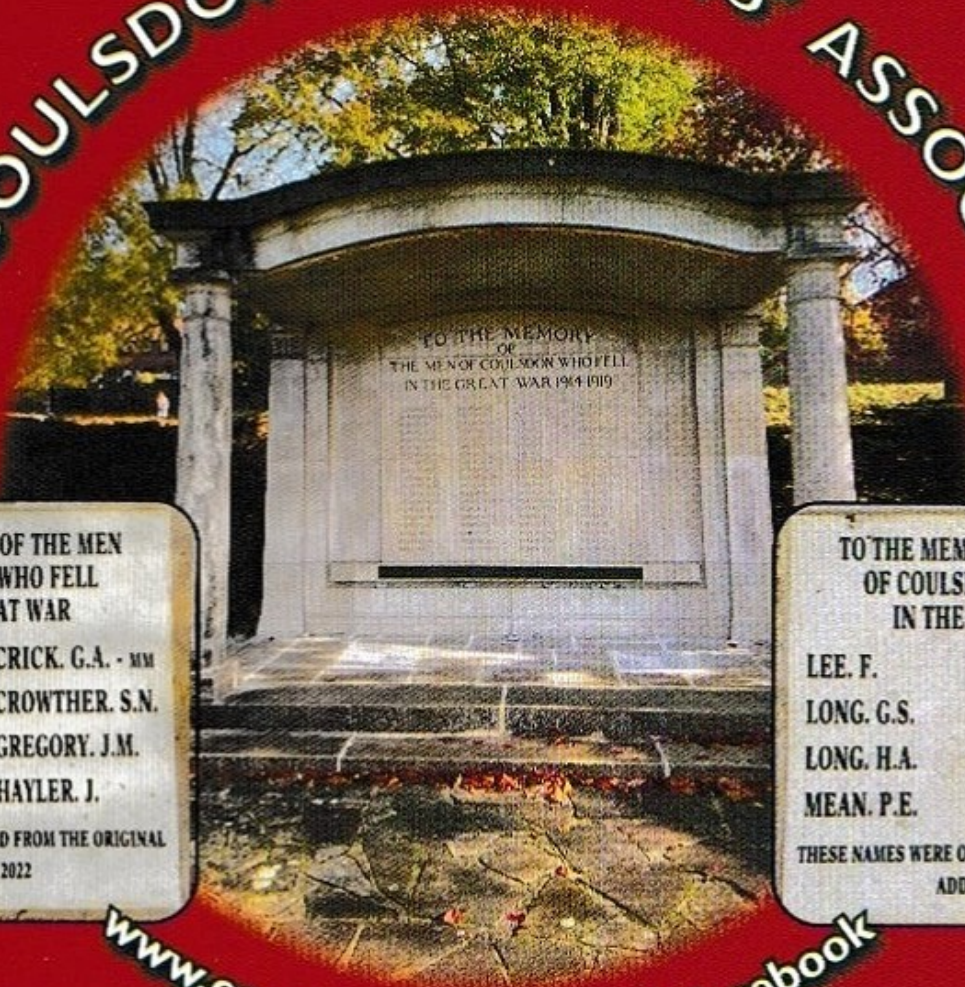


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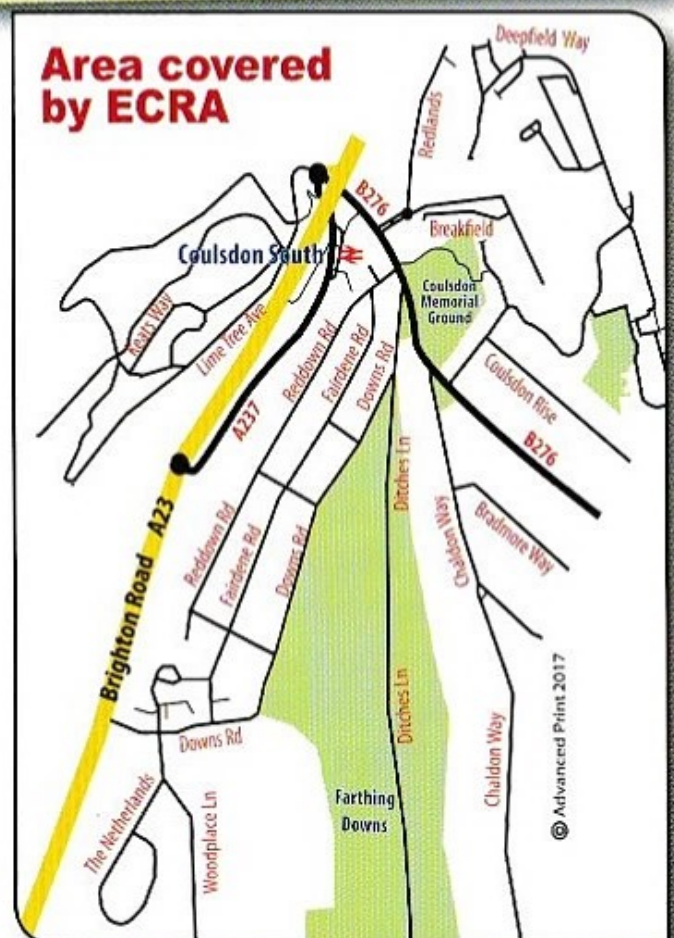
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Editorial



As we approach the end of the year there is much to celebrate in Coulsdon. The recent resurfacing of the town centre has now been completed and, so far, seems very successful. Eric Jenkinson brings us another fascinating story from Coulsdon's rich history (pages 5-7) and we also look at the archaeological findings at Lion Green Road car park (pages 8-9)

Planning for Christmas festivities in the town centre are underway; Coulsdon's *Yuletide* magic will take place on Saturday 3rd December. See page 9 for more information and details of how you can get involved.

ECRA continues to support and promote a number of volunteering and community projects, such as litter-picking and collecting for Purley Food Hub. See Gill Hickson's articles on page 15 for more details. You can also visit Purley Food Hub's website to check their monthly 'most needed items': www.purleyfoodhub.net

Ukrainian Families in the UK



A number of families in Coulsdon are hosting Ukrainian families and the fixed term that they agreed to host for are coming to an end. On the whole this has been a very enriching experience, and many of the hosts will be continuing to host their guests. However, the council are on the look-out for follow-up hosts, as situations do change, and some hosts will need their guests to move into alternative accommodation. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jacqueline Goddard: Jacqueline.Goddard@croydon.gov.uk who is keeping a list of interested potential follow-on hosts



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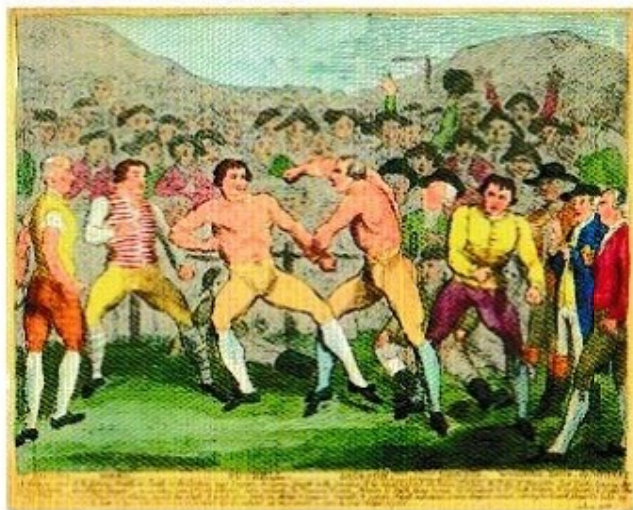
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Bare-Knuckle Fighting on Lion Green in Georgian England

by Eric Jenkinson

George, Prince of Wales, (later King George IV) was a great fan of boxing, even though bare-knuckle fighting was illegal – the law considered bare-knuckle fights an assault or affray. So, it was not surprising that the Prince should attend a prize fight on Lion Green, Smitham Bottom (*now Coulsdon*) being near enough to London for the prince to attend but far enough away from the police. The fight was between a promising amateur boxer in his first prize fight, “Gentleman” John Jackson, and the grizzled veteran from Birmingham, Thomas Futtrell, or William Futrell (also spelled Fewterell) as he was sometimes called.



Boxing match between Thomas Futtrell and “Gentleman” John Jackson 9 June 1788 by James Gillray (1757-1815)
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In the 16th and 17th centuries, bare-knuckle fighting, or fisticuffs, had grown to be one of England's most popular spectator sports, enjoyed by the aristocracy and commoners alike. Bare-knuckle fighting to a broad set of common rules had been called ‘boxing’ from at least 1605. The boxing culture had grown rapidly, especially in London. The first documented account of a boxing match was in the London Protestant Mercury in 1681. The Duke of Albemarle arranged a bout between his butler and his butcher. The butcher won the prize money. The first known use of the term ‘prize fight’ came in 1706. In this early form of prize fighting, a purse would be agreed between the fighters or their

representatives. Side bets could be taken by the contestants themselves, their entourage and by the watching crowd. In the 18th century it was not uncommon for the most popular fights to attract crowds of 20,000. For a fight involving the most famous prize fighters, wagers totalling as high as £200,000 could change hands

A boxing match in Georgian times was markedly different from what we know today. As formal bouts were frowned on by the magistrates, fights were mostly held out of town, sometimes in open fields or recreational areas such as Lion Green. Lion Green was a large village green, with the Red Lion coaching inn at one corner where Aldi is now. The ring was an eighteen-foot square which was roped off with stakes at each corner. Boxers wearing breeches fought with bare knuckles and bared chests. Each fighter had a knee man and a bottle man. The knee man knelt with one knee up for the boxer to sit on between rounds. The bottle man provided water for the boxer, a sponge and an orange to provide his fighter a burst of energy. He also kept time on the rounds and breaks in between. Brandy was on hand to revive the boxer in emergencies. A pair of umpires kept the two boxers apart and agreed beforehand how to deal with questionable practices like holding a man's hair to keep him in place to be hit. Wrestling holds, kicks, throws, eye-gouging and chokes were allowed.

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Bare-Knuckle Fighting on Lion Green in Georgian England

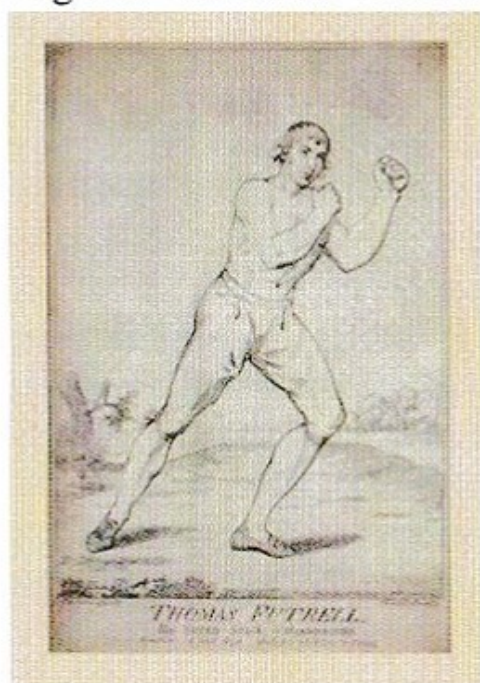
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The bouts consisted of rounds; each round lasted until at least one of the men was knocked or forced off his feet. A fight could last up to 50 rounds and breaks between rounds lasted only 30 seconds.

The popularity of boxing during the Georgian period saw the rise of several influential figures who changed and formalised boxing rules into the sport more recognisable today. As in the Arts, prize fighters had to attract the sponsorship of aristocracy if they were to rise to the top. James Figg (1695-1740) was a 6ft tall multi-disciplinary fighter from Thame in Oxfordshire. Figg is generally considered to be the first heavyweight boxing champion and held the title for 15 years until his retirement in 1734. He was a popular entertainer at fairs and exhibitions and considered an expert at fencing and fighting with a quarterstaff, as well as bare-knuckle fighting. Figg became a popular figure with the gentry. His patron was the Earl of Peterborough, and he was good friends with the artist William Hogarth. He opened his English School of Arms and Art of Self-Defense Academy (also called Figg's Academy) in 1719, on Tottenham Court Road, London.

One of James Figg's students was John 'Jack' Broughton. Broughton, known as the Father of English Boxing, was the bare-knuckle boxing champion from around 1729 – 1750. In 1743, Broughton devised the first set of recognisable boxing rules. Under Broughton's rules, a round continued until a man was knocked down. After 30 seconds the downed man had to get up and face his opponent standing no more than a yard apart (called squaring off). If he did not get up within that time, he was declared to have lost the bout. Hitting an opponent while he was on the ground was forbidden. Broughton also introduced protective headgear for use in training as well as protection for the hands called muffers, which would evolve into boxing gloves. Broughton's Rules governed boxing until 1838 when they were overtaken by a new set of rules initiated by the British Pugilists' Protective Association, which were called the London Prize Ring Rules. The

new rules provided for a "ring" 24 feet square enclosed by two parallel ropes. When a fighter went down, the round ended, and he was helped to his corner. The next round would begin 30 seconds later with each boxer required to reach a mark in the centre of the ring (the scratch line) unaided. If a fighter could not reach that mark ("come up to scratch") by the end of eight additional seconds, he was declared the loser. Kicking, gouging, head-butting, biting, and low blows were all declared fouls.



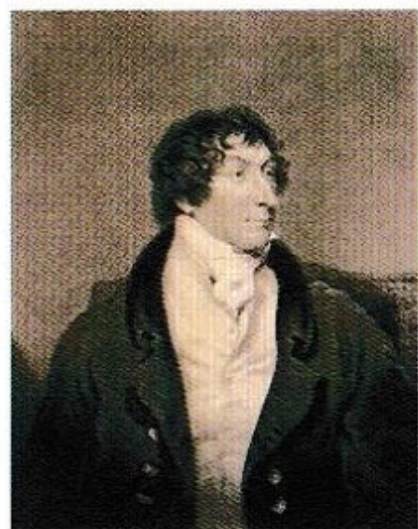
Thomas Futrell, 1788
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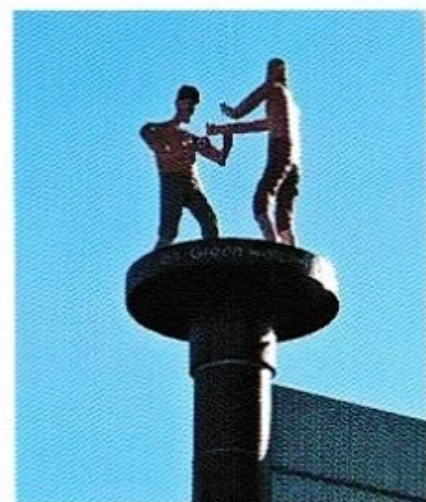
The London Prize Ring Rules were eventually superseded by the Marquis of Queensbury Rules, which broadly govern boxing today. The Queensbury Rules were written by a Welsh sportsman, journalist and founder member of the Amateur Athletics Association, John Graham Chambers. They originally consisted of a set of 12 rules and were published in 1867 under the sponsorship of the 9th Marquis of Queensbury. He was a talented amateur sportsman in his youth who became a patron of sport and a boxing enthusiast.



John Gentleman Jackson
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At the turn of the Regency era, one of the most famous of the Regency era boxers was "Gentleman" John Jackson. Born in 1769 into a Worcestershire family of builders, John became an exceptionally talented amateur boxer at the age of 19, against his parents' wishes. He was 5 feet 11 inches tall and 14 stone. He spoke with a cultured voice and dressed well, which earned him his nickname and made Jackson a favourite of the aristocracy. Gentleman Jackson only fought in three prize fights before retiring and opening a school of self-defence in Bond Street. He is credited with a scientific style of boxing, using posture and good judgement of distance to improve effectiveness and efficiency in fighting. Jackson was chosen to be a guard during the coronation of George IV in 1821. Jackson gathered a group of fellow fighters to assist in keeping order.

Jackson's first professional fight was against the undefeated Thomas (William) Futtrell at Smitham Bottom in 1788 which is depicted in the James Gillray hand-coloured etching at the top of this article. Futtrell was an imposing figure. His main claim to fame was his victory in 35 minutes over the Highland Giant in Edinburgh on 23rd March 1753, the first recorded prize-fight in Scotland. So, Futtrell was an experienced fighter who was unbeaten in 18 fights when he met the 19-year-old John Jackson at Smitham Bottom. The novice Jackson was considered to have no chance. During the bout, Jackson avoided Futtrell's advances and frequently held on to Futtrell's guard arm, as can be seen in the etching. Gentleman Jackson gradually wore Futtrell down until Futtrell retired exhausted after 1 hour and 7 minutes. An inveterate gambler, Futtrell lost most of his considerable earnings from his fighting career. His main contribution to the sport was that he wrote the first published paper on boxing. The famous fight has been commemorated by the recent addition to the Coulsdon Art Trail of a finial on a finger pole outside Coulsdon library (pictured, right).



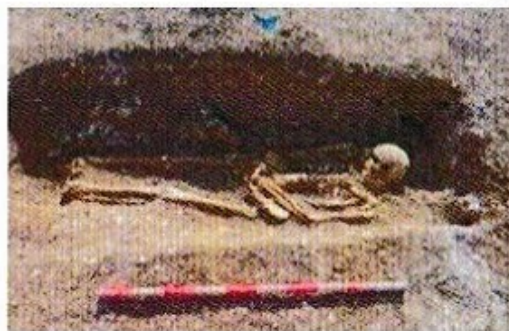
What's Happening In and Around Coulsdon

by Charles King

Coulsdon Town Centre: On the Brighton Road, *Santander* bank is now *Vaptronics* selling e-cigarettes, vapours and mobile phones. *Rowe Radcliffe* solicitors has reopened as *Freedman Alexander LLP Solicitors*. *Barclay's Bank*, our last bank, has closed, ECRA are lobbying Barclays for a remote ATM. *Opal Interiors* has closed in Chipstead Valley Road. *Mirch Masala* has failed to reopen as scheduled. *Mazu* is now offering a set 2 or 3 course meal for under £20. We are still waiting a planning application for the NHS medical centre on the former CALAT site. *Royal Mail* reduced their opening hours for collecting undelivered letters and parcels to mornings only. ECRA objected to the removal of the afternoon and evening opening. In response, *Royal Mail* have said that customers can now arrange re-delivery, delivery to an alternative address, or collection from a Post Office by phoning 03457 740740 or visiting www.royalmail.com

Lion Green Road: Rumours abound surrounding the sale of the flats. We believe these have all been sold to one purchaser, but at the time of writing we are unable to establish who this might be. It is also reported in the press that the development will be named **Red Clover Gardens!**

Saxon Graves on Lion Green



Left: Grave 505
looking South
Right: Grave
516 looking
West



The Archaeological study on Lion Green by the Museum of London Archaeology (MOLA) has been released to Croydon Council. Excavations of the old car park were carried out in 2015 revealing two late-Roman burials and an undated dog burial; a Saxon burial dated to the late 6th early 7th century by a glass vessel. In addition, two disturbed graves were also found. A further excavation took place at the Lion Green Road car park between 15th March and 9th April 2021, for *CField* the developer, and again a year later.

The 2021 excavations uncovered a further 12 inhumation burials. This was followed by a series of three watching briefs between 7th and 31st March 2022, when an additional six burials were discovered, one of which led to the hand excavation of exposed features. All graves appear to be Saxon and six had iron knives buried with them. They were aligned south-west to north-east and some were cofined. There were also at least three empty burial cuts that can probably be attributed to investigations undertaken in 1912–13, when a cemetery was found and skeletons were removed. These are now in the Natural History Museum and one skull is in the Horniman Museum. This work comprises the final phases of an archaeological investigation that began in 2015. The full report can be found on Croydon council's website:

<https://publicaccess3.croydon.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=RG1AYJLFFH700>

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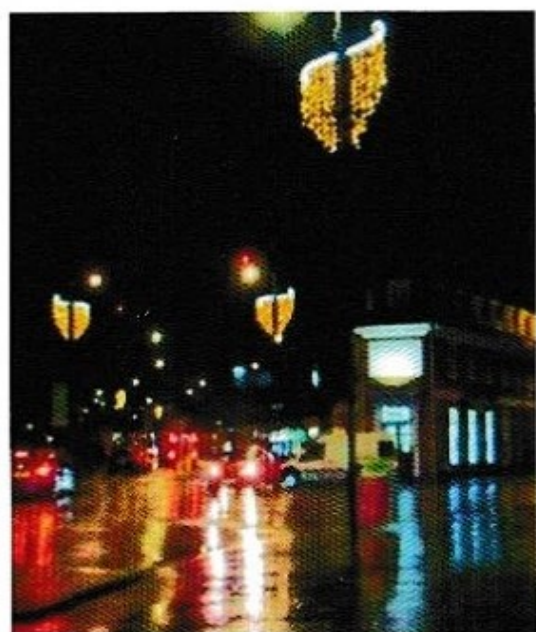
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In and around Coulsdon: *Marlpit Lane Bowling Green* is now closed for the Winter. Volunteers are still needed for maintenance across the Winter and again for the next Summer season. If you would like to help, please contact Maureen on 07761 926498. *Pistachios in the Park* (Grange Park) has reduced their opening hours for the Winter and are now open on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday 10am – 4pm only.



Christmas fun and celebrations are returning to Coulsdon! Yuletide Saturday 3rd December 2022

Prior to the Covid pandemic *Yulefest* was an annual event in Coulsdon, successfully run by Chris Thairs and Richard Thurbon. *Yulefest* was aimed at people having a nice pre-Christmas event in Coulsdon town centre while also showcasing what Coulsdon has to offer.



Unfortunately, Covid put a stop to *Yulefest* and Chris and Richard felt they were unable to continue. Last year the traders and Residents' Associations got together and managed to collect sufficient funds to get Christmas lights and a Christmas Tree in the town centre.

This year a group of traders and Residents' Associations have got together and are aiming to have a Christmas event in Coulsdon town centre called *Coulsdon Yuletide*. This consist of Christmas lights and Christmas Tree in the town centre, a Christmas market, a stage with entertainment and a Christmas grotto in The Coulsdon Club.

All this costs money and how much of this can be put on will depend on how much people can donate to the event. Donations can be made in a number of Coulsdon shops, or you can do it online via:

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/coulsdon-yulefest

You can sign up to volunteer, become a stallholder or donate via Cozy Glow's website:
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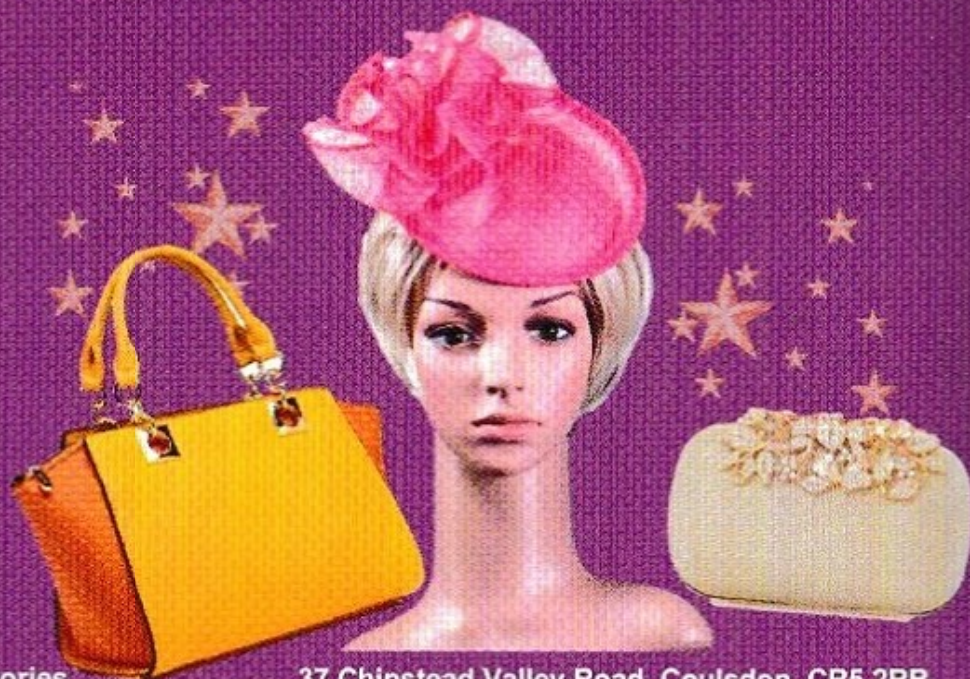
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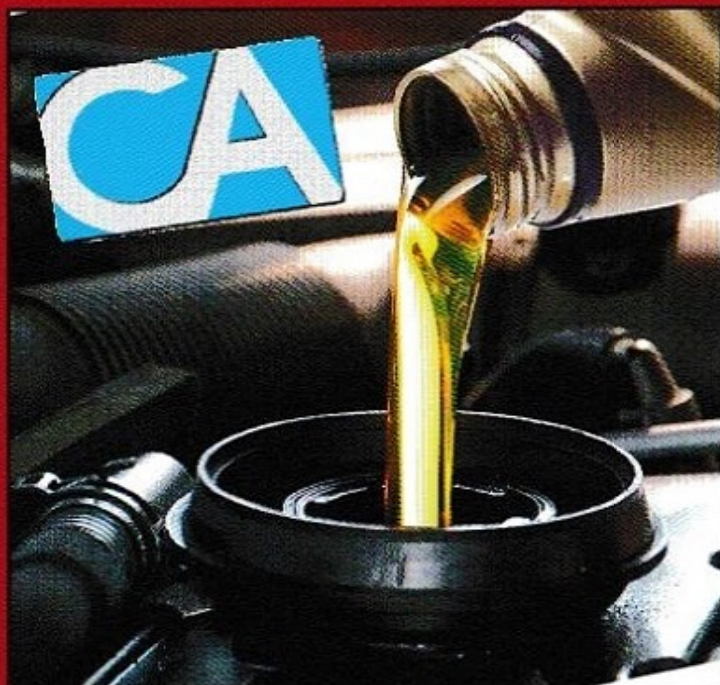
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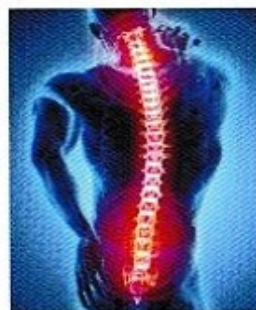
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ECRA in the Community: Litter Pickers and Food Bank

by Gill Hickson

ECRA Dream Team Litter Pickers



The latest litter pick took place clearing the section of Charles Hancock Way between Coulsdon South Station and the bypass (Farthing Way). In addition, litter was cleared from the surrounding bypass. The team also cleared the steps at the beginning of the footpath which had become dangerously covered in leaves, ivy, brambles and a considerable amount of earth. If you would like to join the dream team, or have an area that needs a litter pick, please contact Gill Hickson, ECRA Vice Chair, on 07956 666095.

Food Banks More Important Than Ever

Today there are over 2,500 food banks in the UK. 1,400 are run by the *Trussell Trust*, who estimate that around 2.5m people are now using food banks. This figure is bound to increase with the cost-of-living crisis, massive rise in energy costs and inflation now in double figures. However, these increases in the cost of living are causing a problem for a number of food banks, especially in poorer areas. Sadly, some have had to close, including a couple in Croydon, as the number of people donating has gone down as many struggle with the increase in the cost-of-living.



ECRA are continuing to collect food, drink and toiletries on behalf of the *Purley Food Hub*. The ECRA food bin is at: 6 Mead Way, Coulsdon CR5 1PG.

You can also donate clothes, shoes, toys and household items that can be transported easily, like bedding. These can be dropped at 56 Mead Way. Kathy will kindly transport them to the Old Lodge Lane outlet for the needy. Items can be left in the porch if there is no answer at the door.

ECRA would like to thank all those who continue to support our food collection in these difficult times.

Hedgehog Rehab comes to Coulsdon

by Nikki Ford



Having been brought up in Coulsdon where I attended St Aidan's and then St Philomena's before spending time living in Worcester Park for a number of years, I had the opportunity to move back to Coulsdon in 2016. I was able to get a lovely flat with a garden looking out onto trees, which nicely hid the railway, known as the Tattenham Corner line. Coulsdon has always truly been my home, it was where I was brought up.

I was designing my new garden and looking at the environment when I thought "Wouldn't it be great to have hedgehogs?" I asked my neighbours, but nobody had seen a hedgehog in years. I did some homework and couldn't see a reason why we didn't have them; we have undisturbed woodlands (the railway line) and plenty of gardens backed onto this. I've always been into wildlife, so I bought myself a bird table and stood this on an unsightly drain that was in the middle of the lawn. Months came and went, then one day in July 2017 my little dog went into the garden and was sniffing an unusual scat under the bird table; it was pellet-like, roughly the size of an AA battery. I photographed it and placed the photo on a wildlife Facebook group. I had well over 100 members contact me saying it was from a hedgehog. As you can imagine I was delighted. I borrowed some cat food and sat out on my garden step for hours, just waiting in anticipation. Then...Bingo!

Hector the hedgehog appeared from under the fence and went under the bird table to get the fallen seed. He then sniffed out the cat food and ate a good meal. I was hooked...! Little did I know that Hector was just the beginning of my love for hedgehogs. My Dad then made me a hedgehog feeding station and hedgehog houses. I began studying hedgehogs and started speaking with wildlife vets. I then became a hedgehog champion. I was given hedgehogs to



release back into the wild and was then given a baby to overwinter (*feed up through hibernation*) under the careful watch of a vet. Eventually, I was recommended to complete a Hedgehog Rehabilitation and First Aid course which I completed back in 2020. This then allowed me to begin my own Hedgehog Rehab, **Coulsdon Hedgehog rehabilitation/release**.

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Hedgehog Rehab

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Hedgehog Rehab: I must highlight that I am not a rescue, but I can deliver emergency first aid such as pain relief, antibiotics and emergency fluids, and assess a hedgehog to see if it needs a vet or not. If it needs a vet, then I will ensure that it is seen by a wildlife vet. I have 24hr contact with a wildlife vet. If I believe that I cannot help the hedgehog I will take them to *Wildlife Aid* in Leatherhead, or *Wildlife Lodge* in Bromley.

How To Encourage Hedgehogs into your Garden: In Coulsdon I have successfully released over 93 hedgehogs into the wild. They are breeding well and thriving with many residents seeing these wonderful animals in their gardens. The best way to encourage a hedgehog is to open a hole into your fence which is a minimum of 13cm. Hedgehogs will walk through tubing if you are concerned about small dogs escaping and they will climb over bricks, so making steps over gravel boards is hedgehog friendly. If you have a pond, make sure you have a ramp or a beach area so hedgehogs can escape. Hedgehogs get caught in netting, so vegetable netting and football nets must be raised off the ground, or lifted to prevent injuries. Log piles and unkept areas will encourage hedgehogs as they feed naturally on worms and beetles. They do eat slugs and snails, but this is only as little as 2% of their diet and they can give a hedgehog lungworm. If untreated, the hedgehog will die and not to mention the dreaded Slug pellets

It is best to support and feed a hedgehog, especially through late Summer and Autumn as they will be preparing to hibernate once the Winter weather sets in. The best thing to feed a hedgehog is cat or dog food (*meat, fish, jelly or gravy*). As long as it doesn't contain milk then it will be fine (*hedgehogs are lactose intolerant*). Also no mealworms or peanuts. If it's dog food, you will need to make it small enough for the hedgehog to eat



If you have foxes that visit your garden, simply scatter some kitten biscuits and the hedgehog will naturally forage for the food. Leave plenty of fresh water in a saucer or cat bowl for them.

Please also be careful when mowing or using a strimmer, and always check before lighting any bonfire as piles of old garden rubbish are perfect for a hedgehog's nest.

If you have any questions at all you can get a message to me through Facebook at **NikkiLFord** or for Emergency hedgehog care only you can call (or text) me on 07725 355535.

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After 100 years the missing WWI Names from Coulsdon War Memorial are Commemorated on the Memorial

by Charles King

The WWI Memorial in Marlpit Lane Memorial Park was unveiled on the 16th April 1921 and consisted of the names of 72 Coulsdon men who lost their lives in WWI. An additional four names were added at the bottom later. After WWII a metal strip was also added, but with no names. In 2014 and 2018 the local residents' associations and other groups put on a number of WWI exhibitions. Carole Skinner, our local historian who did the research into the local men who died and whose names appear on local war memorials, discovered that names had been omitted from both the Old Coulsdon and Marlpit Lane Memorials. The four Local Coulsdon RAs felt it was important to commemorate the men of Coulsdon who died for us and their names added to the memorials. As English Heritage would not allow Marlpit Lane memorial to be altered. However, on inspection it was discovered that the floor of the memorial had been badly repaired with concrete rather than stone in a number of places. Croydon Council agreed that if we repaired the floor with matching stone, at the same time we could install two plaques in the floor with the 16 missing names. Unfortunately, Covid got in the way and delayed the work until October this year. A dedication service is to take place on Armistice Day at 11am on the 11th November 2022 followed by a wreath laying service led by **Pastor Malcolm Newman**, the four local RAs and the British Legion. This work was able to take place due to the donations from the four Coulsdon RAs: We would like to thank Carole for her research, the stonemasons of *WJ Trueloves* who donated the plaques, Trevor the builder who undertook the work, the parkkeepers and Croydon Council who gave permission for the work to be undertaken.



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Missing WWI Names from Coulsdon War Memorial

Leonard Barnes L/Cpl East Yorkshire Regiment married Elsie Hewitt of Reigate died 20 September 1914 age 31 years

James Beckenham Rifleman Kings Royal Rifle Corps died 20th August 1917 age 20 son of Francis and Ellen Beckenham of Chamberlain's Cottage Chipstead Valley Rd

John Edward Bovington Pte Queens (Royal West Surrey) died 6th November 1915 Employed as a nurse at Netherne Asylum

Crawford Vivian F S Lt East Surrey Regiment son of Rev John Crawford Chaplain at Cane Hill Asylum died from wounds sustained on active service

George Albert Crick MM East Surrey Regiment awarded Military Medal died 12th October 1917 age 23 years, husband of Emma of Stoats Nest Road

Sydney Nelson Crowther Royal Engineers born Croydon died 18th October 1914 named on St Andrew's Church Roll of Honour

J. F. M. Gregory Rifleman Kings Royal Rifle Corps died 2nd November 1914 age 29 husband of the late Annie Rose Gregory son of John and Hester Gregory

John Hayler Driver 38331 Royal Engineers died 1st May 1918 age 20 years son of John and Jemima Hayler of 1 Woodcote Grove Cottage Coulsdon

F Lee named on St Andrew's Church Coulsdon Roll of Honour

Guy Steer Long 2nd Lt Suffolk Regiment died 28th September 1916 age 26 son of George and Blanche Long of 78 Red Down Road Coulsdon

Henry Archibald Long Lt Northumberland Fusiliers died 15th September 1916 age 31 of George and Blanche Long of 78 Red Down Road Coulsdon

Percy Edwin Mean L/Corp London Regiment (Royal Fusiliers) died 1st July 1916 age 26 son of Frederick Mean of 'Crosby' Red Down Road Coulsdon

William Arthur Mills Sgt Royal Welsh Fusiliers died 20th March 1919 age 21 son of Gertrude Arnell of Coulsdon Surrey now living 95 Wentworth Road Croydon

Lawrence Arthur Skeen Pte Kings Shropshire Light Infantry died 19th September 1918 age 28 son of Walter and Hettie Skeen of 'Knighton' Red Down Road

G J Taylor MM Company Sgt Major London Regiment (Queen's Westminster Rifles) died 10th December 1918 age 34 only son of Noah and Elizabeth Taylor of Rose Cottage Brighton Road awarded MM

John Voice Pte Kings Own Royal Lancaster Regiment died 2nd September 1918 age 29 employed at Netherne Asylum, son of Edward and Ellen Voice

Public Transport Report

by Charles King

Trains: The timetable change in September made little difference to services to Coulsdon South other than Reigate trains run a couple of minutes earlier. The main changes were on the Tattenham Corner line where the off-peak Coulsdon Town to London Bridge service was withdrawn completely, along with the Caterham 'All stations to London Bridge via Streatham' service. Even worse, the Sunday service was reduced to one train per hour between Tattenham Corner and Purley. Nor have the Caterham and Tattenham Corner Victoria peak-hour services been restored. *East Surrey Transport Committee* have taken this reduction up with GTR and been told that under their new contract GTR was told by the DfT to reduce costs by 20% and this is part of that cost saving. *East Surrey Transport Committee* is campaigning to have the peak Tattenham Corner/Caterham to Victoria and two trains per hour to be restored on Sundays. They are asking you to support their campaign by emailing GTR:

gtrpublicaffairs@gtrailway.com and copying in Chris Philp MP:

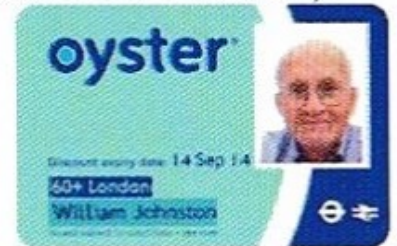
chris.philp.mp@parliament.uk asking for the Caterham and Tattenham Corner to Victoria peak service and the Sunday services to be restored.

On the positive side the Tattenham Corner line trains now stop at Norwood Junction for connections to the London Overground. The slight re-timing also means there is an earlier off-peak train at Woodmansterne at 09:31 and 09:35 at Coulsdon South. Remember, to obtain the off-peak fare on Oyster and bankcards do not touch in before 09:30.

At Coulsdon South: We are still trying to get the stop board moved so that Reigate trains stop by the lift. **Elizabeth Line:** Bond Street station opened on the 24th October 2022 and through running across London should take place in November 2022.

Fares: As part of the settlement between the London Mayor and the Government there are some changes to fares. Like on the Elizabeth Line, there is now a fare supplement from zone 1 to Heathrow on the Piccadilly line. This is made possible by applying the peak fare all day on Oyster and bankcards (this does not apply for journeys from other zones to Heathrow).

It looks like the restriction before 9.00am and 9.30am on National Rail for Freedom Pass and 60plus Oyster users will remain. There is a TfL consultation out on the removal of the 60plus Oyster for the future. This would be phased by six-monthly increments (existing holders would not be affected).



Buses: As the Government and the Mayor of London have now reached a long-term settlement for funding TfL. Although, there is still a short fall. We will have to see what difference this makes to the proposed central London bus cuts. Locally, from 22nd October, the 359 from Purley to Addington Village via Selsdon is being reduce from a bus every 30 minutes to a bus every 45minutes.

Bus Shelters: We have yet to see any of the new *Valo-Smart City* bus shelters that were due to replace the existing ones supplied by *JC Decaux* that have now been removed

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(matinees on Saturdays and Sunday at 2.15pm)

Towards Zero by Agatha Christie and Gerald Verner. Directed by Will Harris
Monday 27th February to Saturday 4th March

To book, visit: www.chipsteadplayers.org

Coulsdon Theatre Workshop, Coulsdon Community Centre

Barrie Close, Off Chipstead Valley Road, CR5 3BE

Grimm Tales (Folklore and Fairy Stories from the Brothers Grimm)

December 10th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th at 7.45pm; December 11th, 17th and 18th at 3pm

Box Office: 07709 266728 boxoffice@twcoulsdon.org.uk <https://twcoulsdon.org.uk>



RSPB Croydon Local Group Monthly Illustrated Wildlife Talks

Whitgift Sports Club, Croham Manor Road, South Croydon, CR2 7BG

Monday 12th December 7.30pm 'Wildlife on High Mountains' by Ian Rumley-Dawson. For details visit: ww2.rspb.org.uk/groups/croydon/events or

contact John Davis on 020 8640 4578

Croydon Ramblers

Visit their website for details of walks in and around Coulsdon. October to December programme is now available to view:

<https://www.croydonramblers.org.uk/>



North Downs Community Orchestra Sunday, 27th November at 5:30pm

Bawtree Hall, Hazelwood School, Oxted RH8 0QU

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Downland Chorale, St John's Church, Canon's Hill, Old Coulsdon CR5 1HA

Saturday 3rd December 7.30pm Benjamin Britten's Celebration of Carols

Contact 07729 618226 or visit www.downlandchorale.org.uk

Steam Trains: At the time of writing there are only a few steam trains advertised. Orient Express Saturday 19th November, Saturday 10th and Thursday 16th December 2022. The times have not been released yet. They normally pass Coulsdon South between 3pm and 3.30pm. The following web site provides information of steam services. www.railadvent.co.uk/steam-locomotives-on-the-mainline On the day timings can be checked on the Real Time Trains web site www.realtimetrains.co.uk/search/detailed/gb-nr:CDS/

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