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# CROYDON

NATURAL HISTORY & SCIENTIFIC

# SOCIETY

PROGRAMME 442

OCTOBER 2017 - APRIL 2018

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 19.45.

### 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. For details contact Information. 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 he and Jovita Kaunang organise and hold meetings at the East Croydon United Reformed Church in one of the smaller rooms. The meetings are informal and usually involve one or more short presentations, sometimes with video, as well as exhibits, such as photographs or 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, between Croydon High Street and Park Lane. It is a rare example of a 5th- or 6th-century girdle ornament or amulet and can be seen at the Riesco Gallery of the Museum of Croydon.

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](mailto:information@cnhss.org.uk)

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## 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

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

- 7 **Saturday – ECOLOGY WALK** – “Farleigh Fungus Foray”. A walk around Greatpark Wood looking for fungi and other fruits of the forest as Autumn approaches. Meet at 10.00 in the car park next to St. Mary the Virgin church, Church Road, off Farleigh Court Road, Farleigh, Warlingham, TQ372601. Leaders Jane McLauchlin and Malcolm Jennings.
- 9 **Monday – TALK** – “Looking for Life on Mars”. When life began on Earth 3.8 billion years ago Mars was habitable, with surface water and a thick atmosphere. Now it is cold, dry and harsh, but it is still our closest hope for life beyond Earth. For this talk we welcome back Professor Andrew Coates from the UCL Mullard Space Science Laboratory.
- 15 **Sunday – ECOLOGY WALK** – “30 years on: remembering the Great Storm of 16 October 1987”. Meet at 10.00 in Kingswood Lane, Sanderstead, at the entrance to Kings Wood, TQ354598. Led by Jane McLauchlin and Malcolm Jennings, in conjunction with Surrey Wildlife Trust.
- 16 **Monday – TALK** – “The Wandle and the Prehistory of South-West London”, by archaeologist Jon Cotton.
- 18 **Wednesday – ENTOMOLOGY MEMBERS’ EVENING** – (Beginners Room, ECURC).
- 30 **Monday – TALK** – “From Mountbatten to Patten: Proconsuls and the Ending of Empire - 1947-1997”. A talk by Tony Stockwell, Emeritus Professor of Modern History, examining the role and reputations of proconsuls at empire’s end.

## NOVEMBER

- 4 **Saturday – ECOLOGY WALK** – “Croham Hurst Fungus Foray”. Autumn colours and fungi on this walk over the ancient woodland of Croham Hurst. Meet at the junction of Croham Manor Road and Bankside, South Croydon, TQ335636. Leaders Jane McLauchlin and Malcolm Jennings.
- 13 **Monday – TALK** – “Religions and Burials in Roman Sussex”. By David Rudling, Academic Director of the Sussex School of Archaeology, exploring the evidence for various religious and burial practices throughout Roman Sussex. Whilst some of these practices are ‘mainstream Roman culture’, others may indicate continuity of aspects of local traditions from the Late Iron Age.
- 15 **Wednesday – ENTOMOLOGY MEMBERS’ EVENING** – (Beginners Room, ECURC).
- 25 **Saturday – FOCUS ON BALDWIN LATHAM** – our annual Focus Meeting which will this year concentrate on Croydon’s famous sanitary engineer Baldwin Latham, with talks by Martin Gregory and Brian Lancaster on his career in Croydon and nationally. As usual tea will be provided, and there will be a chance to pay subscriptions for 2018. At the David Sweet Hall ECURC starting at 14.30.
- 27 **Monday – TALK** – ‘Chaldon stone quarries’. A talk by Peter Burgess about the history and nature of the quarries south of Chaldon which date from the medieval period.

## DECEMBER

- 4 **Monday – CNHSS CHRISTMAS TALK** – “Croydon in postcards from the past”. John Hickman and Carole Roberts again delve into the John Gent Postcards Collection to present another seasonal tour of life and times in the borough across the 20th century.
- 20 **Wednesday – ENTOMOLOGY MEMBERS’ EVENING** – (Beginners Room, ECURC).



From the John Gent Postcard Collection. © CNHSS

## 2018

We wish our members a very Happy New Year. **SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE** - if not already paid we look forward to receiving these as soon as possible please via the Membership Secretary as above.

## JANUARY

- 7 **Sunday – WALK** – “Rolling Stones – Part 3”. Addington Hills, the third primarily geological walk comparing and contrasting other hills capped by Blackheath Pebbles. Led by Paul Sowan. Meet at the tram stop at the top of Coombe Lane at 14.00.
- 10 **Wednesday – TALK** – “The tin tabernacles of Surrey”. A talk by Gerry Moss, a retired university chemistry lecturer who has been involved with the archaeology and local history of Surrey for many years. Tin Tabernacles were first constructed in the 1850s with a peak in the 1880s and 1890s. The current total found in historic Surrey is about 260 and modern Surrey still has five used as churches.
- 17 **Wednesday – ENTOMOLOGY MEMBERS’ EVENING** – (Beginners Room, ECURC).
- 29 **Monday – TALK** – “The Reign of King Edward VII, with philatelic and picture references of his coronation”. A talk by David Milsted, Trustee of the Whitehorse Youth Centre and Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society.

## FEBRUARY

- 5 **Monday – TALK** – “The Living Wandle”. Rebecca Watts will talk about the River Wandle, what has been taking place there through the work of the Living Wandle Landscape Partnership over the past few years and the River’s future.

- 18 **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, in conjunction with Surrey Wildlife Trust.
- 21 **Wednesday – ENTOMOLOGY MEMBERS’ EVENING** – (Beginners Room, ECURC).
- 26 **Monday – TALK** – “Camden Town: Dreams of Another London”, by Tom Bolton, author of the recent book of the same name. Camden Town sprang up in fields at the edge of London with the railways, and was soon a teeming mixture of dirt and poverty, factories and warehouses, outcasts and exiles, artists and writers, all sharing a few streets. The talk will examine significant buildings, surviving and vanished, to reconstruct Camden’s past and consider its present.

## MARCH

- 5 **Monday – TALK** – “The birdlife of Beddington farmlands since the 1960s”. A talk by Derek Coleman, about the fluctuations of the birds using the farmlands taking into account the changes following the demise of the drying of sludge. Derek will also give an update on the Energy Recovery Facility and the future of the farmlands.
- 21 **Wednesday – ENTOMOLOGY MEMBERS’ EVENING** – (Beginners Room, ECURC).
- 26 **Monday – TALK** – “Owen Manning, William Bray and the writing of Surrey County History, 1760-1832”. A talk by Julian Pooley, Public Services and Engagement Manager at Surrey History Centre.

## APRIL

- 8 **Sunday – ECOLOGY WALK** – “Spring in Banstead Wood”. Meet at 14.00 in the Holly Lane car park, TQ273582. Leaders Jane McLauchlin and Malcolm Jennings, in conjunction with Surrey Wildlife Trust.
- 11 **Wednesday – TALK** – “The Green Belt”. A talk by Graham Lomas about the rise in population and economic growth making the green belt vulnerable and about the problem of reconciling the competing claims of living space and conservation. Graham produced the first comprehensive map of the green belt.
- 18 **Wednesday – ENTOMOLOGY MEMBERS’ EVENING** – (Beginners Room, ECURC).

19 **Thursday – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** – Followed, after refreshments, by the Presidential Address given by John Hickman. At the David Sweet Hall ECURC starting at 19.45.

- 30 **Monday – TALK** – “Sword Hilts”. A talk by Tony Tucker on the surviving ceremonial sword hilts, their design, their history and the coats of arms displayed upon them, based on his latest book for Friends of City Churches.