



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION for 29th May 2008

### EMAIL NEWS

A phishing email from 'Email Manager' at account.com headed 'Cancellation of Email Account Notice' warning that they are upgrading their database and if you do not confirm your identity within three days you will lose your account permanently. You are required to give full personal details including your email password! This would enable them to clone your ID and also access your email account.

One N/W member has reported received an email from Manchester City Council (part of the email address refers to Washington.edu which the University in Washington USA? The message is headed 'You've Won (Congratulations)' and states that you have won the Manchester City Council Lottery Bonanza which is worth three million pounds. This appears to be an attempt at a scam to obtain a processing fee and/or personal ID details.

Another member has received an email from 'The Catholic Church of Italy' a Rev Doni Vinocci is pleased to inform you that you have been picked by the Board of Trustees to receive a personal grant/donation of 650,000 US dollars for your educational and business development. The Church is given out 100 donations of this amount every year which will 'undermine your religion'!! There is an email address to claim your cash on gmail.com where no doubt you will be asked for a processing fee.

### BOGUS CALLERS

In COULSDON a white male called and claimed he was from the Council and needed to check the water supply as there was a leak next door. The suspect went into the kitchen and looked into the cupboard by the boiler, a second suspect then put his head around the door and said something to his colleague and they both left. The first suspect was approx 25 years old 5'09" tall with fair hair. He had a northern accent and was of slim build wearing a white top with blue horizontal stripes and jeans. The second white male was slightly older and with short dark brown hair.

There has been a slight increase in distraction burglaries, using the claim to be from the water board, throughout the Met Police area, most common are leaking taps, water pressure, flooding, burst mains and water contamination.

### CRIME HOTSPOTS

Operation Blunt2 mentioned last week is continuing with most offences occurring in the north of the borough in Fairfield and Broad Green wards.

Further burglary offences in the NORBURY area last weekend with break-ins through back windows or unlocked back doors. One suspect was a black male, approx 35 years old with several gold teeth seen to climb through an open window.

### AUDIT OF CO-ORDINATORS

Shortly Sarah Gardner will be posting out the bi-annual audit forms for co-ordinators to check and confirm the number of members in their watch and contact details if you have any queries on the forms enclosed please telephone the Neighbourhood Watch Office on 020 8649 0318.

### WHEN DID YOU LAST SPEAK TO NEIGHBOURS?

A new poll from the BBC suggests we are fast becoming a nation of strangers.

Half of Britons have said hello to fewer than half a dozen people in their street in the last week, a survey for BBC Breakfast has suggested.

And one in ten of those questioned for the programme by ICM Research spoke to no-one.

More than a fifth (22%) of Britons believe that the UK's neighborhoods are becoming less friendly.

But there is a slightly brighter picture in Scotland and the English midlands. ICM found that more than a third (35%) of Scots had said hello to between six and 10 of their neighbours in a week. Just under a third (28%) of people living in the Midlands had done the same.

Three years ago neighbourhoodwatch.net took part in a survey that compared Neighbourhood Watch members with members of the public. Our results showed that Watch members appeared to

get on much better with their neighbours.

More than 90% of Watch members said they regularly spoke to their neighbours at least once a week. Over half of all members (56%) said they were on excellent terms with their neighbour.

Worryingly, when members of the public were interviewed, eight per cent admitted they would not be able to tell whether an intruder in their garden was their neighbour or not.

## **NEW ADDINGTON & FIELDWAY NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP**

Croydon Council are pleased to provide details of the next Neighbourhood Partnership meeting.

Please click on the link below to go to our website where you will find the next meeting's Agenda. The meeting will be held on **Wednesday 11 June** at **7.30 p.m** at **Applegarth Primary School**, Bygrove, Fieldway, New Addington CR0 9DL. Nominations for the Vice-Chair are invited for election at the meeting. Please ensure Nomination Forms are completed and received at this address by Monday 9 June. CVs of candidates will be available at the meeting. If the Agenda changes, you will be issued with a revised version at the meeting.

[http://www.croydononline.org/neighbourhood\\_partnerships/new\\_addington\\_and\\_fieldway/](http://www.croydononline.org/neighbourhood_partnerships/new_addington_and_fieldway/)

Please note that Streetscene officers will be available from 7pm to cover local environmental concerns. A Councillor from each electoral ward in your NP area will be present from 7pm, before the start of the meeting, ***whenever possible***.

More information about Neighbourhood Partnerships can be found on our website [www.croydononline.org/partnerships/](http://www.croydononline.org/partnerships/).

**NEWS:** Please support **'People's Day'** which will take place on Saturday 21st June in Milne Park from 12-4pm. The theme will be 'food from our diverse community'.