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Chairman's Report

This will be my last Chairman's report. May I say it has been a pleasure to have been Chairman of Addington Residents' Association and I wish all our Residents well in the future.

During the last three months we have dealt with a number of issues. No 6 Gravel Hill, the replacement of Bus shelters and Events to be held in Addington Park during the summer.

The corner of Huntingfield/Falconwood Road has not been restored to how it was yet. We are awaiting input from Devogrove.

The new Chairman of Addington Residents Association is Shabbir Halai who lives at 2 Palace Green.

Wiktor M Molleskog, Chairman

As a long standing member of the committee I would like to thank Wiktor for everything he has done for the Association over many years. Salli

Minutes of Committee Meeting - July

Present: Wiktor Molleskog (Co-Chair), Shabbir Halai (Co-chair), Ian Drake (Treasurer), Malcolm Gravelling, Alan Chitty, Mike Bond, Salli Ransom, Julian Shakespeare, Cllr Joseph Lee

1. Apologies/Absent: Puneet Udasi, Keith James. The committee were sad to hear that both Gina Stoneman and Terry Belsey have resigned.

2. Minutes of the last meeting discussed.

3. Matters arising: There were no matters arising and the minutes were adopted unanimously.

Huntingfield Pre-School: It was decided that, as the pre-school will be closing on the 14th July regardless, there was little point in discussing this matter further. The general consensus was that this has been an invaluable local service and that it will be missed.

Update on 6 Gravel Hill issue: Cllr Joseph Lee visited the property recently and was invited in for a tour by the occupant at the time. She assured him that no-one will move in until the correct change of use documents are in place. There is no word on whether these have been sought by the property developer yet. The committee felt that, although it can offer moral support and time to the residents, it cannot commit to financial support at this time. If the local resident support is substantial in terms of numbers and fundraising for a legal fund, the committee will re-consider and is likely to offer a donation to assist the legal fund.

Music event 16th September: Mr Crossman (representing the event) had attended the last ARA meeting and since then provided an update based on the meeting with the local police and council. The committee felt that the event seems to be well organised and will not be providing any further request for the up-coming licensing meeting scheduled as informed by Cllr Joseph Lee.

Treasurer's report: Ian reported just over £1,000 has been raised from 180 residents – down 20% from last year. 27% of households have paid so far. The next magazine is due at the end of July. Some discussions were had on how the collection of Subs could be improved. Julian and Shabbir will carry out a door knocking exercise and get other magazine deliverers involved if they wish. Ian will provide information on those that have paid but this will be a gentle reminder exercise and there is no obligation to pay.

The committee agreed to keep the magazine advertisers rates at the same level from the October 2023 to Sept 2024 year. It was agreed that smaller local traders should be encouraged to advertise in the Magazine for a small £10 fee per issue for 2 or 3 lines.

Useful to have for next meeting: Map of the ARA streets and magazine advertising rates.

Committee members: Chair: Shabbir Halai. **Treasurer:** Ian Drake. **Secretary:** TBA. **Members:** Malcolm Graveling, Alan Chitty, Mike Bond, Salli Ransom, Julian Shakespeare, Keith James and Wiktor Molleskog.

AOB

New ARA Website: This is still not fully up and running and the committee felt it would be an important addition to the local community for sharing information. Shabbir to discuss with Puneet to finalise and launch before next meeting and Mike said he is happy to assist.

Gravel Hill 30MPH speed limit: Cllr Joseph Lee reported on this matter. Contacted the council on numerous occasions and still awaiting a response.

Gravel Hill pot holes: Cllr. Joseph Lee also mentioned that he raised the issue of the pot holes on this road several times. Although one has been repaired, the council have indicated that there are many other roads facing the same issue in Croydon.

More local involvement: This was again discussed and suggestions included creating a complete ARA WhatsApp group, having a separate ARA telephone number, more door knocking and getting the website fully active as soon as possible. The Committee can consist of up to 15 residents so we would like to encourage more members and it was mentioned that 34 Huntingfield expressed an interest in attending.

Bus shelters: Wiktor to send e-mail to Cllr Joseph Lee and copy to Cllr Scott Roche asking for an update on the Bus-shelters.

The meeting closed at approximately 9.50pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday 5th September 2023 @ 8pm (No meeting in August)

Crusading King

If you were asked the question 'Who was the first European King to lead a Crusade to The Holy Land', how would you reply. If you have any knowledge of the Crusading era, your response would likely be Richard 1 of England or Philip Augustus of France, maybe Frederick Barossa of Germany; but all of these are incorrect.

You may also have heard of Godfrey of Bouillon, a Frankish Knight who after a successful siege of Jerusalem in 1099 became the first ruler of the Kingdom of Jerusalem. He refused the title of King as he believed the King of Jerusalem was Christ; preferring the title of 'advocate' – protector or defender – of the Holy Sepulchre. Moreover Godfrey did not lead a Crusade from Europe to the Holy Land.

So, what is the answer? It may surprise you to learn that the first King to lead a Crusade was a Norwegian King named Sigurd Magnusson, born about 1090.

The 11th and early 12th centuries were significant for the Kingdom of Norway since the Norwegians had only recently, within the previous 200 years, abandoned the old pantheon of Norse Gods in favour of Christianity and fashioned themselves into a single nation. Sigurd I was the personification of the Norwegian warrior. Starting his military career from childhood with his father, Magnus, he lived a life of fighting and adventure while never losing a battle. His conquests in Spain and the Holy Land did much to advance the cause of Christendom in retaking former lands and cities and earning him the respect of all Christian monarchs as well as the title of 'Josalferi' in recognition of the fact that he had travelled to Jerusalem and 'The Crusader'

Sigurd Magnusson was born the son of King Magnus iii (Barefoot). He had two brothers, Øystein and Olaf, and all three were illegitimate being born of Magnus's concubines. All were subsequently legitimatised by their father and shared equal right to the throne.

In 1098, at about the age of 8, Sigurd experienced his first taste of war when Magnus took him on a successful campaign to claim the Orkney Islands and the Isle of Man for Norway. However, during a campaign in 1103 to expand his lands in Ireland, King Magnus was ambushed and killed. Sigurd, then aged 14, sailed back to Norway where he and his brothers were declared joint Kings and co-rulers of the Kingdom of Norway.

With his death, the gains of Magnus looked to be in peril when the Hebrides and the Isle of Man (of which Sigurd was King) declared independence from Norwegian rule. Fortunately the rest of the islands and territories continued as part of the Kingdom of Norway and provided the three young rulers with enough wealth to continue as equals to the other powers of Europe.

Sigurd went on to receive acclaim throughout Europe, as a great crusader. In 1099 the first Crusade had taken Jerusalem for Christendom, however it was far away from Europe, and weak, as the Crusaders had return leaving only 300 knights and a small tract of land amid numerous hostile Muslim states.

Sigurd and his brothers decided to go on a crusade to help the fledgling Kingdom, but due to pressing needs within the Norwegian state only one of them could go. Initially it was Øystein but it was decided Sigurd had more experience in war and travel.

Sigurd was a dedicated Christian and the promise of full absolution had a significant impact on him. This promise demanded that one would have to go to the Holy Land, bathe in the river Jordan, pray in the church of Christ and fight the infidels.

The Norwegian Crusade was declared in 1107 and Sigurd became the first Christian King to embark in this holy undertaking and he was not yet 20 years old.

Sigurd began his momentous voyage with 60 ships and around 5000 men. The journey would last 7 years, during which Sigurd and his men would fight both Christians and Muslims. It earned Sigurd a fearsome reputation for his harshness and the fact that he did not lose a single battle during the Crusade.

The first port of call was England where Sigurd stayed for the winter at the court of Henry I. In the spring of 1108 Sigurd and his men set sail and headed south to Spain.

To be continued.....

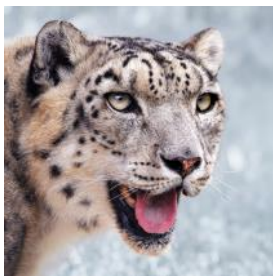


Summer Quiz

QUESTIONS

- 1 What is another name for a snow leopard?
- 2 What is one thing snow leopards can't do?
- 3 Which is the largest of the Continents by area?
- 4 Which fruit was previously known as the Chinese gooseberry?
- 5 On which sea does the holiday resort of Rimini sit?
- 6 How many times have manned space missions landed on the moon?
- 7 What is gnocchi made from?
- 8 In the TV series what was Blackadder's first name?
- 9 Which metal element has the chemical symbol Ti?
- 10 In legend what was the name of Dick Turpin's horse?
- 11 What is the capital of Qatar?
- 12 What nationality was explorer Christopher Columbus?
- 13 Who wrote 'Of Mice and Men'?
- 14 In which English city did the first Boots the Chemist open?
- 15 In the cartoon what is Garfield's favourite food?

Answers on page 12



A plea from the Treasurer

Each year we ask our Residents to pay a voluntary Annual Subscription of £5 towards the running costs of the Addington Residents' Association.

I thought it might be of some interest to our Residents to give some detail of where that money goes.

Our Committee is comprised entirely of volunteers – who give their time freely to running the ARA.

Our main item of expenditure is the Quarterly Magazine – comprised of 16 A5 pages. We deliver a copy of each Magazine to ALL Residents within the ARA area – irrespective of whether they have paid their Annual Subscription or not. In total we print 800 copies each Quarter – and this is not cheap.

In addition, we have to pay Website Hosting costs to run the ARA Website – and monthly Bank Charges to run our Bank Account.

To offset these costs we receive some Advertising Income from local businesses advertising in the Magazine – and a small amount of Interest on our Bank Balances. But the majority of our Income is from the Residents' Annual Subscriptions.

In addition, the purpose of the ARA is *"to ascertain the opinions of the residents and to lay them before the appropriate Authorities when desirable"*. We have to be prepared and be able to spend money on local causes/disputes on behalf of our Residents when necessary. We cannot afford to do this if our Subscriptions are not sufficient to cover our normal running costs.

The number of residents paying their Annual Subscriptions has declined in recent years. So this is a plea from your Treasurer :-

PLEASE PAY YOUR ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION NOW IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO!

The ARA Bank Account details are:- Sort Code : 40-35-40 Account Number : 81491253

Alternatively, you can drop your payment through my letter-box at 1 Palace Green.

If you are unsure whether or not you have already paid – please email me. I will gladly check my records and let you know. My email is 1palace@blueyonder.co.uk

Ian Drake – ARA Treasurer – 1 Palace Green

THANK YOU

A busy time again for our Club, there are so many events on our calendar.

First up the Hobby Fair at St John's Community Hall on Saturday 2nd September, a chance to promote your charity, business or organisation and many gain a few new members.

Sunday 3rd September is the Selsdon Woods event where we run the children's races, always a fun day out, so come along & enjoy.

Wednesday 13th September we will take a number of guests for a day out at Denbies vineyard in Dorking, enjoy a train journey around the wine estate followed by a cream tea – ooh lovely.

Saturday 30th September is the Rotary Sanderstead Community Day on the recreation ground in Sanderstead. As ever there will be many stalls, entertainment and food; a rather lovely afternoon for all. Don't miss out, come along & have a good time.

We have launched our Photographic & Art Competitions for our Primary & Secondary schools across Croydon & surrounding areas. We are so excited about both competitions, the theme of



which is 'The Coronation'. First pictures of the Coronation day already received. Please encourage your young folks to enter the competitions, we have great prizes on offer, with a presentation from the Mayor in October. Watch our space on facebook for more information.

And lastly the Craft Fair – Saturday 11th November at All Saints Church Hall in Sanderstead – we will be delighted to present the usual range of stalls, food, & gifts for Christmas.



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Rotary Rocks

Answers to Summer Quiz

1 Ounce, 2 Roar, 3 Asia, 4 Kiwi fruit, 5 Adriatic Sea, 6 Six, 7 Potatoes, 8 Edmund,
9 Titanium, 10 Black Bess, 11 Doha, 12 Italian, 13 John Steinbeck, 14 Nottingham,
15 Lasagne

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- Write a small article for this magazine. It comes out four times a year and we love receiving local news written by local residents. It can be on any topic and if need some help or inspiration – email us!
- Come to one of the monthly evening ARA meetings held at the Methodist Church. It's your opportunity to get involved in local issues, raise local concerns and assist your neighbourhood. The next meeting is Tuesday 5th September at 8pm.
- Advertise in this magazine. If you are a local business, please consider advertising. The rates are very competitive for a quarter, half or full page. And if you just wanted a couple of lines, you can put your details in for just £10 an issue!
- Volunteer to deliver the magazines every three months. It's a great way to get your steps in and keep fit!

Thank you!

Next Issue - The next issue will be produced in October 2023. Articles should reach the editor by 5th of the month for inclusion in the issue.

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