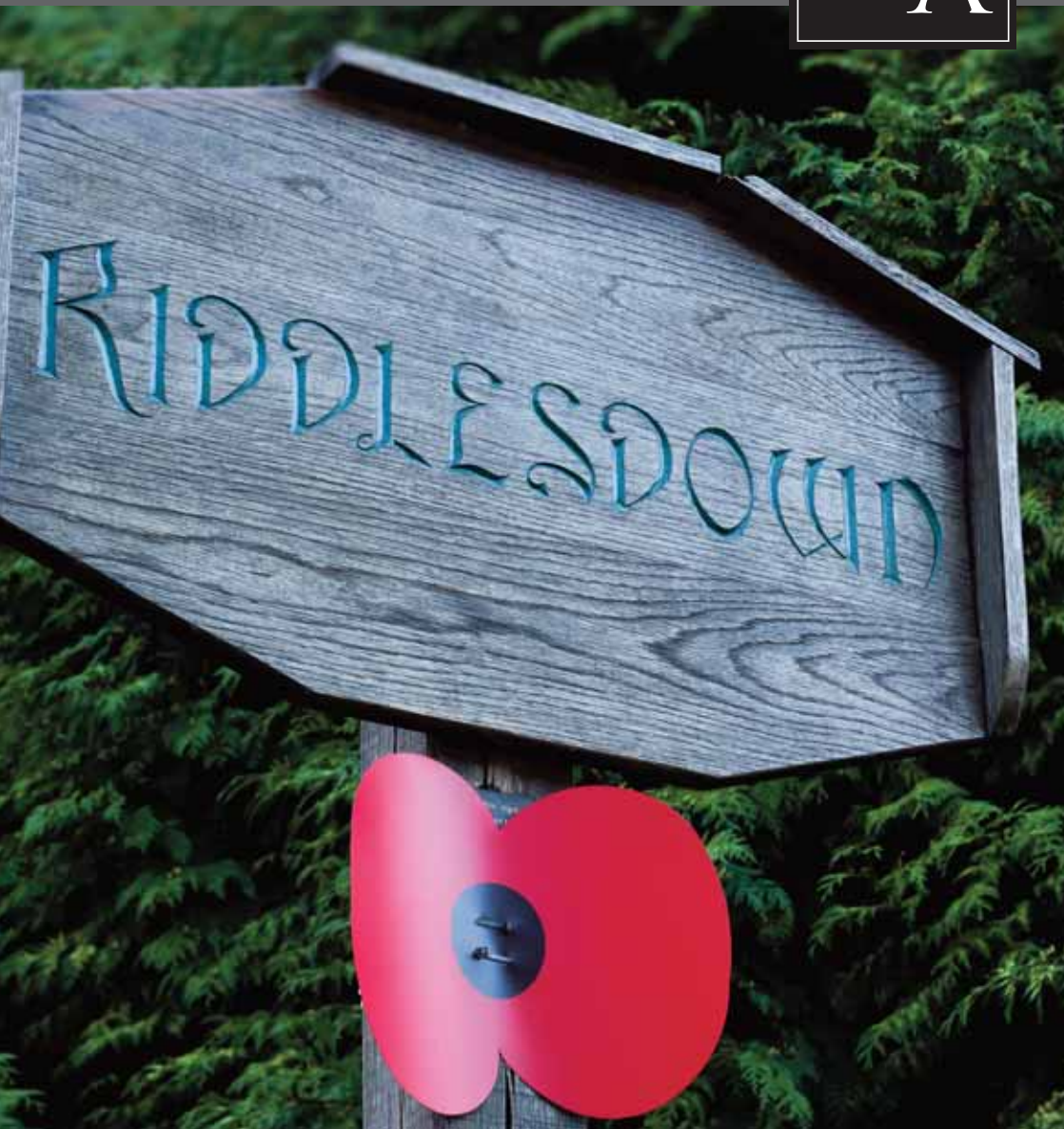


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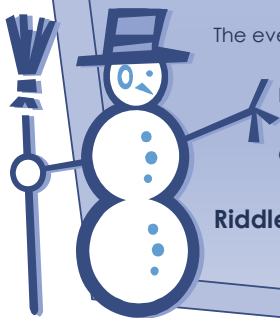
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EDITOR'S NOTES

BY NEIL TARRANT

Residents will have no doubt noticed in mid-August the appearance of poppies on the lamp-posts around Riddlesdown. Some of you may have wondered why they have gone up so early, and perhaps who put them there. They are part of the Royal British Legion's campaign to mark the last 100 days, leading up to the centenary of the armistice of 1918 that brought the First World War to an end.

Riddlesdown will mark the event with a special ceremony outside St Edmund's Church on the 11th November starting at 10.50 am. Everyone – of all faiths and none -- is welcome to join this act of remembrance. We hope that many of you will be able to join with us and the congregation of St Edmund's to mark this important occasion. There will be tea and biscuits afterwards.

There are a number of other forthcoming dates for your diaries. The RRA's popular

annual Christmas party will be taking place on 1 December 2018, at St Edmund's Church. Bring along your children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews! Full details are available elsewhere in this magazine. There is also a litter pick taking place on Saturday 17th November at 2pm, please meet at the junction of Mitchley Hill and Dunmail Drive (A.K.A "The White Path"!). All equipment will be provided.

We are pleased to welcome our new local councillors, Helen Redfern and Simon Hoar. They have both contributed articles, setting out what they have done so far on our behalf and seeking your thoughts on how the community could be developed. As usual, there are a range of other contributions from the local organisations. I would like to thank the contributors and advertisers, and – of course – Roger Cherrill for his work setting the magazine.



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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

BY BRIAN LONGMAN

This year has been a busy year for the Association with a steady stream of contentious planning applications. With Croydon under pressure to meet its housing target, we have seen a number of developers targeting Riddlesdown and Sanderstead, as an area ripe for redevelopment. This has led to a number of contentious planning applications to demolish existing detached houses and build flats. To date most of the applications for flats in Riddlesdown have been approved, despite our objections. So far, however, no flats have been built.

Whilst the Association is not in principle against the building of flats, many of these applications are for up to 8 flats with parking for 8 cars (or fewer) in the gardens. They are just too big for these relatively small sites. We are seeing applications, with flats in the roof space, flats in basements, flats on land subject to flooding and flats on land subject to restrictive covenants. The only rules appear to be: forget the character of the area, forget the quality of design and any negative effect on neighbours but concentrate on how many flats you can squeeze into a small space! For more information on the current situation across Riddlesdown, please see the Planning report below in this issue.

Moving on to another subject, 2018 saw the introduction of the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). In brief, all organizations including Residents' Associations, must establish procedures for handling personal information. We need to tell members what personal data we hold and what we use it for. Currently we only hold

details of members' names and address and payment of their membership fee. This information is used to record membership and deliver the RRA magazine. Members' personal data is treated as confidential and will not be shared with any other organization. For full details of our personal information procedure, we have published our GDPR Privacy Statement in this edition of the Recorder and it is also on our website.

Remaining on membership but in a different area, the committee are aware of members' changing needs and we have started a general review of membership. Areas to be considered include;

- How can we make it easier for our road stewards to collect the membership fee and deliver the Recorder? In our fast developing cashless society, is collecting £3 in cash the right way forward? Some Associations have moved away from cash to direct debit for collection of membership fees, with mixed results.
- Is the membership fee at £3 set at the right level? Should we consider a single payment for life membership?
- How do we improve communications with residents? Do we need to use e-mail to communicate?
- Is our current Recorder magazine, website and Facebook the right model?

At our first committee meeting to discuss some of these issues, the consensus was the personal involvement of road stewards in the delivery of the recorder was key to the success of the RRA and its high level of membership. The Association is certainly one

of the largest in Croydon. It was also felt that the cash payment model for the membership fee was still right for many and essential for others. With many Residents' Associations in Croydon struggling, we are extremely lucky to have a dedicated team of volunteer road stewards who maintain our contact with the membership.

We want to know your views. How do we support our current level of service but also develop for the future? Please e-mail your views and ideas to

RiddlesdownResidents@gmail.com

Or alternatively if you are not on e-mail, please give me a call.

Before I move on from membership, one last appeal. We still have no road stewards in Hyde Road. This is a long street, so we are looking for 3 or 4 volunteers to split the road into small easily managed sections. Please give it some thought; you are only looking at say 10 hours a year. Your Association needs you!

No doubt by the time this edition of the Recorder is delivered, you will all be using your shiny new waste and recycling wheelie bins. While the Association was broadly in favour of the new-look recycling service, we did have some concerns. In July, I attended the full Council meeting and asked a couple of questions. Firstly, why was the new large 240-litre bin being issued for paper and cardboard, with the current refuse bin (generally 180-litre) being reissued for glass and plastic. The smaller wheelie bin was being used to hold what is likely to be the greater volume of recycling. It made no sense to me.

I also asked at the Council meeting: why can't Croydon have a more bespoke system that allowed residents to choose of the bin size they required? It should be based on the

householder's recycling needs, both in terms of capacity and the available space in their garden. Riddlesdown, with its hills and steep gardens can make it difficult for residents to bump large wheelie bins up and down steep steps. The question for Croydon is, what arrangements are they making for residents, especially the frail and elderly, to haul their bins to and from the front of their property?

I have had number of residents contact me who were clearly stressed and upset that they could not cope with the new large and heavy bins and were worried about falling, especially in the winter months. I have to say the response at the full Council meeting on that night, did not fill me with hope. I was, however, pleased that Cllr Stuart Collins agreed to visit Riddlesdown to see the issues for himself. Cllr Collins with a senior Council Officer met us for a walk about, which included talking to several residents. We agreed that certain roads did have issues with steep gardens and steps and a lack of space at the pavement level and he agreed this could be a problem for the elderly and frail. The Councillor and the Officer agreed to take some issues away for immediate action, whilst retaining others for further consideration. They also informed us that the Council was prepared to be flexible and would consider assisted collections if a resident had a genuine problem with the new service.

Should this be the case, then please contact the Council as per the information from their website: "If you received assisted collections in the past, these will continue. If you don't currently have an assisted collection but are worried about moving the new bins, please get in touch; e-mail; wasteservices@croydon.gov.uk or ring 020 8604 7282."

While I appreciate the need to change Croydon's waste and recycling service, I don't think Croydon has fully considered the possible effect of these changes for many of Croydon's elderly and frail residents.

I am sure you will have all noticed the big red poppies that the Association have fixed to a number of lampposts around Riddlesdown. This year, 2018 is 100 years since the end of the First World War and the Royal British Legion were launching a 'Thank You Movement' from 8th August to run through 100 days until Armistice Day on Sunday 11 November. At this point I must say a big thank you to our committee member Phil Thomas, for organising the poppies in Riddlesdown with the RBL.

In addition, St Edmund's Church in Mitchley Ave will be holding a special 'Act of Remembrance' outside the Church on Sunday 11th November at 10.50am, to which all the Riddlesdown community, of all faiths and none, are invited to attend. I hope many of you will be able to attend to say 'Thank You' to all those who served, sacrificed and changed our world.

Finally I would like to end on a positive note by congratulating two important local health services that make Riddlesdown a good place to live in.

A recent survey of GP surgeries, ranked the Mitchley Avenue surgery as the number one GP surgery in Croydon. The survey ranked surgeries on seven different factors. These included, how easy is it to get an appointment, surgery waiting times, how long patients get with their GP and whether they feel their Doctor listens to them. With a score above 95% in five of the seven categories, the Riddlesdown-based practice was the only one in the borough to break into the top 250 across England.

On behalf of the residents of Riddlesdown, we congratulate Dr Simon Woolf and his excellent team at the surgery. Well done and thank you.

Did you also know that our local Riddlesdown Pharmacy in Lower Barn Rd is also rated a five star pharmacy on the NHS website by the patients who use it? Congratulations as well to Naseem Patel and all her dedicated team who always give the residents of Riddlesdown a first class service. Well done and thank you.

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PLANNING MATTERS

BY PHIL THOMAS

It has been a busy six months on the planning front, with some contentious applications again being submitted and in many cases approved, especially for flats. We summarise the latest applications and also the decisions on some that were reported in the last edition of the Recorder.

141 Brancaster Lane

In mid-July, an application was lodged with the Council for the “erection of a two storey side/rear and roof extensions and conversion into 6 flats with associated parking (4 spaces).” This site is on the corner of Brancaster Lane to Lower Barn Rd and this application is slightly different to the other recent flatbed applications. It is intended to abut an existing semi-detached house and not demolish a detached house and replace it with flats. As you can imagine, the adjoining owners in the other half of the semi are extremely concerned about this application.

We believe that this application is inappropriate, unsympathetic and unneighbourly. There will be 3 flats abutting the party wall to 139. One of the flats will be solely within the roof space and will probably be unbearable in hot weather with temperatures in the mid, to high 30's centigrade (unless air conditioning is installed). There will be overshadowing of the two-storey building of the adjoining house at No. 139. The building line of the application site, to the Lower Barn Rd frontage, will be approximately 5m in front of the building line of the adjoining properties in Lower Barn Rd (Nos 132 & 130). Because it is below the 10 flats threshold, no affordable accommodation

has to be provided by the developer.

Only 4 parking spaces are provided for 6 flats. The RRA are concerned in particular by the on-site parking layout, especially at the front of the development. A new dropped kerb and crossover is to be provided at the front of the property onto Brancaster Lane, right on the corner of the Brancaster Lane/Lower Barn Rd junction. We believe this will be a highway safety conflict for both pedestrians and other motorists. There have been many vehicular accidents at his junction, in particular with vehicles exiting from Lower Barn Rd because of poor sight lines with parked vehicles on Brancaster Lane. This footway is also used by many commuters for access to and from Riddlesdown Station and the nearby shops. Pedestrians also cross Brancaster Lane where the dropped kerb is proposed, to walk up and down, to Riddlesdown Ave. In addition, there is an existing crossover in Lower Barn Rd at the rear of the house. To have two crossovers per property is no longer allowed under new Council rules, so we believe this new crossover should not be permitted.

Both the Purley Oaks & Riddlesdown Ward Councillors and the RRA have lodged objections to the Council. At the time of going to print, the application is going to the Planning Committee on 27 September with Officers recommending granting permission. We will post the Council's decision on our website and our Facebook page.

14 Mitchley Ave

In late July, yet another Aventier application was submitted to the Council to demolish the existing detached house and erect a 4-storey

development consisting of 6 flats with only 4 parking spaces. The RRA are of the view this is another example of the over intensification of a residential area. We have concerns about the parking arrangements with overspill parking happening on both Mitchley Ave and Ingleboro Drive, which is heavily used by Collegiate parents and staff. Both the RRA, the PO&R Ward Councillors and our MP have objected to the Council. Again, we will update you about the decision on our website in due course. As one resident said to us recently: "hopefully, the RRA will also see fit to object as this is getting ridiculous now and turning pleasant suburbia into flatland." If we are not careful, this will happen sooner than we think!

4 Rectory Park

In early February, another application was again submitted by Aventier for 3 two-bedroom, 2 one-bedroom and 2 three-bedroom flats (7 flats in total) and 6 parking spaces. Aventier already had planning approval for six 2-bedroom flats and 6 parking spaces. However, this seems to be a favourite tactic of Aventier, to apply for initial planning, which is granted and then go back to the Council again to apply for more flats and less on-site parking! In other words, to increase their profit. The RRA and Ward Councillor Tim Pollard objected to this application and the matter was heard at the Planning sub-committee in June. Cllr Pollard and a local resident spoke at the meeting but, despite their valid objections, the application was approved by the Planning sub-committee.

48 Mitchley Hill

I reported last time that an application had been submitted in September for nine 2-bedroom apartments. This was an application by the owner. In mid-February, we learnt that

the application has been withdrawn by the applicant. The reasons why, are not known.

New Houses Rear of 44 & 46 Riddlesdown Ave

Again as I reported last time, two applications were submitted to the Council to regularise applications, where the new houses had not been built in accordance with the previously deposited plans. Croydon Planning Officers decided in mid-August, that both applications should be refused. The Officers agreed that the white walls (instead of yellow stock bricks), the colour of the black windows (instead of white) and the roof tile colours were all acceptable and could remain. However, they did not agree that the construction of the garages (instead of car ports) and to be used only as a refuse and cycle store was appropriate. They thought the garages were over dominant and detrimental to the visual amenity of the street scene. The garages are built so close to the narrow access way that it is very difficult for a vehicle to enter, or exit them! The Officers also said there was insufficient parking for the host property in Riddlesdown Ave with no footway through the rear gardens. The internal ceiling heights and room layout in the houses were also found to be substandard. Refusal was also made on the lack of rain water disposal on the front forecourt. It will be interesting to see what happens next!

NPPF 2018

On 24 July 2018, the Government published a new National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) guidelines. It expects all Planning Authorities to adhere to this framework when deciding local planning applications. The 2018 version replaces the NPPF 2012. The revised

NPPF is 'beefed up' in the sense that it raises the bar for housing supply. The changes in the NPPF are just clarifying existing policy, rather than making substantive policy changes. However, the importance of design standards is also a key emphasis within the revised NPPF. Notably there was also strong references to design within the Communities Secretary, James Brokenshire's, written ministerial statement when he announced the revised NPPF. He said: "critically, progress must not be at the expense of quality or design. Houses must be right for communities. So the planning reforms in the new Framework should result in homes that are locally led, well designed, and of a consistent and high quality standard." We shall see in due course how Croydon Council apply these new design guidelines.

Points to consider if a developer approaches the owner of a house for re-development

In view of the all applications to demolish houses and replace them with flats, the RRA along with a number of other local RAs have published this piece below for residents to consider if they are approached by a developer.

The RRA are aware that a number of developers are seeking to purchase houses for re-development in and around Riddlesdown (Purley & Sanderstead). These are some points below for home owners to consider. What follows, is not RRA guidance or advice and it is not aimed at specific developers or house builders. It is a generic note which sets out points that owners may wish to consider before selling their property. However, the RRA would strongly recommend that anyone in this position should always seek legal and financial advice before acting on any offer from a developer.

The RRA are receiving reports of developers expressing an interest and sending unsolicited offers for properties within Purley & Sanderstead (Riddlesdown), particularly detached houses. A number of developers have already made offers locally and Croydon Council have granted planning permission to build flats. These developers are also active in other parts of the Borough of Croydon. However, as of 31 August 2018, no new flats have yet been built in Riddlesdown.

The developers typically want an 'option' and will only complete the purchase if planning permission is obtained. Having paid around £5,000 to £10,000 for the option, the developer then funds the planning application process and, if successful, they have first-refusal to buy your house at the previously agreed price.

As the RRA currently understands it, if a developer approaches you, then there are some important matters to consider: -

1. The developer may not be 'purchasing' the house right now, but generally looking to lock the home owner into a contract that is likely to force a sale in 12 to 18 months' time (or longer). Only the developer can walk away from the agreement.
2. The developer can fail to gain planning permission - so they might decline to purchase your house. You get to keep the initial option money and you keep your house. Any plans you had to move elsewhere may be significantly disrupted. The developer may submit a number of variable planning applications to Croydon Council, to ensure the maximum return for them.
3. The 'option' process may create a great deal of inconvenience for the seller. Having taken

the 'option' payment, the developer may be entitled to force the sale of your house. Even if your circumstances have changed, or you have simply changed your mind once you see how much your neighbours resent the planning proposal.

4. If for any reason you need unexpectedly to sell your house urgently, you will probably be unable to do so whilst the developer holds the 'option'. You can only wait for the planning process to take place and let the developer decide.

5. We understand that some developers are currently offering a 'fixed price' for Purley and Sanderstead houses that will be paid after 12 to 18 months. You may not benefit from any uplift in the value of your property.

6. Should you be tempted to enter into an 'option' relationship with a developer you should discuss the it with your immediate family and most certainly take legal and financial advice. You should obtain independent, professional advice and ensure that you totally understand what you are committing to, and what can go wrong. If you have received assurances or been promised any concessions from the developer, then these should be in paced in writing and reviewed by your solicitor before you sign the contract.

7. If one (or both) owners die, then the situation may be more complex in respect of probate.

8. Are there restrictive covenants on your land? A lot of land in Riddlesdown does have restrictive covenants regulating the types of houses that can be built in the street, the number of houses in the street and on your plot. Some covenants specifically prohibit the

building of flats. We are given to understand that the legal opinion received by some adjoining residents to plots that have already been granted planning permission, is that some of these restrictive covenants may be enforceable. But this does depend on each property and the exact wording of the restrictive covenant. It cannot be generalised. Again legal opinion needs to be sought before signing with a developer.

These are just some of the issues to consider. It is not an exhaustive list. The RRA (and a number of other local RAs) are keen to see copies of any correspondence (and terms and conditions) that any local resident may have received from these developers. Please contact the RRA if you have received an offer, which you have declined.

Purley Town Centre – 17 storey Tower

As I reported last time, the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government; Sajid Javid (who has now been replaced by James Brokenshire) 'Called In' Croydon Council's decision to grant planning permission for the 17-storey Purely tower in central Purley and the associated 3 to 8-storey flat development on the south side of Banstead Rd. The Public Inquiry took place from 9 January and lasted for 6 days. It was held in the Purley Baptist Church and included a morning touring the site and adjoining areas.

This development is opposed by seven local Residents' Associations (RAs). These seven Associations are: Riddlesdown, Hartley & District, Sanderstead, East Coulsdon, Coulsdon West, Old Coulsdon and Kenley & District. The RAs applied to the Planning Inspector and Riddlesdown RA was granted

‘Rule 6’ status (as the lead RA) and we presented our case to the Inquiry. Because we had ‘Rule 6’ status we were allowed to cross-examine witnesses.

The Planning Inspector leading the Inquiry was David Nicholson. At the Inquiry, the RAs were represented by Charles King (East Coulsdon), Dennis King (Sanderstead), Diane Hearne & Lee Cooper (Hartley) and Phil Thomas (Riddlesdown). The planning barrister for the applicant (Thornsett & Purley Baptist Church) was Christopher Katkowski QC, and the barrister acting for Croydon Council was Stephen Morgan.

I won’t repeat in full again in this issue all the points and objections that we have raised against this development, but just skip through a few of the key points that we raised at the Inquiry. Firstly, we believe it needs to be made perfectly clear, the seven RAs are not opposed to new development on these two sites. We understand that growth will be key to the future vitality and viability of the Purley District Centre (PDC). We also recognise the acute housing needs in the area and wish to see more new homes that are genuinely affordable provided for local people.

At the Inquiry, we put forward the issues which we believed were not considered sufficiently by the Council when granting planning permission. Our main issue with this development is the height of the 17-storey tall building. The RAs believe it will have an unacceptably harmful impact on the PDC and the surrounding townscape by virtue of it being at least 5 times higher than the immediate and surrounding buildings in the district centre. The tall building will sit very closely behind the pavement on the Brighton Rd frontage and create a shadowing effect on

some of the town centre.

We believe that the density of the housing units is well beyond the density range in the London Plan matrix. We argued that the level of affordable housing, 18%, was low in terms of the total of 220 residential units proposed. The London Mayor’s draft proposal for ‘Affordable Housing and Viability Supplementary Planning Guidance, says developments in London should in future meet a minimum of 35% affordable housing.

The two sites are on the edge of the Environment Agency’s Flood Risk Zones 2 and 3. Purley Cross, on the Brighton Rd frontage, immediately outside the tower site has flooded many times in the past.

We told the Inquiry that parking is insufficient for the Church and community use. The planned auditorium will accommodate 500 people with just 50 parking spaces. There will be 28 car parking spaces for the 114 residential units. For the south side site, there will be 9 accessible car parking spaces for 106 residential units. The exit (and entrance) to the car park for the island site (church & flats), will be on Russell Hill Rd just before the traffic lights at Brighton Rd. Vehicles (including lorries) entering and exiting the site will have to cross a number of lanes of traffic. For better road safety, the RAs believe an entrance/exit should be in Banstead Rd.

We believe that the seven RAs presented valid arguments. The legal teams for the applicant and Council did congratulate the RAs for the way we put forward our presentation at the end of the Inquiry, although of course they didn’t agree with our views! It was a long hard slog by a number of members of the seven RAs and we did it without any legal representation. We did our best and we wait

the outcome with interest. Not everyone will agree with the RAs' views, (a few did speak at the Inquiry supporting the scheme. Many more members of the public spoke at the Inquiry, and it was clear that there is strong local opposition to this scheme.

In early May, we were made aware that the Planning Inspector had sent his report and recommendation to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State can overrule his recommendation. We were expecting a final decision around 6 August. However, at the end of July, the Secretary of State's office advised us the decision had been delayed because on 24 July the Government published a new National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2018 which would be taken into account from the date of publication for all planning applications.

The Secretary of State's Office gave all three parties until 13 August to comment further, as to whether we thought the new NPPF 2018 included new information which may be material to the application before him. There was then a further 7-day consultation period after the submissions were sent to the Secretary of State. A further response was submitted on 17 August by the RAs, to the Secretary of State's Office, after we saw the submissions of the other two parties. The Secretary of State gave notice that we should expect a decision on, or before 13 September 2018 but a day or so before this date, we received an e-mail to say it had been postponed indefinitely. We will post the decision on our website and Facebook page, when it happens!

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ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

BY PHIL THOMAS

Litter Picks in Riddlesdown

The RRA had another successful litter pick on 7 April when about 25 people (including 5 children) collected about 30 bags of rubbish, 2 tyres, a trolley an old bike and other metal. A good effort was made and Dunmail Drive, Mitchley Ave and the footpaths on the farmer's field opposite the shops had a good spring clean. Thanks go again to Tracey Bellamy, the Council's Street Champion Co-ordinator, and Dermot Linehan from Croydon Council for assisting.

Tracey has also been in contact with staff members at the Collegiate and on 23 May, around 30 students from Riddlesdown Collegiate carried out a litter pick on land near to the Collegiate. They collected 15 bags of general waste and 5 bags of recycling. The students had identified for themselves the type of litter they thought they might find and where it would be. At the top of the list was plastic bottles and crisp packets. The Officers took advice from the students, where the litter pick should start and this included the farmer's grass field leading down to the Mitchley Ave shops (the students call it the 'Cornfield'), the White Path, Dunmail Drive and onto Riddlesdown Common. The students reserved the recycling collected for use in an assembly which was carried out with the support of the Recycling Education Officer from Croydon Council.

Further litter picks were carried out with by Riddlesdown Collegiate with about 90 students participating over 3 days at the end of June and early July. The litter picks were

again overseen by Tracey Bellamy. The students collected 75 bags of litter including a set of brake discs and the boxes they came in! We are told that the students were fantastically well behaved and separated the waste for landfill and recycling. They are now working on posters which the Council hope will be used in the new 'Big Belly' bins promotion. Riddlesdown Collegiate have given their support for future litter picks each term.

Tracey also noticed that the waste bin on the Dunmail Drive junction to Honister Heights was overflowing on two occasions, so she has arranged for this bin to be replaced with a 'Big Belly' bin. Hopefully, this will capture more litter and notify Veolia when the bin is full. The RRA and local residents are always complaining to the Council about this overflowing waste bin, so this is good news. I hope most local residents will appreciate the commitment that the Collegiate staff and pupil are making to clear litter from the local environment.

The next RRA litter pick will be on Saturday 17 November at 2pm. If you can come, please meet at the bottom of Dunmail Drive at the junction with Mitchley Hill. There are no Premier League football matches on that day!

42 Riddlesdown Ave – Footway Crossover

As I reported last time, the RRA have written and raised serious concerns with the Council about the steep cross fall on the footway in front of this property. It was created by the Council's Highways Department last November when they installed a vehicular

crossover and dropped kerb to the front of this property, which is situated at the top of a very steep grass bank. There is about a 900 mm height difference between the road level at the gutter and the hardstand on the property.

The RRA are concerned about the steep crossfall for the elderly, able-bodied and the disabled. We are told by local residents that it was extremely slippery and dangerous in the cold and icy winter. We asked 'Disability Croydon' to look at the footway in June and give their views. They were horrified at what had been done by the Council and wrote a strong letter of complaint to the Director of Streets, at Croydon Council. The Council have now carried out a land level survey, (which they should have done at the outset). We are continuing correspondence with them. We hope that they will re-design it and implement some remedial works soon!

Mitchley Ave Accidents

Despite the Council laying a better skid resistant surface on the bend of Rectory Park and Mitchley Ave last November, accidents have continued to occur, although not as many as previously (ten accidents in the last two years). We are aware of at least two since November. The first was in March, when a vehicle demolished the lamppost and street sign on the outside of the bend. Another accident occurred in wet condition in early August. A driver lost control of his or her car after the bend and hit a car parked on the opposite side of the street. We are not aware of any serious injuries from either of these accidents. We do know, however, that during the latest incident, a local resident who was walking with his dog, had a near miss.

The RRA remain concerned that pedestrians and/or schoolchildren walking by this bend will be seriously injured, or killed, particularly when walking on the pavement on the outside of the bend by the wooded area. We have again taken the matter up with the Council and await their response.



Source - Lynne Dennis; Accident 9 August 2018

New Wheelie Bins - Update from Croydon Council

As our Chairman Brian Longman has said in his report, new wheelie bins came into operation at the beginning of September for refuse and recycling. When we met with Cllr Stuart Collins and a senior Council Officer in Riddlesdown in July, the RRA asked a number of questions to the Council. Our questions and the council's responses are as follows:

Q - For those who completely fill the 240 litre wheelie bins, has a health and safety audit been undertaken by the Council, on the weight of a wheelie bin, i.e. if it is completely full with heavy magazines, newspapers etc., can it be moved easily? These bins will be very heavy to manoeuvre (especially for the elderly) up or down steps and/or up and down slopes with the risk of accidents and injury to residents.

A - A full recycling bin should not prove any

more difficult to manoeuvre than a full landfill bin. An assisted collection is available for anyone who meets the criteria and can be booked by calling the customer contact centre.

Q - What is meant to happen with shredded paper? The Council now say don't put it in the blue top wheelie bins!

A - Shredded paper can be placed in paper bags, or envelopes and put into the paper recycling bin. The Council's website has now been amended to cover this <https://www.croydon.gov.uk/.../recycling-collec.../house-recycle>

RRA footnote – Primark are one of the few shops, or supermarkets that we know hand out paper bags!

Q - Why haven't the Council supplied stick-on house numbers for each wheelie bin, as they did in 2005?

A - This was not budgeted for and would have added to the time taken to deliver the bins. Residents who wish to stick house numbers on their bins are welcome to do so at their own expense.

Q Why can't Croydon do a mixed recycling collection in one 240-litre wheelie bin, as many other Local Authorities do? These Councils obviously have the resources to separate the materials at the recycling facility! So why haven't SLWP/Croydon/Veolia?

A - The quality of material collected tends to be much worse from mixed, or as is known in the industry as "fully co-mingled" recycling streams. This means contamination rates are higher, meaning less waste is actually recycled and the recyclable material is less valuable as a commodity "twin stream" recycling, on the other hand, keeps the most valuable

commodity, the paper, separate so it is clean and uncontaminated and therefore both the paper and recycling stream have the best chance of being recycled and retaining maximum value.

Q - Many households currently have the 'standard' 180-litre general waste bin. It appears, however, that the Council have delivered 140-litre rubbish bins even though they are marked '180 litre'! They appear to be smaller wheelie bins.

A - Different manufacturers use different dimensions for their bins, however the landfill bins that have been delivered definitely hold 180L.

Q - Where can residents go for more information?

- The website contains information about the service change, leaflets to download and a comprehensive list of FAQs – www.croydon.gov.uk/recycling

A - Residents wishing to discuss their individual circumstances further can contact a Council Officer using:

- a dedicated email - wasteservices@croydon.gov.uk
- a dedicated phone number – 020 8604 7282 (lines open between 9am and 5pm).
- a new on line tool has been set up by the Council for residents to check their collection day- <https://www.croydon.gov.uk/waste-recycling-collection>

The Council say Veolia have surveyed the whole borough and have delivered the best combination of bins for different property types depending on the different space available. They also say that the footprint of the new wheelie bins is approximately the same as the boxes. If you currently have the

boxes for recycling, your property will most probably be suitable for wheeled bins! They say, please try using the service for a few weeks. If you're genuinely struggling to find space to store the bins, then get in touch with the Council who will visit your property to assess and, if necessary, make alternative arrangements.

Croydon Poppies on Lampposts

As you will no doubt have seen, there are 50 poppies on lampposts in streets in our area.

This year marks 100 years since the end of the First World War and the Royal British Legion are launching a 'Thank You Movement' from 8th August to run through 100 days until Armistice Day on Sunday 11 November. They are inviting members of the public to say 'Thank You' to all those who served, sacrificed and changed our world. To mark this event, 45cm poppies have been displayed on some lampposts in the Borough of Croydon.

The RRA along with a number of other Residents' Associations of Sanderstead, Selsdon, Coulsdon West, East Coulsdon, Old Coulsdon, Hartley & District, and Kenley & District have fixed poppies on lampposts to some streets in their areas. In the Riddlesdown area, this is in Rectory Park, Mitchley Ave, Lower Barn Rd and Coombe

Wood Hill. Croydon Council and Skanska (who maintain the street lighting) have been very supportive in allowing all the Residents' Associations to do this.

The RRA and all the local Residents' Associations are making a donation to the Royal British Legion for these poppies. All Croydon residents are also invited to join all the Residents' Associations by making a donation, if they wish, to support this cause, may be in memory of a relative, or friend. The Riddlesdown Residents' Association have set up a 'JustGiving' page (search Croydon poppies on lampposts), or the link <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/riddlesdown-residents-association> where residents can give a donation, maybe in memory of a family member or friend.

Unfortunately the 'JustGiving' site is only available with internet access. If you don't have access to the internet and want to make a donation, then please make a cheque payable to the 'Royal British Legion' and put it in an envelope and either post it, or drop it off at one of the two addresses listed at the beginning of the Recorder magazine. Please put the cheque in an envelope and mark the outside of the envelope clearly 'Croydon poppies on lampposts'. Thank you.

MEMBERSHIP

BY JOHN RAPP

When speaking to members I have found that the weather has been a popular topic of conversation. With the best part of two inches of rain falling on Friday, 27th July there is hope for our gardens and the prospect of a long period of 'autumn weather' with everything nicely warm and long evenings to be spent enjoying nature.

I know that I do not need to comment on the need to stay safe in the hot weather. Recent announcements have been made on

everything from having adequate access to water to the dangers of river, pond, and sea swimming, and what to do when a flash flood occurs. Our people have been enjoying the heat followed by the cool and I hope that, like last year, we see no frost until January or February.

I leave our members to stay alert for what may come and, importantly, to take it in a relaxed way.

TRANSPORT

BY JOHN RAPP

Keith Powell and I have been watching local transport provision closely.

Since 1st September 2018, the 412 bus service has been severely reduced. The revised Timetable is available on the RRA website.

We have been talking to Transport for London since the announcement of these changes in August, and – following the September Committee Meeting – we have invited a senior member of their Bromley and Croydon Team to the 2019 AGM to make a presentation and to answer Residents' questions.

It may be that you would wish to comment on these changes sooner. The TfL website includes options to comment online or via Facebook or Twitter. It is also possible to telephone on 0343 222 1234 or to write to TfL Customer Services, 4th Floor, 14 Pier Walk, London, SE10 0ES.

In the same way there is a need to use, from September, an amended Purley termination arrangement for our 412 bus service. Currently the bus reaches Purley Tesco (the stop is named Purley High Street / Purley Station) and then continues to the Downlands Precinct and Purley Hospital stops before it runs out of service to Purley Oaks on its way to the bus stand opposite Purley Hospital ready to start its next journey. From September, after stopping at Tesco the bus will run in service to the Banstead Road stop (for the 405 towards Croydon) continuing in service (with passengers) to the bus stand. It is important for that section of route to be seen to be used, as currently, London Buses are shaving their costs by reducing the number of buses running on outer London Routes. I understand that on the 412 there will be one fewer bus running. Once the Elizabeth Line is fully open, many Central London buses will be

available to be cascaded to Outer London.

There has been a lot of publicity about the problems that have occurred in the wake of the roll-out of Thameslink's Timetable on 20th May. Knowing that Riddlesdown is served by both Southern and Thameslink trains and that any problems with one service impact on the other, we have obtained comment from Govia Thameslink Railway (operating both).

"An interim Thameslink timetable was introduced on 15 July to provide a more reliable service to passengers following the disruption to train services since the original timetable change on 20 May. It seeks to provide a plan that we can operate reliably with fewer on-the-day cancellations allowing passengers to plan with greater certainty. This interim timetable includes more trains than we were running prior to 20 May but does not include all those we had planned to run from 20 May. We aim to restore those services as quickly as possible starting with the high peak services (arrivals at London terminals between 0730 and 0830; departures between 1730 and 1830), then the rest of the peak, then Monday-Friday off-peak services. This will happen progressively from September. We are

sorry for the disruption since 20 May and would like to assure you that we are working hard to return to a stable service, and to provide the planned service we hoped to put in on 20 May as soon as possible."

As additional support and comment they have mentioned that latest information is always on www.nationalrail.co.uk, and that the Office of Rail and Road (ORR) has set up an inquiry into the background of the May Timetable changes. Details about this inquiry is available here: <http://orr.gov.uk/news-and-media/press-releases/2018/orr-launches-independent-inquiry-into-may-timetable-disruption>

GTR has mentioned that it is worth checking here on the day of travel too for any last minute issues.

From time to time I mention that public transport does respond to demand or lack thereof: the concept of "use it or lose it". I expect that GTR will use the train loading data – the passenger weight of each carriage is a reported item - to establish which missing trains need to be re-instated first.

I end by wishing all our residents who use public transport successful journeys.

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.

St Edmund's Church Pets show the power of Love – By Nemo

Hi there. My name is Nemo and I would like to tell you about the fun I had on 10th June at Riddlesdown's first ever Pet Service held at St Edmund's Church

I spend my term-time paddling around in St Edmund's looking after my owners, the children at Castle Day Nursery. It was so lovely that Susan, the Vicar, moved me to the altar so that I had a great view of all the other pets that brought their owners to the Service.

There were three lovely greyhounds. Such long legs! I am sure I'd get one leg in a tangle so I don't know how they organize four. I bet I could race as fast as them though – if my tank wasn't round that is...

What was I saying? Oh yes. Young Rogan the dog was there too. He was a bundle of energy, not at all shy and so inquisitive! He made a point of going around to see everyone and told me that some of the pets had sent their owners to the Service with photos because the pets couldn't be there in the flesh so to speak.

I don't mind admitting that I was quite relieved that all the cats were out checking their perimeters (they make me quite nervous for some reason) but Penny's friend, the Kiwi was home in New Zealand, and Wendy's friend, the gorilla was in Zimbabwe. The still much adored guide dogs and Susan's own dog, Holly, were looking down on us from heaven

What was I saying? Oh yes. Because of the variety of pet languages there, we thought it

best to ask our owners to do the talking at the service. They sang All Things Bright and Beautiful and said short prayers of thanks for every living thing including us pets. Our owners all stood up and talked about how the love of their pets is so important to them and strengthens their wellbeing.

There was a particularly good bit – well I enjoyed it anyway - when Susan, the Vicar got our owners signing 'Old Man Noah had an Ark Ee-l-ee-l-o' and made the noises that they think each of their pets made in the chorus. Some of the language was appalling but then we can't blame our owners – they don't know that 'woof' and 'woof' have very different meanings!

Where was I? Oh yes. Susan blessed all of the pets (present and past) and gave thanks to God for us and after the Service everyone stayed for refreshments. The dogs said they enjoyed their biscuits – unfortunately I am on a strict diet so it wasn't time for my food and the cats missed a treat by being out and about.

It is probably just as well the gorilla couldn't make the service because the nice people at St Edmund's didn't think to lay on industrial quantities of bananas – although they said they would have nipped to Waitrose to get some if needed

Everyone made us feel very welcome and I am sad that some of my friends missed this fun community event, which was for those of any or no faith. My friends from St Antony's Hamsey Green, the snake and dogs had to look after their family due to Church Warden

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Barbara having to visit hospital when she was on holiday. Pip the Springer Spaniel from Buttermere Gardens wrote to Church Warden Gill to say he was taking his owners Mary and Ian walking in Snowdonia and could not come

Now here's thing: I'll bet you people thought we pets can't write. I'll admit we do like to create that impression so that we stay one up on the humans. I'll also admit that Pip's writing style is better than mine (see his postcard to Gill), but then I suppose he does have two paws to hold the paper down with and two to hold the pen – that's why I type things out with my fins.

What was I saying? Oh yes. My name is Nemo and I would like to tell you about the fun I had on 10th June at Riddlesdown's first ever Pet Service held at St Edmund's Church....Hmm. Have I said that before? I'll just go around the tank again....

Upcoming events at St Edmund's

Sunday 14th October 11.00 - Harvest Festival - Non Eucharistic Service followed by a bring and share lunch - All welcome

Week commencing 22nd October (TBC). Series of 5 weekly study/ discussion groups focusing on the theme of "The Mystery of Everything" start. Full details from The Reverend Susan Atkinson Jones - susan@sanderstead-parish.org.uk

Sunday 11th November. Gather outside St Edmund's Church from 10.50 a.m. for Poppy wreath laying/two minutes silence/ Remembrance Ceremony - Everyone welcome (There will be a 8.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m. Service in the Church as usual which all are welcome to join)

Sunday 23rd December 16.00 - St Edmund's

Christingle Service - A family focused service to which everyone is welcome where "Christingles" are lit during the service. Christingles are made from an orange decorated with red tape, sweets and a candle

MP's Report Chris Philp

Waste and Recycling Changes

The council are planning major changes to waste and recycling collections. Currently we have a black wheelie bin for waste, two recycling crates (green and blue), a garden waste wheelie bin if you have paid for that and the small food waste box.

The council is now planning to provide a third wheelie bin to replace the current blue crate and a fourth wheelie bin for general waste – with the old black waste wheelie bin then replacing the green crate (I was confused at first too!). This means that if you pay for the green waste service you could end up with four large wheelie bins at your property.

I have joined local councillors in asking the council what to do with the old blue and green crates. We were told there might be one collection of them – so we could end up with the borough strewn with abandoned crates. With four large wheelie bins and leftover crates, there are legitimate concerns that local people's homes could end up looking like a municipal recycling centre.

More NHS funding for Croydon

Croydon's NHS has recently received a £12 million funding boost for local services and help care for people out of hospital. This will really help our local area, and comes as the £21 million re-build of Croydon University Hospital's (Mayday's) new A&E nears completion. A year ago, Purley Hospital's Minor Injuries Unit/GP Hub extended its

opening hours to 8am-8pm 365 days a year, adding the range of services offered in our neighbourhood.

The recent announcement by the Government of a £20 billion long-term increase in NHS funding across the UK will help healthcare in Croydon for many years to come.

The NHS looks after us all when we need it. I will keep fighting to make sure that Croydon gets its fair share of resources and that our local facilities keep improving.

School funding increases

Following lots of campaigning, Croydon schools are getting an £8.9 million (3.9%) increase in Block funding from the Government this current financial year – nearly double the rate of inflation. Larger secondary schools are getting especially big increases in block funding – such as Oasis Coulsdon (16%), Woodcote (8%), Riddlesdown (5%) and Harris Academy Purley (10%).

Some smaller primary schools had smaller increases (and in a few cases a reduction) even though Croydon's government funding for schools went up quite a lot. This was due to the way Croydon Council divided up the funding between schools.

I am working with the council and some of the schools affected to try to find a way to resolve this issue for the next financial year.

Southern and Thameslink timetable fiasco

After slow improvements in the service over the last year, the introduction of the new timetable for Govia Thameslink Railway (GTR) services on 20 May has been a fiasco.

Many Thameslink and Southern Rail trains

have been cancelled or removed and there is now a revised cut-down timetable. Despite the fact that the new timetable has been long-planned, GTR has failed to provide enough drivers on the new routes.

This reinforces my long-standing view that GTR should lose the franchise, which I have put to the Transport Secretary in the House of Commons.

GTR's Chief Executive, Charles Horton, has resigned, but I am pushing for the whole franchise to be taken away from GTR due to their serial incompetence.

Let me know your thoughts

The Community Survey 2018 is out. This survey is just four questions long and should take no more than a couple of minutes. By filling in this survey you'll help provide insight into residents' opinions on some of the biggest issues facing the borough.

You can find more details on my website – chrisphilp.com

Councillor's Report Helen Redfern

I was delighted to be elected as one of the two councillors for the new ward of Purley Oaks & Riddlesdown, a ward that stretches from Pampisford Road in the north down to Riddlesdown Collegiate in the south. The southern section of our ward is covered by Riddlesdown Residents' Association.

I already know a lot of residents in the ward, as neighbours, as parents of children at the same school and members of the congregation of St Mary's Church Purley Oaks. I've spent the first few months in my new role meeting as many people as possible. Riddlesdown Residents' Association has helped me to engage with a number of residents, as have neighbouring associations in the north of our



ward. We've had the first meeting of the Purley Oaks and Riddlesdown Police Ward Panel which was well attended but there is space for more people and I would especially like to see more young people attend so we can include their perspective and serve their needs. I've also attended some great local events such as Croydon Classic Car Show in Rotary Field and Purley Food and Drink Festival on Purley High Street.

My (mostly email) post-bag has included a number of interesting cases raising questions ranging from the provision of school places to concerns about care for elderly relatives. However, the two key issues have been the new recycling system and planning issues:

By the time you receive the Recorder, the new waste-management/recycling system will be in place and hopefully any surplus blue and green crates will have been collected. There have been concerns about how this will operate in practice, including a lack of space for 2 more wheelie bins, which can make a total of 4 or 5 depending on whether you also pay the additional amount for green waste collection, to why such a big bin is required for paper recycling when most of us have struggled to fill the small blue crate previously. At the Council Meeting of 9th July I asked the Cabinet Member responsible for this new initiative about its practical application in some Riddlesdown Roads where house frontages are particularly hilly or stepped. After much correspondence and a site visit with the RRA, we have made some progress on adapting the process for some of the more challenging addresses. There has also been a need to provide assisted deliveries to residents who are unable to manage the bins themselves. I agree with others that the needs of our more

vulnerable residents have not be fully considered in this process. I strongly hope that by the time you read this, things will have settled, and if not, I'll be working hard to get things right.

Planning continues to be a significant issue in our ward. The greatest concern has been the growing trend for developers seeking to demolish an attractive family home in order to replace it with a much bigger building accommodating 8 or 9 flats – that number is significant as this means the developer isn't required to provide affordable housing. The applications generally provide fewer parking spaces than there are flats, which means that our roads have to absorb the extra parking. That is a particular problem in Riddlesdown because of the high level of parking demand in the vicinity of Riddlesdown Station but also because a lack of spaces means there are less passing spaces in the roads south of Mitchley Avenue – where traffic often grinds to a halt around the start and end of the school day at Riddlesdown Collegiate. Simon Hoar and I will continue formally to object to inappropriate planning applications but it should be noted that the Council's Planning Committee appears keen to pass as many of these applications as possible. We remain concerned about the impact this will have on the character of our lovely area.

Are you aware that each councillor has a Community Ward Budget of £8,000 p.a. to spend on one-off projects that improve the well-being of the local community? If you have any ideas on how we could spend this in our ward, or know of any non-profit organisations that would benefit from our help, do let us know; we really do welcome your thoughts on how to use this budget.

If you live in the new Purley Oaks and Riddlesdown ward and have an issue you would like to discuss with us, please feel free to get in touch. We can be contacted by email or telephone and if you would prefer to speak in person, we also run a surgery for residents at 10am on the first Saturday of each month at Christ Church on the Brighton Road.

Councillor's Report Simon Hoar

The new Purley Oaks and Riddlesdown ward came into existence at the council elections on May 3rd. The ward is an amalgamation of areas previously that previously formed part Sanderstead, Purley and Waddon wards and runs from Riddlesdown school in the south, northwards over Mitchley Avenue, along Brancaster Lane and Riddlesdown Road then widening out to take in Purley Oaks station, Purley Rotary Field and up to Pampisford Road and the borough boundary with Sutton.

Since being elected to represent the new ward, two of the most active areas of casework I and my colleague (Helen Redfern) have received have been around planning applications and the new refuse system being brought in for September.

The three wheelie bins are causing a lot of concern in Riddlesdown, from storage problems, to the visual blight of so many bins on our streets and frail residents worried about whether they will still receive their assisted collection. If you also pay for the garden waste service this means four wheelie bins lined up outside your house. Personally I think this change is overkill but the current council administration who took office in 2014 have taken Croydon's recycling rate from approximately 45% of all waste down to 38%. I feel a better solution would have been to improve the collection, and to expand the

materials collected, as happened in past years.

The good news is that the assisted collection does remain, and the council are finally improving the recycling system for flats. I lived in a flat above shops on Brighton Road for many years and had to collect and recycle everything at Purley Oaks myself, so improving collections from flats is welcome. If you live in a house and it really is impractical to have three wheelie bins (Riddlesdown is a hilly area after all) then the Council have said it is possible to be exempted, and some areas have been. Please let me know if you think this could apply to you and we can get the Council to investigate.

The other big issue is over planning applications, usually for blocks of flats. Within the wider ward there is an issue with the Council's Brick by Brick development company and those who have been along Montpelier Road recently will have seen the hoardings in place for a flatted development up to six stories on the side of the hill.

In Riddlesdown and into Sanderstead and Purley, the problem is more with small developers applying to remove single homes in favour of blocks of eight or nine flats. Current schemes include sites on Riddlesdown Road, Mitchley Avenue, Brancaster Lane and down onto Oakwood Avenue, Selcroft Road and Grasmere Road. I am very concerned about the impact that this has on the area. It not only makes the roads more congested, but also the construction of flats changes the nature of an area. Individually these schemes make little difference (and planning law requires each application to be judged on its own merits), but the cumulative effect risks damaging the nature of our area from one of family homes to one far more

urban. Riddlesdown is a lovely place to live, full of family homes and I'm sure we would prefer to keep it as such a nice place. If you hear of a such a scheme near you, please let us know.

It has also recently come to light that TfL intend to cut the frequency of the 412 bus from four an hour down to three from 1st September. On most of its route this is less important due to the availability of other routes, but for Riddlesdown the 412 can be a public transport lifeline. I understand that TfL intend to consult on the changes at some point (after they have implemented the change!); please join us in letting them know any comments you have. At the time of writing this piece, I have asked the London Assembly Member to take up the issue with TfL and I will be asking the Council to do the same for the residents of Riddlesdown.

If you have any issue that you need a local councillor to take up for you with the Council, please feel to get in touch by telephone or email. Alternatively, you can come to our surgery on the first Saturday of the month at Christ Church Purley from 10-11am.

19th Purley (Riddlesdown) Scout Group

Liz O'Brien Group Scout Leader

It has been another fantastic year at the Group, with waiting lists for Beavers and Cubs and our older Scouts successfully moving up to the newly merged Explorer Unit (see below for more details).

At our annual AGM we had lots to celebrate, from some of our Beavers earning their Chief Scout Bronze Awards, to the successes of our Cubs at many of the local District events this year, to our fantastic young leaders who give up their time to help us in so many ways.

Our usual highlight of the year is our visit to the PGL activity centre, an event in which the whole group participated. There were 57 of us in total and we had a fun-packed weekend of activities including raft-building, zip wire and giant swing. We have been lucky enough to attend PGL for some years now so will be having a break next year and having a whole Group camp instead.



As a Group we had 10 Scouts that were reaching the end of their time with us as they were turning 14. There are two Explorer Units in the area, but we do not have a good record of Scouts wanting to try it out. Therefore we approached District about starting up our own unit. A meeting was held, and it was agreed that the two current units would merge and meet at our headquarters. We will feed our Scouts into this newly branded Unit. This Unit has been running since June and I am pleased to report that all of our Scouts are currently still attending. This is such a major step for us, so we are really excited for the future.

This summer some major work is taking place at our headquarters. We have been fundraising long and hard to pay for improvements including a disabled toilet and shower room, the refurbishment of the current toilets and widening of doors for wheelchair access. This will enable us to open up our hut to the

community on a more regular basis. We are also going to be repairing the path leading up to our car park which receives a lot of wear and tear now that we have such a large Group, and the fact that we hire our hall out to another Scout Group, not to mention extra traffic from the newly formed Explorer Unit.

We have some fundraising events coming up to which the wider community is very welcome:-

Saturday 13th October '18 Wild West Disco (fundraiser)

Monday 5th November '18 Fireworks (fundraiser)

As with any Group like ours we rely heavily on good will and lots and lots of fundraising so please do contact me if you are able to assist us at all. My scout email address is GSL@19thpurley.org.uk

Riddlesdown Collegiate

Soumick Dey Principal

As we prepare to embark on another academic year at Riddlesdown Collegiate, we are celebrating another set of fantastic exam results this summer. At A Level, almost half of all grades were A*-B and 12 students achieved straight A/A* grades in at least 3 subjects. The vast majority of them have been successful in gaining places at their first choice university and we wish them the very best of luck as they begin the next chapter of their lives. Meanwhile, at GCSE, students achieved outstanding results with 92% passing English at grade 4 or better and 80% passing Maths at grade 4 or better.

Overall, 78% of students achieved at least a “standard pass” (grade 4) in both English and

Maths, whilst 62% achieved at least a “strong pass” (grade 5) in both English and Maths. At the top end, more than a quarter of all grades were 9-7 (or A*/A), including 132 grade 9s – aimed at the top 2% nationally – in total.

Despite the difficulty of new GCSE specifications and assessments, most of which were examined for the first time this year, students at the Collegiate have excelled and achieved a record number of top grades across the full range of subjects. Consequently, more students have met the criteria for College VI and have been offered places to continue their successful studies at the Collegiate. We look forward to acknowledging our highest achievers at our annual Celebration Evening in September.

During the summer term, following internal exams, we took the opportunity to recognise students’ achievements and efforts through a series of Showcase Evenings, one in each College, and award evenings. The Arts Awards Evening, for example, celebrated artistic and creative talent, whilst the Sports Awards Evening celebrated individual and team successes this year. We were fortunate to have professionals join us for each of these events, with Marie Foulston from the V&A Museum and Mike Brown, England and Harlequins rugby union player, presenting awards and sharing their inspiring stories. In addition, the Summer Concert gave students a stage from which they impressed a packed audience with their talent and dedication. Breaking news: the Collegiate’s Spring 2019 musical production will be The Wizard of Oz! Look out for tickets sales after Christmas.



This year marks our school's 60th anniversary and we were delighted to hold a special event for the occasion during the summer term. Riddlesdown High School, as it was originally called, opened in January 1958 with only 230 students and 13 teachers. Today, Riddlesdown Collegiate has almost 2000 students and 200 members of staff! The school has grown significantly over the last sixty years, but the spirit of the community remains as strong today as it always has been. On 14th July 2018, we were pleased to welcome back many former students and former members of staff to reminisce and see what our school looks like today. It was lovely to hear stories from the past and fond memories retold and our current students took real pride in showing visitors around the Collegiate and telling them about their school.

To be kept informed of what is going on at the school, please contact alumni@riddlesdown.org with your details.

Riddlesdown Residents' Association

Privacy Policy 2018

This statement contains information for members of the Riddlesdown Residents' Association (RRA), as required by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2018.

Riddlesdown Residents' Association

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STORISSE

EACH STORY IS UNIQUE. After many months of planning, storisse.com is finally here. Storisse is a website which celebrates worthwhile work carried out by worthwhile charities, in a different way. Being a storyteller by profession, Alex Cuncev tells real life stories that are meaningful, moving and engaging.

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Community Information:

A - Z of organisations in or close to Riddlesdown (more details on the RRA website)

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, which holds monthly meetings for a charge of £2 per meeting for Bourne Society members only. www.bournesoc.org.uk

Cantilena Singers

Cantilena Singers Ladies' Choir was originally formed in 1986. There are no auditions and members do not need to be able to read music. Membership is encouraged for any adult female who is interested to learn and work at achieving a high enough standard for public performance. Members of the choir pay a subscription fee (at present £49 per term). Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings between 7.30 – 9.30pm. Choir members are encouraged to play a part in the running of the choir and there are publicity, fundraising, social and library sub-committees. We are a friendly choir and welcome new members. If you are interested in trying us out please come along to a meeting in the Methodist Church, Sanderstead) and / or contact Jill on 07957 627 783.

Croydon Art Society

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

Croydon Camera Club

Meets at Shirley Methodist Church Hall most Wednesdays of the year & has outings to photogenic locations. Further Information 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. Other activities include Special Interest Days, Visits and Study Tours. Membership Secretary; 020 8680 3049.

CNHSS – Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society

Indoor meetings are usually held in the Small Hall of the East Croydon United Reformed Church, Addiscombe Grove, almost opposite East Croydon Station. www.cnhss.co.uk/

Croydon Symphonic Band

An amateur community wind band with 50 or so players that was formed by an ex Riddlesdown resident over 40 years ago. The band is based in Croydon. New members always welcome. www.csb.org.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 - e-mail; fofd2@btinternet.com or telephone: 01737 554449.

London Mozart Players

For details of concerts some of which take place locally. www.londonmozartplayers.com/

North Wood Morris Men -Croydon's

Own Morris Dancers

They are always looking for new members to dance or play music. They will train dancers and musicians from scratch if need be. All are welcome.

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

Parkrun; Riddlesdown Common

Free 5km Run Every Saturday at 9am - Further details and to register

www.parkrun.org.uk/riddlesdown/

Purley Bury Sports & Social Club

(Brancaster Lane):

Bowls www.purleyburybc.co.uk/

Croquet www.purleyburycroquet.org.uk/

Tennis www.purleyburtenniscub.net/

Purley and District Townswomen's Guild

Meet in the Lounge, United Reformed Church, 906 Brighton Road, Purley CR8 2LN (next to Purley Hospital). First Tuesday every month, 2 – 4pm. Hold regular talks, lunches, etc. Try before you buy! First meeting free. www.purley-guild.webplus.net/ or email admin@purley-guild.com

Purley Literary Society

Meetings run from October to March. Talks are in the hall of the Purley URC Church, 906 Brighton Road – next to Purley Hospital, at 8pm. Visitors pay £5 at the door or season ticket; £22 for eleven talks or 6 talks £12.

More information: www.purley-literary-society.com

Ramblers (Croydon) -

www.croydonramblers.org.uk

Ramblers (Surrey) –

www.surreyramblers.org.uk

Riddlesdown Lawn Tennis Club,

Lower Barn Rd

A small friendly club where everyone is welcome - regardless of age, experience or skill. Junior section with full coaching sessions organised by MDL Coaching on Sat mornings throughout year. Further details – Dave Kerr - 07773 818443. www.riddlesdownltc.com/

RSPB Croydon Local Group

Monthly Illustrated Wildlife Talks in South Croydon at 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.

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64 & 433 buses stop nearby in Croham Road. Whitgift Sports Club, Croham Manor Road -

MONDAY OCT. 8, 2018: In the afternoon Mary Braddock talks about "Hungary - A

Jewel of Europe", looking at the floodplains of the River Tisza and the birds & wildlife these wetlands support. In the evening, in "Rolf Gets Rattled", Rolf Williams talks about encounters with venomous snakes. A personal discovery takes us to Australia, South Africa, and to the Mojave Desert in search of the USA's most venomous snakes.

MONDAY NOV. 12, 2018: "A Year on My Local Patch". Simon Ginnaw takes us through the seasons in his local park - Mote Park - accompanied by birdsong and music.

MONDAY DEC. 3, 2018: "Birding Ecuador". Local group member, John Lawrence will take us on a trip from the borders of Colombia in the north, to Peru in the south, traversing the "Road of Volcanoes" in search of humming birds and ant-pittas. He also shows us the Inca ruins at Chochasqui and Ingapirca. Please also note that, due to venue re-arrangements, we have had to move this December talk forward by one week.

MONDAY JAN. 7, 2019: "The Miracle of Bird Migration". This is a fascinating and magical phenomenon. By following several familiar birds on their journeys to and from the UK Mark Pearson of Filey Bird Observatory explains its mysteries without taking away the magic. Please also note that, due to Mark's busy schedule, we have moved this January talk forward by one week.

MONDAY FEB. 11, 2019: The new "Narbonnaise Regional Park" is becoming a major European birdwatching destination, as will be explained by Philippa Benson. The park includes a very wide range of different habitats within a relatively small area which, together with its location on the western Mediterranean flyway, explains why nearly 40% of the Western Palearctic species can be seen there.

MONDAY MAR. 11, 2019: "A Birding Journey through Mallorca": Len Clark takes us on a journey not that well known to holiday-makers, despite the fact that the destination remains one of the most visited by UK trippers.

MONDAY APR. 8, 2019: Gary Prescott, the Biking Birder, has cycled to all the RSPB and WWT reserves, in order to get funds for the RSPB, and to raise money for children of The Manu Rainforest in Peru. He has now been cycling in Peru aiming to become the World Champion Bird Spotter. Did he do it?

For more information contact John Davis on 020-8640 4578

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

St Edmund's Church & Community Hall, Riddlesdown

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 10.00am. Worship varies week by week. Rev'd Susan Atkinson-Jones is the Team Vicar of Edmund's. Further information: www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk/st_edmund

St Edmund's Caring Group

SECG is a voluntary group in Riddlesdown which supports residents in remaining independent and at home when life becomes a little more difficult. We have wonderful volunteers who are happy to help in numerous ways; shopping and being taken to medical appointments are the most popular. Volunteering is such a rewarding experience knowing that you have helped someone to do something that would otherwise have seemed impossible is marvellous. Young or old, if you require support, reassurance or any information, please do give us a call. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please call our new telephone number 020 8651 9442. We are open 10-12 weekday mornings and at all other times there is an answer phone.

St Edmund's 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 8660 2178 or just drop in one Tuesday evening.

Scouts and Girl Guiding

19th Purley (Riddlesdown), Dunmail Drive, off Mitchley Hill

www.croydonscouting.org.uk/

11th Purley Scout Group; St James Church Hall, Lower Road, Kenley

Beavers – Fridays; 1630 - 1730;

Cubs – Mondays; 1830 - 2000

Scouts – Tuesdays; 1900 - 2100

Enquiries to Peter Pearce (Group Scout Leader) 07947 889920 or

[www.http://11thpurley.org.uk/](http://www.11thpurley.org.uk/)

16th Purley Scout Group (All Saint's Group, Sanderstead)

www.croydonscouting.org.uk/where-do-we-meet/beavers-cubs-and-scouts/16th-purley-7th-sanderstead-all-saints-group/

18th Purley (United Reform Church). Scout HQ in Farm Fields.

<http://www.18thpurley.org.uk/>

Beavers – Thursdays; 5.00 – 6.00pm

Cubs – Mondays; 6.30 to 8.00pm

Scouts – Thursdays; 7.30 to 9.00pm

Croydon Girl Guiding

www.girlguidinglaser.org.uk/gdlgallery/croydon

Sanderstead Cricket Club

14 Old Saw Mill, Limpsfield Rd, Sanderstead (entrance opposite The Gruffy). Website: <http://sanderstead.play-cricket.com/>

Sanderstead Dramatic Club -

Contact Mr John Desbottes - Tel 01883 625656 - <http://www.sdclub.org.uk/>

Sanderstead Evening Townswomen's Guild

Contact Mrs Doreen Nicholls - Tel 020 8657 2072. Meets 3rd Monday of the month at 7.45pm at Sanderstead Methodist Church Hall. www.the-tg.com/Guild/sanderstead-evening/375.aspx

Sanderstead Horticultural Society

Wettern Tree Garden, Purley Oaks Road. 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.

Sanderstead Village WI

<http://www.sandersteadwi.btck.co.uk/>

Selsdon Camera Club

Meet Fridays at 7.30 pm (for a 7.45 pm start) The Methodist Halls 102 Limsfield Road, Sanderstead.

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

Selsdon Little Leagues Football & Netball

Providing Football and Netball for local children in the Croydon area.

http://selsdonlittleleagues.leaguerepublic.com/l/newsArticle/new_website.html

Stagecoach Croydon - Theatre Arts Schools for Children

Fridays at Riddlesdown Collegiate
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Saturdays at Croydon High School

10 am - 1pm or 2.30pm - 5.30pm; 6-18 years;

9.30 am - 11 am or 11.15am - 12.45pm; 4-6 years. Tel 0845 265 7083

www.stagecoach.co.uk/croydon

Surrey Wildlife Trust

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

The Jolly Farmers

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7 Purley Road, Purley CR8 2HA, Tel: 0208 660 2076 or www.jollyfarmers-purley.co.uk

The PROBUS Club of Sanderstead & Riddlesdown

Meet at Old Whitgiftians Sports Club, Croham Rd, S Croydon. From noon on first Tuesday of every month. Further details- Mike Phillips - 020 8407 0305

The University of the Third Age (U3A)

The Third Age Trust is the national representative body for the Universities of Third Age (U3As) in the UK. U3As are self-help, self-managed lifelong learning co-operatives for older people no longer in full time work, providing opportunities for their members to share learning experiences in a wide range of interest groups and to pursue learning not for qualifications, but for fun. <http://www.u3a.org.uk/>

Walk & Cycle Surrey

Further information:

<http://www.walkandcycle.co.uk/surreytrails>

Warlingham Horticultural Society

Hold Regular flower shows & plant sales in Warlingham & outings

<http://home2.btconnect.com/bransby/hort/hort.htm>

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To East Croydon (EC), & London Victoria, (Thameslink trains to London Bridge (LBG), London St Pancras (STP) & Bedford (BDM)).

Weekdays: All trains terminate at London Victoria, unless otherwise stated in brackets; 6.06, 06.15(to LBG, STP,BDM), 06.35, 06.42(to LBG,STP,BDM), 07.06, 07.36, 07.45(to LBG,STP,BDM), 08.06, 08.15(to LBG,STP,BDM), 08.36, 08.45(to LBG,STP,BDM), 09.06, 09.36 and then 06 and 36 mins past hour until last train at 23.36.

Saturdays (To Victoria only): 07.06, 07.36, and then 06 and 36 mins past hour until 23.36.

Sundays (To Victoria only) 08.42, and then 12 and 42 mins past hour until 23.44.

To and from London Bridge/St Pancras - No direct services Saturdays & Sundays.

From London Victoria to East Grinstead stopping at Riddlesdown

Times in brackets are the arrival times at Riddlesdown for departures on to Oxted & East Grinstead.

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Saturdays: 06.21(06.48), 06.51(07.18) and then 21(48) and 51(18) mins past hour until 23.53(00.24 - to Oxted only).

Sundays: 07.43(08.17), 08.11(from LBG, change at EC), 08.51(09.17), 09.21(09.47), 09.51(10.17), and then 21(47) & 51(17) mins past hour until 22.51(23.17).

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Saturdays: 06.40(06.48), 07.10(07.18) and then 40(48) and 10(18) mins past hour until 00.16(00.24) - to Oxted only).

Sundays: 08.09(08.17), 09.09(17), 09.39(47), and then 09(17) and 39 mins past the hour until 23.09(17).

Enquiries: Southern Railway: Tel: 03451 27 29 20 (07.00 - 22.00 hrs) or southernrailway.com

Thameslink; Tel: 0345 026 4700 (07:00 to 22:00 hrs) or thameslinkrailway.com

National Rail Tel: 03457 48 49 50 or nationalrail.co.uk

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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: riddlesdownresidents.org.uk/transport.html

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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, May, September and November. Contact a Committee member for details. The AGM is usually held in April in St Edmunds Church Hall, Mitchley Ave. Check the website Facebook and local RRA noticeboards for the date.

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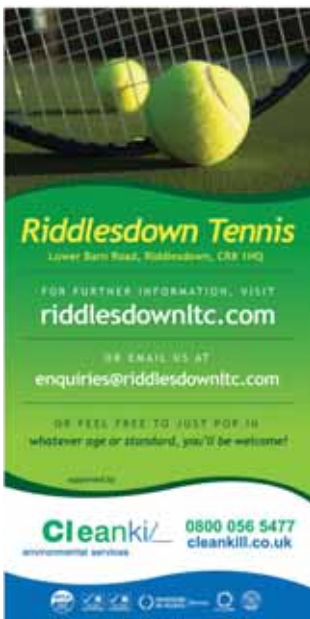
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