, maybe I have found the runner inside me.

Councillor's Report

Cllr Yvette Hopley

I have spent less than six months in the role of Shadow Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment and during that time residents will have noted some significant policy changes by the administration many of which have had a significant impact on the south of the borough.

Last time in the Recorder I wrote about the impact of the cuts and quality of street cleaning in the south and I thought you may all find it interesting to hear about some of the other policy decisions I have been challenging over this relatively short period of time.

The introduction of the paid for green waste collection service has led to a severe impact on the Purley Oaks Recycling Centre. Queues are forming in both directions of the Brighton Road and around Capella Court and traffic is at a standstill for hours whilst residents dutifully try to dispose of their grass clippings etc. Often the site has to be closed early to take away the large containers which are filling up very quickly and many residents are turned away angry and disappointed only hoping that on following occasions they may be able to gain access to the site. In some cases I have seen the waste left in Purley Downs Road, such must be the frustration that they are unable to dispose of it responsibly. The introduction of the yellow box junctions and markings I hope will help with traffic flow but an urgent solution must be found so that residents can access the site quickly and efficiently. Longer hours would certainly help and a number of petitions are

available to sign asking for the site to be open longer.

Here is the link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CutTheQueues> or you can email:

stuart.collins@croydon.gov.uk

Parking charges have also gone up significantly in the last few months. A key decision taken by the cabinet member a day before Christmas Eve hopes to raise another 1 million pounds in revenue. The Labour manifesto pledge to introduce one hour's free parking in district centres has also been tossed aside. I fought extremely hard alongside other councillors and residents to try to ensure this pledge was kept but unfortunately the contract was effectively "torn up" and surprisingly even after my challenging through the council's legal department we were informed that it "wasn't considered a key decision". I am fearful that other areas where we have free parking in Sanderstead, Riddlesdown and Hamsey Green will also fall foul of policy to try to raise further income from parking. Businesses are bound to suffer as a result of this policy and residents will go to areas across the border which in the case of Sanderstead is only across a road into Warlingham where parking is free.

Another policy introduced is the total ban on "in and out" driveways. Whilst I am fully supportive of ensuring where there is difficulty with on-street parking, street trees being kept or flood risks we should take a sensible approach to hard surfaces, for many properties in the south of the borough it is not a problem and is indeed safer in terms of

exiting driveways on busy roads. However, this decision was taken without any consultation or approach to residents for discussion and there is now a blanket ban in the borough!

In relation to blanket policy many of you will have read about the new 20mph proposals that have been introduced in the North of the Borough - the intention being to roll this out throughout the whole of Croydon. This was introduced in the North with only 1.5% of the public responding to the consultation in favour. A proposal has now been launched for the north-east of the borough. The responses are woefully low but the policy still seems to be pushed through. Of course we support resident concerns or requests for roads to have 20mph zones and this works quite well outside schools etc. but a blanket coverage of the borough makes no sense at all since the roads where there are severe problems of speeding and accidents and sadly some fatalities are not covered as this applies to residential roads.

Did any of you read in the Croydon Advertiser that the temporary restriction on cycling has been lifted in the centre of Croydon's shopping area? Croydon Vision (many of whom are blind) came to talk at a Traffic Management Meeting about some of their members being hurt and injured in incidents involving cyclists in the town centre. Whilst I of course support a safe zone for cycling and pedestrians alike I couldn't support this policy and feel it was irresponsible not to have properly thought through how our most vulnerable members would be able to shop safely and without fear.

The suggestion of a safe zone down one side of the shopping centre for elderly, disabled and young families hadn't been carefully thought through with many of the blind residents who attended the meeting stating that they wouldn't be able to cross to the other side. So if you are in Croydon shopping do be careful and do be vigilant of cyclist as I very nearly had an accident myself when coming out of Barclays bank!

Councillor Kathy Bee is now on the back benches and Cllr Stuart King has taken over responsibility for transport and environment. I have written to him expressing my concerns about the portfolio and hope that he will consider changing some of the policies that have been implemented in this brief period of time but I am not holding my breath! Cllr Sara Bashford has taken over my role and I have taken on the role of Shadow Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care from Cllr Margaret Mead. Both Cllr Dudley and Margaret Mead intend to stand down from council duties in 2018 and have undertaken sterling work over the last 30 years. It is now time to have a rest and enjoy grandchildren and hopefully have time to put their feet up.

Riddlesdown Collegiate

Soumick Dey Principal

I am delighted to write my first contribution to the Riddlesdown Recorder as Principal of Riddlesdown Collegiate and I hope that readers will be interested to learn of the some of the exciting events and developments that have taken place at the Collegiate in recent months.

In February, the Collegiate presented its annual musical production – this year it was “The Pirates of Penzance”. With over one hundred students involved in the cast, orchestra, backstage and production team, audiences were treated to four fantastic performances, including a matinee for local primary school pupils.



Over Easter, almost two hundred students participated in international visits, including a ski trip to Sierra Nevada, an art trip to Berlin, the football tour to Barcelona, the Homestay trip to Le Mans and an English Literature trip to New York.

Early in the summer term, artists from Dulwich Picture Gallery visited the Collegiate to work with students on exploring new

techniques and developing their creativity. The work they produced was displayed in The @RC Gallery and it was great to see visitors from the local community come and appreciate the talent on show.

Alongside all of these opportunities that students have had to widen their cultural horizons and develop their skills and confidence, teachers have continued to deliver great lessons every day and students have continued to be engaged in their learning, always keen to make progress and to be challenged to think deeply. The Collegiate's approach of combining the highest quality of teaching with the provision of an exceptional programme of wider development through extra-curricular activities is a key feature of our success and helps to prepare our students for the challenges of the future.

More recently and perhaps most excitingly, we welcomed a team of OFSTED inspectors to Riddlesdown Collegiate last month. As a previously good school at the time of our last inspection almost five years ago, the inspectors initially returned for just a short inspection and presumed that the Collegiate would still be good. However, we were very pleased when they decided to convert the short inspection into a full inspection because they quickly recognised the improvements in the quality of our work and considered that we may now be better than good. We were delighted then, when following another day with a team of eight inspectors, they concluded that the overall effectiveness of Riddlesdown Collegiate was now **OUTSTANDING!** The OFSTED report, which is available on the Collegiate website,

says that "teaching is outstanding because it captivates pupils' interest and challenges their thinking" and also comments very positively on our students: "Pupils' behaviour and attitudes to school are consistently outstanding. They conduct themselves impeccably in classrooms and around the building." It goes on to say that "Riddlesdown Collegiate is led and managed extremely well" and that, consequently, "Pupils make excellent progress". With reference to our sixth form students, the report says that their personal development is outstanding and that "they leave the school as thoughtful, mature and well-adjusted young people who are ready to take up their place in society as responsible citizens". I am extremely proud of everyone at the Collegiate and grateful to all those in the wider community who have supported us in achieving this recognition. Outstanding, however, does not mean perfect – there will always be areas of our work which we wish to develop and we will remain ambitious for our students and all that the Collegiate delivers to our community. I am looking forward to the next stage of our development and engaging with the community further so that our students derive greater benefits from local links, whilst contributing more to the local community also.

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GP Practice - Patient Participation Groups – Your Group Needs You!

Patient participation is a unique partnership between patients, GPs and their practice which is essential to and results in high quality and responsive care.

Patient Participation Groups (PPGs) work in partnership with their practices to:

- help patients to take more responsibility for their health.
- contribute to the continuous improvement of services and quality of care
- improve communication between the practice and its patients
- provide practical support for the practice and help implement change

Experience shows that successful practices and effective PPGs go hand in hand; and the movement has grown rapidly since establishment in 1972.

All patients of Practices are members of the PPG, can go to the regular meetings, are eligible to join the committee or be a member of the online virtual group, if unable to attend meetings.

PPGs are already the norm for most practices and when CQC (Care Quality Commission) inspect the Practice, PPG's views are sought. The practice must engage with Patients via the PPG to obtain patient feedback and, where the practice and PPG agree, will act on suggestions for improvement which the practice may not have considered, allowing resources to be used more efficiently. Practices will be required to confirm through

that they have fulfilled these requirements.

National Association for Patient Participation - NAPP

The aim of NAPP is to see a Patient Participation Group in every GP practice, based on the mutual interests of the Primary Care Team and Patients of the practice.

NAPP aims to promote the role of Patient Participation Groups as participants in decision making within the NHS, maximising the benefit of sharing common interests while recognising the individual nature of groups.

PPGs are about implementing real, positive change in their communities. Patients have long valued the relationship with their GP and general practice. However, the dynamics of this relationship have changed over recent years – patients today rightly want more say in their own healthcare, are better informed and expect to be treated as whole people, not just as a condition or ailment. What is more, they can develop mutually supportive networks for patients and the practice, outside of individual appointments by engaging with community groups.

PPGs have an increasingly important role to play giving patients a say in the way services are delivered to best meet their needs, and the needs of the local community, such as the redesign of Urgent Care in Croydon and Anti Coagulation.

How to Join a PPG

To get involved, the first step is to find out if your practice already has an established PPG. Below are some simple steps and tips to get you started:



- **Speak to the practice manager:** If you're not sure whether your local GP surgery has a PPG, either look out for information and posters about the group in the surgery, or ask the reception staff or the practice manager, who is likely to be involved in the group.
- **Sign up:** All PPGs are different and recruit members in different ways, but any group will be keen to hear from interested individuals. Your practice manager will be able to give you details of who to contact to sign up, and when the next meeting is taking place.
- **Two's company:** If you're nervous about going alone, why not encourage a friend to go with you?
- **Take action:** Most groups meet on a regular basis at the surgery itself to give patients, GPs and practice staff an

opportunity to meet, to exchange ideas and information, and then to take action.

- **Share your ideas:** Be prepared to give your opinion about the way the practice is run, and any thoughts you have on how things could be improved – from the welcome patients get when they arrive at the practice, to the parking facilities or the appointments systems, the group and the practice will be keen to hear your views.

- **Run events for fellow patients:** some PPGs help with dementia cafes, hold health fairs and talks, carry out surveys and join Healthwatch, the patient champion.

If you would like to know more, you can contact me, Anne Milstead, Croydon PPG Network Coordinator at annecroydonppgnetwork@mail.com or annecroydonppgnetwork@mail.com

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COMMUNITY PAGES

Short pieces on local associations, events and activities. Submissions should be of around 150-200 words. Each edition we will also offer a 'Featured Group' section, in which an individual group can give a more detailed account of its activities and aims. In this edition we are delighted to hear from the Purley Literary Society. If you would be interested in submitting an extended feature on your group please contact the editor at editorrra@gmail.com or on 020 8668 4061 to discuss.

Featured Group

Girlguiding Sanderstead

There are currently 4 active Brownie units for girls aged 7 – 10 years within the Sanderstead area. We meet on a weekly basis during term time at various churches around the area.

Our girls take part in a wide variety activities including art & craft, outdoor fun, a variety of sporting challenges, games nights & everyone's favourite nights away with all their Brownie friends.

There is also wide range of badges they can earn either individually or as a unit. These include such things as, cookery, first aid, crime prevention, fire safety, cyclist, artist, book lover, toymaker, hostess & many more.

Brownies is just one part worldwide family of girl guiding. Enrolling in Brownies gives girls a world of fun, exciting & challenging opportunities. We currently have several spaces available in a couple of our units.

We are also looking for adult volunteers to help at our meetings. Volunteering is a fun & rewarding way to help the girls of Sanderstead develop & grow. Our adult volunteers are a fun & friendly team who would warmly welcome anyone wishing to help, you only need be able to spare 3 – 4 hours a week.

If you would like to join us as a Brownie or adult volunteer, please e-mail your contact details to jacquiwheel@lineone.net

Community Information:

An A-Z of things to do locally, organisations to join and places to go.

Botley Hill Farmhouse

Live Entertainment
Limpsfield Road, Warlingham, Surrey CR6 9QH
Tickets usually required.
Tel: 01959 577154 &
www.botleyhill-farmhouse.co.uk

Bourne Society

Their website includes details of local publications, historical information, downloadable leaflets of walks around the area and photographs of Riddlesdown. Member only meetings – membership £10 a year. There is also a specific Sanderstead Local History Group.
www.bournesociety.org.uk/bournesoc/ or
Telephone - 01883 349287

City Commons Events

Information

City of London website:
www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/green-spaces/city-commons/Pages/City-Commons.aspx
City of London, Guildhall, PO Box 270, London, EC2P 2EJ
Telephone: 020 7606 3030, Email: pro@cityoflondon.gov.uk
Contains details of events and activities run by the City of London Corporation
Note: advance booking can be required for



some events & activities

Do check that events are definitely running before turning up

www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/events/Pages/default.aspx

CNHSS – Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society

Headquarters and Registered Office: 96A Brighton Road, South Croydon, CR2 6AD.

Unless otherwise stated, indoor meetings are held in the Small Hall of the East Croydon United Reformed

Church, Addiscombe Grove, almost opposite East Croydon Station, at 7.45pm.

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[www.facebook.com/pages/Croydon-Natural-History-Scientific-](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Croydon-Natural-History-Scientific-Society/106522816087133?ref=hl)

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There is also a monthly e-newsletter sent blind copy, this includes all of the CNHSS events. It also includes meetings of other societies, links to interesting websites, local cultural events, exhibitions open days and festivals. To be added to the list please email cnhssprogramme@btinternet.com

Croydon Animal Samaritans

Local Riddlesdown registered charity – adopt, foster or sponsor a cat or dog locally

Tel: 020 8644 8829 or website:

www.croydonanimalsamaritans.co.uk

Croydon Art Society

Holds meetings & exhibitions – information at <http://www.croydonartsociety.org.uk/>

Croydon Camera Club

Meets in Shirley most Wednesdays of the year & has outings to photogenic locations

Further Information via email:

ccc@croydoncameraclub.org.uk

Or website:

www.croydoncameraclub.org.uk

Croydon Decorative and Fine Arts Society

Lectures take place on the 2nd Thursday of each month except August and December at 10.45 a.m. in All Saints Church Hall, Onslow Gardens, Sanderstead CR2 9AB.

Tea/coffee and biscuits from 10.00 a.m.

Visitors welcome.

Lectures in 2015

Other activities include Special Interest Days, Visits and Study Tours.

Volunteering opportunities in Heritage Conservation work and Church Recording.

The society supports the arts in local schools.

For Membership please phone Membership Secretary on 020 8680 3049

Fairfield Halls

Theatre, Concerts & Cinema, etc.

Park Lane, Croydon CR9 1DG,

<http://www.fairfield.co.uk/>

FoFD - Friends of Farthing Downs

Regular talks, walks, meetings & exhibitions

Hold a Sunday Tea on Farthing Downs the last Sunday of each month, May to September

For more information - email

fofd2@btinternet.com or telephone: 01737 554449

The Jolly Farmers

Live Music & Entertainment several times a week, usually free. 7 Purley Road, Purley CR8 2HA, Tel: 0208 660 2076 or website www.jollyfarmers-purley.co.uk

MARION'S GUIDED WALKS

Autumn 2016

Marion's walks are for all who love to get out into fresh air, and want to know more about their local countryside's history and wildlife. Paths may be muddy so wear boots. Bring waterproofs. Dogs allowed if on leads. Finish at the start point. Donations to the Downlands Trust are welcomed.

Fri 21 Oct 10.00 am **Addington Hills' Blooming Heath**

Feast your eyes on purple and gold where volunteers have cleared encroaching scrub from heather and gorse. A two hour hilly walk starting from the large car park near the top of Shirley Hills Road [near buses and Gravel Hill Tram Stop].

Sun 23 Oct 10.00 am **Sheep Wool, Spindles, and Necklaces**

Explore a spectacular chalk valley via sections of the Happy Valley & Farthing Downs Nature Trail and the Downlands Countryside Walk. A two hour hilly walk leaving at 10.00 from Farthing Downs car park, [one mile south of Coulsdon South Station].

Sun 20 Nov 10.00 am **Woodland Waste Not Want Not**

Ultimate recycling in King's Wood, Sanderstead. This gentle 2 hour walk explores a fine example of local native woodland. Start from where Orchard Road enters the woodland [off Limpsfield Rd, Sanderstead, Bus 403].

More details about Downlands Project on 01737 737 700.

Purley Bury Tennis Club

For information contact Tel: 020 8668 5250
Email: mail@purleyburytennisclub.net
Website: www.purleyburytennisclub.net

Purley Literary Society

Meetings October to March, 8:00pm,
Purley United Reformed Church
906 Brighton Road, Purley CR8 2LN
Visitors fee per talk £5 or Season ticket (11 talks) £22 or (6 talks) £12
www.purley-literary-society.com

Purley and District Townswomen's Guild.

Meet in the Lounge, United Reformed Church, 906 Brighton Road, Purley CR8 2LN (next to the hospital). First Tuesday every month, 2 – 4pm. Hold regular talks, lunches, etc. Try before you buy! First meeting free.

www.purley-guild.com
admin@purley-guild.com

Riddlesdown Lawn Tennis Club

For information contact Richard - tel: 020 8645 0075
Email: enquiries@riddlesdownltnet.com
Website: www.riddlesdownltnet.com

Riddlesdown ParkRun

Free 5km run every Saturday at 9am, on Riddlesdown Common – must register
Further information at website:
www.parkrun.org.uk/riddlesdown/

Riddlesdown Collegiate

In particular hold a Summer Festival in Collegiate grounds in July
For more information see website:
www.riddlesdown.org or tel: 020 8668 5136



The RSPB Croydon Local Group

Monthly Illustrated Wildlife Talks in South Croydon

Whitgift Sports Club, Croham Manor Road - off Croham Road. South Croydon, CR2 7BG
Second Monday of each month, 2pm and again at 8pm.

Admission £4.00. Everyone is welcome, not just RSPB members.

Free refreshments. A selection of RSPB goods, nuts & seeds are on sale.

Parking limited on site but free in adjacent roads.

T33, 64 & 409 buses stop nearby in Croham Road

MONDAY JUL. 13: – “Riverbank”. Jennie Hibbert gives a personal account of the seasonal changes one encounters on a river over the course of a year.

MONDAY APR. 11, 2016: “Wild Wonder”. Iain Green will remind us that there is so much wild wonder to discover on our doorstep and will recount the experience that led him to form “Wild Wonder”.

MONDAY MAY 9, 2016: “The Science and Beauty of Birds”. Oliver Smart guides us through some fascinating insights into the science of birds, their adaptations, evolution and physiology.

MONDAY JUL. 11, 2016: “Japanese Adventure”. Jenny Hibbert will take us through the Jigokudani Monkey Park, on to Kishiro Shitsugen National Park, then to Kussharo Lake and finally Rausu on the Shiretoko Peninsula.

MONDAY AUG. 8, 2016: General Meeting (afternoon) and AGM (evening), preceded by a talk from the Group’s Environment Committee.

MONDAY SEP. 12, 2016: “London’s Birds”. David Daryll-Lambert says it’s amazing what you see here these days - owls, peregrines, red kites etc. Tonight he will plot the changes in London’s bird population.

MONDAY OCT. 10, 2016: “Wildlife of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve”. Ian Rumley Dawson will talk about his local patch in East Sussex, an area well known to many who take part in our Field Trips.

For more information contact John Davis on 020-8640 4578

or see www.rspb.org.uk/groups/croydon

Sanderstead Horticultural Society

Membership £6 per family contact Val Burley 020 8651 5837. Five member lectures a year & Garden Outings to great gardens. Other member benefits including horticultural advice & Knights discount. Annual Flower Show in June 2pm onward, Wettern Tree Garden, Purley Oaks Road

Sallywags Playgroup

A friendly mother and child playgroup that meets every Thursday morning in St Edmund's Church Hall during term-time between 9.30 -11.30am. Come and meet other local parents and carers and let the children have lots of fun with our toys, craft activities, playdough etc. Contact details: Veronica Moulder, Tel 07803 728868

St Edmund’s Church & Community Hall, Riddlesdown

St Edmund’s lunch group meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month to provide a good lunch and companionship to local people. A prayer group meets every Monday at the home of a Church member. See the RRA Chairman’s

report in this magazine for more information regarding the St Edmund's Caring Group, which is part of Croydon Neighbourhood Care. St Edmund's is a dual purpose building, used both as a church hall and a Riddlesdown community resource. Its congregation are mainly from the Riddlesdown resident community and are friendly and welcoming to all. Sunday services are at 8am and 9.15am worship varies week by week. Rev'd Susan Atkinson-Jones is the Team Vicar of Edmund's. Further information from website: www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk/st-edmunds

Surrey Ramblers

Website www.surreyramblers.org.uk
Croydon Ramblers - tel: Rosemary 020 8660 6107, Email
ramblersrose@yahoo.co.uk

Surrey Wildlife Trust

More Information Tel: 01483 795440
Website: www.surreywildlifetrust.org

Tuesday Night Badminton Club

Tuesday night badminton takes place between 8-9.30pm in St. Edmund's church hall during term time. We are a friendly mixed club with a mix of ability and would encourage new members to join. No absolute beginners please.

Contact details : Mrs Christine Whitmarsh on 0208 660 2178 or just drop in one Tuesday evening.

Whyteleafe Comedy Club

Shows start at 8pm; tickets are £7. Pre-show food from 7pm for £6. Bookings & information: 07845 757610. Venue: Function Room, Whyteleafe Tavern, 206 Godstone Rd, CR3 0EE, www.whyteleafetavern.com

Walk & Cycle Surrey

Further information at website:
<http://walkandcycle.co.uk/surrey/groups.php>

Warlingham Horticultural Society

Hold Regular flower shows & plant sales in Warlingham & outings
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WEA

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Sanderstead & Selsdon Branch
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JosieDGreen@hotmail.com

Whyteleafe Tavern

Live Free Saturday Music & Entertainment & Monthly Comedy Club
208 Godstone Road, Whyteleafe CR3 0EE,
Tel: 01883 626270 or
www.whyteleafetavern.com

Yoga with Veronica

A mixed ability class suitable for all ages which takes place on Tuesday evenings in St Edmund's Church Hall during term-time between 6.15-7.30pm. Yoga will improve your flexibility and strength and help you relax and de-stress after your busy day. Contact: Veronica Moulder, Tel 07803 728868

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Saturdays (To Victoria only): 07.06, 07.36, and then 36 and 06 mins past hour until 23.06.

Sundays (To Victoria only) 08.49, 09.41, and then 11 and 41 mins past hour until 20.41, 21.41, 22.41, 23.38.

To London Bridge - No direct services Saturdays & Sundays.

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Saturdays: 06.23, 06.53 and then 23 and 53 mins past hour until 23.24 & 23.47.

Sundays: 07.47, 08.53, 09.23, 09.53, 10.23, 10.53 and then 23 & 53 mins past hour until 19.53, 20.53, 21.53, 22.36.

From London Bridge to Riddlesdown:

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Saturdays & Sundays: No direct Services.

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Saturdays: 06.41, 07.10 then 41 & 10 mins past hour until 23.41 & 00.07.

Sundays: 08.10, 09.10, 09.40, & then 10 & 40 mins past hour until 21.11, 22.10, 22.57.

Enquiries: Southern Customer Services: Tel: 08451 272920 or www.southernrailway.com National Rail

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Frequency Weekdays & Saturdays: Early; 20 mins, Peak; 15 mins, Daytime; 15 mins, Evenings; 20 mins, Late Evenings; 30 mins. Frequency Sundays; 30 mins.

Enquiries: TfL London Buses: Tel; 0845 300 7000 or TfL website: www.tfl.gov.uk

Links also available via the Transport section on the RRA website: www.riddlesdownresidents.org.uk

Timetables are subject to change, so if in doubt, check with TfL or the Operator(s). The RRA cannot accept any responsibility for the accuracy of the above information.

Library Closing Days: Purley and Selsdon – Wednesdays and Sundays: Sanderstead – Mondays, Thursdays and Sundays. Croydon Council's telephone number for all enquiries: 020 8726 6000, website www.croydon.gov.uk

Address: London Borough of Croydon, Bernard Weatherill House, 8 Mint Walk, Croydon, CR0 1EA.

RRA Committee Meetings: usually 3rd Wednesday in January, March, September, November. Contact a Committee member for details. The AGM is usually in April or May, at St Edmunds Church Hall.

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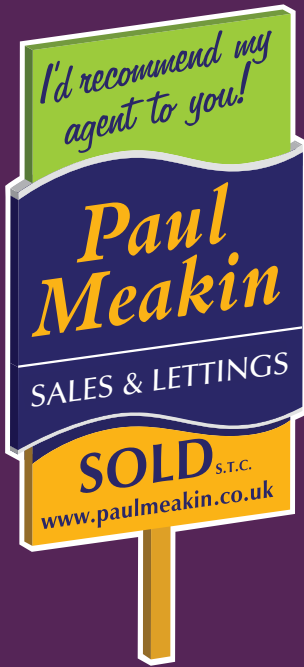
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