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## Letter from the Editor



Hello residents of Croham Valley, I hope you're all having a great start to the year and enjoyed the recent bizarrely warm winter weather.

For 2019 we are changing the way we collect subscriptions and deliver the newsletter, please see Chairman's Letter for details.

As usual, thank you to all of the contributors for their wonderful articles and images. We have plenty of information about planning applications and updates, as well as the work the CVRA is doing in these areas. On a more leisurely note, we have some fascinating articles about our local landscape, flora, and the history of Croham Hurst Golf Club.

If one of your New Year's resolutions was to be more altruistic then there are plenty of fundraising activities in the Events and Listings section, from pub quizzes to cream teas to sponsored walks. If you are feeling adventurous, perhaps you might like to take up a new hobby such as embroidery or Ceilidh dancing. Or maybe you would like to get to know the area more by visiting some of the local markets, history talks, and guided walks.

I went slightly out of the local area in the Events for Children section as I was thwarted in my attempt to find an Easter egg hunt in Croydon. Hopefully more will make themselves apparent to you closer to April, but if not then the Honeywood Museum provides a lovely Easter celebration for children.

And of course, if you have any suggestions or stories for future newsletters then please get in touch at the email address below.

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# Letter from the Chair

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## Subscriptions and Newsletters

Membership subscriptions are due in March. This year we are trying to move into the 21st Century and collect subscriptions electronically - so please, if possible, pay your subscription for this coming year direct to:

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We are also moving to two, hard copy newsletters a year; one in Spring and one in the Autumn. This follows the practice of other local Residents' Associations. Hopefully, this will give us more time to focus on the issues in the area. In line with our move to the 21st Century we will try to make sure our website is updated regularly and plan to publish the Summer and Winter Newsletters electronically for download.

As a result of the higher costs involved in this transition we are asking you to contribute £4 this year towards the association. We hope you appreciate the work we do.

David Rutherford sends out emails on planning matters and copies will be available on the new website. If David does not have your email, please email him at [davidrutherford@davidrutherford.plus.com](mailto:davidrutherford@davidrutherford.plus.com) with your name and address so he can include you in his early updates.

## Review of the Year

### Planning Applications

The Association continued to advise residents on current planning applications and submit comments on those developments to the Council. Like many other parts of Croydon there have been many applications for the demolition of houses and replacement with blocks of flats.

We understand the Council has had imposed a housing target from above and the 2018 Council Plan supports this kind of development but we see our role as trying to ensure the developments are consistent with what we already have.

In 2018 one or two applications were withdrawn before the planning officer could make a recommendation, one or two were rejected by the planning officer but all the applications that made it past the planning officer stage were approved by the Planning Committee. We believe that was typical for all such applications in all areas of the Borough.

There were two applications of most interest;

The first was for 50 Castlemaine Avenue. Here the proposal was a block of 8 flats with a traditional look to the development. It was rejected on 5 grounds by the planning officer. The three most interesting grounds were:

- The proposed development by virtue its bulk, mass and poor design would create a top heavy overbearing incongruous development that fails to sufficiently integrate into its context, causing significant harm to the appearance of the site
- Too much parking!
- Less than 30% of the flats had 3 bedrooms or more. Below the guidelines.

The second was for 148 Ballards Way. The proposal was for a block of 8 flats within a contemporary looking building. Here the application was approved by the planning officer and the planning committee - after much heated discussion.

We were pleased by the recommendation of the planning officer for 50 Castlemaine Avenue regarding the bulk, mass and lack of 3 bedroom flats. We were neutral on the style of the building and surprised that the officer thought it was incongruous as the design was traditional. We were worried regarding the over provision of parking because of implications elsewhere.

For 148 our main objection was the lack of 3 bedroom flats and the contemporary design. The design has three different types of materials in the main facade; brick, white render and zinc effect cladding. The building also has frosted glass balconies and a flat roof.

However the planning officer was happy with the design. She stated "the appearance of the building would be acceptable in the context of the

variation of properties in the surrounding area". There was no further explanation in her report.

Whilst we agree that there is variation in design in the properties in Ballards Way, there are no properties with flat roofs or zinc or frosted glass in their facades.

The second issue we have with 148 Ballards Way is the development does not pass the 30% test for 3 bedroom dwellings. However the report dismisses this requirement and just states that "the proposal would contribute positively to borough-wide housing targets".

We like the target of 30% 3 bedroom units as it helps to maintain the mix of properties in our area.

We are going to make an official complaint to the council about 148 Ballards Way. The new SPD Two guidelines issued by the Council in late 2018 states that design should follow one of three routes;

Sympathetic and Faithful or  
Innovative and Original or  
Contemporary Reinterpretation

148 Ballards Way could only be in the Innovative and Original category. The guidelines go on to say "the design may be different from the predominant local character, but must respect existing character and not create any negative impacts on it". We cannot see any characteristics of 148 Ballards Way which respect the existing character of the area.

Our complaint to the Council about 148 will be that they have not followed their own rules. We do not expect the Council to agree with us but the process allows the Ombudsman to have a look at the decision. At the planning meeting for 148 one Labour Councillor abstained so we understand there is some merit in putting forward a complaint.

There is at least one more contemporary design application in the system. We might be wrong about 148 but we do see in other areas of the Borough a contemporary design standing out like a sore thumb. The new block opposite Emmanuel Church at the top of Normanton Road springs to mind.

### **Coombe Wood School**

The school was first proposed in the Spring of 2017. The temporary school is now half way through its first year and they will start building

the permanent school soon. There have been delays so there will be at least two years worth of pupils in the temporary buildings

At the Planning Committee meeting in the Autumn of last year we asked for five changes to the plans and got one and a bit concessions.

The one concession we did get was for the school to have some kind of over-spill parking as they have at other schools where parents and visitors can park on the playgrounds and playing fields for parents' evenings and other events. The plans for the location of the buildings make this difficult and we will be watching to see that this condition is observed.

The bit of a concession was for the service yard to be acoustically screened the minimise disruption to neighbours. We shall see how this progresses.

We still have issues with vehicle access to the school during the initial stages of construction, the decibel levels allowed during construction and the routing of vehicles within the site. These are items still to be finalised.

We also have concerns that there seems to be no definitive date in sight for implementing the preferred way for pupils to travel to and from the tram, via a dedicated crossing just above Melville Avenue.

## Collaboration

Last year a number of residents' associations within Croydon got together to complain about the housing being built by Brick by Brick. Brick by Brick is the Council owned company developing small sites owned by the Council.

The associations' complaints were that the sites were being overdeveloped and insensitive to the local areas. The normal complaints but the associations were from all parts of the Borough. We did not sign the letter as there has been no Brick by Brick development within our area. As I mention above, we have other developers being insensitive.

However I have started talking to other residents' associations to see whether we can act together, as a non-political group, to put pressure on the Council on more general issues. If we can be specific and limited in our wishes the Council might listen to us.

As well as the design and size issues we can as a group try to get the rules

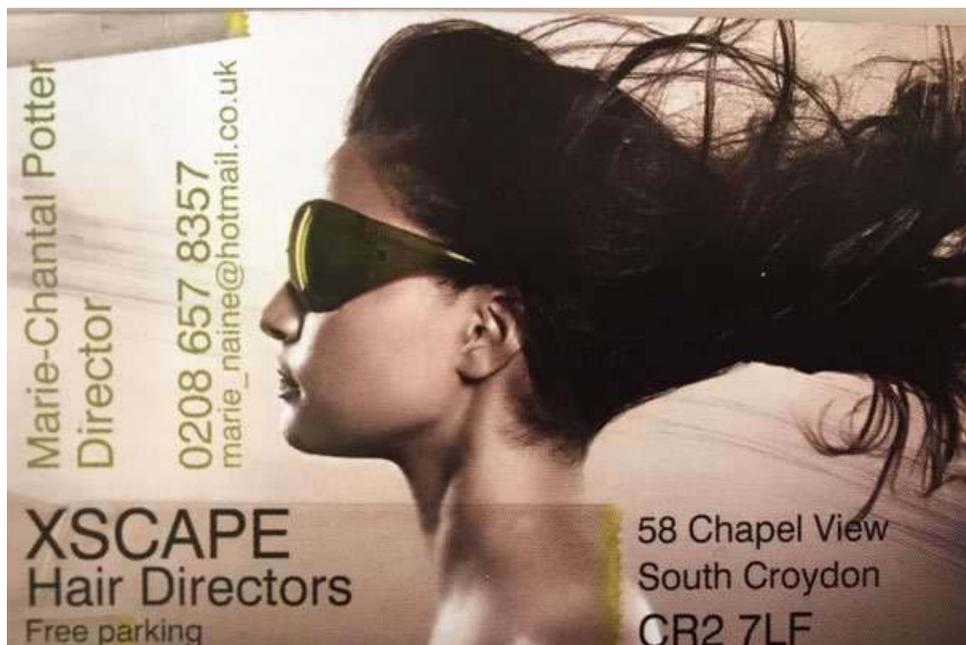
changed regarding Section 106 development as an example. By building 10 flats or less in a development, developers get round their obligations to include affordable housing in their developments. Affordable housing refers to housing that teachers, nurses, police, fire service workers can afford to buy, not to be confused with social housing.

We could also lobby for flats within smaller developments to be ineligible for parking permits as we understand is the case for the large development in Campden Road. Not many of the roads within our area have permit schemes applied but more will do so if more developments with limited parking spaces are built. Having such restrictions will focus the minds of the buyers of such flats.

Have a good year.

*Jeremy Gill*

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# CVRA Local Planning Application Web Site

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As previously mentioned the above-mentioned application is live and covers all roads and post codes in your Association's area, it's available for use by all CVRA residents free of charge. The application is updated weekly with all new and currently outstanding planning application information, as well as having multiple search capability of planning history. Also if you want to register your email address within the application, you'll be advised weekly when the Planning Table has been updated, together with a direct link into the application.

The application can be accessed directly from the following web link: [www.localplanningapps.co.uk/croydon/cvra/anupdate/planningtable.html](http://www.localplanningapps.co.uk/croydon/cvra/anupdate/planningtable.html)

## Planning

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### Area A

#### 80 Croham Road

The planning application referred to in the previous edition of the Newsletter for two blocks of flats comprising a total of 9 flats has been withdrawn.

#### 23 Melville Avenue

This development of 7 flats replacing a detached house has been completed.

#### Coombe Wood School

A planning application has been submitted for an additional storey to be added to the existing two-storey temporary building in order to accommodate the additional 180 pupils from September 2019. Regrettably, the application does not contain any proposals to deal with parking issues in Melville Avenue which will be exacerbated with the doubling of pupil numbers from September.

The formal planning consent for the new school for 1,680 pupils was issued at the end of January 2019.

Some preliminary site works were undertaken during the February half-term week. Construction work started at the beginning of March. Some 500 heavy vehicle movements to and from the site are expected over an initial 10 week period until the new access from Coombe Road is constructed. Until then, all vehicles will access the site from Coombe Road via Castlemaine Avenue, Ballater Road and Melville Avenue.

## Planning Area B

### 11 Ballards Way

This planning application is for the demolition of the existing house and the erection of a building of 9 flats adding 19 bedrooms and potentially 30 persons. Still awaiting a date for this application to go before the Planning Committee, at which time David Rutherford will speak as an objector on behalf of the CVRA and the local resident objectors, as will one of our local Councillors; the next scheduled meetings are 21st and 28th March 2019. We are not now particularly optimistic that this application will be refused in the light of the decision to approve flats at 148 Ballards Way and also that this developer is the very active Aventier who have already had in the south of the borough 14 similar planning applications for the demolition of properties

replacing them with flats approved since the beginning of 2018, with another 5 pending Planning Committee decision. Also the developer has already paid for Planning Pre-Application advice from the Croydon Planning Department.

Land R/O 31/33 Croham Valley Road - Fronting on to Ballards Rise  
This planning application for the development of the now enlarged site on the land to the rear of 31/33 Croham Valley Road for the erection of 2 two storey detached buildings with accommodation within the roof space comprising of in total 9 flats. There's an unacceptable provision of only 4 parking spaces on this very narrow cul-de-sac where it is impossible to park without causing obstruction, particularly to the 3 existing houses in Ballards Rise. This back garden proposal is a massive over development of the site due to its bulk and mass that is totally out of character with all the surrounding houses. Since submitting the planning application the developer to our surprise has just now submitted amended plans that will further increase the size of both the proposed buildings with now 16 bedrooms and potentially 28 persons.

### 3 Croham Valley Road

A new planning application has been submitted by Cobalt Construction for the demolition of the existing detached house and the erection of a five storey block of 7 flats with two storeys fronting Ballards Farm Road and with three basement levels going all the way down from Ballards Farm Road to Croham Valley Road adding 14 bedrooms and potentially 24 persons. This is a massive over development of the site and a complete eyesore which is totally out of character with all the surrounding area. The developer has already paid for Planning Pre-Application advice from the Croydon Planning Department.

### 5 Croham Valley Road

A new planning application has been submitted by Sterling Rose who is another very active developer in the borough for the demolition of the existing detached house and the erection of a building of three 3 bedroom terrace houses fronting on to Ballards Farm Road plus a building of 6 flats fronting on to Croham Valley Road. This is a massive over development of the site adding 21 bedrooms and potentially 32 persons which is totally out of character with the surrounding area. The developer

has already paid for Planning Pre-Application advice from the Croydon Planning Department.

### 55 Crest Road

A new planning application was submitted by the owners of this semi-detached house for the erection of a two storey 4 bedroom detached house in the rear garden fronting on to Croham Valley Road which would have been an overdevelopment of this cramped site. This planning application has now been withdrawn by the applicant.

### 5 Ballards Way

A new planning application has been submitted by the owners of this detached house for the demolition of the existing garage and the erection of a two storey side extension that extends beyond the rear building line of the house to create an additional separate dwelling.

### 10 Croham Valley Road

Progress on the construction of this block of 8 flats continues to be slow with work now up to the first floor level.

## Planning Area C

Nothing to report.

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# Croham Hurst Golf Club

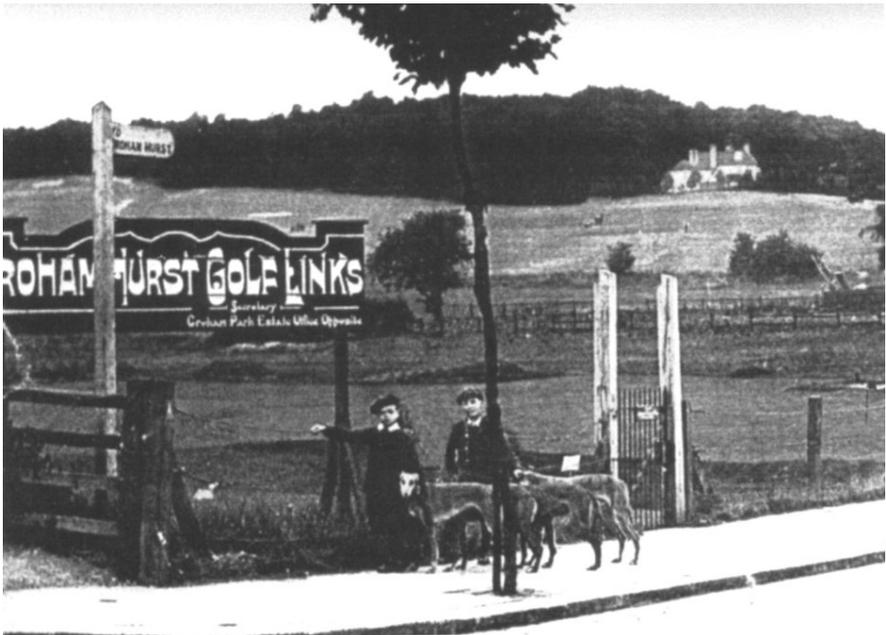
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By Ian Harris

*Croham Hurst Golf Club – the early history (including extracts from ‘Croham Hurst, the Club, the Course and the Members 1911-2011’, the excellent book: written by Michael Dove to commemorate the club’s 100th anniversary.)*

In 2011, Croham Hurst Golf Club celebrated its 100th anniversary – and yet the existing 18-hole course only opened in 1913, so what was the story between 1911 and 1913?

The answer to that question lies on what is now Manor Way, plus the Whitgift Sports Club, on the corner of Croham Road and Croham Manor Road, winter home of the Old Whitgiftians Rugby club and summer home of the Old Whitgiftians Cricket club. From 1911 this site was home to the 9-hole course of the Croham Hurst Golf Club – opened two years before its ‘big brother’ a few hundred yards east.

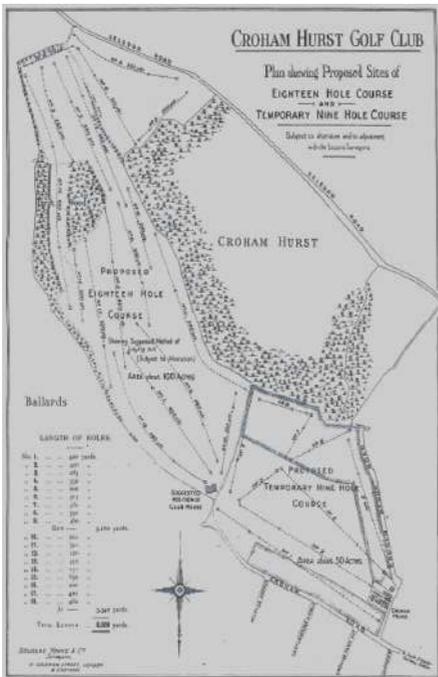


Why two courses? The 18-hole course would take a little time to get going with a great deal of construction, seeding, and drainage required. The advantage of the nine-hole course was that there was already a good layer of grass, and it could be opened quite quickly. It was to be constructed over 3,170 yards on 56 acres, and the original plan was that once the larger (18 hole) course had been opened, this smaller one should be

considered a ladies' club. Ladies would then also be allowed to play the 18-hole course on three days a week: Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

The following is taken from a report by the designer of the course: "Gentlemen who like playing in the company of lady golfers should have the advantage of playing on their course on the other days of the week." What actually happened was that for 18 months, play on the small course was mixed – and after the opening of the 18-holer, the building of the club-house was completed – at cost of £2,700 - and ladies' accommodation was included.

Due to its proximity to the church on Croham Road, Sunday play was banned for a while, and in 1921 the club decided to surrender the lease back to the owners – the Whitgift Foundation – and Croham Hurst Golf Club became the mixed club it is today. Thankfully the



sexist segregation and chauvinistic attitudes of the early 20th century are now well behind us, and 107 years after the opening of that first nine-hole course (designed for ladies) it was a lady golfer who made the worldwide headlines and put Croham Hurst Golf Club on the global golfing map. Many golfers (amateurs and professionals) will go through their whole lives without a 'hole in one' (even the late, great Seve Ballesteros never achieved an 'ace') but on August 15th 2018, Croham Hurst was the scene of a remarkable feat when Ali Gibb did not one, not two, but THREE holes in one on a single day. Having achieved an ace on the 5th

hole in the morning round of the 36 hole club championship, she did exactly the same in the afternoon. Not content with TWO, she then completed the hat-trick by holing her tee shot on the 11th hole of the afternoon round.





Croham Hurst  
Golf Club  
1951

# Croham Hurst



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## Littleheath Woods - Ponds

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By Ian Leggatt

Littleheath Woods is actually a collection of several woodland areas which were originally separate woods and open areas but are now considered as one unit. Within the woods there are three seasonal ponds, that is, they are prone to dry out in summer. One is known as Keyhole Pond and is situated at the highest part of the woods behind the junction of Foxearth and Littleheath Roads and within an area of clay subsoil. Its shape, if viewed from above, resembles a keyhole. Another pond is simply known as Old or 'Green' Pond, for obvious reasons, and it was filled in with household clinker and incinerated waste material reputedly after an unfortunate suicide in the late 1940s. The waste material has been partially excavated and used to resurface some of the woodland

paths and the pond does hold some water during the winter months. The third pond, known as Cattle Pond, is to be found adjacent to Fallen Oak Field, in the shadow of the Water Tower in Monks Hill, and which abuts the houses at the top end of Croham Valley Road. It is believed to have been constructed with a clay bank to provide seasonal water supply for cattle who would have grazed the field before the housing was developed. Research using Croydon Library's collection of Ordnance Survey (OS) maps shows that the Green Pond was in existence in 1897 as was Keyhole and Cattle Pond. Interestingly the 1897 OS map also indicates another pond near to the Old / Green Pond which disappears on later maps after 1912. All that is left of this lost pond is a curve in the

back garden fence lines of the houses in Foxearth Road. The Friends of Littleheath Woods are assisting the Trust for Conservation Volunteers (TCV) in their project to map and document Ponds within Croydon Borough, specifically within Littleheath Woods. Research is ongoing at the time of writing. Spring is a good time to go and visit the ponds in Littleheath Woods. The water

levels should be good from the winter rains and Frogs can be found laying down their spawn in late Spring when it begins to warm up. Damselflies and Dragonflies will be found flitting around the ponds in summer. More details can be found on the website of The Friends of Littleheath Woods - <http://www.folw.co.uk/>





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# Nature Notes: Parasites & Saprophytes

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Words and Images by Ted Forsyth

Most plants, trees and bushes get their energy from two main sources. Their roots draw in nutrients and water from the soil, with some additional complications from a mutually beneficial relationship with underground fungi, and their leaves make use of chlorophyll to convert the energy in sunlight using photosynthesis. The presence of chlorophyll is indicated by the green colour of the leaves. Fungi and slime moulds are saprophytes as they gain some energy directly by feeding on dead and decaying organic matter. As mentioned above some fungi acquire some of their energy from an association with trees, and slime moulds capture some energy by consuming bacteria. Fungi have different life styles and can be placed in at least three categories: (a) Fungi which grow directly on wood, such as brackets like Chicken of the Woods, Birch Polypore and Beefsteak – saprophytes. (b) Jelly fungi like Yellow Brain which

appears to be growing on a tree branch but is a parasite on another fungus, Peniophora which forms a thin coating on the branch, and (c) mycorrhizal fungi which give nutrients from the soil to plants and trees and receive in return the results of photosynthesis from their partner.

Some plants have dispensed with the need for chlorophyll and therefore do not get involved in photosynthesis, as a result they tend to show brownish or yellowish colouration. Energy comes in via the roots but not just by extracting it from the soil but also because the roots are attached to some other particular plant or fungal species which provide the main source of nutrients without getting any benefit in return.

Yellow Rattle is a plant which is widespread in suitable habitat but its relative the Greater Yellow Rattle is much rarer with a concentration in Yorkshire and in

the London area. In the Croydon area Greater Yellow Rattle is very common. Both species get nutrients directly from the soil but the roots also attach themselves to the roots of grasses and have a noticeable effect in reducing the growth of the grasses. Hay made from a field containing Rattles has less food value so farmers prefer not to have Rattles in their fields.

means it gets its energy from decaying organic matter but this orchid does this indirectly by parasitizing a fungus which in turn gets some of its energy from a tree. The fungus and the tree have a mutual relationship but the orchid does not give anything back.

Yellow Birdsnest is not an orchid – the birdsnest part of the name relates to the tangled root system which is supposed to resemble a bird’s nest. This species parasitises a fungus to get its energy supply. A single specimen was discovered late in the season in Selsdon Wood and is the first record in the wood since 1900! A few years ago large numbers of this yellow plant were found in High Elms in Bromley.

*Bird's Nest Orchid*



Bird’s Nest Orchid might have a little chlorophyll as its early growth has a greenish tinge but its later colouring is basically brown and since it prefers to grow in shady places there is no chance of photosynthesis. It is usually described as a saprophyte which



*Yellow Birdsnest*

Toothwort is another leafless plant which appears to be covered in scales which have a pinkish tinge. It parasitizes the roots of Hazel. There is one known clump in Selsdon Wood.



Broomrapes: A glance at the appropriate page in a flower field guide will show that there are many Broomrapes, all basically brownish in colour and to my mind looking like rather weedy Hyacinth flowers which have turned brown. One species is the Knapweed Broomrape which is a parasite on Knapweed. This and other species appear in the Howell Hill reserve in Sutton.

These plant species show that chlorophyll is not essential for some plants to thrive but also suggest that if a niche is available something will evolve to occupy it.

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### **A Plastic Ocean**

A free screening of a global adventure to discover the shocking impact plastic is having on our oceans and marine animals.

For booking please visit <http://bit.ly/FoEfilm>

Croydon & Bromley School of Philosophy, 13 Addiscombe Grove, CR0 5LR

*Tuesday 19 March, 7:30pm*

### **Citizens Advice Croydon Quizfest**

The evening will include a delicious buffet supper, quiz, and a raffle.

Tickets: £10

For booking please contact [lizbeb@gmail.com](mailto:lizbeb@gmail.com) or 02087774840  
Large Hall, Our Lady of the Annunciation, 147 Bingham Road, CR0 7EN

*Friday 22 March, 7:00pm*

### **Croydon Amnesty Quiz**

Come and enjoy a lively evening to support Amnesty International's vital human rights work.

Tickets: £10

For booking please contact 02086560926 or [joanmatlock@btinternet.com](mailto:joanmatlock@btinternet.com)  
Cedar Hall, Ruskin House, Coombe Road, CR01BD

*Saturday 23 March, 7:00pm*

### **Croydon Holi Festival by Spandan**

Let's celebrate the festival of colours in Croydon.

Admission: Free  
Park Hill Park, Cr0 5PB

*Sunday 24 March, 11:00am – 1:00pm*

### **The Village Baby Show - South London Pregnancy to Parenting Services**

This free event will feature different services, practitioners and products in the Croydon area.

More information and booking: [www.stanleyhalls.org.uk/whats-on](http://www.stanleyhalls.org.uk/whats-on)  
Stanley Halls, South Norwood, SE25 6AB

*Saturday 30 March, 10:00am – 3:00pm*

### **Croydon Half Marathon**

Organised by Striders of Croydon. An undulating course around Lloyd Park and the Addington Hills.

For more information and registration please visit [nice-work.org.uk/races/CroydonHalf](http://nice-work.org.uk/races/CroydonHalf)

*Sunday 31 March*

### **The Funny Side Comedy Club Launch Night**

We have a fantastic line up of comedians providing the live entertainment experience of the metropolitan city of Croydon.

More information and booking:  
thefunnysidecomedyclub.co.uk  
Project B, 3-7 Middle St, Croydon  
CR0 1RE, UK

*Tuesday 2 April, 9:00 – 11:00pm*

### **Mum2mum Market**

Buy nearly new baby and children's clothes, used toys and baby equipment at bargain prices.

All Saints Church, Onslow Gardens,  
Sanderstead, CR2 9AB

*Saturday 6 April, 10:00am – 12:00pm*

### **Chari-tea**

South East Cancer  
Help Centre invites  
you to join them at the  
centre for a traditional  
afternoon tea,  
with live music  
and a great  
atmosphere.

For more information and booking  
please call 020 8668 0974, or visit  
<https://bit.ly/2ExwxYD>  
2 Purley Road, Purley,  
CR8 2HA

*Saturday 13 April*

### **Easter Beer and Cider Festival**

This former Bromley Camra Pub of  
the Year will provide 15 real ales, 8  
real ciders, and 16 Belgian ales.

The Greyhound, Commonside,  
Keston, BR2 6BP

*Friday 19 to Sunday 21 April, 12:00 –  
6:00pm*

### **Spring Flowers Guided Walk**

Friends of Littleheath Woods search

for the first flowers of the year. A  
gentle stroll around the woods for 1 to  
2 hours, suitable for all ages.

Meet at the junction of Littleheath and  
Queenhill Roads, CR2 8DW

*Saturday 20 April, 10:00am*

### **Beginners Embroidery Workshop**

Everything you need to  
know to get started in hand  
embroidery!

£15 + all materials included.

More information and booking:

[www.stanleyhalls.org.uk/whats-on](http://www.stanleyhalls.org.uk/whats-on)  
Stanley Halls, South Norwood, SE25  
6AB

*Sun 21 April, 2:00PM - 4:00PM*

### **What's Happened To Croydon's Birds?**

John Birkett of Croydon RSPB, gives  
an illustrated talk on how the  
borough's bird population has  
changed in recent years.

Shirley Library

*Tuesday 23 April, 2.15 – 3:00pm*

### **The Great Croydon 5K walk for Chartwell Cancer Trust**

Sponsored walk to help The Lily Pad  
Appeal to raise £750,000 for a new  
Children's Cancer Unit for Croydon.

More information and registration:  
[chartwellcancertrust.co.uk/lily-pad/](http://chartwellcancertrust.co.uk/lily-pad/)  
Lloyd Park

*Sunday May 5 from 10:00am*

### **Plant and Seedling Sale**

Can you help by  
donating plants to sell



or raising some trays of seedlings for us? Please ring Lorraine on 07919 652 723. Our Heathfield Pantry Café will be open for light lunches and cream teas.

Croydon Ecology Centre, The Old Orchard, Heathfield, Coombe Lane, Croydon CR0 5RH

*Sunday May 19 12:00 – 16:30*

### **Croydon Uncovered**

Discover the history of the borough through the eyes of its keepers. Join Lindsey Ould, Museum and Archives manager for this fascinating talk.

Shirley Library, 326 Wickham Rd, CR0 8BH

*Tuesday 21 May, 2:15 – 3:15pm*

### **Recurring events**

#### **Addington Village Market**

Clothes, jewellery, watch repair, makeup, hot food and drinks.

St Mary's Church Hall, Addington Village

*Every Thursday, 8:00am – 12:00pm*

#### **Croydon Age UK Tea & Chat**

Join us for a chat over a cup of tea.

For more information Contact:

81 Brigstock Road, Thornton Heath, CR7 7JH, telephone: 020 86837100, email: auk@ageukcroydon.org.uk, or visit [www.ageuk.org.uk/croydon](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/croydon) £2.00 per session

*Friday 2.30pm-4.00pm*

#### **Crystal Palace Food Market**

Locally sourced, locally sold.

Haynes Lane, SE19 3AP

*Every Saturday, 10:00am – 3:00pm*

### **The Business Bagel Networking**

The Business Bagel is for local businesses to showcase their services and make new connections.

For more information and booking please visit [www.businessbagel.co.uk/](http://www.businessbagel.co.uk/) Coffee Craft, Stanley Halls, 12A South Norwood Hill, SE25 6AB

*4th Tuesday of the month, 9am*

### **Croydon Natural History & Scientific Society Talks**

*Monday 25 March* “Conan Doyle – the South Norwood Years”, a talk by Bernard Winchester. Doyle lived in Tennison Road, South Norwood, from 1891 to 1894.

*Wednesday 10 April* “The Grand Theatre and its place in Croydon”. This talk by Carole Roberts will look at the Grand Theatre sixty years after it closed.

*Monday 29 April* “Mrs Pankhurst’s Purple Feather”. A talk by author Tessa Boase about the early RSPB and the brave women fought against the plumage trade.

Small Hall of the East Croydon United Reformed Church, Addiscombe Grove

### **Friends of Seldon Woods Guided Walk of Discovery**

All our walks are slow and easy – a meander rather than a hike! Why not join us for about 2 hours?

Meeting in Seldon Wood car park, Old Farleigh Road

*Saturdays 6 April and 4 May, 2:00pm, Sunday 16 June, 11:00am*



### **Leave 'em Laughing**

South Norwood's monthly comedy night.

More information and booking:  
[www.stanleyhalls.org.uk/whats-on](http://www.stanleyhalls.org.uk/whats-on)  
Stanley Halls, South Norwood, SE25 6AB

*Sundays 7 April, 5 May, 2 June*

### **Ceilidh at The Halls**

All levels are welcome to a night of dancing and meeting new friends.

Tickets: £10/£12

More information and booking:  
[www.stanleyhalls.org.uk/whats-on](http://www.stanleyhalls.org.uk/whats-on)  
*Fridays 12 April, 10 May, 14 June, 8:00pm*

### **Events for children and young people**

#### **Mini Me Art at Godstone Farm**

Free activity sessions from 10.30am – 12.30pm to make crafts for Mothers' Day, Easter, and Fathers' Day.

*Wednesdays 20 March, 3 April, 4 June*

#### **Barracudas Activity Day Camps**

Spending the holidays with us means that children get to develop new skills and make new friends!

Ages: 4.5-14

For more information please visit [barracudas.co.uk/camps/croydon/](http://barracudas.co.uk/camps/croydon/) or contact [fun@barracudas.co.uk](mailto:fun@barracudas.co.uk) or 01480467567

Trinity School, CR9 7AT

*Monday 8 to Thursday 18 April, 8:30am – 5:30pm*

#### **Easter Rugby Camp**

Our rugby camps provide fun, safe and professional coaching to support young players to improve their skills. £99 for 3 days or £35 per day

Ages: 6 to 16

More information and booking:  
[therugbycoach.co.uk/rugby-camps](http://therugbycoach.co.uk/rugby-camps)  
Purley John Fisher RFC

*Monday 8, Tuesday 9, and Wednesday 10 April, 8.30am to 3.30pm*

#### **Let's Celebrate Easter!**

The children will learn about why Easter is celebrated, complete with Easter egg hunt, stories, and crafts. For booking please call 02082415679 or email [sue\\_kellsall@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sue_kellsall@hotmail.co.uk).

Admission: free

Honeywood Museum, Honeywood Walk, SM5 3NX

*Tuesday 9 April, 11:00am – 1:00pm*

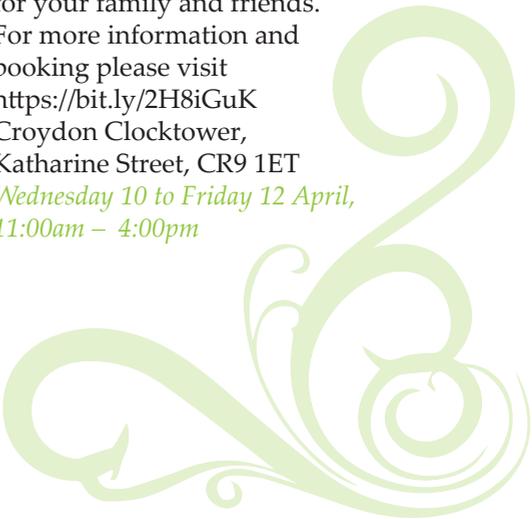
#### **Croydon Bloco Easter 2019**

Free workshop for ages 10-18 to play or learn drums, steel pans, brass or woodwind, including a performance for your family and friends.

For more information and booking please visit <https://bit.ly/2H8iGuK>

Croydon Clocktower,  
Katharine Street, CR9 1ET

*Wednesday 10 to Friday 12 April, 11:00am – 4:00pm*



### **Raver Tots**

Tons of fun including face painting, UV lights, bubbles, balloons, confetti, giant parachutes, and UK top DJs. Book early to avoid disappointment! For more information and booking please visit <https://bit.ly/2EliiI2>

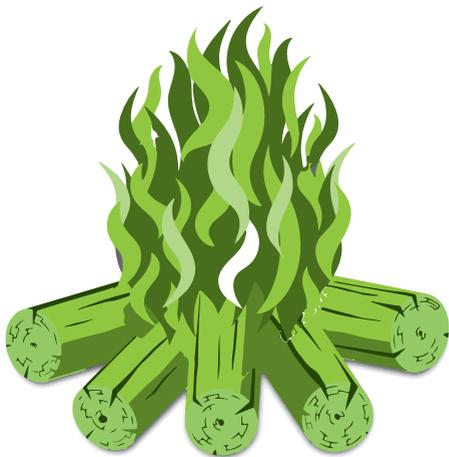
Boxpark Croydon

*Sunday 14 April, 11:00am*

### **Family Disco at the Halls!**

Join us for games, prizes, dancing, face painting, and fancy dress. Admission: £3.30. Under 2s go free. More information and booking: [www.stanleyhalls.org.uk/whats-on/](http://www.stanleyhalls.org.uk/whats-on/) Ages: 13 and under. Stanley Halls, South Norwood, SE25 6AB

*Thursday 18 April, 4:00-7:00pm*



### **Forest Fun Club**

Lots of fun, camp fire cooking, den building, tree climbing, bug

hunting, rope swings, forest crafts, and more!

For prices and booking please visit <https://bookwhen.com/forestfunclub>  
Pickhurst Infant Academy, Hayes, BR2 7PQ

**Drop Off:** Ages 4-10.

*Wednesday 17 April, 10:00am – 1:00pm*

**Family Session:** Ages 0-10 with an accompanying adult.

*Saturdays 23 March, 13 April, 18 May,*

*15 June 10:00 – 11:30am*



### **Museum of Croydon Events**

All our family workshops are from 11am to 4pm and are free, drop-in events aimed at 5-11 year olds.

*Saturday 23 March-* Re-create Croydon's old Cattle Market

*Saturday 30 March-* Make horse drawn wagons inspired by the Surrey Iron Railway

### **Selsdon Library Weekly Activities**

All free, no booking required.

**Toddler Play and Stay** *10.30-11.30am*

**Storytime** *Tuesdays 10.30-11am*

**Rhymetime** *Fridays 10.30-11am*

**Rock & Rhyme** *Saturdays 10.30-11am*

## *Wellbeing and Support*

### **Just Be Croydon**

For advice and local/online health and lifestyle services (including diet, exercise, smoking, and mental health). Take a health MOT to find out if you are eligible for a free face-to-face service delivered by qualified advisors. Alternatively, see the website for a timetable of drop in hubs available until March 31.  
[www.justbecroydon.org/](http://www.justbecroydon.org/)

### **Citizens Advice Croydon**

Free, confidential, and impartial advice and information on a wide range of issues, including debts, welfare benefits, housing, employment, and consumer rights. Drop-in for advice Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 10:00am - 12:00 noon  
48 - 50 Portland Road, South Norwood, SE25 4PQ  
Telephone for advice Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 10:00am - 12:00 noon  
020 8684 2236  
For online advice please visit [www.citizensadvicecroydon.info/](http://www.citizensadvicecroydon.info/)

### **Free Lunchtime Stillness and Meditation Sessions**

The Croydon & Bromley School of Philosophy offers free Lunchtime Mindfulness and Meditation sessions.

The sessions are drop-in will last 45 minutes.

More information and booking: [philosincroydon@gmail.com](mailto:philosincroydon@gmail.com)

### **Mind in Croydon**

Mind in Croydon is working to promote good mental health. It seeks to empower people by providing education and mental health services.

Infoline: 020 8668 2210, open 9:00am- 5:00pm

[admin@mindincroydon.org.uk](mailto:admin@mindincroydon.org.uk) or visit [www.mindincroydon.org.uk](http://www.mindincroydon.org.uk)

### **Bereavement Café**

A warm, welcoming and respectful space for those coming to terms with loss and bereavement. This is not a counselling forum but a place to share experiences and explore emotions.

Croydon Clocktower Café,  
Katharine Street, CR9 1ET

*Every second Friday of the month,  
11:00am – 1:00pm*



**Croham Valley Residents' Association**  
**Audited Accounts for the year ended 31st July 2018**

	y/e 31 July 2018	y/e 31 July 2017
Opening Balance as at		
1st August 2016	£2,956.67	£2,312.43
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Subscriptions and Donations	£2,282.80	£2,538.20
Advertising	£760.00	£714.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>£3,042.80</b>	<b>£3,252.20</b>
Total including bal B/Fwd from previous year	£5,999.47	£5,564.63
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
General expenses including postage, stationery, travel and photocopying etc.	£182.19	£153.11
Newspapers and printed stationery	£1,819.00	£2,190.82
Hall Hire	£115.00	£90.00
Subscriptions	£25.00	£35.00
Insurance	£142.00	£139.08
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£2,283.19</b>	<b>£2,607.96</b>
<b>Balance as at 31st July 2017</b>	<b>£3,716.28</b>	<b>£2,956.67</b>
<b>Closing balance represented by</b>		
Cash in Hand	£0.00	£0.00
Balance at Bank	£3,716.28	£2,956.67
	<b>£3,716.28</b>	<b>£2,956.67</b>

Jeremy Gill ...Chair

Wendy A Love ...Treasurer

**REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CROHAM VALLEY RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

I have examined the books and vouchers of the Croham Valley Residents' Association for the year ended 31st July 2018 and am satisfied that the foregoing account constitutes a correct record of the transactions for the year.

Kate M Lyon FCCA...Auditor

# Your Residents' Association needs your help

This is your chance to pay-back or pay-forward, as they say.

## Could you please help with one of the following roles?

### Web-site Manager

To design and develop a simple Wordpress website.

### Deputy Chair

Support for Jeremy and to provide help to residents as required.

### Honorary Secretary

Ensure constitution adhered to and take minutes of meetings.

### Newsletter Distribution Manager

To arrange distribution of newsletters to our 28 distributors.

### Newsletter Distributor

We currently need distributors for:

The Gallop

The top of Ballards Way

Campden Road

Croham Park Avenue

Ballards Farm Road

### Advertising Manager

To support advertisers and procure new advertising revenue

We are looking for new committee members. If you would like to join the committee, help with any of these roles or in any other capacity please contact Wendy for further information on 07834 957391 or by email to [cvra@gmx.com](mailto:cvra@gmx.com)

## Useful Information

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### **Police**

020 8401 3000  
[croydonhealthservices.nhs.uk](http://croydonhealthservices.nhs.uk)

### **Reporting An Emergency**

Call 999 if you are reporting a crime in progress or if someone is in immediate danger

### **Councillors for South Croydon Ward**

Cllr. Maria Gatland, Cllr. Michael Neal, Cllr. Jason Perry

### **Reporting Non Emergencies**

Call 101 to report crimes that are not an emergency or to give information to the police or make an enquiry

### **Councillors for Selsdon & Addington Village**

Cllr. Helen Pollard, Cllr Robert Ward

### **Croydon University Hospital**

530 London Road  
CR7 7YE  
020 8401 3000

All the Councillors can be contacted either on the web (My Councillor Croydon) or by post: c/o Town Hall, Katharine Street, Croydon, CR0 1NX.

### **New Addington Minor Injuries**

Parkway Health Centre  
Parkway  
New Addington  
CR0 0JA

### **Refuse Information**

Black caddy all food waste, cooked or raw. Collection weekly

### **Croydon Council**

Bernard Weatherill House, 8  
Mint Walk, Croydon CR0 1EA

Blue topped wheelie bin: paper. Collection fortnightly

General enquiries: 020 8726 6000

Lines are open: Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm.

[www.croydon.gov.uk](http://www.croydon.gov.uk)

Old large wheelie bin: plastic, glass, metal. Collection fortnightly

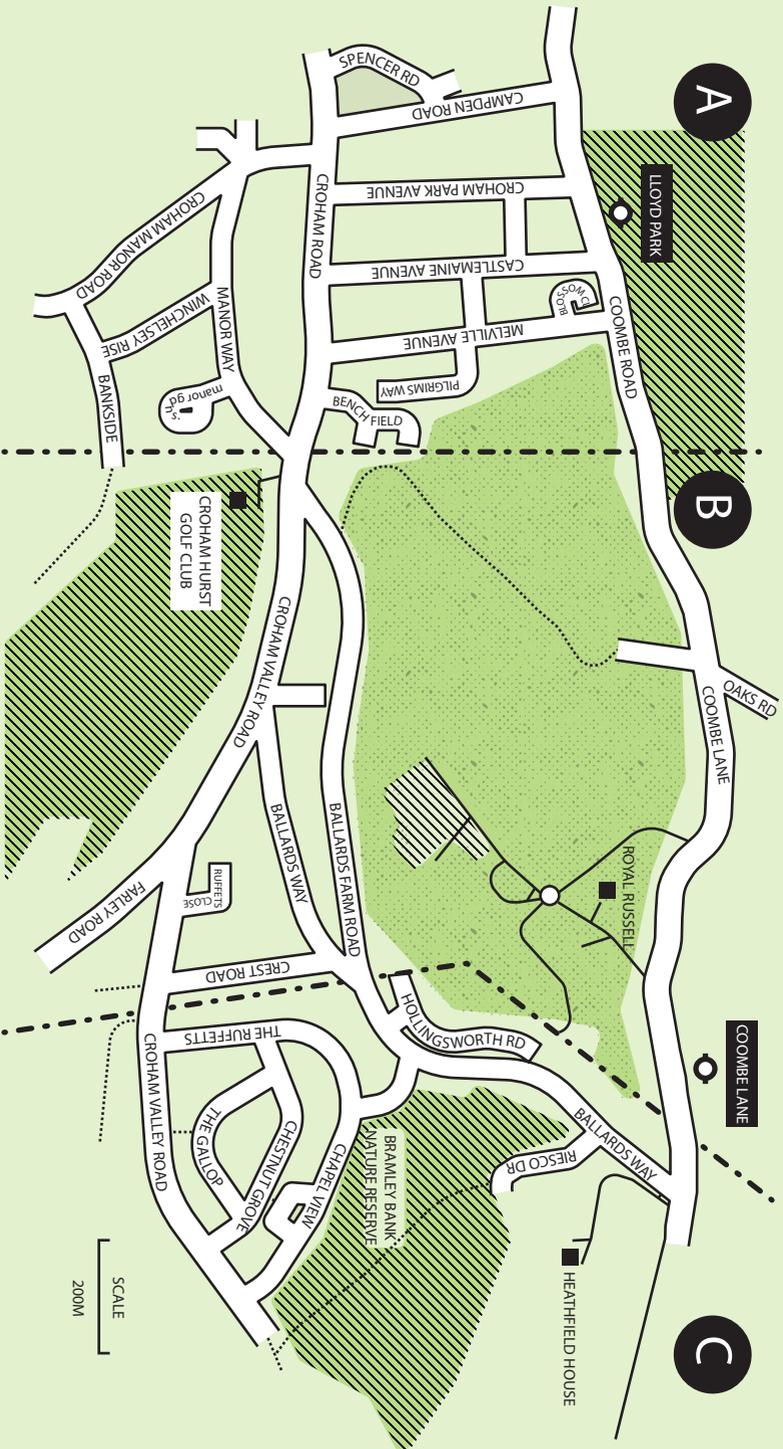
New small wheelie bins: landfill. Collection fortnightly

### **Purley War Memorial Hospital**

856 Brighton Road, 856  
Brighton Road, Purley, Surrey,  
CR8 2YL

Textiles should be bagged and left out for collection weekly

[www.croydon.gov.uk/environment](http://www.croydon.gov.uk/environment)



The above map indicates the areas that are covered by each association's representatives in respect of planning application or any other matters of concern. The phone numbers to contact for each area are as follows:

A. 020 8688 9558 / B. 020 8657 8787 / C. 020 8657 6585