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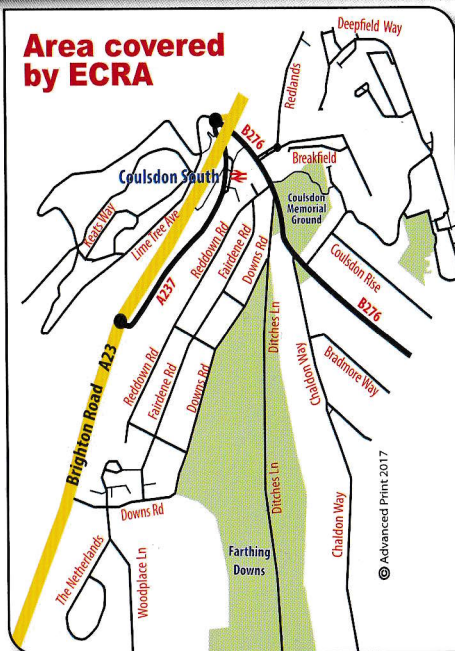
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## Editorial

by Alison Sleight

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### **ECRA's AGM was held on 12<sup>th</sup> June – see page 5 for more details.**

These are some of ECRA's achievements : Transport issues : Coulsdon south station lift and bridge, Retention of ticket offices, Retention of paper travel card; Improvements to bus and train timetable. Retention of N68 night bus extension of 463 to Coulsdon South and extensions to the 404 and 434 routes; 2 hour parking in the town centre; Campaigning for Coulsdon and Bradmore Green libraries; medical centre and Banking hub for Coulsdon; . Post Boxes in Deepfield Way and on Cane Hill.

**East Coulsdon and Coulsdon West Residents' Associations** organised hustings on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at Coulsdon Community centre. All candidates were invited; Chris Philp, Ben Taylor, Richard Howard and Kulsum Hussin attended. See page 6 for a breakdown of the results of the General Election 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

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## ECRA AGM Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June Old Coulsdon Congregational Church

by Charles King

The AGM was well attended, and reports were given by the treasurer Michael Ryan and Secretary Maureen Levy. The treasurer reported that the accounts had been inspected and found satisfactory and the finances were on a sound footing now that we had raised the subscription to £5. We made donations to the Coulsdon Christmas lights and a Christmas hamper for the food bank.

Maureen Levy reported over the work that the committee had undertaken on planning, Marlpit Lane Memorial Park and the Bowling Green. We were disappointed when the proposed Medical Centre on the former CALAT site was paused due to NHS funding cuts. We have been working with Chris Philp MP to get *NHS England* to release the funding. A new plan has been proposed with the building reduced in size and this was due to be submitted to Croydon planning in the summer. Maureen also talked about raising issues at the Police Panel.

The Chair, Charles King, reported that ECRA had submitted responses to the Library closures consultation supporting improvements at Coulsdon and opposing the closure of Bradmore Green. ECRA have submitted a response to the latest parking proposals, asking to maintain the one-hour free parking with a second hour paid for and opposing the introduction of an overnight charge in Lion Green Road and other district centre car parks. We had lobbied *Thames Water* to repair a number of sewage issues. Charlie thanked the committee and the road stewards for their help during the year. A special thank you to Alison who edits the Review and Gill, Vice Chair, who represents us on *The Hive Library Garden* and *Coulsdon Community Partnership*. He also thanked *Tesco (Caterham)* who provided the refreshments for the break.

**The Committee:** two members stood down due to work commitments and Paul Eversfield was elected. The existing Officers and Committee were re-elected on block.

The guest speakers were **Police Sergeant Robert L Jackman**, the new sergeant at the local neighbourhood policing. He was keen to involve the local community in policing and responding to their needs. They had been working with local schools. He responded to questions on graffiti, shoplifting, low-level anti-social behaviour and speeding.

**Eleanor Richardson**, Chair of *Coulsdon Community Partnership*, explained the purpose of the *Coulsdon Community Partnership* was to bring together Businesses, Residents and other groups based in Coulsdon to work together to improve Coulsdon and make it an interesting place to come to. They were responsible for the Christmas lights, **YuleTide** event and, working with *Cozy Glow*, they were able to hold successful Hallowe'en and Easter Egg Hunts in the town centre. They had also purchased more lights which were switched on for Diwali. *Coulsdon Community Partnership* are now a registered charity and have taken responsibility for *The Hive* Library garden.



# General Election Results 4th July 2024

National Result 2024				
Party	Seats	Seats Gained	Lost	
<b>Labour</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>211</b>		<b>Government</b>
Conservative	121		251	
LibDem	72	64		
Scottish NP	9		39	
Independent	7	7		
Reform	5	5		
Green	4	3		
Sinn Fein	7	0	0	
DUP	5		3	
Plaid Cymru	4		2	
SDLP	2	0	0	
Alliance	1	0	0	
Traditional Unionist Voice	1	1		

Croydon South 2024 Result					
Candidate	Party	Votes	Percentage	Change	
<b>Philp, Chris</b>	<b>The Conservative</b>	<b>19,757</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>-14.5%</b>	<b>Elected</b>
Taylor, Ben	Labour	17,444	35.3%	+7.2%^	
Howard, Richard	Liberal Democrats	4,384	8.9%	-4.6%%	
Bromley, Bob	Reform UK	4,149	8.4%	+8.4%	
Garrod, Elaine	Green	2,859	5.8%	+2-9%	
Hussin, Kulsum	Workers	612	1.2%	+1.2%	
Samuel, Mark	Independent	173	0.4%	+0.4%	
<i>Number of electors</i>	74,968	<i>Percentage voting</i>	66%	<i>Change from 2019</i>	5.2%

Croydon South 2019					
Candidate	Party	Votes	Percentage	Change	
<b>Philp, Chris</b>	<b>The Conservative</b>	<b>30,985</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>-2.2%</b>	<b>Elected</b>
Fitzroy Olga	Labour	18,646	31.4%	-4.4%	
Jones Anna	Liberal Democrats	7,503	12.6%	6.9%	
Underwood Peter	Green	1,782	8.4%	1-2%	
Garner Kathleen	UKIP	452	-07%	-1.1%	
<i>Number of electors</i>	83,982	<i>Percentage voting</i>	70.7%	<i>Change from 2017</i>	-2.7%

## Notes:

*Chris Philp MP (Conservative) was re-elected with a majority of 2,313*

*Chris Philp received the lowest ever conservative vote since Croydon South Constituency was formed in 1965.*

*Ben Taylor (Labour) received the highest ever Labour vote.*

*Boundary changes in 2024 made Croydon South a safer conservative seat.*

*There is a reduction in electors by 8,996 (10.7%), but an increase in the number of candidates.*

*There was a 5.2% reduction in people voting.*



# Chaldon Way Gardens

by Charles King

When the area around Chaldon Way was developed in the 1930s the Builders Fairdean Heights Ltd had a site office on a small patch of land adjacent to Coulsdon Memorial Ground which later became the sales office. On completion of the building works it was agreed that the Company would allow the Council, at its own cost, to collect and use, free of charge, for the purposes of adapting the original layout of the land as a public open space called Chaldon Way Gardens. The site was landscaped and planted out by Coulsdon and Purley council. Chaldon Way Gardens was adopted by Croydon as a public open space.

This generous offer resulted in an excellent ornamental garden being constructed with lawns, shrub beds and annual bedding displays, and a small shelter at one end of the garden. Up until recently the gardens were maintained by the park keepers at Marlpit Lane Memorial Park. However, the park keepers were transferred to other work and the Chaldon Way Gardens has been allowed to deteriorate and is in danger of becoming an eyesore. ECRA has continually lobbied the council to restore the gardens to their former glory. Unfortunately to no avail.

A local group of residents led by Jigs have set about tidying up with working groups on some Sundays. If you would like to help, please email Jigs on:

[chaldonwaygardens@hotmail.com](mailto:chaldonwaygardens@hotmail.com) or feel free to lend your time in whatever way you can, be it litter picking, keeping the ivy at bay or maintaining the re-established beds.

Although ECRA will continue to lobby the council to improve the maintenance of Chaldon Way Gardens and other open spaces, what is needed longer term is to form a **Friends of Chaldon Way Gardens group** to help restore the gardens to their former glory. If you would be interested in joining a Friends of Chaldon Way Gardens, please contact ECRA on [info@eastcoulsdon.co.uk](mailto:info@eastcoulsdon.co.uk)



*Pictured left and below:*  
Chaldon Way Gardens  
as it used to be a few  
years ago.

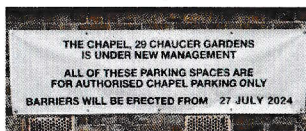


*Pictured above:* Chaldon Way  
Gardens today



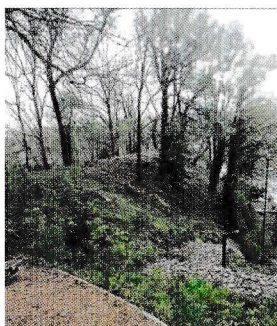
# What's Happening In and Around Coulsdon

by Charles King



**Cane Hill:** We understand that there has been a transfer of ownership of the Chapel from the 27<sup>th</sup> July 2024. Work is due to start again. There are still no plans for the site at the bottom between Marlpit Lane and Lion Green Road which has planning permission for commercial development.

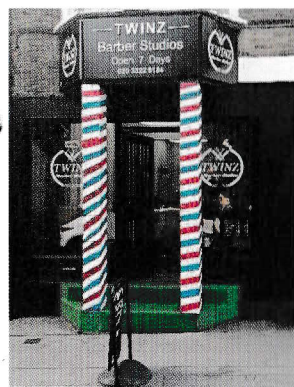
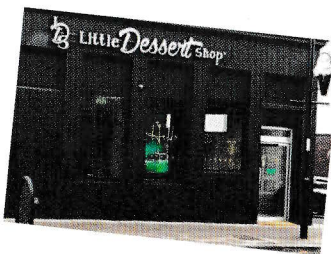
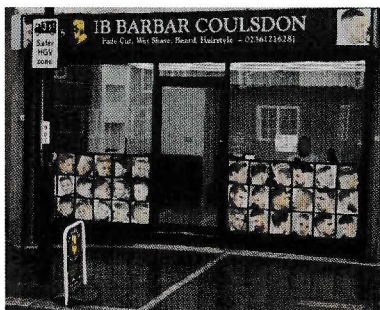
**Red Clover Gardens on Lion Green Road:** The council have now sold two blocks for sale or private rent to **Regen Capital** and we understand that a few people have moved in. The other three blocks are in a complicated lease and lease-back deal with **Mears Group** which calls itself "An Affordable Housing Management Company". We understand that these will be offered to people on Croydon Council's waiting list. However, once moved in they will be the responsibility of the **Mears Group**.



**London Loop:** The path for the diversion of the London Loop is now open along Iron Railway Close down to the Old Surrey Iron Railway embankment and then steps down and though Red Clover Gardens past the five signs boards that provide information on the Surrey Iron Railway. This route is not yet signposted. The step free route remains along Lion Green Road.



A number of changes have taken place in Coulsdon Town centre since the last Review. In Chipstead Valley Road there are two new barbers **Twinz** (020 3322 6184) and **IB Barbar** (07361 2115211). In the Brighton Road **The Little Desert Shop** has opened in the old Barclays bank building.



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# What's Happening In and Around Coulsdon

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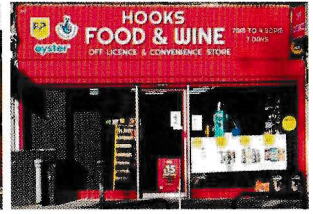
**Thai Venue** has closed and it seems **The Light Bar** has not reopened and **Bella Art** has announced its closure at the end of August. **The Hive** Library Garden opened on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and is now open to the public on the days when Coulsdon Library is open. After ECRA approached the **Link** organisation, **Cash UK** are working on opening a Community Banking facility in the town centre. **Royal Mail** have announced that they will be installing parcel and package lockers locally, but no locations have been identified as yet.

## Around Coulsdon:

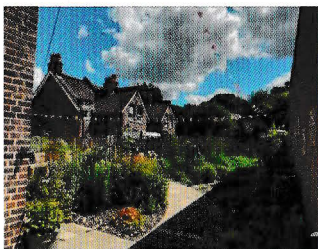


In **Marlpit Lane Memorial Park** the junior football pitch has now been marked out and the Bowling and Putting Green are now open. More help is needed with staffing the pavilion and maintenance of the greens. If you can help the Friends of Marlpit Lane Bowling Green, please contact Maureen on 07761 926498.

At **Stoats Nest Parade** **PWJ Plumbing** has had a revamp, While at **Lacy Green** the two convenience stores, **Londis** and **Hooks Food and Wine** have also had a revamp.



## The Hive – Coulsdon's community garden at Coulsdon Library

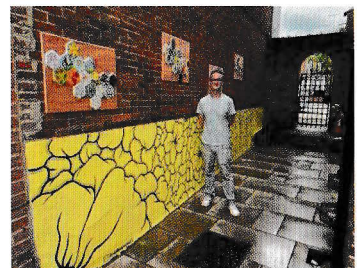


The Hive continues to grow and develop. With the sunny weather finally making an appearance the garden has now really come into its own.

The Hive is open Monday, Thursday and Saturday (when the library is open) and makes the perfect pitstop after visiting the town centre. Plenty of seating so you can sit and enjoy a moment of peace. The volunteers spent a recent Saturday morning working on some

beautiful mosaic totems for the garden.

Artist **David Stevenson** (Instagram: @davidstevensonart) visited recently, painting a vibrant mural to brighten up the brick wall and enhance the display of tiles.

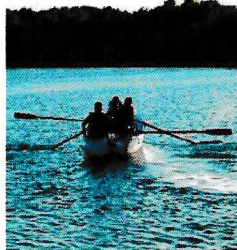




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*by Michelle Lewington*

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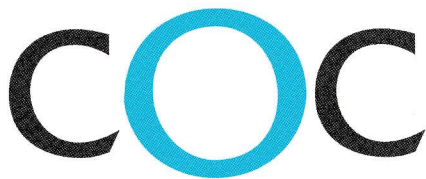
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# Changes to Parking in Croydon

by Charles King



During July Croydon council announced that all existing parking meters would be switched off after the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2024. From then on, to park in a district centre or in a small shopping parade you would have to obtain authority to park by using the **RingGo** app or for those that do not have a smartphone by phoning **RingGo** on 020 3046 0010. To use the app you have to identify where you are and for how long you want to park and pay by bank card. There was a small warning message about **RingGo** app contained in the notice. “Whilst the council does not charge for using **RingGo**, some default settings may mean that you pay a small charge to **RingGo** for reminders.” To avoid the reminder charge you have to change the settings in the **RingGo** app.(See below).

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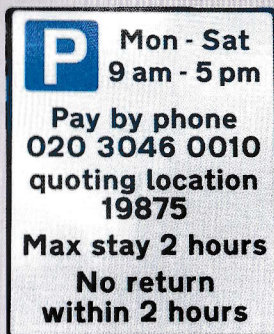
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2. Go to the My Account option at the bottom of the app.
3. Choose My Notifications.
4. Check that ALL notifications are off (the standard notifications settings will charge you 20p for a free hours parking)

## To Park

5. Choose the correct location - if you are parked with your vehicle it should pick this automatically
6. Choose the one-hour free parking or the length of parking time.
7. Confirm your booking



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Parking information signs can be found at each location.

These will give details of the location number, max stay and 'No Return' rules.

Please ensure you check these signs as restrictions may differ at each location.

eg: Brighton Road outside Dobles  
and Chipstead Valley Road outside  
Coulsdon Hardware



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## Changes to Parking in Croydon

by Charles King

For others who are unable to use the app or the phone you can obtain the authority to park at one of the Paypoint stores that is participating. These are the stores that may be participating.



### In Coulsdon the Paypoint stores are:

**Best Save Food & Wine** 214 Brighton Road, Coulsdon, CR5 2NF

**Thirsty Work Food and Wine** 175 Brighton Road, Coulsdon, CR5 2NH

**Esso Coulsdon** 189-191 Chipstead Valley Road Coulsdon, CR5 3HR

### In Old Coulsdon the Paypoint stores are:

**Old Coulsdon Village Store** and **Morrisons** Tudor Parade, Old Coulsdon CR5 1EB

**Mary Convenience store** Taunton Lane, Old Coulsdon CR5 1SG

**Hooks Food and Wine** and **Londis** in Lacy Green Parade, Old Coulsdon CR5 1EN.

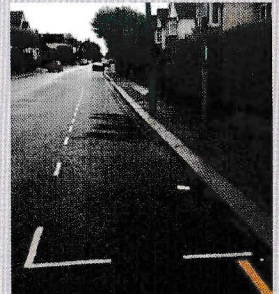
**Charges:** All parking in District centres and shopping parades will be the first hour free and the second period of time up to two hours paid for, with no return for two hours. However, the hours of charging have been extended by two hours now 8.30am to 6.30pm.

**Car Park Charges:** Again, you will have to use the **RingGo** App or phone **RingGo** to park in District centre car parks. The Council also intend to introduce an evening and overnight charge. ECRA have continued to object to this as it is not in the interest of the night time economy of Coulsdon or residents who need overnight off-street parking. We have also asked for a 15minute grace period before a parking ticket is issued.



ECRA have managed to get the council to increase the number of Residents Parking Bays in the CR CPZ in Downs, Fairdene and Reddown Roads.

If you live in one of these roads and would like to be considered for a residents' parking bay, email ECRA on [info@eastcoulsdon.co.uk](mailto:info@eastcoulsdon.co.uk)





## Coulsdon Commemorates D-Day Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 1944

*by Carole Skinner*

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024 Coulsdon, along with the rest of the country, commemorated the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D-Day landings, the beginning of the end of World War 2. In Coulsdon two exhibitions were organised, one in St John's Church focussed on the national picture including maps of the D-Day landings and another in Bradmore Green Library.

The Bradmore Green Library exhibition opened with a talk by Sally Ward-Lee and highlighted what Coulsdon families were doing in the summer of 1944. Visitors to the library shared their stories, photos and details of loved ones. They recalled wartime experiences and told moving stories of bravery and sacrifice.

The displays recorded local heroism and service during those dark days, showing Coulsdon people who were on the Normandy beaches on D-Day. Dennis Flanagan, a Royal Engineer born in Stoats Nest Village, landed on Gold Beach, tasked with building bridges for tanks to use. Ken Mead, a 17-year-old Merchant Navy seaman who ferried ammunition back and forth, was awarded the Legion d'Honneur medal. Reuben Jeffrey, of the Parachute Regiment, only 20, was parachuted behind enemy lines in Normandy and there were many others from Coulsdon who took part in this campaign.

Sadly, not all our residents returned home safely including men like Edgar Bream bought up in Purley and moved into the Glade Old Coulsdon when he married Rosa. As well as Flight Sgt Kenneth Porter educated at Purley Boys School who died aged 23 flying a Halifax plane over France. Leonard Spear, also in the RAF, the only son of Richard and Grace of Court Avenue. Captain Thomas Coulson living with his wife and young son in the Brighton Road and many others.

The bravery and commitment of Coulsdon residents who joined the Home Guard, Fire Service or became Air Raid Wardens is often overlooked. It wasn't "Dad's Army" it was for real. Recruits were trained and reminded there was to be no surrender, they were expected to fight. We were a vulnerable target for the Luftwaffe with our close proximity to Kenley Airfield and London.

We were pleased to see local primary and secondary schools visit the exhibitions and we thank the many residents of Coulsdon who came to the Bradmore Green Library (threatened with closure) and told us their stories.

*Pictured right: Edith Elizabeth Raffield, a remarkable woman who was an Air Raid Warden in Coulsdon on D-Day.*



The exhibition was put together by Sally Ward Lee (freelance journalist) and Carole Skinner (volunteer Redhill History Centre).

The exhibition in St John's Church was assembled and overseen by Colin Mowle and the rare and extraordinary maps on display the interest of the churchwarden Ralph Goodwin. While both exhibitions were decorated with handcrafted poppies made by local Girl Guides, the WI and the Trefoil Guild a real Coulsdon community team effort.



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## The Business Interview – Coulsdon Osteopathic Clinic

by Maxine Leyland



Coulsdon Osteopathic Clinic opened its door in Old Coulsdon 18 years ago. The owners, Jitendra ( Jitu ) and Lucinda Vara , moved into new premises in the town centre about 2 years ago. Jitu agreed to speak to me about his life and business. Jitu came to the UK with his parents from Nairobi Kenya when he was 8. He attended Norbury Manor Primary School before going on to study at Selhurst Secondary school.

He did A levels and considered a medical career however the prospect of more than 5 years study and training was daunting. He was interested in a career in health care and therefore in 1988 he enrolled at the European School of Osteopathy in Kent. It was a 4 year course. The School was not eligible for public funding and he didn't get a grant to support him during his studies so he worked in Harrods while he was studying.

After qualifying he began work , initially as a locum, at a practice in Seaford in East Sussex. He became a principal osteopath at the practice and subsequently bought the business which he held for 34 years before selling it 2 years ago. In addition to the Coulsdon practice, for the past 30 years Jitendra has had a practice in London at Cavendish Osteopath on Queen Anne Street.

In 1992 Jitu held one the first NHS contracts to provide services to a GP practice at Sussex University. This continued until 1998 when client demand elsewhere and an NHS review of services meant that he needed to focus on his own practice.

The Old Coulsdon practice did well but it outgrew its premises, opposite Old Coulsdon Medical Practice and behind John Brown Mark Youll estate agents. He moved the practice into the Coulsdon premises previously occupied by Marsh stationers which required full redevelopment. Currently the practice is open Monday to Saturday, has 4 part time receptionists and has 10 independent practitioners who provide osteopathy, Pilates, sports massage, aromatherapy, chiropody and podiatry services.

I asked about the difference between chiropractors and osteopaths. Jitendra explained they have close origins and techniques, and treatment has many similarities. The main difference is in the philosophy of how pain dysfunction of the body occurs and how this relates to its symptoms.

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**Coulsdon Osteopathic Clinic is based at:**  
**100 Brighton Road, Coulsdon CR5 2NB**  
**020 8660 9912**

**See page 14 for their advert with further details**



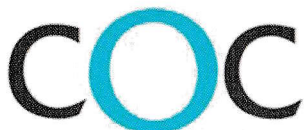
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Osteopathy has become popular in recent years and services are easily accessible. Practitioners are independent of orthodox medical opinion although there is statutory regulation by the government. The Coulsdon Osteopathic Clinic works closely with local GPs and orthopaedic surgeons

Jitendra believes that Coulsdon high street is a good place to provide osteopathic care to the local community because it has excellent transport links. He continues to see clients from London and Seaford at the Coulsdon practice. He is concerned about parking provision, Jitendra and his family enjoy living locally and use local shops in Coulsdon (Waitrose and Aldi) and the Tudor Rose and Danny's in Old Coulsdon.

ECRA would like to thank Jitendra for his time.



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# Public Transport Report

by Charles King

**Trains:** The rail strikes have been called off, subject to negotiations, with the new Government. There are no planned changes to the local services. **East Surrey Transport Committee (ESTC)** are still lobbying for restoration of the Tattenham Corner to Victoria peak hour service and restoration of two trains per hour on Sundays. If you support this please write to GTR Public Affairs: [GTRPublicAffairs@gtrailway.com](mailto:GTRPublicAffairs@gtrailway.com) and to Chris Philp MP [chris.philp.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:chris.philp.mp@parliament.uk) **ESTC** are also campaigning for more of the early morning peak Bedford service to be restored at Coulsdon South.



**Buses:** The postponed Sutton and Croydon changes took place in March. The **434** was extended to Caterham directly via the Godstone Road and not via the top of Kenley due to issues of sightlines and parking. This is still awaiting consultation on parking restrictions in Kenley. It is hoped this will be resolved by the Autumn. The **166** was diverted via Pampisford Road and no longer serves Purley Town Centre and Hospital. **ESTC** are campaigning for **166** to continue to serve Purley Town Centre

and Purley Hospital and for the **439** to serve Pampisford Road. **Coulsdon West Residents' Association** have started a petition to restore the **166** to Purley Town centre and Purley Hospital. Please sign and support:

[www.change.org/Restore\\_166\\_to\\_Purley\\_Hospital](http://www.change.org/Restore_166_to_Purley_Hospital)



The addition of **166** buses on Saturdays and Sundays between Purley and Banstead to serve the Lavender Fields at Oaks Park will continue to run until the end of August.



**404** and **466:** From the 15<sup>th</sup> August to 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 Coulsdon Road across Coulsdon Common will be closed. As a result the **466** will be run in parts: Four buses per hour will terminate at Old Coulsdon Tudor Rose until 9pm when this will be reduced to three buses per hour. In addition two buses per hour will continue to Caterham via the A23 Hooley and Shepherds Hill to Westway. After 9pm and on Sundays this will be reduced to one bus per hour. The **404** will terminate and start from Lacy Drive. The **466** temporary timetable can be found on the **ECRA** web site [www.eastcoulsdon.co.uk](http://www.eastcoulsdon.co.uk)

**Did you know?** That the Senior Railcard and Freedom Pass are an excellent combination but the Disabled Persons Railcard is even better. If you are deaf and use a hearing aid two people can travel on one railcard and they are not restricted in terms of time of travel during the working week. The Disabled Persons Railcard is cheaper than the Senior Railcard. More information on tickets is on the ECRA transport website: [www.eastcoulsdon.co.uk/transport-trains-buses-roads/trains/](http://www.eastcoulsdon.co.uk/transport-trains-buses-roads/trains/)



## What's On

### Chipstead Players, The Courtyard Theatre

Hazlewood Lane, Chipstead CR5 3QU

**A Monster Calls** by Patrick Ness, directed by Emily Foster and Monty Camisa-Bundy

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 7.30pm, Saturday matinee at 2pm.**

**The Hypochondriac** by Molière, directed by Kate Thurlow

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm, Saturday matinee at 2pm**

Box Office 01737 555680 or visit [www.chipsteadplayers.org](http://www.chipsteadplayers.org)



### ECRA and FoFD&HV Autumn Quiz Night

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

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 7pm for 7.30pm** with quiz master Mark Cooper

Tickets £16 per player (teams of up to 8). Includes Fish, Chicken or Vegetarian supper

Contact [paulinepayne@btinternet.com](mailto:paulinepayne@btinternet.com) 017378 554449



### RSPB Croydon Local Group Monthly Illustrated Wildlife Talks

**Croham Road Baptist Church Hall, 52 Croham Road, South Croydon, CR2 7BA** Start 7.30pm

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September "Birds of the Horn of Africa" by John Caddick**

For details visit: <https://group.rspb.org.uk/croydon/news-blogs/news/> or contact John Davis on 020 8640 4578.

### Willow Dance and Fitness

Monday to Saturday – Dance and exercise classes. Various Coulsdon venues.

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**Steam Trains in Coulsdon: *Orient Express*** Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August, Monday 12<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September & Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Time at Coulsdon South: 15:00

***Garden of England*** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August. Time at Coulsdon South: 15:00

***Sunset Express*** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August Time at Coulsdon South 21:00

**Note:** Train times/routes can be altered/cancelled at short notice even on the day. Trains may also run up to 15 mins early or late. A useful website to check these and other steam trains

[www.railadvent.co.uk/railtours](http://www.railadvent.co.uk/railtours)

### The RM Sotheby's London to Brighton Veteran RAC Car Run

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