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Letter from the Editor

While the trees are bare, the air cold, and evenings unreasonably early, I'd like to offer some warmth by welcoming you to the Winter edition of the CVRA newsletter.

Once again, thank you to the contributors for their fantastic submissions. We have our usual updates for you about local planning, as well as reports on Coombe Wood School and parks and open spaces.

While our local natural world might not seem at its most exciting during this time of year, we've got a fascinating and colourful Nature Notes piece on surveying techniques for different species.

In this edition we've included some lovely photos taken by committee member David Rutherford, showcasing the wonderful animals (and weather!) found in his garden. I'd love to display more of your pictures of our local area, whether they're of the natural world, the buildings, or the people that live here, so do get in touch at the email address below if you have any photos you'd like to be included in upcoming editions.

In the run up to Christmas I hope you'll enjoy the carol services, wreath making, ice skating, and pantomimes listed in the events section. Don't worry though, there's plenty to keep you busy well into the new year, including concerts, comedy, and even crocheting! Or, great in any season, maybe you'll attend one of the fascinating local history and science talks covering topics from historic medicine, to art collections, to local wildlife. Lastly, if you're looking to improve your business skills, keep an eye out for the networking and marketing training events coming up in January.

And finally, myself and the rest of the CVRA committee would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a great start to 2019!

Anna Kirton, cvara@gmx.com

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AFTER

Letter from the Chair

If you want to know whats going on in Croydon, I recommend you read "Inside Croydon".

Inside Croydon is an online paper with lots of articles supporting local charities, businesses and residents groups and lots of articles commenting on the actions of our local politicians and senior Council staff.

Most of the later posts are critical of almost all the actions of our politicians of whatever persuasion and our Council officers but also give credit where credit is due. It is written in "Private Eye" style and always a good read.

It has regularly commented on Coombe Wood School. It has consistently pointed out that there seems to be a surplus of places within the Borough of Croydon already without the school. The recent announcement that St Andrew's School is not taking any new pupils in September 2018 because of lack of demand also seems to be inconsistent with the granting of permission to Coombe Wood School. There is an article on the School later in the newsletter.

One Inside Croydon article which did strike me as a bit different recently was the article on The Hackbridge and Beddington Corner Neighbourhood Development Group. This group of local residents have written their own Neighbourhood Plan which will be put to a local referendum - managed by Sutton Council - where it requires a 50% majority of voters within their area to be passed. This concept of Neighborhood Plans was included in the Localism Act 2011.

If passed this plan will sit beneath the Sutton Council Development Plan but the residents believe their Neighbourhood Plan will help them in implementing the Council's Plan. I will look at more details of this but welcome any comments if anybody is aware of these Neighbourhood Plans.

Chris Philp again turned up at our AGM to give a commentary on the year. I would like to thank him again for his dedication to the neighbourhood duties of a local MP.

His main points were;

His successful lobbying for improvements to the trains through East Croydon. The Government has allocated funds to ensure the tracks North of East Croydon are realigned to allow two new platforms at East Croydon.

Likewise regarding the improvement of Accident and Emergency services at Croydon University Hospital. Chris also encouraged us to use the new GP Hub services at Purley Hospital. The Purley GP Hub service allows us to get an emergency doctors appointment if we cannot get one from our local GP.

Chris also encouraged us to look at creating our own local Development Plan.

Last time I mentioned parking becoming more of a problem in our area. My understanding is that near Gravel Hill Tram Stop there is now a no parking between 1300 and 1400 regime to deter commuters. Maybe this is something we can look at to see whether it is applicable in our area.

Regards

Jeremy Gill

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Planning

Area A

80 Croham Road

A planning application has been submitted to demolish the existing 5-bedroom detached house and erect TWO blocks of flats, one at the front of the site which will be 4-storeys tall and the other in the back garden which will not have any vehicle access. The proposal comprises a total of 9 flats, 6 two-bed and 3 one-bed. Only 5 parking spaces are being provided for residents.

The two blocks are of a “modern contemporary” design which is totally out of character with the street scene. The front block is 4 feet taller than the adjacent properties so its presence will be over-bearing. To justify the lack of parking provision, a survey demonstrating the adequate availability of on-street parking covered the far away streets of Harewood Road and Whitmead Close but conveniently omitted the near-by and congested

Spencer, Campden and Croham Manor roads. Interestingly, the drawings submitted by the Developer show that three of the flats do not even have bathrooms!

The CVRA will be lodging an objection before the deadline for comment expires on 26th December 2018. The planning reference for comments is 18/02157/FUL.

Coombe Wood School

The Council granted planning permission for the permanent school buildings on 27th September but that did not cover the vital aspects of road safety and the widening of Coombe Road. The formal planning consent specifying the conditions attached to granting planning permission has yet to be issued by the Planning Department.

Meanwhile, traffic congestion in Melville Avenue outside the school entrance continues.

Planning Area B

Land R/O 31/33 Croham Valley Road - Fronting on to Ballards Rise

A new planning application has been submitted for this now enlarged site with the developer Silverleaf having now managed to buy additional land at the rear of 31 Croham Valley Road. The planning application is for the erection of 2 two storey detached buildings with accommodation within the roof space comprising in total 9 flats (1 three bedroom, 5 two bedroom and 3 one bedroom flats) with an unacceptable provision of only 4 parking spaces. It is impossible to park on this very narrow cul-de-sac without blocking access to the three existing houses in Ballards Rise. This is back garden development that is an over development of the site due to its bulk and mass that is totally out of character with all the surrounding houses.

5 Croham Valley Road

We understand that the owner of 5 Croham Valley Road has committed to sell his property to the developer Sterling Rose, who is one of the two most active developers in the south of the borough. Late October one of Croydon's planning officers visited the site and was taking photos, which we

understand is in respect of a submission by Sterling Rose for Planning Pre-Application advice. It is understood that the proposal is for 6 flats and houses and as there is access to the site from both Ballards Farm Road and Croham Valley Road we are presuming that the 6 flats would be at the top of the site and the houses at the bottom. We would have thought it more likely to be a detached house similar to 7 or 9 Croham Valley Road; however they might squeeze in a pair of semi-detached houses at a push. We are awaiting submission of a formal planning application.

11 Ballards Way

Still awaiting a date for this planning 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 17th and 31st January 2019. We are not particularly optimistic that this application will be refused in the light of the decision on 148 Ballards Way and also that this developer is the very

active Aventier who have already had in the south of the borough 10 similar planning applications for flats approved this year with another 6 pending Planning Committee decision. Also, the developer has already paid for Planning Pre-Application advice from the Council.

10 Croham Valley Road

Progress on the construction of this block of 8 flats continues to be very slow with the foundations and retaining walls in place and with construction above ground level now underway.

Planning Area C

148 Ballards Way

This planning application for the demolition of a bungalow with it

being replaced with a block of 8 flats went before the Planning Committee on Thursday 6th December 2018 for decision, where David Rutherford spoke as an objector on behalf of the CVRA and the local resident objectors as did our local Councillor Robert Ward. This application was discussed at considerable length, at times acrimoniously with a good number of Councillors expressing concern over the appearance of the proposed building and it being totally out of character with the surrounding properties. Unfortunately when it came to the Committee vote it was approved 5 to 4 (4 Conservative Councillors voting against, 5 Labour Councillors in favour and 1 Labour Councillor abstained).



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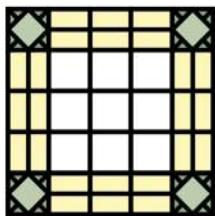
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Photos from Ballards Rise

Photos by David Rutherford, taken in his garden.









Parks and Open Land – High Court Injunction

By Ian Leggatt

Back in July this year Croydon Council went to the High Court to seek a temporary injunction against 'PERSONS UNKNOWN OCCUPYING LAND AND / OR DEPOSITING WASTE'. The temporary injunction was granted and gave protection to over 220 open and green spaces around the borough against the setting up of an encampment, entering and or occupying the identified land, bringing on to the site caravans, mobile homes, vehicles and residential paraphernalia or for the purposes of depositing waste.

The Injunction contained a Penal Notice which meant that anyone breaching it may be held in contempt of court and may be sent to prison, fined or have assets seized.

In October the Council went back to the High Court and the Injunction was extended for a further 3 years to 16th October 2021.

In our particular area the following green and open spaces are protected by the injunction: Littleheath Woods, The Ruffet, Bramley Bank, Land at Edgecombe Communiuty Centre, Heathfield Estate, Heathfield Open Space, Coombe Wood, Central Nursey, Coombe Lodge Playing Fields, Normanton Meadow and Croham Hurst.

More details, including maps of all the designated spaces, can be found on the Croydon Council website, search Illegal Encampments, or the documents can be found at any Library.

Nature Notes: Natural History Surveys

Words and Images by Ted Forsyth

A simple survey starts by noting what is seen on a walk in woods or fields. For long term understanding of changes a more organised approach is necessary.



Tawny Owl

bird seen or heard and noting which of several distance bands the bird is in (0-25m, 25-100m, >100m). One visit is made in early spring and a second in early summer. Like most surveys this is a sampling technique and will not record every single bird in the area, but over several seasons will show upward or downward trends. There is a current survey which attempts to note the number of Tawny Owls calling in a given area.

BIRDS: The British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) arranges various surveys one of which is the Breeding Bird Survey. This involves walking across a 1km map square (and back across on a parallel track) identifying every



Chalkhill Blue butterfly

and counted within a 1m x 1m square. This process is repeated about 20 times over the area of interest to allow for varying soil conditions and will usually give a good idea of the range of plants present. This technique is particularly useful to check plant diversity when land conditions are changing when trees and scrub are removed to create or restore grassland.

FUNGI: Fungi are not plants! As the appearance of the fruiting bodies (mushrooms, toadstools, brackets, etc) is decidedly seasonal and varies with weather conditions it can take many years to determine a reasonably accurate idea of the total number of species. The majority of the species can be determined in one season but repeated visits will add new species each year. A survey must involve every month of the year as some fruiting bodies appear in winter or spring while others turn up in summer or autumn.

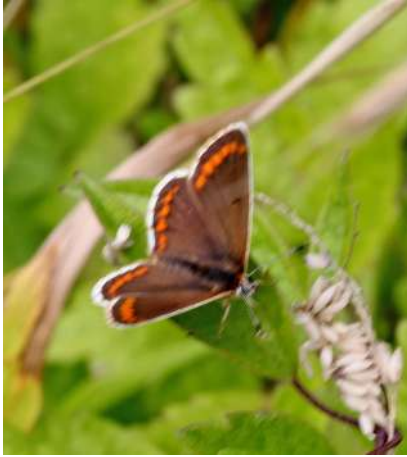
Other surveys look at small mammals, insects, bats but technology now plays a part.

Software and hardware exist to record bird song, bat calls and the stridulations of grasshoppers and will give an immediate suggestion for the species involved. Long-worth live traps can capture small



Orange Peel fungus

mammals for ID and later release. Trail cameras can be set up to detect animals and birds using a particular area. To get information about biodiversity surveys are essential. Occasionally a “bio-blitz” can be



BUTTERFLIES: Butterfly Conservation’s survey chooses a route around an area like Selsdon Woods and the investigator walks this transect once a week, in suitable weather conditions, for 26 weeks from 1st April to Sept. A totally separate survey asks people to count and ID butterflies in gardens or other areas and gives an idea of the status of particular species. In conjunction with the above BTO bird survey butterflies in “the wider countryside” are counted.

MOTHS: Though over the UK there are more day-flying moths than there are butterflies the majority of moths fly at night and the survey technique involves attracting moths to a trap with a

bright light. Apart from identifying the moth species an estimate of individual species numbers can be made. An alternative technique of “sugaring” can be used by painting a thick sugary solution on to trees or ropes and checking the moths which are attracted. You might have seen George McGavin using a large floodlit sheet to attract hundreds of moths on a foreign trip.

PLANTS: A cursory glance over the landscape can identify many plants but evidence of diversity requires more detailed



information. This can often be obtained by quadrat surveys where all the plants are identified

employed when individuals in a team will concentrate on different species groups and everything is

surveyed in one period to get an idea of the current bio-diversity.



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Coombe Wood School

by Jeremy Gill

This time last year we were awaiting the Inspector's Report of the need for a new secondary school in the South of the Borough and whether it should be built on the then Green belt Coombe Road site. The Inspector had to decide that there was an exceptional need for places in the area that could not be met by a non-green belt site.

Well Coombe Wood School now has its first year of pupils in its temporary buildings and the permanent buildings have received approval from the Council.

However St Andrew's School, a Croydon secondary school less than two miles from Coombe Wood School is closing due to lack of demand for places and we know many of the first year pupils at Coombe Wood School will go past St Andrews on their way to Coombe Wood School.

I guess this is competition for you and the site is a wonderful site for

a school but it does put into perspective the Inspector's decision.

The CVRA spoke at the Council Planning Committee meetings for both applications.

At the temporary school application we raised the issue of the safety of pupils crossing from the tram stop. Our concerns were acknowledged and agreed with but it seems subsequently ignored in the gap between the Council and Transport for London.

At the permanent school application we raise three planning issues two traffic management issues and two construction plan issues.

Our issues were acknowledged by the Councillors but the application was approved with only a couple of requests for mitigating actions from the Councillors. The first is for for more screening of the residents from the service yard and the second is for the school to

consider the need for overspill parking. Let's see how well the school implements these requests. It will give us more of an indication of how much of a good neighbour the school will be.

What the whole process does show is that once an application comes to the Planning Committee it is just about going to be approved. For large projects like the school it is at the pre-planning

meeting that changes could be made if the Councillors ask the right questions.

At the pre-planning meeting for the school, amongst other things, the Councillors asked whether the buildings were too close to the residents but did not follow up on the, in my opinion, woefully inadequate replies. That was our chance for, in my opinion, a reasonable design and it went.

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Carols by Candlelight

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St Francis Church, Tedder Rd, South Croydon, CR28AH

Sunday 16 December, 6:30pm

Croydon Philharmonic Choir's Christmas Cheer

Enjoy carols and Christmas songs, including the usual audience singalong numbers, mince pies, mulled wine and/or soft drinks.

To book in advance please contact tickets@croydonphilharmonic.org

Tickets: £15 (under 16s £10)

St Matthew's, Chichester Road CR0 5NQ

Monday 17 December, 7.30pm

Jim and Becca Present: Once Upon Another December

Jim and Becca return to the halls once more to sing a host of the Christmas tunes you know and love, in styles traditional and new.

Admission: £6 /£10 for included prosecco.

For more information and booking please visit

www.stanleyhalls.org.uk

Stanley Halls, South Norwood, SE25 6AB

Tuesday 18 December, 7:30pm

Coffee with a Copper

Chat with a police officer over a cuppa in the Carers Café. Please note that sessions may unfortunately need to be cancelled due to police commitments.

Carers Support Centre, 24 George Street, Croydon CR0 1PB

Wednesday 19 December, 10:30am-12:30pm

A Christmas Miscellany

Ian and Penny will give readings and recite poems relating to Christmases past and present.

Admission: Adults £5, young person £2.50

3 Sanderstead Hill, CR2 0HB

Wednesday 19 December, 8:00pm

The Great Big South Norwood Quiz

50 mindbending questions about South Norwood. In support of South Norwood Community Kitchen.

Admission: Teams of four £1 per head.

The Albert Tavern, 65 Harrington Road, SE25 ALX

Thursday 20 December, 7:30pm

Wreath making at Spring Park

Get into the festive spirit at our Christmas wreath making workshop. We will provide all materials and refreshments.

Everybody welcome and suitable for all ages. Children must be supervised by an adult at all times.

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For more information and
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<https://bit.ly/2Um11Ft>
Spring Park office, 141 Addington
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Saturday 22 December,
10:00am-12:00pm & 1:00-3:00pm.

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Jackson and share the Treasure of
Bruno Mars.

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**Croydon Jubilee Choir Christmas
Eve Midnight Service**

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Addington Road, Selsdon, CR2 8LA
Monday 24 December, 11:30pm

**Croydon Jubilee Choir
Christmas Day Service**

Selsdon Hall (Under Sainsbury's) 132
Addington Road, Selsdon, CR2 8LA
Tuesday 25 December, 10:00-11:00am

**Croydon Natural History &
Scientific Society Walk**

"The last walk of the year – Central
Croydon history", led by Paul
Sowan.

Meet at the Clocktower steps
Katharine Street
Thursday 27 December, 2:00pm

Christmas Giving Tree

Come along to our Giving Tree, pick a
tag, buy a gift, and then drop it back.
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Until 24 December

NYE: Black & White Party

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Monday 31 December, 9:00pm - 2:00am

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Open daily until Sunday 6 January

**Croydon Natural History & Scientific
Society Talk**

"The Regent's Canal", by Roger
Squires. The presentation reviews the
history of the canal and then takes the
audience on a journey along its length.
Small Hall of the East Croydon United
Reformed Church,
Addiscombe Grove

Wednesday 9 January, 7:45pm

Tales of the River Bank

Jenny Hibbert will take us down river
with stunning photographs of wildlife,
including kingfishers, otters, water

voles, and many other species.

Admission: Adults £5, young person £2.50

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Wednesday 9 January, 8:00pm

Pills from Plants and Modern Medicine

Illustrated talk by Professor Trevor Jones CBE. We will hear about medicines that were originally extracted from plants and their connection to modern medicines.

Admission: Adults £5, young person £2.50

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Wednesday 9 January, 8:00pm

Charity and Community Organisation Digital Marketing Skills Training Workshop

Croydon BME Forum and local BME led charity marketing company ELC Associates present this taster session where charities will learn how to harness the power of digital PR and content marketing to raise awareness, recruit supporters, donors, etc.

Admission: £10

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Croydon BME Forum, 56A Mitcham Rd, Croydon, CR0 3RG

Monday 14 January 9:00am-12.30pm.

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Wednesday 23 January, 10:00am-4:30pm

Croydon Natural History & Scientific Society Talk

“The Other Byron Girl”. Brian Lancaster uses the letters that Evan Byron wrote to illustrate the frustrations of a young 19th century woman who envied the freedom of her brothers.

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

Monday 28 January, 7:45pm

Croydon Natural History & Scientific Society Talk

“The Blue-green Revolution: Why our Future Depends on our knowledge of Plants” by Dr. Tim Ridgway.

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

Monday 4 February, 7:45pm

The John Gent Postcard Collection Part 2

John Hickman and Carole Roberts present images based on the late John Gent Collection of historic postcards.

Admission: Adults £5, young person £2.50

3 Sanderstead Hill, CR2 0HB

Wednesday 6 February, 8:00pm

LGBT History Month Civic Launch Event

A celebration of LGBT history to mark

the start of History Month. Further details to follow on www.lgbt-croydon.org.uk.

The Braithwaite Hall, Katherine Street, Croydon CR0 1NX
Thursday 7 February, 5:30pm

Northern Soul - People's Republic of South London Soul Club

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Saturday 16 February, 8:00-11:30pm

Croydon Natural History & Scientific Society Ecology Walk

Winter Trees in Kings Wood and Woodland Management, led by Jane McLaughlin and Malcolm Jennings. Meet at the end of Kingswood Lane, Sanderstead, TQ35 4597
24 Sunday February, 10:00am

Croydon Natural History & Scientific Society Talk

"Living on the Edge of the Green Belt", by John Grindrod. The story of the Green Belt told through social history and one family's experience living on the edge of Croydon. John Grindrod is the author of *Outskirts: Living Life on the Edge of the Green Belt*, which has been shortlisted for the Wainwright Prize.
Small Hall of the East Croydon

United Reformed Church,
Addiscombe Grove
Monday 25 February, 7:45pm

Recurring Events

Crochet Group

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Selsdon Library
Thursdays from 2:00- 4:00pm



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Scratchley Hall, Thornton Heath
Wednesdays 1.30-3.00pm

Christmas Saturday Vintage Shopping

Get into the festive spirit with complimentary mulled wine and vegan mince pies while you browse our vintage furniture, art, accessories, vinyl, clothes and homewares.
Atomica, Unit 1 ZK Park, CR0 4ZS
Croydon, United Kingdom
Saturday 15 and 22 December, 10:00am-4:00pm

Leave 'em Laughing

Another fantastic line up of acclaimed comedians to be announced!
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Stanley Halls, South Norwood, SE25
6AB

*Sundays 6 January, 3 February, 3
March, 7:30pm*

Events for Children

Musical Bumps

Musical Bumps classes offer the very best in music education! Every session is packed full of songs, games, puppets & percussion.

Ages: 0-4

For more information please visit www.musicalbumps.com
St Mildred's Community Centre,
Bingham Road, Addiscombe

Code Club

We think all children should have the opportunity to learn to code, no matter who they are or where they come from.

Admission: Free. Ages: 9-13

For more information and booking please visit www.codeclub.org.uk

Boogie Monsters Festive Family Acoustic Jam

Enjoy a festive musical mash up of Christmas themed chart hits, rocked up action songs and funky nursery rhymes!

Tickets: £9.50, £8.75 family discount.
For more information and booking please visit <https://bit.ly/2KUHyrp>
Boxpark Croydon, 99 George Street,
CR0 1LD

Sunday 16 December, 10:30am

Cinderella – Kin's £10 Panto

Packed solid with comedy, excitement, and adventure, the children will love to cheer Prince Charming and boo the horrible Step Sisters as they try to keep Cinderella from going to the ball.

Recommended age: 3 - 12

For more information and booking please visit <https://bit.ly/2G0obMT>
Ruskin House, 23 Coombe Road,
Croydon, CR0 1BD

Saturday 22 December, 12:30pm

Santa's Grotto

We're inviting you to visit Santa in his Toy Workshop Grotto!

Admission: £4.50.

Pre-book your visit online at www.centraleandwhitgift.co.uk
Ground Floor Mall, Central
Shopping Centre

Until Monday 24 December

New Year Kids Party

It's a big ask for little eyes to stay open for the midnight countdown, so we've come up with our own kid-friendly celebrations. Get face glitter and take part in party dances and games throughout the day.

Book online to save £1 per person at <https://bit.ly/2QJpHYg>

Godstone Farm, Tilburstow Hill
Road, Godstone, RH9 8LX

Saturday 29 to Monday 31st December

Family Disco at the Halls!

Join us for games, prizes, dancing, face painting, and fancy dress.

Admission: £3. Under 2s go free.

For more information and booking

please visit
<https://bit.ly/2RJNLYe>
Ages 13 and under. Children attending
must be supervised at all times.
Stanley Halls, South Norwood, SE25
6AB
Thursday 3 January, 4:00-7:00pm

The Elves and the Shoemaker

Award winning theatre company
Skewbald bring this charming
Christmas tale to life for all ages, using
colourful storytelling and enchanting
shadow puppetry!

Admission: £10

For more information and booking
please visit <https://bit.ly/2L46knt>
Stanley Halls, South Norwood, SE25
6AB

Until Saturday 5 January

Bach to Baby

Bach to Baby is the acclaimed concert
series for the whole family to enjoy
together.

Tickets: Adults £8-£12,
children free.

For more information booking, and
group discounts please visit
www.bachtobaby.com/croydon
St Mildreds Parish Church, 30 Bingham
Rd, CR0 7EB

Monday 14 January 10.30am

Museum of Croydon Events

Our family workshops run from 11am
to 4pm and are free, drop-in, family
events. Each activity is suitable for 5-



11 year olds, although other ages can
enjoy them too.

Saturday 22 December - Join us to create
some seasonal decorations.

Saturday 29 December - Plan 2019 by
creating your own calendar.

Wednesday 2 January - Be inspired by
the Riesco collection to design your
own pottery made from tissue paper.

Thursday 3 January - Piece the bones
together to make an Anglo-Saxon
skeleton.

Saturday 5 January - Recognise World
Braille Day and learn to write your
name in braille.

Saturday 12 January - Create a hat
inspired by the people who help us!

Selsdon Library Weekly Activities

All free, no booking required.

Toddler Play and Stay
10.30-11.30am

Storytime:
Ages 2 1/2 years +
Tuesdays 10.30-11am

Rhymetime
For babies and toddlers
Fridays 10.30am - 11am

Rock and Rhyme
For babies and toddlers
Saturdays 10.30am - 11am

Useful Information

Police

Reporting An Emergency

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

Reporting Non Emergencies

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

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.

www.croydon.gov.uk

Councillors for South Croydon Ward

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

Councillors for Selsdon & Addington Village

Cllr. Helen Pollard,
Cllr Robert Ward

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.

Refuse Information

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

Blue topped wheelie bin: paper. Collection fortnightly

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

New small wheelie bins: landfill. Collection fortnightly

Textiles should be bagged and left out for collection weekly

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