

RUBBISH COLLECTION

A special rubbish collection continues to be organized and run by ECRA committee members. Residents using the service are asked to remember: to be available to help load their rubbish; that the collection is for household and garden rubbish only and that the latter must be properly "bagged".

Please phone Mr Souhamy on 0737 554949 or Mr Kitchener on 0737 552092 to arrange collection. Would residents of Downs Road please remove their cars on the morning of collection. Please phone prior to the Thursday before the collection:-

SUNDAY, 7th March: Reddown, Westwood, Fairdene, Downs Road, Ashbourne Estate, Netherlands, Wilhelmina Ave, Woodplace Lane/Close.

SUNDAY, 14th March: Marlpit Ave, Nine Acre Way, Coulsdon Rise, Marlpit Lane, Chaldon, Bradmore and Mead Ways.

FRIDGE-FREEZER/CFC REMOVAL: Phone 081-681 2121 for Council free collection service.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS & ROAD STEWARDS

New Committee Members are always needed and Secretarial assistance is also sought - please contact the Chairman. Owing to resignations Stewards are required for the following parts of roads. Stewards collect the annual subscription, at present £1 per household, and deliver The Review about three times a year. If volunteers wish to limit their commitment to say 20 houses, their assistance will be appreciated.

Bradmore Way: 1-25 & 2-24 (25 houses)

Chaldon Way: 1-21 & 2-42 (32 houses)

Fairdene Road: 61-115A & 44-96 (57 houses)

Reddown Road: 72-116 even only (26 houses)

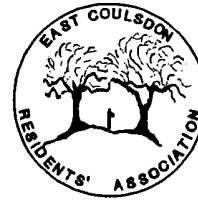
Woodplace Lane, Woodplace Close, Farthing Down Cottages (59 houses)
- subscription collection only

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

We are still collecting subscriptions for the year ending 31st March 1993. If you wish to subscribe by post, please complete the following and send to: Mr. E. Gunner, 14 Marlpit Lane, Coulsdon. A receipt will be issued.

Name
Address

I enclose £1 membership subscription to ECRA. Cheques payable to ECRA.



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TRAFFIC CALMING & PARKING

The October Extraordinary General Meeting held to ascertain Members' views on the Coulsdon Area Traffic Calming and Parking Measures proposed by the Council was attended by about 50 Members and local Councillors. The results of the Council survey were incomplete but some statistics were available. Of major concern to Members was the action proposed by the Council to alleviate commuter parking near Coulsdon South Station. ECRA had previously requested that Lion Green Road car park be made free (together with a Brighton Road pedestrian crossing) and extra car parking space be provided adjacent to the station. Both requests had met with a negative response. Members were reminded of the Green Belt status of Cane Hill land which might preclude building a new car park in conjunction with the Relief Road.

Members were also concerned that the alleviation of parking problems would create more "rat running" in the area. Councillors reminded members that this problem had been addressed in the questionnaire and that the Council's prime objective was safer roads.

Following a discussion, resolutions were passed in support of individual justification for each restriction, against "Pay & Display" in residential roads and in favour of the "one hour off peak" restrictions for residential parking.

Residents may wish to attend the open Council meeting on 24 March 1993 at which the results of the survey and Council proposals will be presented. A strong presence by residents would be effective.

AGM & SPEAKER?

This year's AGM will be held on the 9th June, at the Cameron Hall, Old Coulsdon. In previous years talks on subjects of local interest have been given following the formal business and have proved very popular. No definite arrangements have been made for this year and if Members would like to suggest a speaker or a topic that would be of interest, please contact the Chairman.

BARN DANCE

The Old Coulsdon Annual Barn Dance will be held on the 8th May 1993 at Purley Sixth Form College, Placehouse Lane. Tickets will be available in April. Please phone the Chairman, Mrs Garrett-Kitchener on 0730 552092 for further details.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

If you witness anything suspicious or you need the police in a hurry dial 999. But for routine non-urgent matters you can contact the local Sector Office or the local Neighbourhood Watch Office. The Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators for East Coulsdon are listed below and may be contacted for further information.

Bradmore Way			Marlpit Avenue		
Mrs M Woodfield(27)	1-39	2-32	Mrs H Simpson(15)		
Mr & Mrs L Janes(34)	34-48	41-51	Marlpit Lane		
Chaldon Way			Mr C Elson(29)	1-29	2-22
Mrs G Thaxter(11)	1-21	2-50	Mr D Sawyer(57)	31-57	24-44
Mr E Osborne(37)	23-57	52-90	Mrs A Newland(93)	81-107	68-90
Mrs E Angell(63)	59-81B	92-132	Mead Way		
Mrs P Kendrick(107)	81-107	130-160	Mrs C Betts(37)		
Mr N Browning(194)	109-139	162-188	Netherlands, The		
Mr E Porter(175)	141-183	190-244	Cdr R Mack(12)		
Charlton Gardens			Reddown Road		
Mr J Williams(22)			Mr B Edwards(19)		
Cordrey Gardens			Mr S Desmond(68)	66-116	39D-73
Mr & Mrs D Sage(54)			Stoneyfield Road		
Deepfield Way			Mr R Jenkins(17)		
Mr P Flook(58)			Westwood Road		
Downs Road			Mr B Udell(4)		
Ms L Thompson(66)			Woodhatch Spinney		
Hillars Heath Road			Mrs D Algar(7)		
Mr D Day(31)					

TOO LATE TO TURN BACK?

A recent article in a local paper setting out the merits of a return to a separate town council for Purley and Coulsdon stirred up strong views among ECRA residents, many of whom remember the demise of the Purley and Coulsdon Urban District Council in 1964. The issues are by no means cut and dried.

A small local governing body with closer links to the community could be more effective with regard to planning, traffic management, social services etc. But every local authority has to implement Government policy within tight budgetary constraints – will a smaller authority necessarily cope better?

Many hold the view that the semi-rural and individual nature of Coulsdon compared to other parts of the Borough of Croydon make it vulnerable to insensitive planning decisions – despite the strongest objections. But is East Coulsdon really a special case, or would paranoia be transferred to Purley or Coulsdon West?

A small local authority may answer your call to mend the pavement outside your house very promptly, but how powerful will its voice be with national Government on a major issue such as the Relief Road which Croydon Council has promoted? Dividing the Borough into small self governing units may give power back to the people but, in so doing, will it diminish their power in a wider sense?

Of course, there are no definite answers to these questions and a return to a separate Purley and Coulsdon Council may never become a reality. In considering the idea, we should ask ourselves whether it would be a step forward or a step back?

PEOPLES OF COULSDON PART II

Modern humans have been living in Europe for about 40,000 years and in Britain for at least 35,000 years. Nevertheless, agriculture and sedentism (permanent residence all year round) only found its origin in Britain in about 5,000 BC and evidence for this first stage of agriculture (known as the Neolithic or Late Stone Age) has been found in Coulsdon in Netherne Lane and on Farthing Downs.

The period of time from 5,500 BC to the end of the Bronze Age, c.800 BC, is more associated in peoples minds with the West Country and ancient monuments such as Stone Henge and this begs the question as to why in Coulsdon we have no ancient monuments. The answer to this question suggests a Coulsdon we can be proud of.

Indeed, archaeologists now think that large monuments like the henges and barrows of the Neolithic and Bronze Age are indicative of social fragmentation, the development of chiefdoms, hierarchy, conflict and the use of power by individuals over a community. Coulsdon and the east of Britain have probably used agriculture longer than areas of the West Country because such increasing social complexity is likely to have originated in an environment in the west that was new and more difficult to cope with.

Unfortunately, harmony in Coulsdon could not last forever and by the Iron Age with a considerably increased population, hill forts were being constructed belonging to larger scale chiefdoms with a far greater social differentiation in British society. We have an excellent example of earthwork forts on Farthing Downs where much of the outline of a fort perimeter can still be traced.

The past of Coulsdon, before writing, before the Romans, is thus rich with conflict and change. Our legacy seems to mirror this ever changing nature of Coulsdon – a feature of society that we must confront today!

LOCAL EVENTS

Old Coulsdon Residents' Association have compiled a diary of forthcoming events which is on display at John Brown Estate Agents, Tudor Parade. Consult the diary to find out what's on or to avoid clashes with a your own function. If you wish to add to the diary, please contact Jenny Maroof, Diary Co-ordinator on 0737-554509.

UNITARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN (UDP)

The draft UDP was published in November by Croydon council and was made available to local bodies, Councillors and the public (in libraries) for comment. The UDP will replace the existing District Plan and once in place will form the legal basis for planning decisions for the Borough to the year 2000 and beyond.

With this in mind, the ECRA Committee have scrutinised the plan and commented on issues of interest to East Coulsdon. We have asked for: more sympathetic use of the Ullswater Estate, i.e. businesses which do not require large vehicles; clarification of plans for land near Coulsdon North; strengthening of commitment to Sites of Borough Interest e.g. land between Chaldon Way and Mead Way.

There will be another opportunity to comment on the draft UDP in Summer 1993, at the deposit stage, when there will be six weeks to make objections or representations of support. A public enquiry will follow.