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Chairman's Report and AGM

Thank you to those who attended the AGM on 31st May. We have a new treasurer, Ian Drake, but we still need a 2 new committee members so if you have a couple of hours a month to spare why not put your name forward.

Not much has happened since the last Chairman's Report. We have had the council elections and Croydon Council will be led by a Conservative Mayor, Jason Perry, with no party winning the overall majority of council seats.

Three events have been planned for Addington Park.

1: Real Jab Fest 7 – 10 July.

2: Playfest 3 August (children's event).

3: Made in 90s 26 -27 August.

We have objected to no 1 and 3, but have no objection to the children's event. The Real Jab Fest has been refused a licence and with regard to Made in 90s we will follow this up.

There have been some break-ins in our area lately and I ask all residents to be aware of this and to take proper precautions to safeguard their property.

There is another spike in Covid cases so we are not out of the pandemic yet. Please all stay safe and take the proper precautions and hopefully we will finally beat this virus.

I wish you all a wonderful summer.

Wiktor M Molleskog
Chair ARA



Minutes of Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 31st May 2022

Present:

ARA Committee: Alan Chitty, Phil Swallow, Mike Bond, Geoff Jordan, Aline Antoine, Terry Belsey

Residents: 17 attendees

MP: See apologies

Councillor: Joseph Lee

1. Apologies – Wiktor Molleskog, Puneet Udasi, Keith James, Salli Ransom, Malcolm Graveling, Gina Stoneman, Robert Ward, Sarah Jones MP

2. Minutes of the Virtual AGM held on 01/12/2020 were approved. There was no AGM held in 2021

3. Matters arising from the AGM:

a. **Green Corridor** – no changes

b. **Greenfields Pioneer Place** – need to see details of proposals to review

c. **Frylands Wood Scout Camp Site** – has not been sold to Mr Smith, owner of Pear Tree Farm in Featherbed Lane despite rumours

d. **Yellow Lines** – no change

e. **Addington Park Facilities** – playground scheme funds available

f. **Thames Water** – any proposed changes by the Pioneer Place owners that would affect the aquifer would be objected to

g. **Festival Addington Park** – not as bad as thought

h. **Fly-tipping Featherbed Lane** – not as bad as before

i. **Theft from cars** – no changes

4. Chairman's Report:

The first part of the year was fairly quiet. We had our monthly meetings, some in person, others till over Zoom, and dealt with the day to day business of the Association, then in the middle of October things started to happen. A gentleman named Stuart Barr put up a tall gate across the path leading up to New Addington and started laying a road over the small field next to no 1 Falconwood Road. Mr Barr claimed that he owned this piece of land and the path.

Croydon planning was contacted and the work was stopped.

The planning inspector from Croydon did first agree with Mr Barr that he owned the land, even the grass verge. This has since been proved not to be true. The land is owned by Devogrove Ltd. We have been in contact with Mr John Cowling, a director of Devogrove and he was shocked at what had been done to their land. Devogrove want the land to be restored to how it was, but that will probably be a long drawn out battle.

We will keep in close contact with Devogrove and Croydon Planning as the planning inspector in question seems to have accepted the fact that the land, including the grass

verge, is not owned by Mr Barr.

We have had a meeting with Mr John Cowling and asked if Devogrove would be willing to sell the piece of land to us. He was not directly unwilling to do so, but not at present. Mr Cowling informed us that Croydon Planning have given Mr Barrs 5 weeks notice to start putting the land back to what it was. The 5 weeks is now up and we will approach Mr Cowling again to find out what is going to happen.

We will try to get the Path going from Falconwood Road to Lodge Lane New Addington made into a Right of Way. To do this we need statements from residents stating that the Path has been used regularly over the last 20 years by residents. I regularly used it to walk my dog. I ask that all that has used this path over the years to make a written statement and either email or post it to us.

We would like to thank our residents for the support for the fighting fund and the support given to the Committee in the way we have handled this matter so far.

On a personal front I want to thank everyone that helped to make the Christmas lunch for the elderly at Addington Methodist Church so special.

I would also like to remind everyone that Addington Methodist Church is collecting food for the Food bank at New Addington every first Saturday of the month. It is also the Coffee morning at the same time so why not call in for a cup of coffee and a chat.

We would like to thank all those who have delivered Magazines and also those who have let us use their houses as letterboxes

Please all stay safe, follow the guide lines and hopefully we will finally beat this virus.

Wiktor,



5. Treasurer's Report:

This has been a very eventful year for the association with the ongoing Covid situation and the problem at the junction of Huntingfield and Falconwood Roads. This incident has brought the local community together with the help of social media enabling a quicker response to any immediate threats to our local environment.

With the relaxation of the covid restrictions and the resumption of the distribution of our magazine we have been able once again to raise funds from our advertisers, those who have decided to continue with their support. Subscriptions have returned to their pre pandemic level and an appeal to raise funds for a fighting fund for any costs associated with the Huntingfield/Falconwood incident resulted in a generous response. We were able to purchase some concrete obstructions to restrict the unauthorised development as well as carry out investigations as to the ownership of the disputed land.

We have also continued with our membership of the London Green Belt Council and the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England who have been made aware of the threats to the local area.

After 10 years I have decided that it is the right time for me to relinquish my role as Treasurer and I hope that there is someone else who is willing to take on the role, I will of course assist in the transition period if required.

I would like to thank my fellow members of the Committee, past and present, for their help and support during my tenure. Alan Chitty, Hon. Treasurer

6. Report from Sarah Jones MP – n/a, no attendance

7. Report from the Council – Joseph Lee

a. There was progress on the Addington Park playground improvement in that no objections to the proposals were forthcoming

8. Situation Huntingfield/Falconwood Road

9. Resignation and Election of Committee Members – Aline Antoine and Alan Chitty are both standing down as committee members, Alan Chitty also as Treasurer having held the post for 10 years.

Invitations were made for new committee members to come forward. Alan may stay on as committee member only, Debra may join.

10. Any Other Business – proposal to increase subs from £2 (the same rate for 15-20 years) to £5. Proposed by Winston Leeks, seconded by Premjit, carried by show of hands.

Jubilee Parties/Picnics – Picnics on the green areas in Falconwood Road and Palace Green from 1pm on Sunday 5th June.

Local History – Phil Swallow passed on thanks to those who have responded to recent magazine articles about Local History and invited people to come forward with any other information that would help to build a record of the history of our area.

Meeting Closed at 20:40

Local History - Addington

Local Canadians in WW2

I was delighted with the responses from residents about my recent articles, such support is of great value and very much appreciated.

Following my article in 2022 Issue 2 I met with local historian Jonathan Harrison, who is putting together a rather excellent set of research into Decoy Airfields in the area and associated military activity during World War 2. This story probably hasn't been told widely and what he has discovered so far, along with bomb sites, searchlight posts and anti-aircraft gun positions along with RAF photographs really makes for very interesting reading.

We will be working together to bring elements of this to life through some videos in due course but there is much work still to be done by Jonathan, including a trip to the National Archives in Kew to study 100+ documents, and many trips far and wide to uncover more material. There is a good fit with what I am seeking to understand locally so by way of a joint appeal we would like to find out if anyone has any further details about the first occupants of their properties in Featherbed Lane, Palace Green and Farleigh Dean Crescent as they were all houses (billets) used by the Canadian troops during the War.

We do know that the Canadian 1st Infantry Division, 1st Brigade were based here but do not know the Regiment/Unit details so this would be important for us to then track down further information from official records. Is it possible there is a reference in your house deeds? Are there any key documents from that time that may not mean much but could form a key part of the jigsaw? Any information you may have would be gratefully received.

It would be wonderful to be able to plot the exact history of our first local residents and the part they played in WW2, please feel free to contact me via my mobile: 07884 435112 or email on philswallow63@gmail.com.



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- Reprogramme your keys if you buy a second hand car
- Turn off wireless signals on your fob when it's not being used.

Source: Thames Valley Police Article (edited)

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

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Autumn Delights with Rotary Sanderstead & Selsdon

We are so excited about our upcoming events.

Our annual **Hobby Fair** will be on Saturday 3rd Sept at St John's Church Hall in Selsdon. Entry is Free. This event allows all local organisations & groups to introduce you to their club or group & see if you would like to sign up and have some fun.

Our all new **Music Quiz** will be held on Saturday 15th October at St John's Church Hall, Selsdon. A fun evening which includes a fish & chip supper. So come along & have a great evening.

Finally, our annual **Craft Fair** Saturday 12th November at All Saints Church Hall, Sanderstead. We will

have children's entertainment, tray bakes, pictures, paintings, chutneys, jams & so much more. So, don't miss out, come along & purchase those last minute Xmas gifts.

We will be at the Selsdon Funday on Sunday 4th September & at the excellent Sanderstead Community Day on Saturday 24th September. You can follow our club on Twitter, Instagram, via our facebook page & website. If you are interested in putting something back into our community, then please get in touch

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Bushes and trees overhanging the pavements

While taking a walk in the streets within our Association's area, it is amazing how often one encounters bushes, hedges, or trees which obstruct the pavement and could endanger any passers-by. In at least one case the offending growth is a very thorny rose bush. It does not bear thinking about the damage this could cause to anyone who may be visually impaired or young children who may be unaware of the danger.

The *Highways Act 1980* sets out the law on this situation and follows herewith:-

154 Cutting or felling etc. trees etc. that overhang or are a danger to footpaths.

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(3)A person aggrieved by a requirement may appeal to a magistrates' court.

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For your own sake and for the sake of all passers-by, please take a close look at the bushes, hedges, or trees at the front end of your front garden and cut the bushes, hedges back to within your boundary and the trees make sure that they are trimmed above head height if they overhang the pavement.

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