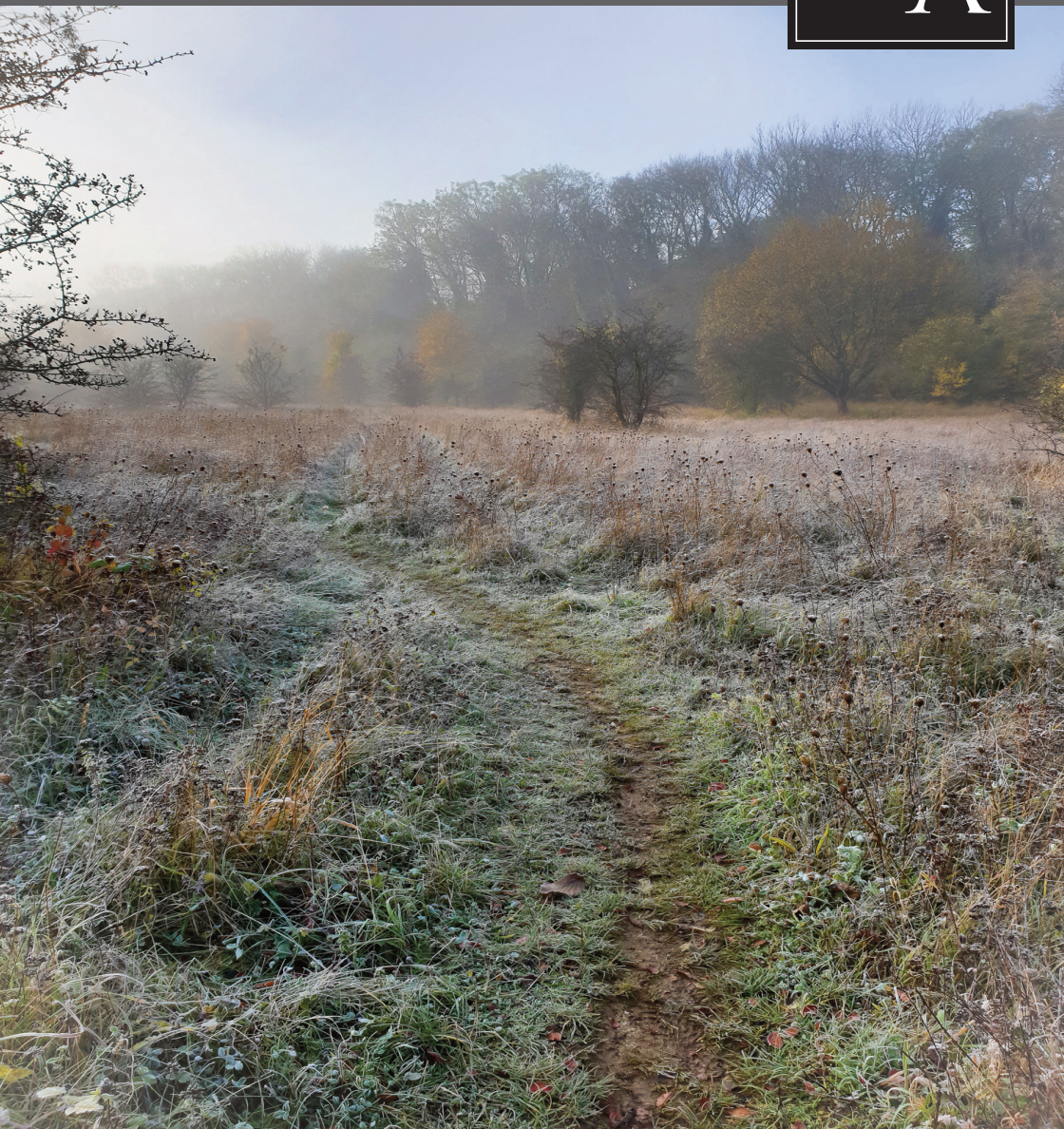


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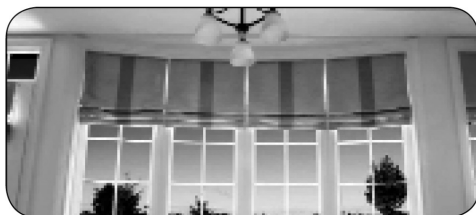
BY NEIL TARRANT

As I am writing, it is drawing close to Christmas. It is a good time to recall the busy year that we have had in the RRA, and look forward to forthcoming events. In addition to the work of keeping an eye on local planning matters, environmental issues and local transport, the RRA have once more organised two well-supported litter picks. In early December we look forward to welcoming many of our local residents bringing their children, grandchildren, relatives and friends to the annual Christmas party. As Brian

Longman reminds us in his report, since the 1930s, the RRA have been working hard to look after the local environment and built a happy, inclusive community by organising events. There are lots of ways to become involved, please feel free to contact a member of the committee.

I would like to thank all the contributors to this edition of the Recorder, and Roger Cherrill for his work typesetting the text.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

BY BRIAN LONGMAN

Riddlesdown is one of the largest Resident's Associations in Croydon and as such experiences a steady stream of residents moving away from the area and new ones moving in. Our membership secretary informs me that while we lose many old friends, we welcome up to 100 new members to the Association each year. For the benefit of our many new members, I would like say a few words about what the RRA does and what it stands for.

The RRA was formed back in 1937 to promote the well-being of residents in Riddlesdown and today it still has nearly 90% of households in membership, one of the highest in Croydon.

High on our agenda then, and still today, is the protection of the Green Belt that borders Riddlesdown. At a public inquiry in 1974, the RRA successfully opposed an appeal to the Secretary of State to build hundreds of new houses on the Green Belt land of Riddlesdown. The lesson was clear, the Green Belt cannot be taken for granted and if we value it, we must be prepared to fight for it. We have done so ever since.

In 2006, large sections of the Green Belt around Riddlesdown were once again under threat, with speculators buying and selling plots of land. The RRA worked with our local councillors and council officers to ensure we had the maximum protection in place on the sections of the Green Belt land under threat. This also included Mitchley Wood, which is classified as ancient woodland, meaning that the woodland has existed continuously for

more than 400 years. We estimate that around 40 individuals now own sections of Green Belt land around Riddlesdown.

The provision of local health services and in particular, Purley Hospital continues to be one of our top priorities. The RRA has been heavily involved with both the hospital's initial redevelopment and more recently the proposed changes to the increasingly popular, GP Hub walk-in center, at the hospital.

Planning also continues to be high on our agenda. In recent years we have experienced a steady stream of contentious planning applications to demolish single houses to build flats. The RRA fully recognises the need for more housing and supports appropriate development. However, we are increasingly seeing applications where the size and density of the development is not appropriate for the size or location of the plot of land and takes little or no account of the effect on close neighbours.

Too often, we see applications for up to 9 flats to replace a single home, with little or no commitment to any improvements to the local infrastructure. Primary school places, public transport, parking issues, local health services, risk of flooding are simply not considered. These and many more infrastructure issues cannot be ignored and they are all key to a planning process that supports any increase in housing density.

While writing this report, the RRA has just received an application to demolish a single house in Riddlesdown road and replace it with 21 flats.



In addition to the areas highlighted, the RRA works closely with Croydon Council and other organisations, in areas of public transport, local environment, local infrastructure, health, schools, policing and our community.

Back in 1937 there were twenty-one people on the committee, more than double the number that we have today. In those early years, the Association ran a number of social activities and clubs as the population of Riddlesdown grew and developed. In 1956 the RRA held its first dance at St Edmund's hall with 180 residents inside on the dance floor; many more had to be turned away at the door due to overcrowding. With a few more people on today's committee with new ideas and energy, we could do so much more. We still run the children Christmas party which is extremely popular. Until a couple of years ago ran the extremely successful family Fun Day with a relaxing picnic on the downs. The Fun Day attracted around a 1000 people to the Downs to enjoy the Jazz band, donkey rides, punch and Judy, tractor rides and children's fun races, including the traditional egg and spoon race.

I was pleased on World Car Free Day in September, when two new families to the area organised a very successful car-free play street for the afternoon, in Westfield Avenue. My grandchildren thought it was brilliant to cycle safely down the middle of the road but the day also had the added bonus of bringing the local community together.

My guess would be that at least 200 new families have moved into the area in the last three years and if only a few joined the committee, we could organize many more community activities. Please give me a ring if

you are interested, my number is in this edition of the Recorder.

Moving on to the subject of our local shops in Lower Barn Road. I am sure that we will all agree, that our local shops are essential to our community and can be a lifeline to many people, especially the elderly. I have said it before: our local shops will only survive if we support them. The problem now is, while many residents want to support the local shops they often find it difficult due to a lack of available parking bays. We have been talking to the shops owners in an effort to find a solution, but it is not easy. The big problem, as we all know, is that Lower Barn Road has a very high level of commuter parking. Recently many of the parking bays have been occupied by Network Rail vans with engineers working at the station, hopefully this situation has now been addressed. We will continue to engage with the shop owners and local residents to try and find a solution. If you have a view please let us know via our RRA email account in this issue of the recorder.

In the last issue of the Recorder I mentioned the annual Open Evening for prospective parents held at Riddlesdown Collegiate in September 2018. The event attracted more visitors than in previous years and resulted in traffic chaos and gridlock in many of the local roads around the school. The RRA listened to residents' comments both positive and negative and held meetings with Soumick Dey, Principal of Riddlesdown Collegiate and Simon Hoar our local councillor. This year's Open Evening for prospective parents at Riddlesdown Collegiate was held on Thursday 26th September 2019 and, at the time of writing this report, all feedback has been positive. Just as many parents attended the

event but there was nothing like the congestion and gridlock of previous years. On behalf of the RRA I would like to thank Riddlesdown Collegiate for their positive attitude and the actions they took to reduce the negative effect of the high traffic levels and congestion experienced by local residents on this a busy night in the school year.

Finally, in my last report I mentioned how social prescribing enables GPs, nurses and other primary care professionals to refer people to a range of local, non-clinical services. These services can involve a variety of activities that are typically provided by voluntary and community sector organisations. For example, for someone who might be lonely or socially isolated, the GP's social prescription might include activities such as joining a lunch club, an exercise or walking group, befriending, volunteering, or something as simple as a drop-in facility for coffee and a chat.

With that mind the Association has teamed up with the City of London Corporation (Rangers on the Downs) and St Edmund's Care Group to provide a new Active Ageing Health walk on Riddlesdown Common. The new walk is aimed at those who have not walked for a while and might need a little support. The short circular walks of 30-45 mins are taken at your pace, and finish with tea, biscuits and toilets at the Ranger's office close to the start point.

The walk is currently on the last Wednesday of each month starting at 1.30 pm from Riddlesdown car park. Please check current information before walking, as the date may be subject to change. Note: No walk in December 2019. Walks are advertised on RRA website, RRA Facebook page and RRA notices boards, St Edmunds notice boards and the City of London Corporation web site - City of London

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PLANNING MATTERS

BY PHIL THOMAS

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

141 Brancaster Lane

As I reported last time, a full planning application was lodged in February for the “erection of a two-storey side/rear and a conversion into 6 flats with associated parking (4 spaces).” This site is on the corner of Brancaster Lane and Lower Barn Rd. It is intended to abut an existing semi-detached house and extend the semi-detached house and replace it with flats. A previous outline application was approved by the Council and the full planning application was granted by the Planning Committee in early May.

The RRA along with a local resident did seek a legal opinion from an expert planning barrister on the original outline planning decision by Croydon Council and whether it was potentially unlawful. The legal opinion raised some interesting points applicable to the lawfulness of this and many similar planning applications. This has helped us better to understand our position in respect of some of the common reasons for objection against similar planning applications, which continue to be decided by the Council in the same manner. We understand the local resident has taken matters further with the legal opinion to the Local Government Ombudsman, who have now opened an active investigation into the Council’s conduct, and we await

developments there. However, in this instance this will not change the Council’s decision as a Judicial Review on points of planning law have to undertaken within 6 weeks of a planning decision.

116 Riddlesdown Road

An application was submitted in late July for the “Demolition of existing 4 bedroom, two-storey detached house. Erection of new 4 storey building including basement and roof accommodation to provide 8 units including associated access, and parking.”

There have been a number of public objections on this application by a private developer. The RRA again submitted a detailed written objection as well as the Ward Councillor and the MP. At the time of writing, a decision is still awaited.

48 Mitchley Hill

In May, an application was submitted by Aventier for the “Demolition of single-family dwelling and erection of one 3-storey block, containing 6 x 2-bedroom apartments, 2 x 4-bedroom houses and 1 x 3-bedroom house with associated access, 10 parking spaces”

This was the second application for flats at this location. A previous application was previously withdrawn by the applicant. Despite 46 objections, Croydon Council’s Planning committee on 1 August approved the application. As is usual, the voting was political by 6 votes (Labour) to 4 votes (Conservative).

A side comment at the end of the 48 Mitchley Hill hearing, when Chair, Cllr Toni Letts, forgot to turn off her microphone and said to Pete Smith (Head of Planning) sitting beside her -

"now the letters will start" after the committee's decision was made! The 33-flat scheme at Barrowsfield (by Sanderstead Rec) was also approved 6 - 4 on the same night with identical political voting. It was a disappointing night for Sanderstead.

r/o 36 Riddlesdown Avenue (79k Riddlesdown Rd)

In early April, an application was submitted for the erection of a 3-bed detached dwelling house fronting Riddlesdown Road. The RRA only submitted neutral comments on this application, principally relating to issues on the narrow access road.

So it was a bit surprising to learn the Council refused the application in early August. The reason for refusal was: "The proposed development would cause harm to 36 Riddlesdown Avenue and immediately adjoining properties in terms of loss of outlook, amenity and openness as the scheme fails to retain a minimum 10m length of rear garden or half of the existing rear garden space for the host property, contrary to the provision of Policy DM10.4(e) and DM10.6 of the Croydon Local Plan (2018) and the Supplementary Planning Document: Suburban Design Guide (2019)."

So can we expect another application soon for a smaller house and further away from the host property? Or maybe this one goes to appeal.

r/o 38 (and 40) Riddlesdown Avenue (79j Riddlesdown Rd)

An application was submitted in early May for the "erection of a three-bedroom detached house at the rear of No. 38 and 4 x flats at rear of No. 40, formation of vehicular access onto Riddlesdown Road and provision of associated parking."

This is a slightly unusual one, since approval has previously been given for the house at the rear of No. 40 but not for a conversion into flats. The application at the rear of No. 38 is a new application. The applicant is the same company for both sites. The RRA objected to this application as we believe that the new house rear of No. 38 is too close to the host property (in respect of the 15 and 18 metres separation and as refused for r/o No. 36) and in contravention of the Council's new SPD2 policy. In addition, there is no parking whatsoever for No. 38 which we believe will lead to more on-street parking on the narrow Riddlesdown Avenue.

In respect of the flats for No. 40, we believe it is unreasonable to have 4 flats within this dwelling, which will be cramped with a small living/dining/kitchen open-plan area for possibly 4 occupants and is an over-development of the site. The accommodation at 2nd-floor level (roof space) does not appear to be to an acceptable standard of accommodation for occupiers.

At the time of writing, the Council have made no decision.

Purley Town Centre – 17-storey tower and associated developments

Since reporting last time, the former of the Secretary of State, James Brokenshire, has had to re-open the Public Inquiry. This was due to a Consent Order being issued by the High Court on 1 April 2019, quashing the decision of the Secretary of State contained in his letter dated 3 December 2018 in which he refused planning permission for the above proposal and rejected the Planning Inspector's recommendation that planning permission

should be granted. The Developer Thornsett took this case to the High Court.

Some members of the Rule 6 Party (the seven local RAs) met with the Purley Baptist Church and the developer Thornsett in early June to discuss the situation. A very productive discussion was held and further information was then returned to the Planning Inspectorate by the applicant (Thornsett/Nexus/Baptist Church), Croydon Council and the Rule 6 Party (RAs).

Information was then subsequently received from the Planning Inspectorate that the new Public Inquiry will be held from Monday 3 December 2019 for at least 5 working days. We understand the venue will again be the Purley Baptist Church. The new Planning Inspector is to be, Mr Paul Jackson BArch RIBA.

The seven RAs will again attend the Public Inquiry as the Rule 6 party. More information will be posted on our website, in our monthly E-Blast and on our Facebook page in due course.

Proposed mobile phone mast in Mitchley Ave adjoining I52 Riddlesdown Rd

The RRA were made aware in late August that EE & 3 are proposing to replace the existing 9.7 metre-high green phone mast in Mitchley Ave near to and beside 95 Downs Court Rd (close to the sharp bend on Mitchley Ave/Downs Court Rd).

The proposal is to remove the existing shrouded mast and equipment at this location and install a new 20 metre-high unshrouded mast in a different position and nearer to I52 Riddlesdown Road (close to the lamp post) but still situated on Mitchley Avenue. EE's agents

say the reason for the doubling of the height of the mast is for the new 5G roll out for EE and 3 and better service locally.

The RRA realise that phone masts are vital for our community and we usually do not object just for the sake of it. Some EE service is very poor in parts of Riddlesdown because of the topography, so anything to improve mobile phone coverage would be good. However, we believe this mast may be too tall and unsightly, but we will wait to see what local residents think. And will it mean all other masts have to be increased in height to take the 5G antennae?

Other mobile phone masts in the Riddlesdown area are generally screened and hidden. These are located:

- in the grounds of Riddleah Court, Lower Barn Rd, near to Riddlesdown Station - 02 and Vodafone.
- at the bottom of Dunmail Drive - 02, Vodafone & EE.
- near the top of Dunmail Drive - close to Riddlesdown Collegiate – EE.
- in Mitchley Ave adjoining 95 Downs Court Rd - 3 & EE

Also at the end of August, a number of press reports appeared stating that the Government is considering allowing taller mobile phone masts which could be built without councils' permission across the country, under a proposed overhaul of planning rules in England. It is part of Government plans to speed up the roll-out of 5G networks and improve mobile coverage in rural areas. Currently masts on public land must be no more than 25 metres (82ft) high but ministers want to relax these rules. Masts of under 15 metres are permitted developments as long as

the mobile phone companies give 56 days-notice to Local Authorities, who must respond in that time period. Currently masts over 15 metres (and up to 25 metres high) require full planning permission. 5G masts also do not have the range of coverage as 4G and more masts may be required for good coverage. So higher masts could be the answer.

This application will need full planning permission. At the time of writing an application had been submitted on 8 October but then had to be invalidated by the Council because the address was incorrect (after we pointed this out). A new application is expected soon. Residents will then have a chance to lodge any objections.

88 Riddlesdown Road

At the time of writing an application has been submitted to the Council for the “demolition of the existing house and erection of a block of flats comprising of 21 units with parking, landscaping and other associated works.” The RRA have objected to this application.

Threat to the Green Belt in Riddlesdown

At the time of going to print and accordingly to papers that went to Croydon Council’s Cabinet meeting on 21 October, the Council is considering the option of de-designating areas of Green Belt, that is, removing Green Belt status so the land can be developed for housing.

Three areas are being considered and these are;

Land at Borrowdale Drive/Mitchley Hill/Rectory Park

Land at Gravel Hill (behind Monks Hill)

Land at Lodge Lane, near New Addington

For Riddlesdown, the suggestion is to build between circa 350 and 750 new homes on the sloping Green Belt farmland in Riddlesdown! This is the first time the RRA have heard about this.

Following this Cabinet meeting, the Council have advised a Borough-wide consultation to give residents a say on how the council should manage Croydon’s growth over the next 20 years and beyond is set to be the first part of the review of the 2018 Local Plan. It will look at issues facing the borough, such as a need for up to 46,040 new homes, as determined by using government formula, between now and 2039, employment growth and how to improve sustainability.

The consultation for amendments to the Croydon Local Plan 2018 starts on 8 November 2019 and runs until 8 January 2020. It includes the proposal to de-designate the Green Belt farmland on Rectory Park/Mitchley Hill and build up to 750 homes.

Amongst the questions the RRA intend to ask the Council, include:

- Where are the new schools (pre-school, primary & secondary) to be located? Riddlesdown has no primary school and the largest secondary school in the Borough but RRA residents can not always get a place for their children at the Collegiate because location is way down the criteria list!
- Where are the additional doctors, dentists and other healthcare provision to be located? Riddlesdown has one small doctor’s surgery and no NHS dentist. CUH is over subscribed.
- Where is the infrastructure for improved rail, bus and tram services?
- Where is the provision for improved foul

- water and surface water drainage, to stop flooding?
- Where is the improved road network (major roads) for all the additional vehicles that will be using the road network; including delivery vehicles to shops to feed and clothe us and home deliveries via the internet?
 - Where is the supply of water to come from, for all new and existing homes, from a very limited resource?

This list is not exhaustive. It is all well and good

for Croydon Council to say that new homes are urgently needed, but the improved infrastructure also needs to be put in place to accommodate the existing and new population. The RRA have been pointing this out to Croydon Council in our objection letters for at least the last 10 years with virtually no response from the Council about these important issues! We will advise more on our website, Facebook page and monthly E-Blast after the consultation opens on 8 November.

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ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

BY PHIL THOMAS

A big thank you to all the beavers and cubs from the 19th Purley Scouts, two Police Officers from the Purley Oaks & Riddlesdown SNT, a Council Neighbourhood Safety Officer, and all local residents and children who attended the RRA litter pick on 11 May. This was the sixth litter pick locally since the RRA started organising this in November 2016.

Despite the heavy rain/hail shower an hour before the litter pick, about 30 people attended. Fortunately the rain just about held off for the 90 minutes during the litter pick.

About 30 bags of rubbish, two tyres, traffic cones, plastic and scrap metal were collected. The RRA committee believe that with these regular 6 month litter picks we are gradually getting on top of the litter/rubbish issue on local Green Belt land. Another litter pick was held on 2 November.

Riddlesdown Collegiate - Litter and Recycling

Tracey Bellamy, Croydon Council's Street Champion Co-ordinator arranged a litter pick with the Collegiate just before the end of summer term. There have been a number of litter picks with the school children that Tracey has arranged.

Tracey reported: "The Riddlesdown Collegiate carried out a litter pick today clearing over 25 bags of litter from the farm field, the White Path and the footpath leading to Grisedale Gardens onto the farmland. The students as usual were great ambassadors for the school and really set about the task in hand. The opinion of the students was that most of the litter would have come from the journey to

school. However we did find bags of green waste and cardboard as well. It was great to see the students so engaged and taking responsibility for the litter whilst taking pride in their community."

On behalf of the RRA, well done to all pupils who took part and to the Staff at the Collegiate.

Riddlesdown has a new bench in Mitchley Ave!

At the request of Meryl, the Practice Manager at the Doctors' surgery in Mitchley Ave, Sanderstead Ward Cllr Yvette Hopley arranged for a new bench to be erected by the Council and a replacement waste bin supplied. The new bench is now between the bus stop and surgery on the grass verge and the new bin by the bus stop. On behalf of the RRA, thank you to Meryl and also to the Sanderstead Ward Councillors for arranging this to come out of their Ward Community budget!

The new 'South London Downs National Nature Reserve (NNR)' in Riddlesdown

The extract below is taken from the City of London's July 2019 Newsletter:

"We are thrilled to announce that the Coulsdon Commons have been declared part of a new National Nature Reserve; the South London Downs National Nature Reserve. National Nature Reserves are recognised for having nationally important habitats or species and bring greater levels of protection to conserve landscapes. The NNR will be the

second biggest in London, joining Richmond Park and Ruislip Woods, and will bring together the 417 hectares of land managed by City of London and London Borough of Croydon to create a landscape both rich in nature and where people can engage with the natural world.”

This new site includes land owned by Croydon Council and the City of London at Riddlesdown, Kenley & Coulsdon Commons and Farthing Downs. A map of all the South London Downs National Nature Reserve can be found on the RRA's website.

Surface Water Disposal from Roofs and Patios and Driveways in Riddlesdown

The RRA have been made aware that there are drainage/sewer issues in Brancaster Lane and during heavy rainfall sewage is escaping from the foul water system and discharging sewage and flood water into some properties. We are also aware of other flooding issues at certain places in Riddlesdown

This is primarily caused by some houses discharging rainwater from their roofs and patios, driveways etc. into the foul water drains, rather than constructing soakaways into the chalk sub strata on properties. In some instances the foul water sewers in the road are not large enough in diameter to take all this excess rain and hence it backs up and floods in various locations. With all the new flatted developments taking place locally and with more rainwater being discharged into foul water sewers this flooding of sewage could become the 'norm' here and elsewhere. The RRA keep reminding Croydon Planners about this in our objection letters, especially on new flatted

developments!

No part of Riddlesdown has a surface water drainage system because we are situated on chalk. There are only soakaways. This includes all the gullies/drains in the streets which discharge into soakaways. Part H3 of the Building Regulations are specific that rainwater from roofs, patios etc. should discharge into:

- a) soakaway or infiltration system;
- b) a watercourse or finally,
- c) a sewer.

Following discussions between the RRA, Croydon Council, and Thames Water, Lanes Group acting on behalf of Thames Water have been carrying out further investigations in Brancaster Lane. From what we understand, it appears the foul water sewer is not large enough to take all the surface water in heavy rain.

The RRA have pointed out to the Council that both Approved Building Inspectors and the Council's own Building Control Officers who oversee the building works should ensure and require that soakaways are constructed locally. If they are not, then flooding of sewage and rainwater in some properties will become more widespread locally. Unfortunately Croydon Building Control Officers are barred by statute from interfering with the decisions of Approved Inspectors, some of whom are located many miles away and not based in Croydon!

Other issues for surface water flooding are hard surfaces (primarily for off-road parking) situated between a wall forming the principal elevation of a house and highway that exceeds 5 square metres. If it exceeds 5 square metres then the hard surface must be made of porous

materials, or the rainwater directed to a lawn or drain naturally. These regulations apply only to houses and not flats and require planning approval. However, you will not need planning permission if a new area, uses permeable or porous materials - Sustainable Drainage Systems (or known as SuDS), which allows water to drain through, such as gravel, permeable concrete block paving or porous asphalt, or if the rainwater is directed to a lawn or earth border to drain naturally. If the surface to be covered is more than 5 square metres, planning permission will be needed for laying traditional, impermeable materials that do not control rainwater running off onto roads. Building Regulations will not generally apply here. However, you will need to make sure that any alterations do not make access to the house, any less satisfactory than it was before. So for example, changing levels to introduce steps where none existed before would be a contravention of the regulations.

If you are making a new access into the garden across the Council's footway (pavement), then you will need to obtain permission from the Highways Department and pay their costs for a dropped kerb. In some instances, if the new dropped kerb is made onto a main principal road, then planning permission may be required. The Council have also stipulated in 2015 that a *householder can no longer have more than one vehicular dropped kerbs to their property* (see condition 3 on the application form). This is to minimise the loss of kerbside parking!

Many residents may not be aware, but SES (our water supplier) do offer a rebate via Thames Water (who are responsible for our sewage water disposal) if all surface water from your gutters, drains etc., discharges into

a soakaway. The rebate is not a huge amount - currently £26.40pa but it is better than nothing.

The following information is taken from the SES website:

“Surface water is rainwater that falls on to your property and runs via guttering and drainpipes into the public sewer, or water that enters the sewer from activities such as car washing. Most customers are connected to a surface water sewer or combined sewer.

“You can tell if you are connected to the public sewer by checking where your gutters lead. If there is evidence of a sewer close by - for instance, a heavy duty manhole cover - then it is likely that surface water from your property drains directly to the sewer, and a charge for this is incorporated in your fixed charges.

“If your property is not connected to the surface water sewer - for example, if surface water drains into a watercourse, stream, river or soakaway - you may be eligible for a rebate. If you are receiving the rebate already, you will see ‘Surface water rebate’ printed on your bill.

“Please write or email us to claim a surface water rebate. Please note that claims must be submitted in writing and that the rebate cannot be backdated beyond the start of the billing year - 1st April - in which it is submitted.”

More information about this is available on the SES website:

<https://www.waterplc.com/pages/home/sewage-services/surface-water-drainage/>

Or telephone : 01737 772000.

42 Riddlesdown Avenue – Dropped kerb to front of the property

In early 2017, the RRA started to receive complaints from local residents about a proposed dropped kerb/crossover to the front of 42 Riddlesdown Avenue, which the Council Highway's Department intended to construct to this property. The front garden to this property was raised about 900mm above the carriageway and fronts a steep grass bank from the raised footway to the lower carriageway. The footway was previously level.

This crossover was constructed in October 2017 despite the RRA pointing out to the Highways Department before construction that the crossover/footway should be made to acceptable standards for the disabled, in particular, in relation to falls and crossfall, and to comply with current highways standards and the Equalities Act 2010 (formerly the Disability Discrimination Act 1995).

As a result of the approval and construction of this crossover by the Highways Department, the Planning Department subsequently approved a planning application for the formation of an off-street parking area to front the house with associated retaining walls and landscaping. The Planning Department relied on the advice from the Highway Officers rather than use their own professional judgement that it was perhaps not suitable. This planning decision was made after the Highways Department had constructed the crossover!

In late 2018, following the RRA's comments and more complaints from residents, the

Council returned to the street and carried out further works to try and made the crossover safer for pedestrians and to try and improve the gradients and crossfall. This involved re-instating the raised kerbstone (taking out the new dropped kerb) and laying a lump of bitmac into the street for about 500mm from the kerbstone. We now consider this to be a hazard to cyclists especially on a cold wet winter night. It also interferes with the water flow in the gutter as there is a road gully immediately beside the lump of bitmac.

The RRA also involved Disability Croydon who give advice about the needs and requirement of the disabled in Croydon. One of their visits was after the first set of works were carried out and the second visit after the subsequent "repairs"! Their two reports (sent to the Council) were scathing about the works, noting that the Council had undertaken them without any due consideration for disabled, blind and visually impaired pedestrians.

The RRA also believe very little consideration has been given by the Council to pedestrian safety on the formation of this crossover/footway. In particular for other elderly and parents with buggies. The footway is especially dangerous for these users (as well as the able members of the public), for slipping sideways especially in snow, ice, and heavy frosts.

As this was a challenging design scheme, especially for the disabled, we have asked why the Highways Department did not consult with organisations such as Disability Croydon at the inception.

In the RRA's view, the crossfall on the footway

which the Council created and then carried out amended works, still exceeds 3% on the crossfall, as set out in guidelines from TfL and Footway and Cycle Design from Highways England. Two felled trees on the grass bank/highway verge have also not been replaced in other nearby locations.

We also believe that the Council should provide a suitable dropped kerb at the western end of Riddlesdown Avenue (even number side) at the junction to Riddlesdown Rd and/or across Riddlesdown Avenue to allow pedestrians/disabled in wheelchairs to cross these two streets safely. Currently they are unable to leave the footway safely, or gain access to it without a dropped pedestrian kerb in place.

On behalf of residents, the RRA have now submitted a formal complaint to Croydon Council about the actions of the Planning Department and the Highways Department. We will update more in due course.

Website Mailing list, the Website Message Board and Facebook

We have recently had technical issues with the server supplying the website Yabb message board (a third party server). The message board is rarely used by residents to view and post messages, so we have removed this facility from the website.

However, the RRA Facebook page continues to go from strength to strength and a lot of useful information is posted and shared on there. If you are on Facebook why not give us a “like” or “follow” us! If you are not on Facebook, we have now set up a monthly E-Blast newsletter which will be sent to residents by e-mail, who register with us. The E-Blast may be sent out more often if important information needs to be made available to residents, for example, concerning some planning applications. You will need to subscribe to receive the E-Blasts and the sign up is on our website:

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TRANSPORT

BY JOHN RAPP

I will begin with the train network. The Passenger Benefit Fund (PBF) closed to suggestions on the 31st July, and Govia Thameslink Railway. It is overseen by three Members of Parliament to ensure that improvements are as local as possible, is assessing the suggestions received.

The PBF exists because money that Thameslink (part of GTR) set aside to compensate passengers for the disruption they endured in May 2018 was not all claimed. The available fifteen million pounds was not allocated evenly, but in relation to how badly each station's passengers were considered to have suffered. To give some figures: allocations were £30,000.00 for Kenley, £50,000.00 for West Croydon, and £80,000.00 for Riddlesdown. As West Croydon is an Overground Station, money is available to be spent at other locations and can be used with unused money to give greater benefit at stations with greater scope for improvement.

Bearing in mind that the money is not to be used to do work that GTR would be required to do anyway, for Riddlesdown your Committee has put forward the following suggestions.

Increase of platform lengths. Many of the trains passing through Riddlesdown are composed of twelve carriages, but the present platform can only accommodate nine-carriage trains. This means that in order to alight from the train it is necessary to ensure that one is in the correct carriage.

While it could be said that many residents are aware of the need to be in the correct carriage when returning home from London, there have been cases of people not being made aware of this need and being unable to get off at Riddlesdown – making the railway less attractive for them. When going to London, currently only eighteen (rather than twenty-four) doorways of a twelve coach train are being used. Following extension, people will be able to board quicker at Riddlesdown giving faster journey times for all passengers on the line. With both platforms extended to accommodate twelve coach trains Riddlesdown Station will be more attractive to our residents.

Station facilities not always available when trains are running. The ticket office operates Schedule 17 opening (which in practice means being open in the morning from Monday to Saturday). When it is not open, the waiting room and toilets are also locked out of use. We hear many announcements about carrying water, and the hand basin taps dispense drinking water. Since the station opened technology has developed, and we have asked for Riddlesdown to be used as a prototype to benefit similar stations, using CCTV, movement detectors (as used by the intruder alarms in many of our homes), electric release of the waiting room door lock, possibly aided by the assisted travel button on the help point.

Seating and shelter. We have suggested the installation of further sheltered seating to help

passengers on wet days. This will benefit us and other travellers on the line from East Grinstead and Uckfield.

Going onto the buses, there has been a Croydon Town Centre Bus Changes Consultation that ended in January. Due to the volume of comment it took until almost the end of July for the confirmed post-consultation changes to be announced. Many residents are not happy that following the reduction of the 412 service reduction from 1 September 2018. Further changes which take effect from 2 November mean that the 412 will only be going to Katharine Street rather than the West Croydon Bus Station.

I have read the report and noted the many comments on the 412 route, (which seem to be more than for any other route) who say that this service should continue to serve West Croydon, or alternatively East Croydon Station. Transport for London have been told that making bus services less attractive goes against the Mayor's Transport Strategy of getting more people to use public transport).

I have told TfL that, from November, their Journey planner will need to give details of new journey opportunities. In the context of the TfL Journey Planner, I have been quickly looking at some typical journeys.

Purley Hospital. The 412 used to continue from the Purley Tesco stop, via the London Road shops and Purley Hospital before running out of service via the Purley Oaks Recycling Centre to reach the Bus Stand opposite Purley Hospital. It now runs from the Purley Tesco Stop via Pampisford Road and Christchurch Road to the bus stand serving Purley Hospital. Sadly, the stop in

Pampisford Road (called Purley Hospital) helps 405 passengers to reach Purley Hospital. Getting off a 412 at that stop means finding the rear of the Purley Hospital (fairly well disguised) and walking through to the Brighton Road.

Croydon University Hospital - and East Croydon. I expect that many of us will be using the Coombe Road stop where all buses stop for our same stop changes. The Swan and Sugarloaf Stop, while not served by the 119, is a bus driver changeover point – where help is likely to be more available. On the way back the Aberdeen Road stop is also universal. A change at one of these stops will also help in getting to St George's Hospital (the 264 will be curtailed to turn at West Croydon Bus Station)

St George's Hospital. While the 264 terminates at St George's, we can also use the 127 (which starts from Purley) to reach Tooting Broadway (bus to St George's about every four minutes. While the routes differ, the 127 and 264 journey times are about 55 minutes.

Many of you will know that I am fond of the maxim: "use it or lose it." I think we are now moving towards Use it, and improve / encourage it. I leave you to share thoughts when needed with our transport providers.

MEMBERSHIP

BY JOHN RAPP

With around 1,450 front doors in Riddlesdown, a figure that is likely to grow 1,500 early in the next decade, it is hard for any of us to know all our fellow residents.

Sometimes, our interactions with our fellow residents can be fleeting. One example of this was my visiting Hazel Kiernan with my wife Margaret (who had known her for many years), to obtain material for the article she wrote for our last magazine celebrating Hazel's 100th birthday on the 18th May 2019.

Sadly, I have to report that Margaret and I attended her funeral on 19th August. We learned that Hazel – who had been a Committee Member of RRA – had been maintaining contact with her birth family, the families of her two husbands, and her friends, neighbours and former voluntary sector colleagues, who she developed into friends.

One part of the celebration that will stay with many people was that the Chapel only had two spare seats.

Having written about Hazel, my thoughts turned to Gwen another of our local centenarians featured recently in the Recorder. Her neighbour gave me a lot of news. Sadly, Gwen also died in August, aged 101. Like Hazel, she lived life to the full and I learned that she had attended her new neighbour's housewarming. During the party she told of her experiences to a captivated audience and I know that her new neighbours – although they know her only briefly – will fondly remember how she helped to make their house a home.

I leave you to successfully interact with each other, building friendships as you go.

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.

Councillor's Report

Councillor Simon Hoar

I have written here before about the impact of planning applications within Riddlesdown and the broader area, but the instances of established detached houses being knocked down in favour of blocks of flats continues to grow. In my opinion, this shows that Croydon Council and its Planning Committee are unwilling to defend the existing communities and its residents in the same way as our neighbouring Boroughs do for their residents.

Croydon's Planning Committee has a record of approving over 90% of the applications that come before it, with the Committee Chair having a super referral power to bring any application to committee that they (presumably) think is likely to be rejected by officers at delegated level. This has resulted in developers and land speculators seeing Croydon as a free-for-all planning landscape guaranteed to give them permission and therefore boost their profits.

The Council justify this situation by saying there is a housing crisis with thousands of people on the housing waiting list hoping for a home. This is true, to an extent, but the reason that all the blocks of flats being built on places like Riddlesdown Road are of nine units is to avoid providing affordable housing. Flats costing £400-500,000 are unlikely to do much to help those in need of an affordable home. Presumably the Council is building through their Brick by Brick development company? Not a bit of it. Since taking control in 2014, the

current administration has built zero council homes and instead designated their developments, like those been built on green space on Montpelier Road, for private sale.

The issue of planning therefore continues to be a problem for us and is potentially about to be stepped up. There is a plan, for instance, at 88 Riddlesdown Road to replace the existing house with a block of 21 flats (though still no affordable housing) that fills the site and does not even attempt to blend in with surrounding houses. This would be a steep change in local planning in the way that Pampisford Road suffered in the 1990s.

The Labour-run Council is also about to start a consultation in November on revisions to their local plan that include three options. The first would see 40% of the projected 46,000 homes they say are needed over the next 20 years built on windfall sites – that is, on sites where an existing property such as 88 Riddlesdown Road has been demolished – and require Purley to have up to 9,390 new homes with another 2,070 for Sanderstead.

The second option would see windfall sites accommodate 'only' 25% of new homes with Purley Way becoming a regeneration zone to cover the rest. In Purley this means 7,060 and in Sanderstead 1,450 new homes. The third option has the same figures as option two, but would also see some green field land designated to allow for house building. One of these sites is the field next to Mitchley Hill and Borrowdale Drive where up to 780 homes could be developed.

So, there it is, the Council's grand plan. I hold serious concerns that it will result in much of Croydon being concreted over, and that the Council are not doing enough to push back on numbers, or to explore options such as focusing on brown field development and Croydon town centre development. It seems, that there is just an expectation that our area will either take 12,000 new homes or just 8,500 and loses part of the green belt.

Moreover, I am concerned that the figure of 46,000 homes figure is not even accurate, just what Croydon have accepted from the Mayor of London . The Planning Inspector has issued a review of the London Plan recently and the results for Croydon would see the projected 10-year housing numbers drop from 29,490 to 20,790. This is still a significant number, but substantially lower than before. Are the Council taking heed of this change? No, they plan to press on with allowing for as much development as possible regardless of Government advice.

It seems that after 18 months as a Purley Oaks and Riddlesdown ward councillor, my only successes in defeating a planning application for a block of flats replacing a house being through the planning officers delegated powers is unlikely to be changed any time soon.

Councillor's Report

Councillor Helen Redfern

I would like to share with residents the work of the Governance Review Panel, which I was invited to join in October 2018. The Panel was tasked with looking at how Croydon is governed and to make recommendations on options for improvements to better serve

residents. The Panel is independently chaired by Dame Moira Gibb and, whilst cross-party in its membership, has more Labour members than Conservative.

Initial research, conducted by the Centre for Public Scrutiny, showed that Council Members (ward councillors) did not find many aspects of the Council's governance to be positive and that there was a strong desire from backbenchers to contribute more – after all, councillors cannot represent their wards or the wider Borough if they are not part of the decision-making process. There was also a desire to ensure that the structure allowed residents' voices to be heard.

This autumn, residents were consulted on what they think of the current way of working – thank you to Riddlesdown Residents Association for sharing the consultation details with local residents.

The Panel has spent a lot of time considering different governance models – from the Strong Leader model that we have now to full committee-based systems. We had an interesting visit to Sutton Council to explore their hybrid committee system that involves cabinet members chairing decision-making committees. Councillors from both elected political parties in Sutton seemed to like this model and appeared to be able to work together well. It is unclear whether this was a sign of a good governance model or simply that there is a positive working culture within Sutton Council.

And perhaps that's the elephant in the room.

Much of what Members want to achieve in Croydon could be achieved already without expensive changes in the governance structure . The Council Constitution permits the

creation of neighbourhood partnerships, area forums, area committees, focus groups and service or user-based consultative groups as part of its community leadership role. Existing committees could give more weight to comments made by councillors outside of the Administration's leadership - and committees and meetings could focus on finding the right solutions for the residents of Croydon, and not what suits a small group of people. The greatest problem in Croydon's governance may be the culture in which decision-making takes place. In my opinion, it often feels that under the present-system, pre-determined decisions are being implemented without sufficient consultation. Even the Governance Review Panel meetings themselves have not always demonstrated a positive working culture in action.

Initially tasked to report back to Full Council in April 2019, with a budget of £25k, the Panel is now expected to report back in January 2020 with the budget increasing to £100k. Despite being a member of the Panel I have not been advised on how this additional money is being spent. However, it is certainly time for us to reach some decisions on how the Council best serves residents in all parts of the Borough.

19th Purley (Riddlesdown) Scout Group

Since our last report in Spring 2019, on Saturday 11th May and 2nd November we joined Riddlesdown Residents Association for their litter pick. This is always an event that the children enjoy, using the pickers and sometimes collecting some weird and wonderful items of rubbish! This all goes towards their community challenge award

badge.

We held our second Family Fun Day on Saturday 18th May. It was a great success raising nearly £900. This time we had the addition of a dog show which was very well received. The date for the next Family Fun Day is Saturday 5th May 2020. We hope to get bigger and better every year.

We had our big group camp this year at Downe Adventure Scout Camp from 25th to 28th May. 44 children, young leaders and adults attended and lots of fun was had by all. Activities they took part in throughout the weekend included crate stacking, rifle shooting and grass sledging. The children learnt so many new skills over the weekend, for many it was their first time away from home and for too many their first time washing up! We are looking forward to our big camp next May 2020 which is a District-wide camp which is where many of us leaders attended our first ever camp back in 2012. We have come such a long way since then.

On the 30th May our Assistant Beaver Leader, Ellen, was lucky enough to be picked to help at the Queen's garden party. This was a real privilege and one Ellen will not forget. Not only did she represent Scouting in such a great way but also the 19th Purley.

On Saturday 8th June the 19th Purley took part in the annual Gruffy 5-a-side football tournament against other Cub packs in the area. After 9 years of getting so close this year we were victorious, not only coming first but also second! It was great to be able to sit back and enjoy the final knowing that we were going to win either way. We are so proud of the team work and commitment of the children that took part.

On Saturday 22nd June the 19th Purley won the Gruffy which is a district competition dating back many many years. We last won it in 1971 so we were thrilled and were certainly on a winning strike this year.

On 21st July our Assistant Beaver, Ellen, took on a bungee to raise money for our Group. Although we thought she was completely mad, we are so proud of her and she raised £500.

On Saturday 28th September we attended Sanderstead Community Day on behalf of Croydon District Scouting, which we have done now for the last 3 years. The climbing wall is always a great attraction, this year there were over 300 climbers throughout the day and we represented Scouting well, collecting names of families interested in finding out more about their local groups.

Refurbishment project

We are still working on our refurbishment project, which seems to have a never-ending list! Next on the list is to replace the internal ceilings now that the hut is finally water tight. This will include insulation and sound protection which will make such a difference to us on a day to day level as it is still very cold in the winter and the large hall is incredibly noisy. Once that is complete, we will plan a painting work weekend and then we will get the floors sanded and varnished. If anyone can help us in anyway, we are always looking for funding, materials, expertise, etc so please do contact me.

Upcoming events:-

Monday 9th December '19 Carol singing at Sanderstead, Riddlesdown, Purley Oaks and Purley train stations

Saturday 5th May '20 Family Fun Day

Fri 22nd – Mon 25th May '20

CroyCamp 2020

To find out more about our Group, my scout email address is GSL@19thpurley.org.uk or visit our website

<https://19thpurleyscoutgroup.org/>

Liz O'Brien

Group Scout Leader

Upcoming Events at St Edmund's

Please see the noticeboard outside the Church for details of upcoming Church Services

On 17th November, St Edmund's Patronal Festival, we will give thanks for the 14 years that Susan Atkinson-Jones has served as Team Vicar at St Edmund's Riddlesdown and St Antony's Hamsey Green and celebrate her new role in a neighbouring Diocese

Please note 10.00 a.m. services and special services are live streamed. St Edmund's Riddlesdown was the first Church in Southwark Diocese to regularly Live Stream it's services. The broadcasts can be seen at twitter.com/revsusan5 (Links may be found on The St Edmund's page of The Parish website (https://www.sandersteadparish.org.uk/st_edmund)). The last broadcast of this series will be on Sunday 17th November

On Sunday 22nd December at 15.00 there will be a Community Carol Service with Christingles

On Christmas Eve at 22.00 there will be a First Communion of Christmas

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Riddlesdown Collegiate

Soumick Dey, Principal

At the time of writing we are half way through the autumn term at Riddlesdown Collegiate, having celebrated another set of fantastic results in the summer and made an excellent start to another academic year. At A Level, our Year 13 students broke all previous records with almost 60% of all grades at A*-B and over a quarter of all grades A*-A. 13 students achieved at least 3 A*/A grades and 28% have now begun undergraduate courses at Russell Group universities. These outstanding results further demonstrate why College VI, our specialist post-16 provision, is the place to be for sixth form success – put simply, no other local school or college has matched these results. We continue to invest in College VI and have, over recent months, started to refurbish the classrooms and Common Room, enhance the dining facilities and improve access through the College with a walkway that connects two adjacent buildings – with more to follow.

At same time, students in Year 11 matched last year's best ever results with 89% achieving at least a Grade 4 in English, 80% achieving at least a Grade 4 in Mathematics and 78% securing at least a Grade 4 in both. At the top end, more than a quarter of all grades were 9-7 and 157 Grade 9s – aimed at the top 2% nationally – were achieved in total.

Chamber Choir & Jazz Band, "Hairspray Medley" Such impressive results led to a jubilant start to the new year, when staff and students renewed their efforts and ambitions for what we would achieve in the year ahead. We were delighted to welcome approximately 3000 visitors to the Collegiate over the course of our open events for prospective parents

and students. Despite offering more opportunities for visitors to see us during the school day, our annual Open Evening on 26th September 2019 was just as busy as always. I was very pleased that the efforts we had made to implement a one-way traffic system in the vicinity of the Collegiate helped to ensure effective traffic management and we plan to do this again in future years.

Sadly, I know that some residents were inconvenienced by the volume of cars driving to and from the Collegiate the following Saturday for the Entrance Exam. We received 600+ applications for the 49 places available and had organised candidates in two sittings. Unfortunately, not everyone followed the instructions given about time of arrival and parking on-site and this led to some difficulties. My apologies if you were affected. I have been asked whether we might take further steps next year to reduce the impact of such traffic at the Entrance Exam – in the same way in which we have effectively addressed the issue at Open Evening. However, I have explained that this may have been the last time that we operate the Entrance Exam.

The Collegiate Trust, who act as the admissions authority for Riddlesdown Collegiate, is consulting on possible changes to our admissions criteria for entry to Year 7 in September 2021 which propose the removal of the Feeder Schools and the Ability criteria. The key reason for this proposal is that, over recent years and especially since Riddlesdown Collegiate's outstanding OFSTED judgment in 2016, our school has continued to become more and more popular – last year, we received almost 1500 applications for the 328 places available. Subsequently, and due to fact that under the current admissions criteria,

children who attend any of the five named Feeder Schools (Atwood, Greenvale, Gresham, Harris Primary Academy Kenley & Selsdon) have priority, we have seen a growing number of children who live close to the Collegiate unable to gain a place. By making the proposed changes, Riddlesdown Collegiate would better serve the local community, enabling more local children to attend their local school, as well as the fringe benefits of fewer cars on the roads and fewer children relying on public transport. We hope that you will see this as good news. The consultation ends on 16th December 2019 and all – including local residents – are welcome to respond. Please do so by completing the short questionnaire at <http://tctorg.uk/admission-criteria>. Full details of the consultation and the proposed admissions criteria for entry in 2021 can be found at <https://www.riddlesdown.org/admissions>.

Proposed Admissions Criteria for Entry to Riddlesdown Collegiate in September 2021

The Collegiate Trust is the admissions authority for Riddlesdown Collegiate and in carrying out this function complies with all the relevant provisions of the statutory codes of practice as they apply at any given time. The Local Governing Body (LGB) of Riddlesdown Collegiate operates the agreed procedures of the Trust and participates in the co-ordinated admission arrangements operated by Croydon Council.

During July in any year information about the arrangements for applying for the intake in September of the following academic year will

be available; this will include details of open evenings. Opportunities to visit Riddlesdown Collegiate are provided during September and October.

Riddlesdown Collegiate, in common with all other schools in Croydon, will admit students referred under the Hard to Place protocol via the Fair Access Panel, even if this means exceeding the admission number.

Entry to Year 7

The Planned Admission Number (PAN) for Riddlesdown Collegiate is 328.

Applications for places must be made on the Common Application Form provided and administered by Croydon Council or by the Borough in which you live.

In the event of applications exceeding the number of available places, the following criteria will be applied.

1. Looked After Children:

Priority will be given to students in the care of a local authority at the time of application and also students who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order, immediately after being looked after. An application made under this category must be supported by a letter from the relevant Local Authority's Children's Department and / or relevant documents including a copy of adoption, residence or special guardianship order where applicable.

2. Medical Reasons:

Places may be offered to any children whose parents are able to provide medical evidence, at the time of application, from a registered health professional that entry to Riddlesdown

Collegiate rather than any other school is essential. Such applications will be considered by members of the Local Governing Body on behalf of the admissions authority.

3. Children of staff at Riddlesdown Collegiate:

A member of staff is defined as:

- a) Someone who has been employed by The Collegiate Trust at Riddlesdown Collegiate for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to Riddlesdown Collegiate is made, or
- b) Someone who has been recruited to fill a vacant staff post at Riddlesdown Collegiate for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

4. Sibling:

Priority will then be given to siblings. The word sibling refers to all blood, half, foster, step and adoptive brothers and sisters (not cousins) who are on roll at the date of admission of the younger sibling and who live at the same home, in the same family unit as the child on a permanent basis. A sibling connection does not apply for children whose older siblings will / may be attending the College VI in Years 12 & 13 unless that sibling previously attended

Riddlesdown Collegiate in Year 11. Should the number of sibling applications take the number of offers past 328, the tie-break will be distance from Riddlesdown Collegiate, measured in the same way as for Proximity, below.

5. Proximity:

All remaining places will then be allocated to children on the basis of distance from Riddlesdown Collegiate. The distance will be measured in a straight line from the child's home address to the designated entrance of

the school using a computerised measuring system (GIS) and geographical reference points as provided by the National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG). Those living closer to the school will receive higher priority. If a child lives in a shared property such as flats, the geographical references will determine the start point within the property boundaries to be used for distance calculation purposes. In the case of separated parents, if a child spends time with both parents, the home address is deemed to be that of the parent who receives the Child Benefit payment. In the event of a tie, priority will be given to the child whose journey to school via public transport is the shortest distance.

Note

- i. Please check the Croydon Education website for details of all deadline dates for each year. Applications received after the closing date will not normally be considered until after the offer date.

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Parents may request that their child is exceptionally admitted outside of their normal age group. Any such requests must include evidence of the child's circumstances from a relevant professional detailing the child's educational need which makes education outside the normal age group necessary, and will be considered by The Collegiate Trust.

Operation of Waiting List

Riddlesdown Collegiate operates a waiting list whenever there are more applicants than places. The list will operate from the day after offers are made and will remain operational for the duration of Year 7.

A child's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the

admissions criteria. Where places become vacant they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the criteria.

Arrangements for Appeals

Parents have the right of appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel if they are dissatisfied with a decision made by the Admission Authority. Appeals are conducted in accordance with the Code of Practice on School Admission Appeals published by the Department for Education as it applies to Academies. The determination of the appeal panel is binding on all parties. The Collegiate Trust will provide guidance for parents about how the appeals process works. The contact for this is the Clerk to The Collegiate Trust at Riddlesdown Collegiate. Appeals must be lodged with the Clerk within five weeks of receipt of the Local Authority offer letter; full details on the appeals process will be published at www.riddlesdown.org.

In-Year Admissions

In-year admissions will continue to be co-ordinated by the Local Authority. An application form must be obtained from, completed and returned to the Local Authority to apply for an in-year admission. Applicants must also complete an online Year 7-11 Application Form (in-year) which is available at www.riddlesdown.org. A hard copy can be requested by calling the Admissions Officer at Riddlesdown Collegiate, on 020 8668 5136.

A Waiting List is maintained for each Year Group.

Entry to Riddlesdown College VI (Year 12)

The admission number for Riddlesdown College VI (Year 12) is 40 (external candidates). Candidates who currently attend

Riddlesdown Collegiate and who meet the entry criteria for the appropriate level of study will be admitted to College VI.

Applications should be made online on the Riddlesdown College VI Application Form available at www.riddlesdown.org. Hard copies of the form can be requested by calling Admissions Officer at Riddlesdown Collegiate on 0208 668 5136.

- a. To study the A Level route
 - _ Seven or more strong GCSE passes (at grades 9-5)
 - _ Grade 9-6 in the subject to be studied, or the most similar subject
 - _ GCSE 9-4 in English and Mathematics
- b. To study Level 3 route
 - _ Five or more strong GCSE passes (at grades 9-5)
 - _ GCSE 9-4 in English and Mathematics

Candidates must meet the ability criteria set out above.

In the event of applications exceeding the number of available places, the following criteria will be applied.

1. Looked After Children:

Priority will be given to students in the care of a Local Authority.

2. Medical Reasons:

Priority will then be given to any students whose parents are able to provide medical evidence from a registered health professional that entry to this school rather than any other is essential.

3. Proximity:

All remaining places will then be allocated to students on the basis of distance from Riddlesdown Collegiate, measured in the

same way as in Proximity above. If a student splits their time between separated parents, the home address is deemed to be that of the parent who receives the Child Benefit payment. In the event of a tie, priority will be given to the student whose journey to school via public transport is more direct.

Operation of Waiting List

Riddlesdown Collegiate operates a waiting list whenever there are more applicants than places. The list will operate from the day after offers are made and will be maintained for one term in the academic year of admission. A student's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the admissions criteria. Where places become

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The service began as an emergency service at the outbreak of World War II, assisting people with a variety of problems such as food shortages, evacuees and bomb damage. Over the decades, the service has evolved and grown to the service it is today, offering advice across a range of problems such as homelessness, money and debt, employment, family and relationships, consumer rights and welfare benefits.

Brian and Donna's story below is just one example of the thousands of problems we deal with every year. We are living in an increasingly complex world, where reducing support from statutory services and an economic climate that for many remains bleak, results in unprecedented demand for our services.

Brian and Donna's Story

Brian and Donna both in their 50's, live together in a small flat in Croydon. Two years ago Donna was diagnosed with breast cancer and forced to quit her office job in order to receive treatment. Her husband, Brian, was struggling to keep up his usual full time hours as a chef at the same time as caring for his wife.

Unable to manage on reduced wages and Statutory Sick Pay, financial troubles were their last thing they needed when battling

cancer together.

Luckily, Croydon Citizens Advice was able to step in and help.

Donna had already made an application for a Personal Independence Payment (PIP – a benefit for people with long term health and/or disability) before she came to see us, but had never received a response.

We helped her process the request, ensuring she was awarded the benefits she was entitled to, as well as a backdated sum that enabled Donna and her husband to pay off their rent arrears. We also helped the couple secure a grant of £380 from Macmillan Cancer Support so that they were able to purchase post-surgery bras and cover the cost of increased heating bills.

Thanks to support from Citizens Advice in Croydon, Donna and Brian are now accessing an additional £215 per week in income, alleviating some of the financial pressures they faced and allowing them to focus on restoring Donna to good health.

Supporting Our Next 80 Years

Here at Croydon Citizens' Advice we're determined to make the next 80 years as successful as the last and to remain the anchor of support to those in need in Shirley and our borough, to alleviate poverty and hardships, reduce anxiety and change people's lives, with the provision of quality assured advice that is always free, impartial, confidential and Independent – whoever you are and whatever the problem.

Make a Donation

We are only a small charity funded by Croydon Council, grants from trusts and individual donations. Despite the hard work

of all our staff and volunteer team, we know that there are still people in Croydon not getting the help they need.

We are using the next twelve months to celebrate our 80th Birthday and to ask local people and local businesses for a little support. Your donation, however small, will make a difference, and help us to recruit and train more volunteers, improve our telephone advice service and maintain the opening hours at our South Norwood office. If you'd like to donate money you can via this link:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/finalCharityHomepage.action?charityId=1003226>

Or you can telephone the office on 01689 808139

Volunteer with us

Or maybe you'd just like to donate your time and give back to the community in the form of volunteering. With more volunteer advisers we could listen to more vulnerable Croydoners' concerns and ensure more people like Donna and Brian get the support that they desperately need. Wouldn't that be a really rewarding way in which to spend some of your retirement or spare time?

If you'd like to Volunteer or learn more about what we are doing, don't hesitate to contact me.

Claire Keetch, Chief Executive
ceo@croydoncab.org.uk



Community engagement is key to successful rail engineering works

Those of you aware of the Brighton Main Line Improvement Project, will know that proactive engagement has been a central tenet of the Network Rail project communications strategy. Given the impact engineering works can have on the local community, it is critical that we ensure that good relationships are developed with our neighbours and local businesses. In the last 20 years the number of people travelling on the rail network has doubled, and the rail network, our stations and our platforms are dealing with more passengers than they were ever designed for. This makes it all the more important to ensure we are communicating effectively with neighbours, passengers, local businesses and anyone else impacted by major works. Research has shown that by undertaking major engineering works over longer closures, our teams can complete the work faster and in a more cost effective manner. Having successfully completed a number of major projects recently, the next five years will see us focus on maintenance works which will keep the railway in good condition and ensure fewer disruptions.

Network Rail regularly collaborates with the local community on engineering projects and working with the Riddlesdown community has been no different. As trains serving Riddlesdown Station now have more



carriages, wear and tear on the track has become greater given the additional wheels running over the track each day. This additional wear and tear requires more manual track work and therefore the need to protect worker safety as they undertake this work is crucial. When the new equipment is completely installed, the time needed (before work can be started) to ensure worker safety will reduce significantly. We appreciate that the Riddlesdown community has been affected by the installation work and are pleased to confirm that final stage work will take place in December. There are planned engineering works from 15 April 2020 further down the line on the Oxted Viaduct so there may be some disruption but we will continue to keep you to keep you updated on any works.

Most recently, in May 2019, we have worked to improve power systems at the station. This involved breaking out concrete slabs and removing them from site. We also completed all snagging works and will be back on site in December to route new cables under the footpath.

While work has been ongoing at Riddlesdown station, we have been working to increase our communications; ensuring bus replacement operations are arranged so they do not coincide with roadworks or clash with diversion routes. This proved particularly successful for the Brighton Main Line project as Network Rail, the train operating companies, Highways England, the councils, police and emergency services all worked together to ensure a unified approach for all of their works. As works are completed at Riddlesdown, the planned improvements will

help to reduce delays on the line and make future journeys much more reliable. First impressions are critical and we want the local community to have a pleasant experience when arriving and departing the station and the improvements being undertaken as we deliver our project, will help to improve the station. This has included cutting back vegetation to ensure bridges and footpaths remain accessible and installing bird boxes in a natural habitat near the station.

When the bridge strike happened over Sanderstead Road in April 2019, we worked with emergency services to have the lorry removed as quickly as possible. While bridge strikes, happen all too frequently, we have been promoting the dangers across our social media channels to raise awareness and help drivers to think twice before proceeding if their vehicle exceeds the height restrictions.

Finally, we would like to thank Riddlesdown residents for their patience and support as engineering works have progressed. Large-scale engineering projects can be challenging but the relationships developed with the local community have enabled us to keep the local community updated and provide you with an insight in to the work we are undertaking. Although work at Riddlesdown will be drawing to a close at the end of 2019, communication is key and we welcome your continued thoughts and views on work as we move to commence works on other parts of the network.

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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

A long established choir for female voices - we sing light popular songs, folk songs, songs from musicals, and carols at Christmas. There are no auditions and you don't have to read music. Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays at 7.30pm, Methodist Church, 102 Limpsfield Road, Sanderstead, CR2 9EF (between All Saint's Church and Hamsey Green on the 403 bus route; parking available).

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Croydon Art Society

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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.purleyburytennisclub.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.riddlesdownlntc.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.

Parking limited on site but free in adjacent roads.

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

Monday Dec 9, 2019: “A Norwegian Experience” - Mick White. In this talk we will travel to Norway, a country of Culture, History, and the Aurora Borealis. We look at some of the bird life that can be found north of the arctic circle, before finally experiencing the celestial wonder of the Northern Lights.

Monday Jan 13, 2020: “Orchids of Italy's Gargano Peninsula” - Andrew Cleave. The Gargano Peninsula is home to over 50 species of orchids and hybrids, several of them

endemic to this area. Flowers, birds, butterflies, lizards and beautiful scenery make this a photographer's paradise.

Monday Feb 10, 2020: "50:50" - Gary Prescott. The intrepid Biking Birder will regale us with tales of 50 RSPB and WWT Reserves he is planning to visit on his beloved cycle, aiming to see fifty bird species at each.

Monday Mar 9, 2020: "East Anglian Wildlife". Gordon Small will tell us stories, backed by stunning photographs, of the wildlife in East Anglia.

Monday Apr 6, 2020: "Birds of the Gambia". Colin Kirtland will treat us to a mixture of local colour, interesting information, amusing anecdotes and lots of bird species in this narrow country, surrounded inland by Senegal, and with a coastal strip either side of the Gambia River estuary.

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 Church & Community Hall, Riddlesdown 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. Worship varies week by week so please look at the noticeboard outside the Church or The Parish website (https://www.sandersteadparish.org.uk/st_edmund/) for details

St Edmund's Caring Group

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

Scallywags

Scallywags is delighted to offer local children from 0 to school age the chance to play together – and for their parents /grandparents /carers to meet and chat over a cup of coffee! The group meets in St Edmund's Church on Thursdays during term-time from 9.30 to 11.30 am. Lots of exciting equipment to play on, craft activities, singing.....

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.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, Limsfield 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 4.30 - 7.30pm; 6 - 18 years; 4.15 - 5.45pm; 4 - 6 years.

Saturdays at Croydon High School 10 am - 1pm or 2.30pm - 5.30pm; 6-18 years;

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

www.stagecoach.co.uk/croydon

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.

Her personal stories are linked to thoughtfully researched charities.

Read storisse.com for weekly updates on amazing work, positive thoughts and heart-rendering stories! You can also submit your own story on the website.

This is what her readers say: 'These stories are like big hugs. Just enjoy a cup of tea and dive into this sweet universe filled with sunshine and kindness.' All on storisse.com

Surrey Wildlife Trust

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

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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 Whitgift Sports Club, Croham Rd, S Croydon. From noon on first Tuesday of every month. Further details contact:- Chris Babbs email: chrisbabbsuk@waitrose.com

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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>

Yoga with Veronica

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

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Email; chris.philp.mp@parliament.uk website; www.chrisphilp.com
If you would like an appointment then telephone or e-mail.

Note – the above is depending on outcome of General Election on 12 December 2019. Please see RRA website for any changes after this date.

Our Ward Councillors: All letters to Councillors should be sent: c/o The Town Hall, Katharine Street, Croydon CR0 1NX.

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RIDDLESDOWN/LONDON/LUTON/BEDFORD TRAIN TIMES

Southern Rail and Thameslink trains to and from Riddlesdown with effect from 15 December 2019 until Saturday 16 May 2020

National Rail Key; **RDD** - Riddlesdown; **VIC** - London Victoria; **LBG** - London Bridge; **STP** - London St Pancras; **BDM** - Bedford; **ECR** - East Croydon; **LUT** - Luton; **OXT** - Oxted; **EGR** - East Grinstead.

To London and/or Bedford from Riddlesdown;

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, 07.15(to LBG, STP, BDM), 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, 09.15(to LBG, STP, BDM), 09.36 and then 06 and 36 mins past hour until last train at 23.36.

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

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

To and from London Bridge and Bedford - 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.

Weekdays: 05.20(05.49), 05.50(06.18), 06.20(06.48), 06.50(07.18), 07.20(07.48), 07.50(08.18), 08.20(08.48), 08.50(09.18), 09.20(09.48), and then 50(18) and 20(48) mins past the hour until 22.52(23.18), 23.22(23.48), 23.53(00.23 - to Oxted only).

Saturdays: 06.20(06.48), 06.50(07.18) and then 20(48) and 50(18) mins past hour until 23.53(00.23 - to Oxted only).

Sundays: 07.43(08.17), 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).

From Bedford (BDM) or Luton (LUT) via London St Pancras (STP) & London Bridge(LBG) to East Grinstead stopping at Riddlesdown;

Weekdays only: 15.49(LUT)(17.05); 16.06(BDM) at LBG 17.11(17.35); 16.32(BDM) at LBG 17.41(18.05); 17.21(LUT) at LBG 18.11(18.35); 17.28(BDM) at LBG 18.41(19.05); 17.56(BDM) at LBG 19.11(19.35).

From East Croydon to East Grinstead stopping at Riddlesdown;

Weekdays: 05.41(49), 06.10(18), 06.40(48), 07.10(18), 07.40(48), then 10(18) and 40(48) mins past hour until 16.55(05), 17.10(18), 17.25(35), 17.40(48), 17.56(05), 18.10(18), 18.25(35), 18.40(48), 18.55(05), 19.10(18), 19.25(35), 19.40(48), then 10(18)mins and 40(48) mins past hour until 00.14(23 - to Oxted only).

Saturdays: 06.40(06.48), 07.10(07.18) and then 40(48) and 10(18) mins past hour until 00.14(00.23) - to Oxted only).

Sundays: 08.09(08.17), 09.09(17), 09.39(47), and then 09(17) and 39(47) 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

Local Bus Route and Frequency

Bus 412 (Arriva) – From Croydon, the 412 starts at the Croydon Flyover High Street, and travels along High Str, South End, Selsdon Rd, Upper Selsdon Rd, Addington Rd (stop for Selsdon), Rectory Park, Mitchley Ave, Downs Court Rd, Godstone Rd, & ends on Brighton Rd at the Purley Hospital.

From Purley, the service is in reverse direction from Purley Downlands Precinct and terminates in Katharine Street, Croydon.

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

For exact timetable, consult the TfL website: tfl.gov.uk/bus/timetable/412/

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

Timetables are subject to change, so if in doubt, check with the rail and bus operator, TfL or National Rail. The RRA cannot accept any responsibility for the accuracy of any of the above information and times.

Libraries: Purley and Selsdon - Closed on Wednesdays and Sundays.

Sanderstead – Closed on 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, July, September and November.

Contact a Committee member for details. The AGM is to be held in May 2020 in St Edmund's Church Hall, Mitchley Ave. Please check the RRA website, E- Blast, or RRA Facebook page for the date.



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