

RENEWAL/MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2016

ORDINARY & GROUP MEMBERS **£18.00 pa**

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS **£10.00 pa**

(APPLICABLE ONLY TO THOSE IN A HOUSEHOLD 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.

SignedDate

If you are under 18, your application has to be countersigned by a parent or other responsible adult:

Signature

Relation to applicant

If you pay UK Income Tax. Please treat all gifts of money that I make today and in the future as Gift Aid donations. You must pay an amount of Income Tax for each tax year that is at least equal to the amount of tax that CNHSS will reclaim on your gifts for that tax year. Please notify CNHSS if you want or need to cancel this declaration.

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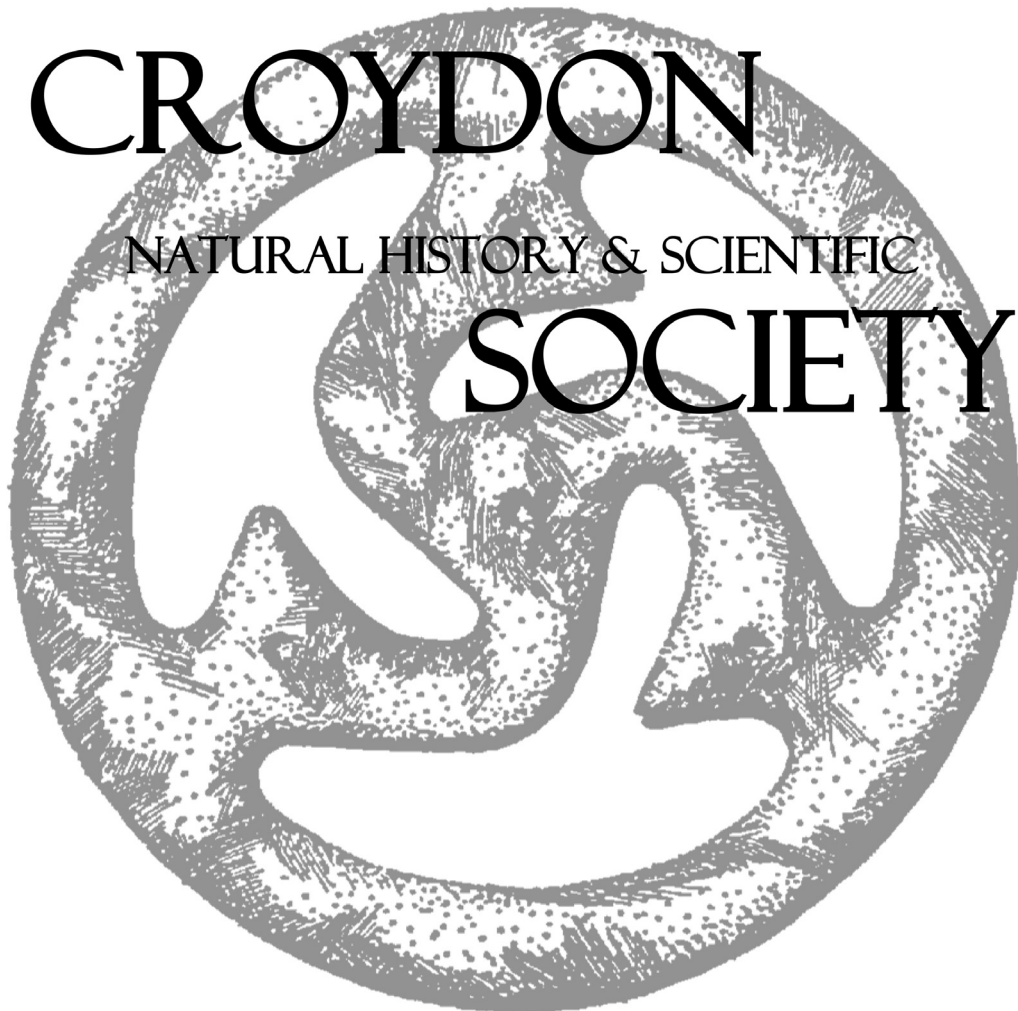
The applicant was elected as an member at its Council meeting on

Signed and dated by the President or Member of Council

CROYDON

NATURAL HISTORY & SCIENTIFIC

SOCIETY



PROGRAMME 438

OCTOBER 2015 - APRIL 2016

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

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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.

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, Addiscombe Grove, almost opposite East Croydon Station, at 7.45pm.

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 as it does not have a section secretary but it 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. Details can be obtained from the General Secretary who will send you a programme of the excursions. It is necessary to inform the leader of each excursion in advance to let him or her know 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 meetings are held at the East Croydon United Reformed Church in one of the smaller rooms. The meetings are informal insofar as there are no invited speakers. Members bring along specimens they have found or photographs they have taken of insects for the purpose of either identification or discussion or both. Members sometimes bring along equipment. There are no excursions but this does not rule out going outside.



The Society's emblem is based on a bronze openwork disc found in 1893 in a Saxon cemetery in Edridge Road, between Croydon High Street and Park Lane. It is a rare example of a 5th- or 6th-century girdle ornament or amulet and is now in the Croydon Museum.

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 by telephone, ring Information as below. For electronic enquiries please email information@cnhss.org.uk

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ORDINARY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

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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.

The Society's home page is at <http://www.cnhss.org.uk/archives/index.htm>

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PUBLICATIONS

Illustrated local history books

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

Some Recent Proceedings

18(7) THE “CROYDON CASE”: DIRTY OLD TOWN TO MODEL TOWN (Brian Lancaster, 2001)	£2.95
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

The above books, and copies of our Proceedings (details on request), can be obtained from the Society. For postage and packing please add £1.60.

OCTOBER

- 3 Saturday - BOTANY WALK** - “Autumn Fruitfulness”. A walk on Kenley Common through woodland and along hedgerows looking at Autumn’s bounty. Meet at 14.00 in Marling Close (near Stumps Lane footpath sign), Kenley. Led by Jane McLauchlin and Malcolm Jennings, in conjunction with Surrey Wildlife Trust.
- 14 Wednesday – TALK** – “Puerperal Insanity in Brookwood Asylum 1867 - 1900.” Using evidence from asylum casebooks, Helen Gristwood’s talk will examine the treatment of women admitted to Brookwood Asylum.
- 19 Monday – TALK** – “Vanished City”. A second talk by Tom Bolton. London is constantly on the move. There is so much change all around us that we scarcely notice it, but places that have vanished and have been forgotten include some of London’s most famous - and infamous - neighbourhoods.
- 21 Wednesday – ENTOMOLOGY** – Members’ evening (Beginners Room).
- 24 Saturday - WALK** – “In and Around Merstham”. Paul Sowan will lead a walk around the Village, Church, and the Quarry Dean area to explain aspects of mineral industry and railway history in this remarkable parish. Meet at Merstham Station at 14.00.
- 26 Monday – TALK** – “Croydon’s Lost Cricket Grounds”, a talk by our honorary member, Roger Packham. Find out when and where the England Eleven, the Australians, and W.G.Grace himself appeared in Croydon and why local cricket is such an important part of Croydon's local history.

NOVEMBER

- 1 Sunday - BOTANY WALK** – “Autumn Colours and Fungi”. A fungus foray over Croham Hurst taking in the colours of Autumn on the way. Meet at 10.00 by the junction of Croham Manor Road and Bankside, South Croydon. Led by Jane McLauchlin and Malcolm Jennings, in conjunction with Surrey Wildlife Trust.
- 2 MONDAY – TALK** – “Riddlesdown Quarry: Managing the finest Chalk exposure in London”. Dr Jonathan Paul - Research Fellow, Department of Earth Sciences, UCL will discuss, the disused Riddlesdown chalk quarry, near Purley; it contains the most complete, fully accessible outcrop of Upper Cretaceous chalk in the London area.
- 18 Wednesday – ENTOMOLOGY** – Members’ evening (Beginners Room).
- 28 Saturday** – Our annual **FOCUS** meeting with talks on "Hominid Origins", from the earliest times to the development of humanity in Europe during the Upper Palaeolithic; this topic to be covered by Dr Jill Cook - Keeper, Department of Britain, Europe & Prehistory at the British Museum. Other speaker to be announced. As usual tea will be provided. Non-members are encouraged to make a donation. David Sweet Hall, ECURC 14:30.
- 30 MONDAY – TALK** – “Coach Roads to Brighton”. A talk by Geoff Hewlett, retired teacher from Whitgift School. The talk will look at the problems presented by the landscape the coaches crossed, the evolution of the turnpike roads, changes in stage coach construction, and stories connected with people and incidents along the roads.

DECEMBER

- 9 **Wednesday – TALK** – “An Introduction to the Diversity of the John Gent Collection.” A Talk by John Hickman and Carole Roberts. The many thousands of topographical views provide an unparalleled insight into the shape and social history of Croydon, but the collection goes much further. We will be having a convivial peek into what else it holds.
- 16 **Wednesday – ENTOMOLOGY** – Members’ evening (Beginners Room).

JANUARY - SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE

- 18 **Monday – TALK** – “Transforming Victoria Underground Station”. A major civil engineering project is currently underway, this talk, by Kathryn Waghorn, one of the engineers, will focus on the reasons for the project, an overview of the scheme and reviewing how the interfaces with the existing station are proving a challenge.
- 20 **Wednesday – ENTOMOLOGY** – Members’ evening (Beginners Room).
- 23 **Saturday – VISIT** - “Dennis Severs House”. This Georgian house at 18 Folgate Street, Spitalfields is more than just a time capsule, it is both a breathtaking and an intimate portrait of the lives of a family of Huguenot silk-weavers, a magical experience. Pre book and pay with Celia Bailey 020 8686 5610, as numbers are limited, by January 9th, £12 per person. Meet outside at 10.45.
- 25 **Monday - TALK** – “William Stanley, The Man and his Halls”. Some additional Light on William Stanley, the construction of the Stanley Halls and their early days’. A Talk by John Hickman.

FEBRUARY

- 10 **Wednesday – TALK** – “Reflections on Moated sites in Surrey”. Richard Savage will talk about these hard to find places, including the site at South Norwood dug by the CNHSS in 1972.
- 17 **Wednesday – ENTOMOLOGY** – Members’ evening (Beginners Room).
- 22 **Monday – TALK** – “London's Sailortown in the 18th century”. Derek Morris, a noted local Historian will look at Shadwell and Ratcliff, challenging the well- established stereotypes that purported to describe London's eastern parishes in the eighteenth century.
- 29 **Monday – TALK** – “Out Of The Borough Archives”. A talk by the borough archivist, Lindsay Ould. This talk will focus on some of the lesser known collections and highlight how these are being accessed by groups or local researchers.

MARCH

- 6 **Sunday – WALK** – “Purley Way Industries”. Join Tom Smith, Wandle park Volunteering and Learning Officer to look at some of the exciting things produced in this area, we will discover the largest brick built building in Europe, the site of a Hollywood film, giant factories, art deco and the world’s first airport! Meet at 10.30 outside Airport House, Purley Way.
- 6 **Sunday – VISIT** – “Croydon Airport”, a tour of the Croydon Airport Visitor Centre. The magnificent terminal building, opened in 1928, set a new standard for air travel. It was the world’s biggest and most advanced airport at the time. Meet in the booking hall, Airport House, Purley Way, Croydon, CR0 0XZ, at 14.00.

- 7 **Monday – TALK** – “Rock of Ages: Stonemasons – The Architects of Mediaeval Europe”, James Wright, Senior Archaeologist, MOLA will talk on historic masonry, the men who shaped not only the material but the architectural appearance of the Medieval period.
- 12 **Saturday – BOTANY WALK** – “Winter Trees and Local History”. Another walk on Coulsdon Common through newly created Wood Pasture and alongside hedgerows, Led by Richard Dargan at 14.00 in the public car park behind the Fox pub, in conjunction with Surrey Wildlife Trust.
- 16 **Wednesday – ENTOMOLOGY** – Members’ evening (Beginners Room).
- 21 **Monday – TALK** – “Who Did You See At Croydon’s Empire, Grand and Davis Theatres?” an historical review of Croydon’s last surviving major Theatres and their famous performers (with film clips), A talk by Richard Norman and Carole Roberts.
- 26 **Saturday – WALK** – “The 'Beckenham Cemetery.’” Led by John Hickman, meet at the rear entrance, beside Harrington Road Tram Stop, at 14.30. Opened in the mid-1870's, it has been the destination of the local 'Great Majority' ever since. Visiting the graves of heroes and heroines, Bishops and actors and hear of their 'life doings.'

APRIL

- 4 **Monday – TALK** – “Mapping the Geology of Croydon and East Surrey”. Paul Sowan will talk about how geological maps have been made since 1819, and what they do and don’t tell us! Illustrated with examples from the societies collection.
- 10 **Sunday – BOTANY WALK** – “Wonderful Wood Anemones”. An early Spring walk through Selsdon Woods when hopefully the Wood Anemones will be at their best. Meet in Selsdon Woods car park off Old Farleigh Road, Selsdon at 14.00. Led by Jane McLauchlin and Malcolm Jennings, in conjunction with Surrey Wildlife Trust.
- 13 **Wednesday – TALK** – “Croydon’s Connections with the slavery business” Sean Creighton will discuss the emerging evidence about these links in Croydon and the beginning of the black presence in the area, and The Legacies of British Slave-ownership project at University College.
- 16 **Saturday – WALK** – “The Grand Union Canal and Osterley Park”. A 5 mile walk looking at the Hanwell flight of locks, Brunels’ Bridges and Osterley Park, (National Trust). Optional pub lunch and afternoon tea at Meet at Osterley Park Underground Station at 10.00, led by Paul Sowan and Celia Bailey.
- 20 **Wednesday – ENTOMOLOGY** – Members’ evening (Beginners Room).
- 21 **Thursday – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** – Followed after refreshments, by the Presidential Address given by John Hickman. “Letters to the Editor”. A micro-history of South Norwood through letters written to a local newspaper a century or more ago. Everyday life may have changed, but have attitudes and perceptions? David Sweet Hall ECURC, 19:45.
- 25 **Monday – TALK** – “ ‘You Don’t Know What You Are Talking About?’ ”. A talk by Ron Cox who is retiring after 68 years of talking local history. In his farewell talk to the Society he reflects on the changes that he has seen in the study of Local History - both locally and nationally - and will relate some of his experiences on the way.