

CROYDON

NATURAL HISTORY & SCIENTIFIC

SOCIETY

CROYDON NATURAL HISTORY AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY LIMITED
Founded in 1870 as the Croydon Microscopical Club
Headquarters and Registered Office: 96A Brighton Road, South Croydon, CR2 6AD.
Website: www.cnhss.co.uk

SOCIETY OBJECTIVES

For the public benefit, to encourage the study of the sciences, especially the natural and local history and archaeology of the Croydon area, by organising lectures, members' talks, discussions, exhibitions, field meetings and surveys, by issuing publications, and by maintaining a library and a museum.

The Society is concerned with original investigation, conservation, recording, curation, education, and incidental recreation.

MEETINGS

Unless otherwise stated, indoor meetings are held in the Small Hall of the East Croydon United Reformed Church (ECURC), Addiscombe Grove, Croydon CR0 5LP, at 19:45. The church hall is just a couple of minutes away from East Croydon station, and thus accessible by train, tram or one of the many buses that serve the East Croydon area. Please note that parking is currently restricted due to building works.

MUSEUM AND LIBRARY

The Society's own museum and library may be visited by arrangement with the curator and librarian respectively (see **DIRECTORY**). Volunteers willing to help with cataloguing the geological and archaeological collection are welcome. Members may borrow books from the library.

ORNITHOLOGY GROUP

The group is an informal part of the society and does not have a section secretary but remains active, meeting at least twice a month at various birding sites near and far, for example, at South Norwood Country Park, Beddington Park, the Oare marshes in Kent and Pagham harbour in Sussex. For details contact Ornithology. It is necessary to inform the leader of each excursion in advance that you are going. The place of meeting is always the venue. There are no indoor meetings apart from when the programme of outings is planned.

ENTOMOLOGY SECTION

Graham Collins is the Section Secretary and he and Jovita Kaunang organise and hold meetings on the third Wednesday of every month, at the East Croydon United Reformed Church (ECURC) in one of the smaller rooms, and occasionally encompass wider natural history and environmental themes. The meetings are informal and usually involve one or more short presentations, sometimes with video, as well as exhibits, such as photographs, specimens, books and equipment. Refreshments are served.



The Society's emblem is based on a bronze openwork disc found in 1893 in a Saxon cemetery in Edridge Road Croydon. It is a rare example of a fifth- or sixth- century girdle ornament or amulet and can be seen at the Riesco Gallery of the Museum of Croydon.

PROGRAMME 446

OCTOBER 2019 – APRIL 2020

Meetings cover Local & Industrial History, Archaeology, Geology,
Entomology, Botany & Ornithology.

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The Society is a company limited by guarantee, without share capital, and registered in London No. 922278, is registered charity No. 260739, and is recognised by the Croydon Education Authority as an educational body.

DIRECTORY

All general correspondence should be addressed to the Society at its Registered Office, 96a Brighton Road, South Croydon, CR2 6AD. For enquiries please contact Information as below.

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The Elected Officers are Members of Council and they, with the Ordinary Members of Council, are all Directors of the Limited Company.

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR): Data Privacy Statement: the Society holds the following data on its Members: Name, Address, Telephone Number(s), Email Address, Membership type, Subscription record.

Only Council Members, Trustees and Post Holders who require access to this personal data needed to carry out their role within the Society are provided with access to the data. This includes mailings of CNHSS publications, maintaining membership and subscription records and contact details for finding volunteers for specific purposes.

Information will not be shared with third parties without express permission from the member concerned. This statement is also on our website at www.cnhss.co.uk.

PUBLICATIONS

Illustrated local history books and recent Proceedings

- CROYDON BETWEEN THE WARS (2nd ed. 1993).....£4.75
CROYDON IN THE 1940s AND 1950s (2nd ed. 2000)£6.75
CROYDON OLD AND NEW, enlarged (1995)£6.75
CROYDON FROM ABOVE (1999)£6.75
CROYDON'S TRANSPORT – through the ages (2001).....£8.75
A VIEW OF CROYDON: Postcards from the past (2011)£10.95
18(8) ANCIENT WOODS IN CROYDON (Jane McLauchlin), THE MYSTERIOUS DEATHS OF A FAMILY IN COULSDON (Brian Lancaster) & ST GILES OPEN-AIR SCHOOL, CROYDON (Grace M Rose, 2004)£2.95
18(9) THE ARCHBISHOPS' TOWN, THE MAKING OF MEDIEVAL CROYDON (Oliver Harris, 2005)£2.95
19(1) VICTORIAN THORNTON HEATH – THE STORY OF A VARIED LIFE (The autobiography of Joseph J Elliot, edited by Brian Lancaster, 2008)£3.50
19(2) A FERTILE MIND, CUTHBERT WILLIAM JOHNSON: CROYDON'S VICTORIAN AGRICULTURAL WRITER & PUBLIC HEALTH REFORMER (Brian Lancaster, 2009)£3.50
19(3) GARDENERS AND GUARDIANS OF THE EARTH, THE LIVES OF THE REV. WILLIAM WILKS – OF SHIRLEY POPPY FAME, MARY SIBTHORP, ADDISCOMBE'S PIONEER ECOLOGIST (AND CAMPAIGNER FOR REFUGEES FROM NAZI TERROR), AND GEORGE CLINCH, LOCAL ANTIQUARIAN (Brian Lancaster et al 2010)£3.50
19(4) GLOW WORMS, FIELD EXPERIMENTS AND SURVEYS 1993-2008. (Malcolm Jennings and Victor Wallace 2012).....£3.50
19(5) OF BRICKS AND MEN, RECOLLECTIONS OF HANDLEY'S WOODSIDE BRICKWORKS, CROYDON, AND OF LOCAL HISTORIAN JOHN GENT (Edward Handley on his father's brickworks and Paul Sowan on John Gent and on brick-making and brickfields in Croydon, 2012)£3.50
19(6) THE DAWNING OF A NEW AGE; CROYDON AND THE ADVENT OF ITS ELECTRICITY SUPPLY 1881 – 1898 (Ron Brooker 2013).....£4.50
19(7) THE HAPPIEST DAYS....?: LIFE AS SEEN THROUGH CROYDON SCHOOL LOG BOOKS' (Ron Cox 2014)£4.50
19(8) WINDOWS ONTO THE POOR LAW: COMPARING THE CROYDON AND GODSTONE POOR LAW UNIONS 1835 TO 1866 (Brian Lancaster 2015)£6.95
19(9) CONSUMED BY FIRE: THE DESTRUCTION OF CROYDON PARISH CHURCH IN 1867 AND ITS REBUILD'. (Brian Lancaster 2016)£4.50
20(1) STRANGE BEDFELLOWS: CROYDON'S SLAVE OWNERS AND HISTORIANS. (Ron Cox's final talk to the Society, Sean Creighton on Croydon's connections with slavery and Brian Lancaster on John Corbet Anderson, 2017)£5.00
20(2) SURREY KILLING FIELDS: THE WARTIME JOURNAL OF A CHIPSTEAD SCHOOLBOY FRIEND OF A GAMEKEEPER. (The 1942-3 journal of Bruce Larcombe, edited by Brian Lancaster, 2018)£5.99

The above books, and these and other Proceedings (details on request), can be obtained from the Society. For postage and packing please add £1.50.

OCTOBER

- 7 **Monday – TALK** – “The Isle of Wight: its wildlife and countryside”. Malcolm Jennings will talk about the often rare and beautiful flora and fauna of the Isle of Wight, its spectacular marine landscape, and also some of the historic sites on the Island.
- 16 **Wednesday – ENTOMOLOGY SECTION MEETING.** Beginners Room, ECURC.
- 27 **Sunday – ECOLOGY WALK** – “Autumn Fruits and Fungi in Littleheath Woods”. Meet at 10:00 at the bottom of the steps at the end of Queenhill Road TQ349627. Led by Jane McLauchlin and Malcolm Jennings.
- 28 **Monday – TALK** – “The Nostradamus of South Norwood”, by Stephen Oxford. The predictions of Nostradamus are open to interpretation and much criticism, whilst those of a past South Norwood resident are far clearer and more accurate.

NOVEMBER

- 13 **Wednesday – TALK** – “All About Badgers”. This talk by Ian Tilbury will cover the natural history of badgers, field signs to look for, their protection and persecution, badgers and people, planning issues, rescue and rehabilitation, with particular reference to the work that East Surrey Badger Protection Society does in releasing orphaned cubs back into the wild.
- 20 **Wednesday – ENTOMOLOGY SECTION MEETING.** Beginners Room, ECURC.
- 25 **Monday – TALK** – “Vesta Tilley and Her World”, by Keith Fawkes and Richard Norman. Vesta Tilley was one of the highest paid performers of the Music Hall era and making her reputation as a male impersonator. Her recorded songs and film clips will be used to illustrate her career.

30 **Saturday – FOCUS** – our annual Focus Meeting which will this year concentrate on Trees and Woods. There will be talks by Aljos Farjon on Ancient Oaks in the English landscape and Sam Bentley-Toon on the Great North Wood Project. As usual tea will be provided, and there will be a chance to pay subscriptions for 2020. At the David Sweet Hall ECURC starting at 14.30.

DECEMBER

- 1 **Sunday – ECOLOGY AND HISTORY WALK** – “The Great North Wood”. Following the Focus meeting on 30 November, a walk through some fragments of the Great North Wood, from Crystal Palace to the Horniman Museum, where there is a café. Meet at 10:00 at the junction of Farquhar Road and Crystal Palace Parade. Led by Jane McLauchlin and Celia Bailey.
- 2 **Monday – CNHSS CHRISTMAS TALK** – “The Biology of Christmas”. A seasonal illustrated talk by Jane McLauchlin.

- 18 **Wednesday – ENTOMOLOGY SECTION MEETING.** Beginners Room, ECURC.
- 29 **Sunday – WALK** – “The last walk of the year – around Central Croydon”. To consider (mostly) buildings older than us! Meet at Croydon Town Hall Clocktower entrance at 14:00. Led by Paul Sowan.

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Subscriptions are due if not already paid please.

JANUARY

- 8 **Wednesday – TALK** – “The Croydon Ponds Project”. A talk by Adam Asquith. In this Heritage Lottery Funded project, The Conservation Volunteers have been working with local volunteers to research the ecology and history of Croydon’s ponds.
- 15 **Wednesday – ENTOMOLOGY SECTION MEETING.** PLEASE NOTE NEW VENUE: The Church Lounge, East Croydon United Reformed Church.
- 27 **Monday – TALK** – “What’s in a Name” by Ian Payne. Based on my personal researches, we discover the origin of ‘Ian Garryk’. Then we look at my father, the perfect English gentleman, but documents in the loft prove otherwise. Why was the name changed to Payne? DNA reveals a second cousin which leads to Szrefisk in the Russian Pale of Settlement thence to Polish and Russian birth and marriage certificates with translation pitfalls and a surprising outcome.

FEBRUARY

- 3 **Monday – TALK** – “Building Stone Castles in NW Wales: Medieval Construction and Regional Geology”. A talk by Dr Ruth Siddall. The construction of Edward I’s castles at Caernarfon, Harlech, Conwy and Beaumaris primarily used the varied local stone of Anglesey and the north-west Welsh mainland. This talk will illustrate how these castles were built in the late 13th and early 14th Centuries using often unexpected building materials.
- 19 **Wednesday – ENTOMOLOGY SECTION MEETING.** Church Lounge, ECURC.
- 23 **Sunday – ECOLOGY WALK** – “Winter Trees in Threehalfpenny Wood”. Meet at 10:00 at the junction of Woodland Way and Copse Avenue, TQ378649. Led by Jane McLauchlin and Malcolm Jennings.

- 24 **Monday – TALK** – “The History of Croydon’s Sewage Treatment 1852 – 1969”. This talk by Robin Ashford considers the pioneering work to deal with the pollution arising from an increasing population density and industrial activities in the Croydon area. It looks at the need for and evolution of drainage systems and the development of sewage treatment from simple discharge to land through to modern forms of sewage treatment.

MARCH

- 2 **Monday – TALK** – “My Pound Shop Pot Garden”, by Penny Frith. The talk is a sequel to Penny's previous talk on the insect life of a Peckham park.

- 18 Wednesday – ENTOMOLOGY SECTION MEETING.** Church Lounge, ECURC.
- 21 Saturday – VISIT –** "Valence House", a manor house and local museum in Dagenham. Meet at 14:00 at Becontree Underground Station. We shall then be taking the 62 bus towards Chadwell Heath, alighting at Becontree Avenue. Entry is free. Led by Brian Lancaster.
- 23 Monday – TALK –** "Edmund Byron, Squire of Coulsdon 1863-1921: Domestic and estate management", by Nigel Elliott. What do we know about Coulsdon Court's domestic staff? How was the Byron estate managed? This talk addresses these questions and features three notable employees.

APRIL

**OUR 150th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS COMMENCE
To continue through to October 2020**

- 4 Saturday – 150th ANNIVERSARY OPENING EVENT.** In the Great Hall, Old Palace School, Old Palace Road Croydon CR0 1AX, 13:45 for 14:00 and finishing by 17:00. This will be a (free) ticketed event and fuller details and tickets will be available from the website and at meetings.
- 5 Sunday – WALK –** “Wandle Park and area in 1870”. Looking at all aspects of interest to our society: the local history, geology, archaeology, botany, ornithology, industrial history and entomology. With contributions by several members of CNHSS. Meet at 10:00 at Wandle Park tram stop.
- 6 Monday – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND TALKS ON CROYDON IN 1870.** On this the actual 150th anniversary of our founding in 1870 as the Croydon Microscopical Club, the AGM will be followed by a refreshment break and several short talks on the formation of the Society and on aspects of Croydon life in 1870. 1870s costume optional. PLEASE NOTE THE EARLIER START AT 19:30.
- 13 Monday – ECOLOGY WALK –** “Ancient Woods”. The first in a series of explorations of our local wildlife habitats, for our anniversary year. Spring flowers in Banstead Woods. Meet at 14:00 in the Holly Lane car park, TQ273582. Led by Jane McLaughlin and Malcolm Jennings.
- 15 Wednesday – ENTOMOLOGY SECTION MEETING.** Church Lounge, ECURC.
- 19 Sunday – WALK –** “Central Croydon buildings in 1870”. Looking at buildings still extant from 1870, or that would have been important at that time. With contributions by several members of CNHSS. Meet at 14:00 at Croydon Minster.
- 27 Monday – TALK –** “Ornithology Welcome Evening”. With talks and a display ahead of field events in May.

RENEWAL/MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

TITLE AND NAME (print).....
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SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2020

ORDINARY AND GROUP MEMBERS £18 pa
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS £10 pa (FOR THOSE
 AT AN ADDRESS WITH AN ORDINARY, LIFE OR
 HONORARY MEMBER).
LIFE MEMBERS £175

I enclose my subscription of for Renewal/Ordinary/Associate/Life Membership (delete inapplicable words). Cheques to be made out to **CNHSS** or request a standing order from the **Membership Secretary, c/o 96a Brighton Road, South Croydon, CR2 6AD**

I agree to support the objectives and regulations of the CNHSS and accept the conditions laid down in its Memorandum and Articles of Association (which can be inspected by writing to the Company Secretary at the above address). I understand that if the Society is wound up within one year of my membership terminating I am liable to contribute to its assets a sum not exceeding £1.

Please see our GDPR statement concerning data privacy on the reverse of this form.

Signed Date

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Signature of adult

Relation to applicant

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