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Letter from the Editor



Although there is a gale blowing and pouring rain outside, **summer is here**. With that in mind I wanted to bring this newsletter to you with some interesting articles, activities and ideas to see you through the long hot months ahead.

We have a lovely piece written by local resident describing a Garden Safari she went on a few years ago, I think it would be wonderful to have our own Croham Valley Garden Safari. Maybe one of the readers will lead the way for next summer?

For parents of older children looking for ideas to keep them entertained there is an article about Play Place, a local Youth Service organisation. Information about the Croydon Heritage Festival and our final instalment from Paul Sowan looking at Croham Hurst throughout history. As well as two more instalments, from local residents again, about the diverse wildlife right here on our doorsteps with some beautiful photographs to go with them.

Our events and listings pages have grown with a wealth of exciting things to do in Croydon over the coming months. If you have an event you would like included, an experience or idea you would like to share, especially that involves and benefits the community, I would love to hear about them.

On a more serious note there have been a few burglaries recently within our locality. I contacted our local Safer Neighbourhoods Team who have sent some information about keeping homes and property safe and setting up Neighbourhood Watch groups. I hope you find it useful.

Lastly, I would like to thank everyone who have sent such kind comments on the Newsletter's new look. Have a great summer, when it arrives!

Sara Pevsner, editor.cvra@gmx.com

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Letter from the Chairman



We were pleased to receive encouraging comments on the upgraded Newsletter. Print size was the only downside for some readers and for that reason it has been increased.

I am grateful to those of the Committee who keep members informed of the way Planning matters are 'progressing' and act on their behalf. I am pleased with the responses to the questionnaire on the Coombe Road site which ranged from the need for retention of the land as Green Belt to building a school on that land. Overall, the view was for the site to remain as Green Belt.

One of the aims of the Association is to try to defend our environment and in particular our Green Belt and Metropolitan Open Land. These areas of land, so essential to our well-being, are frequently under attack and must be defended. The CVRA are represented, currently by me, on the London Green Belt Council and the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (London Region Committee), which act in unison.

Another aim of the Association is, through the Newsletter, to foster the Community spirit and to publish ideas from our readers. Your views on issues such as housing, schools, tree pruning, speed restrictions and pollution are always welcome. Letters can be sent to me at 13 Chapel View, South Croydon, CR2 7LG or e-mailed to me on Chair.cvra@gmx.com.

Please see our Community Pages where you will find up-to-date information about some of the local services and societies. If there is a local community organisation which you would like mentioned please contact our Editor, Sara Pevsner.

Finally, I appeal for a someone to fill the post of Minutes Secretary. This post will become vacant following the Annual General Meeting in October. If you, or anyone you know, would be willing to take the Minutes for six meetings and an AGM each year, I would be pleased to hear from you.

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Planning

Area A

21 Melville Avenue

An application has been made to demolish the existing bungalow on this site and erect a three storey building plus a lower ground floor level comprising a total of 5 flats. This is yet another development of flats in the area. The adjacent property, 23 Melville Avenue, is also being redeveloped and converted into flats, planning permission having been granted last year.

The CVRA lodged a formal objection on the grounds that the proposed development of 21 Melville Avenue was an over-development of the site, it was out of character with the street scene and would adversely affect the amenity of neighbouring properties. PK

Area B

108 - 122 Croham Valley Road

The above-mentioned houses which have long back gardens have been approached by Denton Homes Ltd with a request as to whether they would be interested in selling a portion of their back gardens, in one case it was 36 metres. Obviously this Developer would be looking to demolish a pair of semi-detached houses in order to gain access to build behind. Although outside the CVRA area it is also possible

that this Developer may have approached 164 to 170 Littleheath Road and 166 to 178 Farley Road which have the potential to border on to the land behind 108 to 122 Croham Valley Road. DR

Area C

Nothing further to report. LO

Croham Ward Boundary Changes

The Local Government Boundary Commission has published their draft plan for changes to the ward boundaries in Croydon. The intention is to even out the number of people in each ward. It is proposed that the present Croham Ward will become the South Croydon Ward and the present Selsdon & Ballards Ward will become the Selsdon & Addington Village Ward. The changes affecting the CVRA area are that part of Croham Valley Road between Conduit Lane and Ballards Way will move from the Selsdon and Ballards Ward into the new South Croydon Ward.

Further details can be found at:

<https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/have-your-say/8775>



Neighbourhood Watch Croydon

The aim of Croydon Neighbourhood Watch is to bring neighbours together to create strong, friendly, active communities where crime and anti-social behaviour are less likely to happen. Neighbourhood Watch is a Charity which encourages residents to get together to combat local problems and enables the members to work with the police and local council to take action to resolve them. It encourages people to be good neighbours and look out for each other, especially the vulnerable and elderly. It helps to create a united, caring community and a safe and pleasant environment in which to live and work. Sharing information with other Watches in your area, and with the Croydon Borough Neighbourhood Watch Association, will provide a network of support from which you can all benefit. Please contact nhw@cbnwa.com for information on how to become a NHW Co-ordinator or visit our website www.cbnwa.com

Tips from the MET

- Please fit proper locks on doors and windows and ensure that when you leave your house that it is secure and locked
- Make sure that if you have a rear access to your house that any gates are locked or bolted – a number of burglars have let themselves in through unlocked back doors
- Install timers that switch lights and/or radios on and off automatically
- Thieves may target cars, breaking into the house to get the keys: ensure you don't keep your keys in an obvious place, for example visible/accessible via a letterbox
- Keep your property out of public view

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Looking back and looking forward on Croham Hurst

Part 3: The Arrival of Man

By Paul Sowan



Flint implements

Prehistoric ancestors of today's litter-louts left crude flint implements lying about the Croham Hurst landscape. They probably left a lot of other litter as well, especially their equivalent of modern 'take-away' dinners, but only the flint was durable enough to survive for study. These prehistoric people were nomadic, and left virtually no built structures. We can

only assume they disliked the cold, rain and snow as much as we do and built themselves flimsy shelters of branches rather as children have done recently, before so many of them took to staying indoors with electronic gadgetry! The higher parts of the Hurst, at least, have apparently never been cultivated, resulting in the survival of archeological most visible feature is the tumulus, or

burial mound near the pine plantation on the eastern open heathland. This was identified by Sanderstead resident and archaeologist Brian Kenneth Hope Taylor (1923-2001) in 1946 on the evidence of a crudely worked Bronze Age flint implement kicked out by a burrowing rabbit. The mound, a Scheduled Ancient Monument, has never been archaeologically excavated. It is most unlikely to contain any recognisable bones or metal artefacts on account of the very porous and acidic soil. The Bronze Age people still used many flint implements, as cast bronze objects would have been expensive and rare. Nearby in the open heathland local archaeologist Peter Larson Drewett (1947-2013) and other members of Croydon Natural History & Scientific Society identified traces of several temporary huts during excavations. 1968. Filled post-holes to support cut branches forming huts were found, as well as heaped up pebbles around the edges to stop see temporary homes from being blown away. There was also evidence such as heat-cracked flints and charcoal for a fire for warmth and cooking. Carbon-dating of the charcoal suggested an Anglo Saxon date, and these huts may have been temporary homes for charcoal-burners.

By the time the Romans arrived in the first century AD, pottery had been

invented and broken pottery, as useless as a broken tea pot, has also been found lying about locally. However no Roman road ran near the Hurst and the nearest villa seems to have been at Beddington. Some broken but high-quality ceramic ware was found in Lower Coombs Street area in Croydon fairly recently, so a villa might be lurking there awaiting discovery. As the Romans were famously fastidious about bathing, they are unlikely to have built a villa anywhere near Croham Hurst, too far from springs and running water!

A short way up the left-hand side of the wide valley beyond the golf club entrance from Croham Road is a possibly medieval earthwork although nothing more is known of this Bank and ditch feature. From more modern times, it seems that no charcoal-burners' hearths and no saw pits have been recognized.

Two shallow disused sand pits have been dug at some time near Bankside, but when and for what purpose is not known. They appear to pre-date the first Croham Hurst nine-hole golf course, which was on the land now occupied by the Old Whitgiftians' Playing Fields, so were not exclusively dug for sand for bunkers. And two shallow chalk pits, now overgrown and hardly recognizable, have been dug near Upper Selsdon Road at some unknown time. The excavated

chalk was perhaps seen as an agriculture soil conditioner on nearby fields on sandy soils.

The last most viable man-made features on the hill are several old Croydon parish boundary posts, bearing various dates from 1888 to 1920. The significance of these dates is not certainly known. The north-west corner of the Hurst was in the historic parish of Croydon, the remainder in Sanderstead. At least one of these posts (dated 1888) is now missing, but who dug it up, when and where it is now are not known.

Anybody wanting to detect less obvious features can hunt for at least three surviving Ordnance Survey 'revision points'. These are small roughly circular blobs of concrete with OS and a number and letter inscribed on them. They mark precisely mapped reference point positions surveyed to the nearest ten centimetres and are shown on Ordnance Survey 50 inches to the mile plans published in the 1950s. They are not now used when OS mapping is revised, as most revision is done by aerial photography.

Vanished former features have been an ornate, probably early century drinking fountain, a pond and public lavatories, all near the Bankside entrance. The pond has been filled in but was probably for cattle kept at Croham Farm, a dairy farm which was still in business into the

1920s. The farm buildings were not far from the Old Whitgitiians' club house. Why and when the ornate fountain, shown on early postcards, was removed is not known. Where is it now? By the 1940s it had been replaced by a utilitarian concrete fountain which, too, has now vanished (along with another one at West Hill entrance). There was once a corrugated iron hut for an on-site park keeper, also near the West Hill entrance.

Artefacts are still scattered about the Hurst for the benefit of future archaeologists who will perhaps debate 21st century British lifestyles as evidenced by glass bottles, lager cans and plastic wrappings for take-away food.

Paul Sowan has lived in Croham Valley, on and off, since childhood in the first years of World War II. He has been an active member and officer of the Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society for over 50 years, and currently serves as the society's archivist and librarian. Reports on the archaeology and botany of the Hurst have been published in the proceedings of the society.

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Summer. The Friends of Littleheath Woods

By Ian Leggatt



Stag Beetle by Shirley Shephard

Summer, it seems ever more frequently, brings heat and Littleheath Woods can provide a cool environment where the dappled shade is a haven for butterflies fluttering in search of the next nectar bearing Honeysuckle, Bramble, or Buddleia. The tall trees, Oaks, Ash, Beech and Sweet Chestnut provide a high canopy offering welcome shade to visitors and wildlife. Littleheath Woods offers seats for the weary or those who just want to sit and relax. The Friends make and maintain the seats using timber from the trees felled in the woods, either those taken down for safety reasons having reached the end of their lives or those having fallen due to adverse weather conditions. Storm Doris obliged with dropping some Chestnut for us. Its timber makes long lived seat tops and legs as it is hard wearing and does not rot quickly when in contact with the ground. We have cut some leg blanks and will be using them to lengthen the life of some of the older seats. Seat maintenance is a

summer job for us, as is keeping the seats clear of the invasive and fast growing bramble. Come to the woods early or come late and you may see a fox or deer. Come anytime and you will be sure to see squirrels and hear parakeets. You may even catch sight of a Sparrow hawk circling over the big field, Fallen Oak Field. Bring your family and young ones armed with an I-Spy book, now published by Michelin, and check off the flowers or butterflies. The grasses and wild flowers in the big field are a magnet for butterflies with Meadow Brown, Small Skipper and Common Blues as well as the favourites, Red Admiral and Peacock.

You can find out more about Littleheath Woods and The Friends of Littleheath Woods and our work at www.folw.co.uk.

We have a Facebook page and you can now find Littleheath Woods on Tripadvisor and leave a review.

Nature Notes

Words and Images by Ted Forsyth

The butterflies which hibernate as adults during the winter are Brimstone – the male is bright yellow and the female is so pale she can be mistaken for a white; Comma – this butterfly has a naturally ragged edge to the wing which is black on the underside with a tiny white comma which gives it its name; Peacock – it has very distinctive eye-spots on the wings and also has black underwings;



Ringlet

Small Tortoiseshell – a mixture of colours with blue along the edge of the wing; Red Admiral hibernates in small numbers but is mainly a migrant – its colours are black with a red stripe. Other species pass through the winter in a chrysalis (some as eggs or caterpillars).

Early spring butterflies include the Orange Tip, Holly Blue and Speckled Wood. As the warmth of summer increases there will be a succession of other species with the largest number of both species and individuals appearing in July. Most of the butterflies are likely to be found in grassland but some are found in woodland and several frequent the tops of trees where they feed on honeydew left by aphids. The most numerous butterfly is probably the Meadow Brown which flies in grassland. The female is dark brown with large orange patches on the wings but the male has less orange and can be confused in flight with the Ringlet. When stationary it can be seen that the Ringlet has lots of yellow circles on its dark wings. The large Silver-washed Fritillary might be found in woodland. In late summer several species which might not have been seen earlier can be found visiting Marjoram flowers and if there is a flowering Buddleia bush it will attract a number of the larger species. In a good year with warm southerly winds you might be able to find 20 or more species but to double that number you would have to visit places in other parts of the country.



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Memories of a Garden Safari

By Joanna Day

In high summer about a decade ago, Steve and I were following the art trail via the Open Studios scheme, and chance took us to the village of Smarden, way out in the wilds of Kent. The people there have an almighty sense of community spirit; young and old were managing to be completely occupied in the wholesome pursuits of... wait for it... a garden safari! So, what exactly is a garden safari? Well, in Smarden, it's a two-day event in which a whole neighbourhood participates. It started off small, neighbours only, and grew. Owners of gardens with straight-forward access from the from the road, throw their spaces open to the public; some gardens are messy and interesting; others as neat and well tended as monastery gardens. Participants put up notices that can be seen from the public highway, advertising that their gardens are part of the safari trail so that visitors know which ones they can walk into. Volunteers help out making notices, acting as guides, setting out tables and chairs on lawns, and providing and serving refreshments. Donations of home made cakes and sandwiches are planned a week or more in advance. Tea or coffee

and a slice of homemade cake to buy quickly racks up funds for whichever charity is featured that year. It makes visitors on safari feel awfully welcome to be able to sit down and relax with refreshments for a little while. Plant swaps and plant sales are also a huge draw.

Looking around half a dozen - or more! gardens on the trail, in pleasant outdoor surroundings, with the sound of running water and a view of a pond, or an elaborate flowerbed, or some quirky arrangement of pots, or interesting sculptures and features is a nice way to tire yourself out. The pleasure in seeing other what other people have done with their little patch of heaven, gathering ideas and inspiration - and let's face it, just satisfying plain nosiness - is matchless.

Smarden is quite a long way away. If people around here had the will for it, who knows, maybe we can have our own garden safari here in Croham?

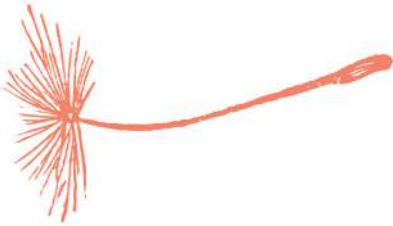
*Garden Safaris can be organised through
Open Gardens www.opengardens.co.uk.*

LISTINGS & EVENTS

Croydon Heritage Festival 📅

Celebrating its fifth year, this year's festival is themed 'Evolution' looking at the changing face of Croydon throughout history as it enters a new and exciting period of growth and renewal for the future. www.croydonheritagefestival.co.uk

Saturday 24th June - Friday 30th June



Croydon Ecology Centre: Wild flower walk at Hutchinson's Bank

Bring a packed lunch and camera. In the event of bad weather please ring 0791 965 2723 before setting out. Meet at Farleigh Dean Crescent near entrance to Hutchinson's Bank Nature Reserve.

Sunday 25th June 11:00

NSPCC: Park Hill Allotments

Join us for tea and a look at the world of allotments. Dogs must be on a lead. Entrance by voluntary contribution. Deepdene Avenue East Croydon CR0 5JP

Sunday 25th June 14:00 - 17:00

Victorian Paper Doll Craft 📅

Join us for a walk back in time to celebrate the Croydon Heritage Festival Week. Have

fun creating and dressing up your very own Victorian paper doll. Admission free. Advanced booking required. 5yrs+. Selsdon Library

Monday 26th June 16:30 - 17:15

Purley Festival 📅

Music, art, stalls, performers, kids activities. www.purleyfestival.co.uk

26 June - 2nd July

Special Croydon Heritage storytime and craft session 📅

Jump on a runaway train with Carruthers the station cat and enjoy taking part in Selsdon Library's train craft. 2yrs+. Admission: Free. Advanced booking required. Selsdon Library

Tuesday 27 June 10:30 - 11:00

Eye on Croydon Workshop 📅

Paint, sketch, or collage, and show everyone what your local town means to you in our Croydon themed art contest. All entries will be displayed in the library with a special prize given out to the winner. 5-11years. Selsdon Library

Thursday 29th June 16:00 - 17:00

Chatterbooks 'Changing face of Croydon' 📅

Get your pens and pencils ready for an exciting creative writing workshop and explore the changing face of Croydon. Admission: Free. No booking required. 7yrs+. Selsdon Library

Friday 30 June 16.00 - 17.00

Croydon Ecology Centre: Wild Flower Bonanza on Kenley Common & Betts Mead

A truly wonderful wild flower ramble. Bring your camera. Meet outside the entrance to the Common on Hayes Lane nearest Golf Road.

Saturday 1st July 11:00

Race for Life

Registration needed for this 10k fund raiser for Cancer research. www.raceforlife.cancer-research.org. Lloyd Park

Sunday 9th July 11.00

Croydon Pride

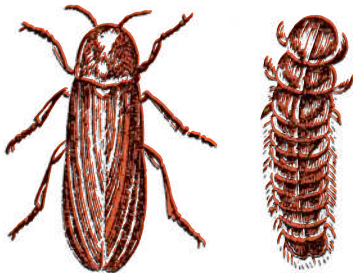
Street food, Pride Walking Parade (North End Croydon), live music and more. Child friendly. www.croydonpride.org.uk. Queens Gardens

Saturday 15th July 12:00 - 20:00

Lego WeDo Taster Session 🧱

Try out LEGO Education WeDo kit; make some of the twelve models such as a plane, crocodile or giant and program them to move! Admission:£1.50 library members / £3.00 non-members. Advanced booking required. 8-12yrs. Selsdon Library

Tuesdays 4th July, 18th July, 1st August, 15th August, 29th August, 12th September, 26th September. 16:00 – 17:00



Croydon Ecology Centre: Bat and Glow-worm Walk on Riddlesdown.

Dress according to weather. If you bring a torch, please ensure it has a red filter fitted. Please note in the event of rain the walk will not take place. Meet at the top end of Honister Heights rear entrance to Riddlesdown High School

Friday 7th July 21:30

Lego Story Starter Taster Session 🧱

Try out LEGO Education StoryStarter; let your imagination run wild and create your own story with this special kit! Admission: £1.50 library members / £3.00 non-members. Advanced booking required. 8-12yrs. Selsdon Library

Tuesdays 11th July, 25th July, 8th August, 22nd August, 5th September, 19th September. 16:00 – 17:00

‘Aprende Español’ Language and Culture Taster Session

Adult Spanish sessions for beginners. Admission Free. Advance Booking Required. Selsdon Library

Thursdays 13th July, 10th August, and 14th September. 15:30 – 16:30

Guided Walks of Discovery Butterflies with Malcolm Bridge

A slow, easy, meander through Selsdon Woods. Approximately 2 hours. Meet in Selsdon Wood car park, Old Farleigh Rd
Saturday 15th July 11:00

Author Talk: Michael Round, The Bird of Time

A free talk by local author Michael Round, ex-head of Haling Manor High School, at Selsdon Library. Michael will talk about his

adventures in National Service and self-publishing. Admission: Free. Advanced Booking required. Adults.
Selsdon Library
Monday 17th July 14:00 – 15:00

Sunflower Storytime 📖
Make a little sunshine this storytime with our special Sunflower craft. Admission Free. No booking required. Under 5s.
Selsdon Library
Tuesday 18th July 10:30 - 11:00

Guided Walks of Discovery Bats & Moths with Malcolm Bridge
A slow, easy, meander through Selsdon Woods. Approximately 2 hours. Meet in

Selsdon Wood car park, Old Farleigh Rd.
Thursday 20th July 21:00

Roman Mosaic Crafternoon 📖5+
Come visit the library this crafternoon, do as the Romans do, and join us in creating your own Ancient mosaic. Admission: Free. No Booking Required. 5+.
Selsdon Library
Monday 24th July 14:00 – 15:00

Seaside Storytime & Craft 📖
Collect seashells, smile, laugh, play, and soak up the sunshine. Admission Free. No booking required. Under 5s.
Selsdon Library
Tuesday 25th July 10:30 – 11:00

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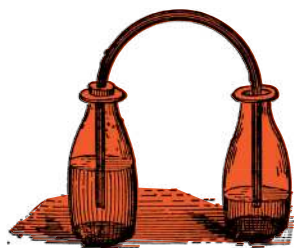
Celebrate Beatrix Potter's birthday at Selsdon Library with our Peter Rabbit themed carrot craft. How many carrots can you snatch from Mr. McGregor's garden? Admission: Free. No Booking Required. Under 5s. Selsdon Library
Saturday 29th July 14:30 - 15:00

Croydon Ecology Centre: Summer Pruning Skills Training Session

Want to know how to keep your fruit trees healthy and productive? If so come to our special training session and gain the knowledge to prune with confidence. Bring clean, sharp secateurs with you. Meet in front of Heathfield house
Saturday 29th July 14:00 - 16:30

NSPCC: Open garden

A small, developing garden.
Entrance £2.00. 22 Beech House Rd E.
Croydon CR0 1 JP
Sunday 30th July 14:00 - 17:00



Croydon Ecology Centre: Lotions & Potions For Natural Beauty

A girly-get-together, making simple skincare products from natural ingredients, without added chemicals and fancy price tags! Do come, it's fun and all girls, young, old and in-between are welcome! Meet in Heathfield

House

Saturday 5th August 10:00 - 12:00

"A Day at the Zoo" 📖

Come with us on an exciting visit to the zoo! Learn all about descriptive words, rhyme and number facts from animals like the hysterical hyena and the humongous hippo! Admission: Free. Booking Required. 5-6yrs. Selsdon Library

Thursday 10th August 11:00 - 12:00

Animal Antics 📖

Join storyteller Richard Neville for a fun packed session of stories, music and creativity. Turn your favourite animal into a character in a story. Use your character to solve a mystery. Intrigued? The mystery has only just begun! Join Richard to find out more." Admission: Free. Booking Required. 6-11yrs. Selsdon Library

Friday 11th August 14:00 - 15:00

Mini-Beast Hunt with Roger Hawkins 📖

A slow, easy, meander through Selsdon Woods. Approximately 2 hours. Meet in Selsdon Wood car park, Old Farleigh Rd
Wednesday 16th August 14:00

'Reflexology Talk'

Come and listen to a talk on the topic of reflexology by Shirley Iacovou. Admission Free. Advance Booking Required. Selsdon Library

Thursday 17th August 14:00 - 15:00

Adults

Rainbow Bottles 📖

Create something fantastic this summer. Take a little piece of the rainbow home with you, in our special Rainbow Bottle craft.

Admission: Free. No booking required.

4yrs+. Selsdon Library

Friday 18th August 14:00 – 15:00

An Introduction to the John Gent Collection - Part 2 & 3

John Hickman and Carole Roberts present an illustrated talk on the John Gent Postcards Collection, which provides an unparalleled glimpse into Croydon from the close of the 19th century until after the Second World War. Admission Free.

Advance Booking Required. Selsdon Library

Part 2: August 19th 13:00 – 14:00

Part 3: September 9th 13:00 – 14:00

Croydon Ecology Centre: Ploughmans lunches, cream teas and plane spotting at Heathfield

With our open easterly aspect, Heathfield is a good place to spot some of the aircraft flying at the Biggin Hill Centenary Festival of Flight. Bring the family and enjoy the day with us. There will be guided tours of the Ecology Centre's Wildlife Sanctuary & Old Varieties' Conservation Orchard. Our Heathfield Pantry Cafe will be open for light lunches and cream teas.

Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th August 12:00 - 17:00

Puppet Theatre: Three Billy Goats Gruff



It's Showtime! Join us for a special, puppet storytime, and put your own puppet-making and puppetry skills to the test. Admission: Free. No Booking Required. 5yrs+. Selsdon Library

Thursday 24th August 10:30 – 11:00

Croydon Ecology Centre: Green Heritage

Fair at Heathfield

Large number of stands showcasing the work of local conservation groups, traditional crafts, animal welfare & fine art exhibitions by local artists. Tours of Heathfield Garden's Tree Trail, Wildlife Sanctuary and Old Varieties Orchard. Pantry Cafe will be open for light lunch and cream teas.

Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th September

11:00-17:00 both days



Snakes and Ladders Crafty time 📖

Come and create your own Snakes and Ladders board game. Roll the dice, climb the ladder to victory, but watch out for those snakes! Admission: Free. No booking required. 4yrs+. Selsdon Library

Friday 1st September 11:30 – 12:00

Sunshine Storytime 📖

This summer, cool yourself down with this fun, handmade fan craft. Admission: Free. No booking required. under 5s. Selsdon Library

Tuesday 5th September 10:30 – 11:00

Friends of Selsdon Woods Open Day 📖

A slow, easy, meander through Selsdon Woods. Interest for adults and children. Approximately 2 hours. Selsdon Wood car park, Old Farleigh Rd

Sunday 10th September 12:00 - 16:00

SELSDON LIBRARY WEEKLY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN 📖

Storytime

Stories with crafts and colouring. Free. No booking required. 0-5 Years.

Tuesday 10:30 – 11:00am & Saturday 14:30 – 15:00

Crafternoon

Weekly afternoon craft making event. Free. No booking required. 4-8 Years.

Saturday 15:00 - 16:00

Rhymetime

0-18 months.

Monday 11:00 - 11:30 & Friday 10:30 - 11:00

Rock & Rhyme

Rhymes and Singing for Babies, Small Children and their Carers. Free. No booking required

Saturday 10:30 - 11:00

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN 📖

Petty's Twinkle Toes

Come along and learn some basic ballet skills. Free. Booking required. Ages 3-5

Last Thursday of the Month 16:00 - 16:30

Chatterbooks

Take part in games, quizzes, puzzles, and talk to others about all your favourite books
Admission: Free. No booking required. 7+

Last Friday of the Month. 16:00 - 17:00

Laughing Club

Chat with others and take part in riddles,

quizzes, and other activities. Free. Booking Required. 4+

First Monday of the Month 16:30 - 15:15

PLAY PLACE WEEKLY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE. TERM TIME 📖



Fieldway music production workshop (11+)

Play Place CR0 9DX

Monday 16:00 - 17:45

Fieldway Junior Youth Club (8-12's)

Play Place CR0 9DX

Monday 16:00 - 17:30

Waddon Play Rangers (all ages)

Propeller Crescent Play park, CR0 4FE

Monday 16:00 - 17:00

Scrublands Detached Project (8+)

The MUGA Shrublands Avenue

Tuesday 19:00 - 20:30

CP Racing (12+)

Play Place CR0 9DX 9DX

Tuesday 16:00 - 19:00

Purley Youth Project

United Reformed Church CR8 2LN

Wednesday 17:00 - 20:00

Old Town Youth Club

OTYC CR0 4BA

Wednesday 18:45 - 21:00

Tollers Youth Club

The Meeting Room CR5 1BY

Wednesday 10:30 - 20:00

Croftleigh Youth Club (8-12's)

Old Lodge Lane Baptist Church, CR8 4 QB

Wednesday 16:15 - 18:00

South Norwood Youth Club (11+)

Rhylands Oasis Academy SE25 4 GX

Thursday 16:30 - 18:00

Waddon Propeller Sports

Waddon Leisure Centre CR0 4RG

Thursday 18:30 - 20:00

Regina Road Junior Youth Club (8-11)

The Meeting Room SE25 4TW

Thursday 17:45-19:00

Regina Road Senior Youth Club (11+)

The Meeting Room SE25 4TW

Thursday 19:00 - 20:30

CP Racing (12+)

Play Place CR0 9DX

Thursday 16:00 - 19:30

New Addington Youth Club (11+)

Gold crest Youth Club CR0 0PL

Friday 19:00 - 20:30

Green Lane Junior Youth Club (8-11's)

Sunbeam Mission CR7 8HU

Friday 17:00- 18:30

Green Lane Senior Youth Club (12+)

Sunbeam Mission CR7 8HU

Friday 18:30 - 20:00

**Longheath Junior Youth Club
Church & Communities Centre**

CR0 7TD

Friday 17:30 - 19:00

**Longheath Senior Youth Club
Church & Communities Centre**

CR0 7TD

Friday 19:00 - 20:30

Handcraft 'Young Gifted'

19 Hood Close CR0 3SN


Friday 18:30 - 20:00

Friends of Selsdon Wood

WORK DAYS

Habitat management and general maintenance – helping to improve our wood! You work for as long as suits you and choose jobs to suit your strengths. Tools are provided but please bring food and drink if you feel you need them. We do need more help and would welcome your assistance.

Meeting in Selsdon Wood car park on Sundays at 10am.
June 4th, July 2nd, August 6th





Selsdon Wood Biennial 2016/17



Photographic Competition



Photographs to be taken in Selsdon Wood between 20th August 2015 and 19th August 2017. You do not have to be a Croydon resident to take part.



Up to 6 entries per entrant but only one may be finally displayed.



Entries to be submitted by the 20th August 2017. Winners will be chosen by the visitors to the Friends of Selsdon Wood Open Day.



e-mail your entry to selsdonwood@gmail.com



You may also submit prints (max. size 8" x 6") to FSW Competition Co-ordinator, 219 Osward, Court Wood Lane, Croydon CR0 9HG.



Entries to be accompanied by entry form obtainable from the co-ordinator or via the above e-mail. By entering this competition you agree to your photo(s) being used by the FSW for publicity or display. If you have any questions?

Please contact us by e-mail: selsdonwood@gmail.com or phone 020-8657 0423.

**Photographs can be of plants, wildlife, pets,
natural scenery or people admiring them.
To add interest, please identify lesser known
flora & fauna, if you can.**

PREVIOUS PHOTO COMPETITIONS: To see winning & short listed photos from 2012 to date, log onto www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk *click* Photo Competition, *scroll down* to galleries.

DM

The Long Hot Summer Ahead

By Sara Pevsner

With the long summer holidays almost upon us I have been thinking about the younger inhabitants of Croydon and how they use their free time.

My curiosity was piqued after a conversation with a colleague. Her daughter had a friend over one afternoon. When the mum checked in she found them, not talking, not playing, but sitting on the bed texting each other because they couldn't be bothered to talk.

This made me wonder, are young people and society in general losing the ability to communicate, converse and interact on a face to face level?

It is acceptable to do most of our day to day business through social media, email, texting and via the internet but what happened to good honest playing, exploring, having an adventure and talking? I decided to find out if there were still the conventional youth clubs of my younger days.

I met Chris Hennis, one of two Project Leaders at Play Place based in New Addington. Play Place is a Not For Profit, Community Interest Company, providing a range of educational activities for young people, children and communities since 2006 at play

Place head quarters and hubs within Croydon and Kent. Chris told me it is harder to open youth clubs today, with the need to fulfil requirements from safe guarding legislation, training and policies plus the problem of accessible space and financial viability.

Play Place has this covered, taking over empty council owned offices and converting them into a community hub, offering training to volunteers keen to become youth workers as well as running a range of activities from a week day nursery school which converts to a cafe on Saturdays and a place of worship on Sundays, to renting out office space, a fully equipped recording studio and running a motorbike maintenance project through CABS, Croydon Auto Bike Scheme which offers a recognised AQA accreditation. The nursery was buzzing with activity when I looked in. Children were happily engaged only stopping to say hello and goodbye for a moment before getting back to the important job of learning and playing with the nursery staff. There is a kitchen and cook providing hot, freshly prepared dinners for the children to enjoy whilst honing their social skills round the dining table.

Play Place support youth clubs throughout the borough, where young people can engage with their peers, enjoy traditional youth club facilities like table tennis. Their trained youth workers are on hand to encourage discussion and debate in a safe environment vital for young people who don't want, or can't, talk to their parents or careers. On the 4th-5th of August Play Place are running the Addington Park PlayFest From 11am to 4pm. The entrance price includes a wrist band giving access to all

the day time events and activities available ranging from bouncy castles, dance and music workshops, food stalls, BMX & mini go karts, craft market and boot fair plus much more. On the Saturday evening there will be an outdoor cinema and picnic. If you would like more information on Play Place either as a parent, a young person looking for something to do or as a volunteer you can find out more at:

www.playplaceinnov8.org

Croydon Playfest 2017

Addington Park (CRO 5AR)
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Fri 4th & Sat 5th August

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Food stalls
Cinema evening

Friday & Saturday Craft Market
(Pitches from £20 - Pre-booked only)

4th - 11am - 4pm - £4 pp
4th - 6pm - 8pm Cinema fun - £3 pp
5th - 11am - 4pm - £4 pp
Weekender Pass - £10 pp
On the gate £5 pp (limited bands)

Please use the tram or bus for easy access - Parking £1 per car



Limited spaces - please book early!
Booking information
info@playplace.org

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www.croydon.gov.uk

Croydon Heritage Festival



The 5th Croydon Heritage Festival celebrates the unique story of the town with a programme curated under the theme of Evolution, filled full of events and taking place from 24– 30 June 2017.

There is nowhere quite like Croydon. As the town embarks on the most significant era of redevelopment since the 1960s, Croydon Heritage Festival tells how the town has evolved to become the place that it is today. The journey is a tale of innovation – from Roman saffron farms to Tudor palaces, pioneering Victorians and concrete utopias – all the way through to the explosion of creative energy that the

town is enjoying now. Organised by The Whitgift Foundation, a 400 year old charity, festival highlights include a flagship discussion telling the story of Croydon's Evolution; the return of the National Trust's Edge City Walking Tours and The Museum of London Archaeology Time Truck. The festival also features a wealth of home-grown talent such as Concretopia author John Grindrod, comedian Kevin Day, theatre-maker Jenny Lockyer, films by David Lean, music from Trinity Boys School Choir and Croydon Minster, poetry from Well Versed Ink, live film soundtracks by Lucky Dog Picturehouse and a series of talks from revered local

historians at Croydon Libraries. Martin Corney, Chief Executive of The Whitgift Foundation said: "In our fifth year of celebrating Croydon's heritage, this year's festival theme of EVOLUTION is perfect for Croydon's zeitgeist. Croydon is on the brink of metamorphosis, both culturally and economically but it is important to reflect on all the events and people that

have helped Croydon make its mark. Once again, Croydon's community has come together to produce a compelling and fun way to remind us about our amazing town and the Foundation is proud to be part of it." Detailed event information and ticket links can be found at:

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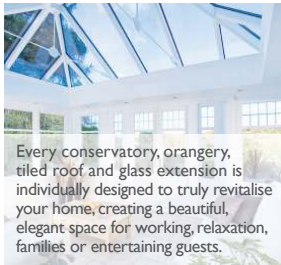
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Croydon University Hospital

530 London Road
CR7 7YE
020 8401 3000

New Addington Minor Injuries

Parkway Health Centre
Parkway
New Addington
CR0 0JA

Croydon Council

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

General enquiries: 020 8726 6000
Lines are open: Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm.

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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.

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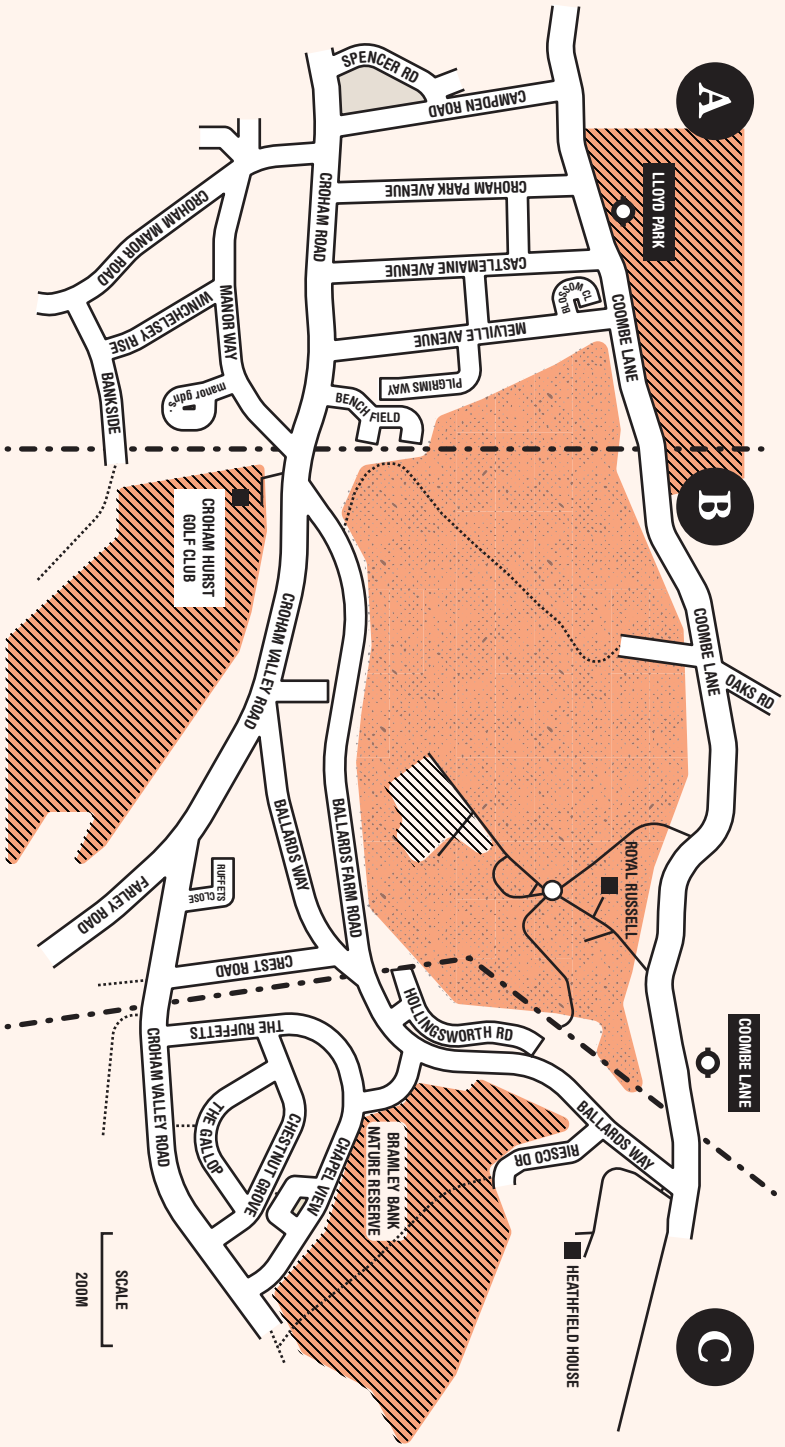
Blue recycling box: paper. Collection fortnightly

Green recycling box: plastic, glass, metal. Collection fortnightly

Large wheelie bins: landfill. Collection fortnightly

Textiles should be bagged and left out for collection weekly

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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