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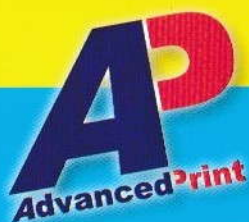
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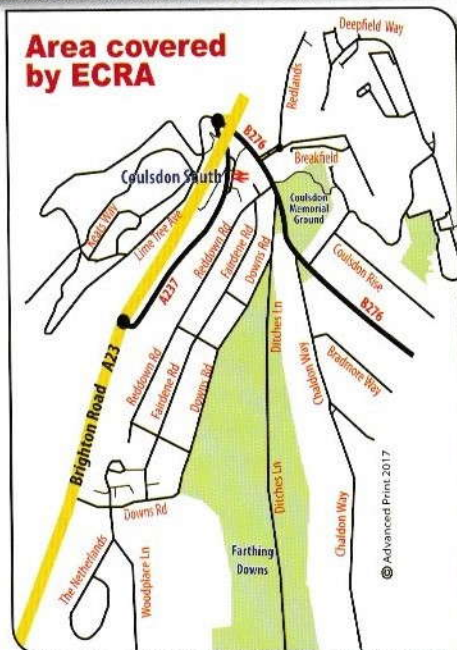
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We would like to thank our Road Stewards for their help during the year – we can't function without their help.



The Croydon Mayor election for Croydon's Directly Elected Mayor will take place on Thursday 5th May 2022, along with the local elections. You will be able to vote for your local councillors and for the Mayor. To date, the Conservatives have nominated Cllr Jason Perry, the Green Party has nominated Peter Underwood, Labour have nominated Val Shawcross and the Liberal Democrats' nominee is Richard Howard. It is also expected that a number of independent candidates will stand.

Steam Trains: At the time of writing there are only two steam trains advertised. The Orient Express on Saturday 19th March 2022 and Friday 8th April. Approximate time: 3.30pm at Coulsdon South. However, these can be cancelled at short notice.

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/2021-11-25/1100



FOUL PLAY ON THE RAILWAY – PART 1

Murder in The Merstham Tunnel on The Brighton Line

by Eric Jenkinson

As early railway travel in the 19th century became popular with the travelling public, thefts from the rudimentary wooden carriages were common and violent robberies occurred from time to time. Trains then had no corridors connecting the individual compartments and carriages were unlit at night. Men could be robbed and women assaulted while the assailants escaped at the next station.

Mr Briggs' Hat: The first recorded murder of a passenger on a train in Britain

History tells us that this occurred in 1864 on the North London Line. On Saturday, 9th July, at Hackney, two bank clerks entered an empty first-class carriage of the 9.50pm train from Fenchurch Street and noticed blood all over the cushions in the compartment. They called the guard who examined the compartment, finding a black beaver hat, a stick, and a bag. At 10.20pm the same evening, the driver of a train travelling in the opposite direction on the same line, saw something on the embankment at the side of the track between Hackney Wick and Bow Stations. He stopped the train and found an unconscious, severely beaten man who appeared to have been pushed or fallen from a moving train. The victim was later identified as Thomas Briggs, chief clerk of a firm of London city bankers. He was 64 years old and died of severe head wounds the following night.

The Metropolitan Police, under a young Detective Inspector Richard Tanner, quickly established that Briggs had been robbed of a gold watch and chain. The police found that the stick and bag belonged to Briggs while the beaver hat was presumed to have belonged to the murderer. This began a chain of events which eventually led to the arrest of a young German tailor, Franz Muller, who was traced to America where he had fled after the murder and who was extradited to face trial. Muller appeared at the Old Bailey on 27th November 1864. After a trial lasting three days, Muller was found guilty of the murder of Thomas Briggs and sentenced to death by hanging. Muller's hanging, one of the last public executions in England, took place outside Newgate Prison in front of a crowd estimated at 50,000, many of whom were raucously drunk. As a direct result of the murder, communication cords that allowed passengers to contact train staff were eventually installed in all railway carriages on trains in Britain.

A More Local Railway Tragedy: Although such serious crimes were rare, two of the most notorious murders of passengers occurred south of London on the Brighton line operated by London and South Coast Railways. Monday 27th June 1881 an early summer day. Isaac Frederick Gold, a financially comfortable 64 year old retired merchant who retained an interest in a coin and medal business, made his customary weekly visit to his shop in East Street in the busy inner-London suburb of Walworth, just south of the River Thames. Mr Gold collected just over £38 takings which he then deposited in his bank before heading back to London Bridge railway station where he caught the 2pm express train for the journey to his home in Brighton on the Sussex coast.

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Four compartment first class coach of the London, Brighton & South Coast Railway built in 1880

Just before the train left, Mr Gold was joined in the compartment by a 21 year old journalist, Percy Lefroy Mapleton. Mr Gold sat comfortably in the corner of the first-class smoking compartment as the train steamed its way south until an hour later it entered the pitch darkness of the Merstham tunnel between what is now Coulsdon South and Redhill. Suddenly passengers in other compartments of the carriage heard what sounded like gunshots. Isaac Gold never came out of Merstham Tunnel alive.

An hour or so later that same day, a ticket inspector at Preston Park station just outside Brighton saw a man step unsteadily on to the platform from a first-class compartment of the 2pm train from

London Bridge which had just arrived. The man was dishevelled and covered in blood. He had no hat and his collar and tie appeared to have been ripped off. He also had a gold watch chain entangled on his shoe.

The man, Percy Lefroy Mapleton, told the inspector he had been attacked in his carriage by two men just before the train entered Merstham Tunnel. He claimed that he could remember little of the assault because he had been hit over the head. The inspector had seen nobody else alight from the compartment. When asked about the gold watch chain, Mapleton answered disingenuously that he had put it in his shoe for safety. The Ticket Inspector accompanied Mapleton to Brighton railway station where the station master and Police Inspector Gibson interviewed him. He was searched and was found to have two Hanoverian medals in his pockets though Mapleton denied all knowledge of them. The police were not satisfied with Mapleton's explanation of the incident, and he was taken to Brighton police station where he gave a description of the two attackers and even offered a reward for their capture. He was then taken to the county hospital for his injuries to be treated. The doctor found that his injuries were more superficial than the amount of blood suggested and told the police that Mapleton should be detained for further questioning. Meanwhile, the carriage in which the incident took place had been detached and shunted into sidings where it was examined. This revealed three bullet marks as well as other signs of a fierce struggle. There was blood on the carriage's mat, door handle and footboard, as well as on a handkerchief and newspaper. Police investigators also found coins similar to the medals found on Mapleton. Although the Brighton police and the railway police were increasingly sceptical about Mapleton's story, they decided they could not detain him. He was allowed to catch the London train though he was accompanied by Detective Sergeant George Holmes, a Met. Police officer on loan to the railway police, because the police believed Mapleton to be a suicide risk.

The two men headed to Mapleton's sister's boarding house in Wallington, Surrey. On the journey, the Station Master at Three Bridges station told DS Holmes that he had received instructions that Holmes should not let Mapleton out of his sight because a body had been found alongside the Brighton line. Holmes and Mapleton continued to Wallington. They arrived at his sister's house at 9.30pm. Mapleton made an excuse that he wanted to change out of his soiled clothes while DS Holmes waited outside the house. After a while, Holmes went inside and discovered that Mapleton had escaped.

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The body of an elderly man had been discovered by railway workers at the entrance to the Balcombe Tunnel outside an intermediate village station in the Sussex weald. There were signs of a fierce struggle and he had been stabbed multiple times as well as shot. Close by lay a knife smeared with blood. A bloodied collar was found further up the line. The body was taken to the Railway Arms Hotel in Balcombe and later identified as that of Isaac Frederick Gold. Later that night, Mrs Gold travelled from Brighton to identify the body. She noted that Mr Gold's open-faced Griffith's gold watch and chain were missing as well as a large sum of money.

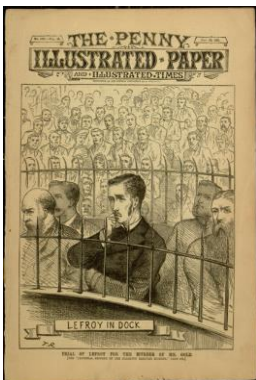


Above: The artist's composite picture of Mapleton published in the Daily Telegraph

The actions of the police in allowing a suspect in a murder to abscond in front of their eyes attracted some adverse comment in The Times and other newspapers. A country-wide search for Mapleton was begun and at the request of CID his description was published in all newspapers. The Daily Telegraph went further and made newspaper history by publishing for the first time ever a composite portrait of the wanted man drawn by an artist. While the search for Mapleton went on, the Coroner, Wynne Edwin Baxter, who would later be Coroner in the Jack the Ripper murders in 1888, opened the inquest on Isaac Gold on 29 June 1881.

The inquest lasted several days. DS Holmes and other police and railway officers involved in the preliminary stages of the case were ridiculed in the witness box for their actions. The Metropolitan Police disowned DS Holmes. A verdict of wilful murder against Mapleton was returned. The Railway Company then offered a substantial reward for information leading to his arrest.

Great interest was taken by the public in the daily accounts of the search for Mapleton and on 8 July he was found in a house Stepney, where he was lodging in the name of Park. He had kept the blinds down in his room all day and gone out only at night. Mapleton's mistake was to send a message to his employers asking for his wages to be sent to him. The police intercepted the message. Bloodstained clothing was found in his room and he was identified as a man who had pawned a revolver.



Left: Mapleton in the dock at his trial: Artist's impression from an illustrated newspaper of the time

Mapleton pleaded not guilty at his trial at Maidstone Assizes before Lord Chief Justice Coleridge. The jury heard that at the time of the murder Mapleton was short of money and went to London Bridge for the purpose of robbing a passenger. He had hoped to find a lady to intimidate. The jury found him guilty after retiring for only ten minutes. Mapleton, who was the godson of Sir John Henry Lefroy, Administrator of Tasmania and a distinguished scientist of terrestrial magnetism, was hanged at Lewes on 29th November 1881 by William Marwood, the Chief Executioner for London and Middlesex. Marwood had developed "the long drop" technique for hanging.

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A first-hand account of the execution was published in The Daily Telegraph the following day. Following his execution, Mapleton's waxwork was exhibited in Madame Tussaud's The day before his execution. Mapleton confessed to murder though not of Isaac Gold. Mapleton claimed responsibility for the mysterious death of Lt. Percy Lyon Ormsby Roper, a 21 year old officer trainee in the Royal Engineers which was the subject of much newspaper speculation at the time. Lt. Roper had been found on the staircase of Brompton Barracks at the School of Military Engineering, Chatham Dockyard, on Friday, 11th February 1881. He was dying from a bullet wound to the chest. The shot had been fired from a revolver that was found nearby. Police speculated that Roper had been writing a letter in his room when he heard an intruder, grabbed a poker from his fireplace and went to investigate. The revolver had been stolen from the room of another trainee officer who had been playing cards at the time Roper was shot. Mapleton later recanted his confession before he was hanged. Despite an extensive police investigation, the murder of Lt Roper remains unsolved to this day.

This is Part 1 of an account of one of the earliest murders of passengers on railway trains in Britain. Part 2 will be published in the future issue of The Review.

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What's Happening in and Around Coulsdon

by Charles King



At the end of January Covid plan B was lifted and we began to return to some form of normality, although we are still advised to get vaccinated and boosted and wear a face coving/mask in shops, on public transport and in crowded places. Not too much has happened in Coulsdon since the Christmas period.

We were delighted to be able to work with the traders and raise sufficient funds to organise Christmas lights in the town



centre. ECRA and CWRA also supplied and decorated a Christmas Tree outside the library. It is hoped that Yulefest will be able to return for Christmas in 2022.

Coulsdon Art Trail: The order for two further finials has now been placed with the fabricator. ECRA web page now has information on The Coulsdon Art Trail, the Blue Plaque Walk and other local historic information: www.eastcoulsdon.co.uk/information/coulsdon-history



Coulsdon Town Centre: It is disappointing to learn that two shops have had to close; **Trendy Lane** the very nice children's clothes shop and **Bella's** in Chipstead Valley Road, both victims of Covid.

Bliss Caffé 07940 816521 www.blisscaffee.com (pictured left) is a welcome addition in Chipstead Valley Road, serving delicious doughnuts and other sweet treats. Work is under way at the former William Hill betting shop to convert it to a solicitor's office.

Cane Hill Park is nearing completion. The area at the bottom of the site between Marlpit Lane and Lion Green Road, which was being used as a compound, is now being cleared. The site is reserved for commercial development, but no plans have yet been submitted. Work on Henry Howell House, The Chapel and Water Tower was delayed due to a change of contractor. The Give Way sign at the end of Lime Tree Avenue has been replaced by an island and Stop sign to improve road safety (pictured right).



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What's Happening in and Around Coulsdon

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In and around Coulsdon: While many other events where cancelled it was pleasing that the Old Coulsdon Christmas Lights were able to be switched on, albeit on one of the coldest, wettest November Saturdays, possible due to Storm Arwen. The new green lights looked superb and ECRA was pleased to be able to make a contribution towards the cost.

Marlpit Lane Bowling Green will open for the summer season over the Easter Weekend in April 2022. More volunteers are needed to help on open days and with green maintenance . If you can help, please call Maureen on 01737 555231



Harty Homecare Services have opened an office at Lacy Green (01737 554765) (pictured below left) and work has now started on the William Hill shop at the bottom of Rickman Hill. Sadly, Lorimers Stationery have closed their Purley shop. The **Jack and Jill** pub reopened as a community pub at the end of January (pictured below right).



Bradmore Way residents said a fond farewell to Postman Paul who retired after serving the road for eight years. They presented Paul with £400 of garden vouchers, a box of Budweiser and chocolates on a sunny day in late January. Paul was quite overwhelmed at the unexpected presentation by so many of the road's residents. Organised by Andrew and Gill it was a lovely way to thank Paul for his great service to the community. He'll miss the people, but maybe not the hill. Happy retirement Paul!

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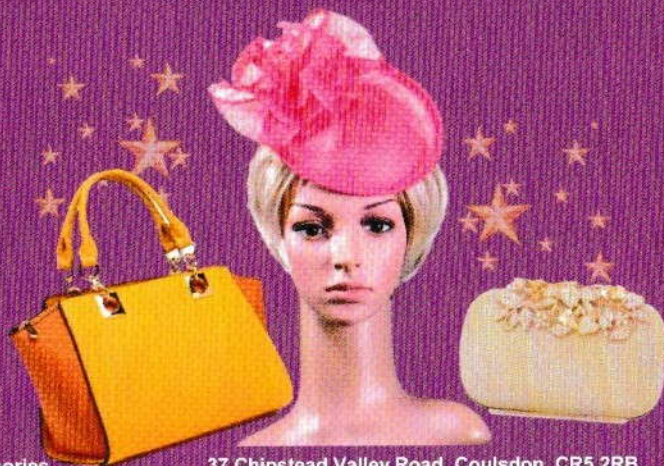
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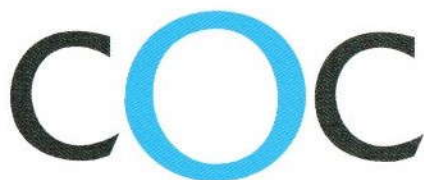
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Couldson Woods – Roman Cemetery

by David Reidy

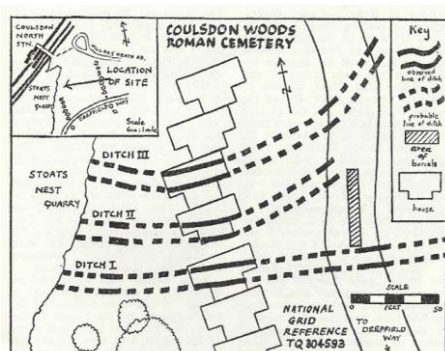
Manning and Bray in their History of Surrey [1805 vol 11 p 448] recorded that traces of ditches were seen in the face of the then new Stoats Nest Quarry. And more than 150 years later, whilst Wates were carrying out building work in the vicinity in 1968, Mr John Lindsay, a Bourne Society member, recorded sections of ditches after they had appeared in a drainage trench immediately above the face of the quarry.

The site was on a north-facing chalk slope [1 in 10] on a ridge immediately to the north-east of Farthing Down and bounded by the former Stoats Nest Quarry, Hillars Heath Road and what is now Deepfield Way. The following year, on the evening of Monday 9th June 1969, Mr Lindsay was measuring a second drainage trench 125 feet to the east on the Wates housing development above the former Coulsdon North Station when further traces of the ditches were seen and human bones discovered, including the top of a cranium on the spoil left by a mechanical excavator. Later he returned with a police officer and together they discovered in a trench a complete skull with a mandible retaining most of its teeth.



Map Historic England

After a promptly obtained coroner's report had confirmed that the bones were ancient, Wates permitted the Bourne Society to carry out an emergency excavation and offered every possible help and cooperation. Mr Roger Thomas organised a team of young diggers, and between 12th and 15th June they discovered that two Iron Age ditches of circa 100BC ran along the contours of the chalk slope. The ditches had been V-sectioned and sharply cut into the chalk, but had gradually been filled with soil washed down from above.



Map: Bourne Society

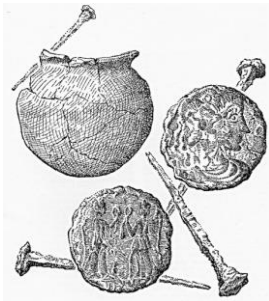
After patient vigilance over many months Mr Lindsay came across the Roman cemetery of Coulsdon Woods. Seven burials were discovered in the sides of a drainage trench and a number of others were disturbed by building work. They were between three and four feet deep and faced north-east. Unfortunately, all had been disturbed by the mechanical digger and the bones were in a poor state of preservation because of the permeable effect of the chalk which causes bones to deteriorate.

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Couldson Woods – Roman Cemetery

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Grave 1 contained the bones of a young adult. Three large iron nails were found, one on each side of the skull and one beneath the right shoulder. The lower leg and foot bones had been removed by the mechanical excavator. Grave 2 contained the bones of an adult person. Only the arm, leg bones and the skull remained and these were fragmentary. Small fragments of wood were also found around the bones. Grave 3 also contained the bones of an adult person. There were also fragmentary, and nails were found to the left and right of the skull, close to the upper arm bones and close to the ankles. The position of the nails gave a coffin width of about two feet. In Grave 6 the bones were again fragmentary and, following a consultant dentist's report, the lower jawbone was estimated to be of a person between 23 and 25 years. In the upper ditch, above the accumulated layer of soil, pieces of Romano-British pottery were found dating from the 1st century AD. This pottery consisted of native-made cooking pots and a few pieces of imitation Samian ware. No pottery was found in the lower ditch, but there were signs of a retaining wall on the inner side.



Picture: Bourne Society

However, it was possible to find small fragments of wood around the bones, together with large iron nails which had secured the coffins. No grave goods were found with the burials, but a fourth century coin of Constantius II, dating to before the reform of the currency in 345 AD, was found close to the jawbone of one of them. It was therefore likely that the burial with the coin dated from circa 360AD. The nails were all similar in size and type, the heads were roughly circular, about one inch in diameter with a roughly tapering rectangular shank about 4.5 inches long. Examination of the nails by Mr R Merrifield, Assistant Director of the Guildhall Museum, established them as likely to be late Roman, of the second half of the 4th century, rather than Saxon.

It is therefore possible that these were Christian burials of the late Roman period. This was interesting since it had previously been accepted that there was no Romano-British occupation of the area later than the 2nd century. Earlier excavations had revealed traces of Roman-British and Saxon occupation of Farthing Down, but this was the first time that they had been carried out on the ridge to the north-east, which was hitherto assumed to have been uninhabited. The excavations demonstrated that the occupation of the ridge at Couldson Woods was contemporaneous with the Celtic field system on Farthing Down; it may have been a domestic site of the people who used the field system. The ditches were cut during the Iron Age for defensive purposes, and, as Roman influence was used, there was no need for a system of defences and the ditches were allowed to fill with debris.

There had hitherto been no evidence of previous occupation of the Farthing Down area during the late Roman period, but these excavations showed that the area was inhabited until the end of the Roman period. Later air photography suggests that three other local early settlements await further investigation.

A Garden for Coulsdon Town Centre

by Gill Hickson



Did you know there was a large open space behind Coulsdon Library? This was originally intended for a rear extension which never got built due to World War II and has remained vacant ever since. Local Resident Emily Harris, who was keen to make use of her garden when the garden centres were closed during Lockdown wondered if neighbours and friends had any spare seeds or cuttings that could be shared. She formed the Coulsdon Gardeners Facebook Group in May 2020.

Inspired by the success of the Facebook Group, which now has 640 members, Emily wondered if there was somewhere in Coulsdon town centre where a community garden could be created, along the lines of similar local projects to Banstead in Bloom, Purley in Bloom and Coulsdon South Station flowers and Coulsdon Art Trail

Having discovered the untouched space behind the Library, Emily thought this would make a great community garden for the people of Coulsdon. It could have flower gardens, areas to attract birds, bees and butterflies and more.

It would be a great place to have your lunch or just a coffee from one of Coulsdon's cafés and an interesting place for schools, cubs, brownies to explore.

Emily approached Croydon Council and they have given her permission to set up a group to turn this hidden gem of a space into a community garden for all of us in Coulsdon, residents and visitors alike. This is quite some project with a lot of heavy ground to renovate and weeds, brambles and more to clear. It will require the community to work together, just as we have done during the Covid pandemic and more recently to organise the Christmas lights and Christmas tree this year.



Emily organised an open day on Saturday 12th February 2022 to explain the project to the residents of Coulsdon. If you would like to help or have ideas for the Community Garden, please contact Emily Harris thehivecoulsdon@gmail.com



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Business Interview – Token Accessories

by Charles King



For this Review's business interview we visited another one of Coulsdon's hidden gems, Token Accessories; a family run business by Ade Oladinni.

Ade, who was working at the Home Office in Croydon, had been mulling over what she could do, where she would be more in charge of what she did. It was while she was on holiday in Italy that she came across a small, but very colourful accessory shop selling a multitude of accessories to locals and visitors alike. This triggered an idea of what she could possibly do in the future if she left the Home Office. So where and how could

she bring this idea to fruition? While taking her young children to school at St Aiden's in Coulsdon she saw an empty shop in Chipstead Valley Road Coulsdon.



This could possibly be the realisation of her idea; a nice bright accessory shop offering something completely different in Coulsdon, and near her children's school. After making enquiries of the landlord she decided to go for it and Token Accessories was born, based on the shop she had seen in Italy. And, as they say, the rest is history.

Today Token Accessories has an amazing large range of stock for a small shop, sourced both locally and internationally. It caters for both women and children, selling day and evening bags, children's



school bags, belts, hats, scarves and gloves, shawls, costume jewelry and, of course, fascinators, all at very reasonable prices. The busiest times of the year are Christmas, Summer weddings and parties and of course Ascot and the Derby, which have all been victims of Covid during the past two years.

Covid has been a very difficult period for many small shops like Token Accessories with long periods of closure including across Christmas 2020. Fortunately, Ade had set up a website where you can shop online: www.token-accessories.com and view all that Ade sells in the shop. The website not only gets enquires and orders locally, but from all over the UK.

ECRA would like to thank Ade for her time and thank her for the little gem of a shop in Coulsdon that is well worth a visit. You might just find what you want right here in Coulsdon at a very competitive price.

Token Accessories 37 Chipstead Valley Road 020 3417 2487 www.token-accessories.com.

Public Transport Report

by Charles King

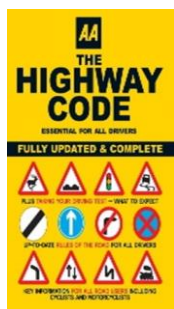
Trains: The December 2021 timetable restored the full service to Coulsdon South and, after extensive lobbying by East Surrey Transport Committee, two trains per hour and a through service all stations to London Bridge was introduced at Coulsdon Town. However, within days the Government introduced plan B. As this coincided with work over the Christmas holidays when Victoria was closed, GTR decided to keep Victoria closed until 10th January 2022 when they introduced a shuttle service from East Croydon. This resulted in Coulsdon South being reduced to two trains per hour and fortunately two trains per hour remained at Coulsdon Town. Although plan B was lifted towards the end of January there was no improvement in our local train service.



East Surrey Transport Committee have continued to lobby on your behalf for restoration of our services. At the time of writing GTR have said they will restore the Clapham Junction and Victoria service from Coulsdon South and the semi-fast service to London Bridge at Coulsdon Town on Monday 21st February 2022. They will continue to review the extra peak hour Bedford service at Coulsdon South.

Prior to becoming Great British Railways, the Government has told the rail industry to make cuts in the cost of the day-to-day operation. This may result in a reduction in service from the next May timetable changes. We will keep you informed via the ECRA Facebook page and the web site.

Buses: At present there are no proposed changes to bus services in our area. The proposed changes in the Sutton and Croydon Review have been put on hold until the Government and the London Mayor have agreed forward funding for TfL. The restriction on Freedom Passes and 60plus Oyster still remain at 9am for TfL services and 9.30am for National Rail services on Monday to Friday. The Annual Fares rise will take place in March as last year. Covid-19 is still with us so please wear a facemask on Public Transport to protect both you and others, unless you are exempt



Highway Code: Changes took place to the Highway Code in February this year. These changes introduced a hierarchy of road users giving priority in the following order: Pedestrians, cyclist, horses, motorcyclists, cars, buses and lorries.

The main change you should be aware of is when turning left into a side road you must give way to pedestrians waiting to cross the side road. For the full changes visit the following web site:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1037306/table-of-change-to-the-highway-code.pdf

Volunteering – Get Involved!

by Gill Hickson

Huge thanks to all our residents who continue to support the Purley Food hub with donations; these can be made to the food bin at 6 Mead Way and clothes, toys and homeware at 56 Mead Way.

Also to our litter pickers who will resume litter picking locally and are looking for new people to join the team covering Coulsdon Memorial Ground (Marlpit Lane park) and other local hot spots.

We are also planning two more historic finials for our town centre posts, and donations are very welcome.



Coulsdon South in Bloom

Coulsdon South Station: For a number of years ECRA and Friends of Farthing Downs have been looking after the flowerbeds on the platforms and outside Coulsdon South station. Unfortunately, our team of volunteers are getting older and are reducing in numbers. This is a great project and has brought much pleasure to passengers while they wait for their train, making the wait more colourful and pleasant. Could you spare a small number of hours per month over the Spring and Summer? If so, why not volunteer to help out? Contact Pauline on paulinepayne@btinternet.com 01737 554449



What's On



RSPB Croydon Local Group Monthly Illustrated Wildlife Talks

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

Monday 14th March “The Canadian Rainforest”, Gordon Small

Talks from April onwards will be evening only (7.30pm). For details visit:

ww2.rspb.org.uk/groups/croydon/events or contact John Davis on 020 8640 4578

Coulsdon Theatre Workshop, Coulsdon Community Centre

Barrie Close, Off Chipstead Valley Road, CR5 3BE

Sherlock Holmes and the Sons of Anubis by Richard Lloyd

Saturday 2nd April, Wednesday 6th to Saturday 9th April at 8pm, Sunday 3rd and Saturday 9th April at 3pm

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



COURTYARD THEATRE
CHIPSTEAD PLAYERS

Chipstead Players, The Courtyard Theatre

Hazlewood Lane, Chipstead CR5 3QU

(Youth Theatre) Our Day Out by Willie Russell, Directed by Debs Brooks

Tuesday 5th to Saturday 9th April 8pm, Saturday 9th April matinee at 2.15pm

The Woman in White by Wilkie Collins; Adapted for stage by Constance Cox, Directed by Eve Manghani – Monday 23rd to Saturday 28th May 8pm, Saturday 28th May matinee at 2.15pm www.chipsteadplayers.org

Easter Eggstravaganza – Saturday 16th April – Grange Park, Old Coulsdon

Visit the Friends of Grange Park's page on Facebook for the latest details:

www.facebook.com/groups/Friendsofgrangeparkoldcoulsdon

Historic Commercial Vehicle Society – London to Brighton Run – Sunday 8th May

A welcome return to the HCVS London to Brighton rally which will pass through Coulsdon.

FoFD & HV & ECRA Spring Quiz Night

Cameron Hall, Coulsdon Road, Old Coulsdon, CR5 1EH

Saturday, 14th May 2022: 7pm for 7.30pm, with Quiz Master Mark Cooper

Tickets £13 per player (teams of up to 8). Includes fish, chicken or vegetarian supper, soft drinks, tea and coffee (or BYO). Contact: paulinepayne@btinternet.com

Giant Picnic in the Park – Saturday 4th June 2022 – Grange Park, Old Coulsdon

To celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II there will be a Giant Picnic in the Park from noon onwards, with live music, children's entertainer, competitions and more.

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