

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



NEXT MEETING: 7PM ON TUESDAY 6TH APRIL 2004 AT LORENZO'S RESTAURANT

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CELEBRATION OF CRYSTAL PALACE'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

After the Great Exhibition of 1851 the Crystal Palace was re-erected in Sydenham in what is now Crystal Palace Park and officially reopened on 10th June 1854. Sadly, the Palace was destroyed by fire in November 1936 but it lives on in the memory of local people and through the work of the Crystal Palace Foundation, the leading local history group on the Palace and a registered charity. To mark the 150th anniversary of the Palace reopening at Sydenham, the Crystal Palace Foundation is staging a celebratory weekend on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th of June, in association with the Crystal Palace Park Rangers. The anniversary weekend will involve a variety of activities designed to reflect the history of the Palace and Park, including guided walks, Victorian and Edwardian funfair and amusements, brass bands and more. The programme will be finalised over the next few weeks and a large number of visitors are anticipated. The Crystal Palace Foundation is inviting local businesses and organisations to get involved and marquees and tables will be

available for stallholders on payment of a small fee (which will go towards the cost of hire and other expenses): Charities £10/day, £15 both days; Crafts £25/day, £40 both days; Trade £50/day, £75 both days. Contact Roy Hathaway, 103 Salehurst Road, Brockley, London SE4 1AR by 31st March 2004.

DULWICH SOCIETY HISTORICAL WALK

On Thursday 17th June The Dulwich Society Local History Group present "The People's Park" - A Historical Walk led by Dr Jan Piggott in Crystal Palace Park - to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Opening of the Crystal Palace. Meet at the Penge Gate (beside the Information Office) at 7.30pm.

SPEND A PENNY

The Chamber of Commerce has spoken to several traders who are keen to get involved in the celebrations. There are opportunities for local businesses to sell T-Shirts, Postcards and Posters that celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Crystal Palace. We would like to see everyone get involved in some way - perhaps by dressing up in Victorian Fancy Dress, or giving Themed Special Offers to your customers or Fundraising for a local charity. The Chamber would like to hear from you if you have any ideas or something being planned. Organisers should aim to celebrate between 5th-13th June. Contact the Chairman by email on chairman@norwoodchamber.org.uk or call 020 8766 8822 if you want to get involved.

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MAYOR OPENS ALLEN'S FLORISTS

The Mayor of Croydon visited Crystal Palace on 17th March (St. Patrick's Day) to perform the official opening of Allen's Florists in Westow Street. Mark Allen was thrilled at the turnout and media attention. Town Centre Manager Sharon Baldwin and Rotary President Lorenzo Nargi were also there to welcome Mark and his staff to the Triangle.

GUEST SPEAKER ON BUSINESS RATES

Andrew Warde FRICS IRRV is a Chartered Surveyor of 17 years standing and a member of The Institute of Revenues Rating and Valuation. He will be giving a talk about Business Rates at our next meeting, 6th April. Andrew has worked for both the Valuation

Office and for City and West End practices advising business clients. Now an Associate with Nelson Bakewell a leading west end firm, Andrew heads their rating department. If you haven't joined the Chamber yet (it's only £25pa!) and would like to attend as our guest please ensure you contact the Chairman in advance (see over) so that we can get our seating arrangements right on the night.

ONLY ONE WAY TO GO

On 15th March the Croydon Council Traffic Management Cabinet Committee decided to make the One Way System in Upper Norwood Permanent. It means the waiting, loading and parking restrictions are now legally enforceable. Many people are deeply upset by their edict but in a bid to add insult to injury they are now considering the introduction of a residents parking scheme!

BROMLEY PULLS TCM SUPPORT

Bromley has decided it won't be extending any more financial support to Town Centre Management in Upper Norwood, effective from 31st March. Sharon Baldwin, Town Centre Manager is also losing her (only) two members of staff and will be relocating to the Upper Norwood Joint Library under new arrangements now sponsored by Croydon Council. A Community Development Trust will look for funding sources for existing SRB projects in Anerley and Penge which are also affected by Bromley's 'lack of vision'.