

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

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**H.O.M.E. Residents' Association invite you to
THE BIG LUNCH and H.O.M.E. RAs' AGM in Mulberry Lane on
Sunday 12 June 2016 from 2 - 5 pm (AGM 3.30 pm)**



All residents of Havelock & Outram Roads, Mulberry Lane, Elgin Road, Ashburton Road, Close & Gardens, the south side of Lower Addiscombe Road and north side of Addiscombe Road between Elgin and Ashburton Road are invited to have lunch together in Mulberry Lane to celebrate our community and take part in a short Annual General meeting.

There will be a raffle, a quiz, and space for the children to play (the road will be closed). Come and enjoy meeting your neighbours. help the party along by bringing some of your favourite food!!!

Offers of help; Contributions for the raffle are welcome – ring 0203 4411322 or email c21porter@gmail.com

If in doubt about the weather for the Big Lunch please email or call a day before

In the event of bad weather, the AGM will take place at 6 Havelock Road 3.30 pm

HOME in Bloom 2016 – nominations by 19th June

Get your gardens spruced up – this is the third year that we have run our competition. We will judge the effort and the imagination not the size of the garden! (see page 4)

Addiscombe Communities Summer Fair 18th June 12-3pm

St Mary Magdalene Church Hall and Garden Canning Road Addiscombe CR0 6QF Food games and lots more (see page 3 for details).

New Street Signs

At the AGM last year we approved Irmela's proposal to have replacement street signs which would state that these roads are part of the East India Estate Conservation Area. In March this year we have had an email survey of our members for the preferred style: the majority voted for option 3 (gold writing on green background), closely followed by option 4 (black writing on white background with red outline).

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In the 3rd place was option 1(green writing on white background with green outline). However, since the survey, Mira and Irmela have had meetings with Cllr Mark Watson and the council officer Steve Isles on how best to get this project off the ground. The good news is some ward money has been promised to cover the costs for producing the new signs. The company producing signs will do so as part of its corporate responsibility. Any contributions from you will be welcome as well. The Council will have a say in the design of the new street signs as this is part of an overall improvement of the street landscape in Croydon. The signs' visibility will have to be approved by the Highway Department and the 999 services which means that our preferred choice may have to be changed.

What with new street lights (see page 3 below) – the roads are already looking much smarter!

Any money made on the Raffle this year will be put towards costs of the new signs.

Living in the Conservation Area

Your road is part of the East India Estate Conservation Area. This means that we have protection but also some restrictions in how the area is developed. There are certain regulations which we need to adhere to. If you want more information you can find it on the Council website. H.O.M.E's website has useful information too – find us at: <http://www.home.addiscombe.net/> Here are some examples:

Satellite dishes are only permitted if they cannot be seen from the road

Trees - Anyone proposing to cut down or carry out work to a tree over 75mm (approx 3 inches) in diameter above 1.5m (5 ft) in height in a conservation area is required to give the Council six weeks prior written notice.

Windows: The replacement of windows requires permission in many cases

H.O.M.E Residents' Association Annual General Meeting

A short meeting will take place as part of the Big Lunch on 12th June at 3.30pm.

Written reports will be available on the day or at your request.

If you would like to nominate yourself for the committee, please contact us.

SPRING CLEANING H.O.M.E!

Look at your house from across the road, does it make you feel proud? If not give it a spring clean, cut plants back, clean walls and windows, remove rubbish. Ivy growing up walls and into roofs causes structural damage. A clean and tidy house adds to the sense of wellbeing, increases its value and encourages others to be clean and tidy. Why not nominate your or someone else's garden for H.O.M.E in Bloom 2016 ?

The HOME committee wishes to thank Margaret Chan for her contribution as newsletter editor over the last 3 years. She has also been the driving force behind the growing popularity of HOME in Bloom. We are grateful to Leslie England for agreeing to take over the running of this wonderful community project.

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Street Lighting

Some of you may have been concerned about the height and positioning of the new lamp-posts that have been installed in our roads. Skanska have provided the following information

Roads in the H.O.M.E. underwent a complete street lighting re-design to ensure that the new lighting meets the specified British Standard and, therefore, the positions of the columns have had to be changed. It is not always possible to integrate the existing column positions in the new design layout due to the different optical performance of the new energy-efficient lanterns. The street lighting design for the roads went through various stages of design with the Skanska Design Team and Council representatives in order to ensure the correct column positions and the required lighting levels were achieved. The designers looked at each street individually and designed the column positions to provide consistent lighting levels throughout the street. The black colour was selected by Croydon Council prior to the PFI contract being signed by Skanska.

Should you feel that there is an issue with regard to the light levels once the street light is illuminated, Skanska will happily investigate this and install rear shielding should this be deemed necessary. Please contact: **John Barnes**, Customer Liaison Officer, Skanska Infrastructure Services www.skanska.co.uk

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION!

The Association is funded by voluntary annual subscriptions. Contributions are, of course, at your discretion. If you want to join contact our Treasurer, Deirdre Rainbow at 16 Ashburton Road, CR0 6AL or email us.

Addiscombe Communities Summer Fair 12–3pm on Saturday, 18th June at St Mary Magdalene Church Hall

This year's event – the fourth summer fair jointly organised by all Addiscombe residents' associations – promises to be bigger than ever.

You can still look forward to the BBQ, cream teas, market stalls, community kiosks, games and live entertainment. But more visitors from across the borough are expected to drop by St Mary's in Canning Road as, on the same day, the church will be offering guided tours as part of the 'Undiscovered Croydon' series of events making up part of the Croydon Heritage Festival on 18th June.

The Grade II listed church, a stunning example of Victorian Gothic architecture was originally built as St Paul's in 1868 by Rev Maxwell Ben Oliel, a Jewish scholar who had become a rabbi at the young age of 18 before converting to Christianity. In collaboration with the architect, Edward Buckton Lamb, Oliel introduced several features into the church's fabric inspired by Jewish tradition.

Join hourly guided tours – starting at noon, 1pm and 2pm – to explore little-known Judaic symbolism in the church's design and discover the rich and turbulent history that marked the church's early years.

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H.O.M.E in Bloom 2016

Spring has arrived and it's great to see the trees in blossom and the flowers growing!

HOME Residents' Association likes to encourage those residents who care for their gardens and environment and make the area more pleasant for all who live here.

Our Annual Home in Bloom Competition has been very successful for the last 3 years and we hope that even more residents will want to take part this year.

If you yourself have a garden you are proud of or, if you have seen a well-tended garden on your walk down your street, please enter your nominations for our judges to consider. Any size of garden (front or back), house or flat, a carefully kept drive or even a window box is eligible! They will be awarded certificates and some prizes too!

So get nominating now! Send your nominations either by completing the slip below and returning it at our Big Lunch on 12th June, or by emailing:

leslie_england@mac.com or miraarmour@gmail.com

Judging will take place: 2nd July 2016

Thanks and good luck - and now let's get gardening!!

You can also hand in your HOME in Bloom nominations by 19th June to

9 Elgin Road – Leslie England at No. 4 Wavell Court

Ashburton Road – Phil Emerson at No. 29

Outram Road – Stan Goron at No. 74

**Havelock Road – Ellen Forester at No. 6 or Mira Armour
at No. 27**

Mulberry Lane – Simon Thompson at No. 7

Elgin Road – Norman Young at No. 44



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I wish to Nominate:(address)

and: (optional).....(address)

Reasons:.....

My name.....

My Addresss:..... Tel.....(optional)

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