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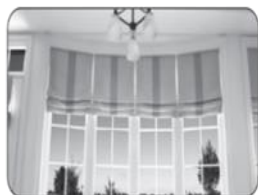
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**Notice is hereby given that the AGM of the
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will be held in the hall at Addington Methodist Church
on Tuesday 31th May 2022 at 8.00pm**

1: Apologies for absence

2: To adopt the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting

3: Matters arising:

a: Green Corridor

The existing green corridor from The White Bear pub to Lloyd Park has been broken

b: Greenfields Pioneer Place

The top soil of the back field has been removed, the wild flowers and orchids have been dug up. No planning application for any part of Pioneer Place has been submitted

c: Frylands wood Scout Camp site

Nothing to report

d: Yellow Lines

Completion of the parking restrictions in Huntingfield and Featherbed Lane outside the Church. Helen Pollard

e: Addington Park facilities

The improvement of the children's Play Ground, what news? Robert Ward

f: Thames Water

We have been in touch with Thames water, they are awaiting any formal planning application for Pioneer Place

g: Music Festival Addington Park

There were some complaints of noise, drug dealing and drug use

h: Fly-tipping Featherbed Lane

Any update of the state of fly-tipping along Featherbed Lane

i: Theft from cars

Any update of catalytic-converter theft and other thefts from cars

4: Chairman's Report

5: Treasurer's Report

6: Report from Sarah Jones MP

7: Report from the council

8: Situation Huntingfield/Falconwood Road

9: Resignation and Election of Committee Members

10: Increase in subscriptions for 2022/23

11: Any other business

Chairman's report for the AGM

The planned AGM for 2021 was called off at the last minute because the church management feared there could be too many people present following the publication of the agenda which included an item on the unlawful work taking place in Huntingfield.

For most of the last two years we have not been able to meet face to face and we have not printed many issues of The Addington. Things are slowly getting back to normal, but this pandemic is far from over and we have to be resilient and take proper precautions.

Croydon Council has, at long last, secured funding for the refurbishment of the children's playground in Addington Park. It had been scrapped due to the Council's financial status, and would have been to the detriment of the children, so we are pleased with the outcome.

Work has started on Pioneer Place; the backfield has been dug up and flattened and all the Orchids and wild flowers are gone. We do not at present know exactly what is happening as no formal planning application has been submitted to the Council.

In August 2021 a Music Festival was held in Addington Park. There some noise pollution and a few incidents of drug dealing and drug use. There are some rumours that this Music Festival may be held twice a year at the park.

During the year we have attended Zoom meetings with the London Green Belt Council, Sanderstead and Selsdon Rotary Community Forum and the Selsdon Community Plan Steering Group.

It will not be easy to get the Council involved as the Councillor's Community Budget has been cut and it is not known when, if ever, it will be restored.

At the beginning of October 2021 some activity was noted in a field at the bottom of Huntingfield/Falconwood Road. It became clear that a roadway was being laid across the field and a gate has been put across the pathway leading up to Lodge Lane in New Addington by Mr Barrs, who claimed that the land was his. This was not true and he had not applied for planning permission for the work. The RA erected a barrier of concrete blocks and the work has been stopped.

John Cowling, the representative for the Devogrove, the owners of the land, has assured us that they want their land restored to how it was. We have now learned a planning application to Croydon Council for a Roadway across the field and security gates across the pathway will be submitted. We have not seen any planning application yet.

We hope that you have weathered the pandemic in good health and are enjoying some freedom.

Wiktor Molleskog

Local History - Addington

I wrote in a previous issue about Addington Airfield and since then have been delving deeper into our local history as subject matter for my YouTube videos.

One of my most recent videos is called “The Addington Stones Mystery” because to me at least, they are just that! In the lawned area on the Kent Gate Way, just before the Shell garage heading towards Lodge Lane roundabout, there are a series of stones set into the grass, some on small mounds. I have researched in local history books and online to try and find the source of these stones and have drawn a blank. I recently reviewed some archaeological maps and one of them suggested there was a building/ruin located there, but I have not been able to find any details. So, my question is, do you, our readers have any additional information that might shed some light on the origin of these stones?

We know that the area around Addington Park has a rich history with connections to King Henry VIII, so perhaps we might uncover a link.

Other local areas that have piqued my interest include the first occupants of the houses in Featherbed Lane and Palace Green. The first occupants were in fact the Canadian Air Force. Only five houses had been sold when war broke out. The remaining houses were requisitioned and the airmen were billeted from Biggin Hill.

I am sure there'll be stories from that time and even documents/artefacts. Another place of interest is the Ye Red Knight Café that was adjacent to the site of the BP Garage, a regular haunt of the Canadians at their twice weekly dances. Records show it was still there in 1954. Do you remember it?

If anyone has any information about any of the sites mentioned above, please get in touch. Or, if you know of any other local areas of historical interest that might make a good video, feel free to contact me via email on philswallow63@gmail.com



Canadian airmen at Biggin Hill. Canada's air support was crucial throughout the war.

Future of Selsdon Park Hotel



What was once the finest hotel in the country has closed and been sold to Aprirose. Their hotel arm, Birch Communities, will be opening the hotel and grounds as a wellness centre.

Selsdon Park Farm was mentioned in 1510 but was knocked down by William Coles in 1809 and he had started to build himself a manor house when he went bankrupt. The new owner, George Smith, completed Selsdon House as his home. Developed over the years into a manor house it boasted 23 bedrooms when bought in 1924 by Allan Sanderson, a London business man and racing driver. He opened the house as a hotel and over the years his family expanded it into a 200 bedroom luxury hotel and golf course.

Birch Communities already own a hotel in Waltham Cross. The company ethos is around four pillars: Food, Art, Nature & Wellness: **Food**, grown on site or sourced locally: They want to reach out to local **artists** and craftspeople to get them involved: **Nature** - walks, foraging, education and having their own pigs, sheep, chickens: **Wellness**; yoga, breath classes, spin etc. The emphasis is very much on community. The timescale for opening is March 2023 and there will be a range of memberships on offer. See birchcommunities.com for more information

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee



‘On 6th February this year Her Majesty The Queen became the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth’

To celebrate this unprecedented anniversary events and initiatives will take place throughout the year, culminating in a four day bank holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June. The bank holiday will provide an opportunity for communities and people throughout the United Kingdom to come together to celebrate the historic milestone.

The four days of celebrations will include public events and community activities, as well as national moments of reflection on The Queen's 70 years of service. In addition, initiatives including The Queen's Green

Canopy and the Platinum Pudding competition will create a lasting reminder of The Queen's Jubilee, while The Queen's private estates will also join in with special Jubilee themed events offering more opportunities for members of the public to celebrate the historic milestone. The Platinum Pudding competition to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee sets out to find a brand new pudding dedicated to The Queen. Each finalist will prepare their pudding for an expert judging panel including Dame Mary Berry, Monica Galetti and Buckingham Palace Head Chef Mark Flanagan. The winning recipe will be made available to the public and the pudding will be enjoyed at Big Jubilee Lunches during the Jubilee weekend, and by generations to come.

Look out for events in your area.



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Total Expenditure			£ 1882.23
Surplus for the year			£ 4792.37

Next Issue - The next issue will be produced in July 2022. Articles should reach the editor by 5th of the month for inclusion in the issue.

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WE hope that the Easter Egg Hunt went well and that everyone enjoyed themselves. This was a joint collaboration between Business Partners & local shops in Sanderstead, Selsdon & Hamsey Green. Families were encouraged to visit local shops to collect a letter to make up a sentence which allowed the children to claim a small Easter Egg.

Summer is Officially Here



As ever there is much coming up & we want to let you know in plenty of time, so you don't miss out. Our Annual Sponsored Walk Saturday 21st May will again start and end at St Marys Church Hall in Farleigh. 60% of your sponsorship goes to the charity or good cause of your choice with the remaining 40% to Rotary Charities. So, get in touch and sign up to support the good cause of your choice. A

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