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REMEMBERING ERIC MIDWINTER OBE



11.02.1932 – 08.08.2025

Eric Midwinter was an English author, broadcaster and academic. He was a social policy analyst, a cricket historian and an expert of British comedy. We remember him as one of the visionary founders of the University of the Third Age in 1982, now the u3a. The movement was based on the belief that later life should be a time of continued learning, connection and contribution. Eric's commitment to challenging negative stereotypes of ageing and to creating 'spaces' for older adults to share skills, knowledge and friendship, has shaped the lives of hundreds of thousands of members over four decades.

Eric's vision will continue to inspire new members and generations to embrace lifelong non-formal learning and positive ageing.

Thank you Eric.

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The address of the Masonic Hall is 73 Oakfield Road, Croydon CR0 2UX. Masonic Hall free car park is in Stanton Road.

Monthly Meetings: the formal part of the meeting starts at 2.15 pm. Please come earlier to enjoy tea, coffee, biscuits and a chat, or come for lunch. The Masonic Hall provides a special u3a menu at reasonable prices – order from the bar.

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Find us at Croydon u3a

Bulletin stop press: The next Bulletin will be out late October early November 2025. Copy to Linda Grigsby, Bulletin Secretary lindagrigsby17@gmail.com, cc Jenny Wilson jenny.wilson@croydonu3a.org.uk by 20 October.

To join a Zoom event email jenny.wilson@croydonu3a.org.uk mob. 07808 723686



Jenny Wilson– CHAIR

Dear Member,

Two of the BIG things that are on the list are membership renewal and the Annual General Meeting. You have already received information about membership and the Committee is delighted that we can continue to offer so much for members without having to increase the annual fee. The AGM is a constitutional requirement and there are details included in this issue.

At the August Monthly Meeting the speaker Andy Smith, told us all that our u3a is, *'the most multi-cultural u3a I have visited and I have visited a lot.'*

We are very proud of this fact for diversity enriches all aspects of our u3a. As you know we host many visitors from other parts of the world and from other u3as and something thing which is **ALWAYS** referred to is our warm welcome and friendliness. Croydon u3a is the best!

Did you know this? If you are in a situation where you can't speak (choking, heart attack, an intruder, domestic violence etc) you can ring 999 and when the operator answers, **press 55**. This tells them that you need urgent help and cannot speak. They will track your phone or ask you to text your house number & postcode and help will be dispatched. Worth knowing and remembering.

The scammers have been busy – I have had quite a few – 3 demanding I click the link to pay an overdue parking fee, an ultimatum to upgrade my details to be in receipt of the winter fuel allowance and a request to buy some vouchers on behalf of a third party. **NEVER CLICK THE LINK** unless you are 110% certain that it's genuine. **NEVER AGREE TO PAY FOR SOMETHING** unless you have separately checked it out. Use a credit rather than a debit card even for a coffee. It's much easier to get refunded if you do make a mistake.

Very best wishes,

Jenny

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2025

DATE	EVENT	FURTHER DETAILS/ SPEAKER
<u>2025</u>		
Wed 10 Sept at 2.15pm	MM at Masonic Hall	John Cookson on London Bridges
Thur 11 Sept	Runnymede riverboat lunch cruise	FULL
Mon 15 Sept at 7.30pm	Quiz Night – Zoom	
20-28 Sept	u3a Week – celebrating the u3a nationally & locally	
Wed 8 Oct at 2.15 pm	MM at Masonic Hall	AGM – Member, Phil Barber reminisces on his sailing to Croatia
Thur 16 Oct	Members’ Lunch at McDermotts Fish & Chips Restaurant- details in this Bulletin	
Mon 20 Oct at 7.30 pm	Quiz Night - Zoom	
Sat 25 Oct 10.30-3.30	Autumn Craft Day	Details in this Bulletin
Wed 12 Nov at 2.15pm	MM at Masonic Hall	Rachel, Trustee of Croydon Animal Samaritans
Mon 17 Nov at 7.30pm	Quiz Night - Zoom	
Wed 26 Nov 10.30-12	Health Workshop	Details in this Bulletin
Wed 26 Nov at 3.30pm	Christmas at Kew	Details in this Bulletin
Wed 10 Dec at 2.15pm	MM at Masonic Halls: Christmas celebrations with staff & students of Orpheus College for students with disabilities.	
Mon 15 Dec at 7.30pm	Quiz Night - Zoom	
<u>2026</u>		
18 Mar	Members’ Lunch – venue to be agreed	
27 – 31 Mar	Weekend break to Wye Valley & Forest of Dean – Details in this Bulletin	
Wed 15 April	Coach outing to Leeds castle	Details in this bulletin
Tues 30 June	British Summer Lunch Cruise	Details in this bulletin
Thurs 6 Aug	New Old Jewish Quarter Tour	Details in this bulletin

If you are interested in joining the Zoom Quiz Nights contact Jenny Wilson
jenny.wilson@croydonu3a.org.uk

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025

- When?** Wednesday 8th October, 2025 at 2.15pm
- Where?** The Masonic Hall, Oakfield Road, CR0 2UX
- Why?** It is a constitutional requirement of the Charity Commissioners as specified in our Constitution Section 13
- What?** You will receive an AGM pack – electronically or by post, containing the Agenda, Minutes for last year's AGM, Chair's Report, Treasurer's Report and a Committee Nomination Form.
- How?** The formal business will seek to approve the reports and vote for members standing for election.

The Committee: The maximum size of Croydon's Committee is specified as 12 members.

Nine committee members are still serving within their term of office:

Jenny Wilson, Joy Ellery, Paul Smith, Trisha Holmes, Maggie Chan, Steve May, Linda Grigsby, Karen Hook, Fenella Cardwell,

We have 3 vacancies with 2 members who have registered their wish to be elected.

Nomination forms will be included in the AGM pack. If you are interested to know more please get in touch to discuss what would be involved and the skills & talents we would welcome.

All the members putting themselves forward for election are required to complete a Nomination Form which includes a proposer and seconder for their application.

Only fully paid -up members are eligible to vote at the AGM.

At the following Committee meeting a new Development Plan will be drafted to guide our direction and progress through the next year. If you have suggestions please share them with us by speaking to or emailing a Committee member or popping your idea in the Suggestion Box.

AUTUMN CRAFT DAY

After 2 very successful craft days, Sally and Jenny have another one planned.

When: Saturday 25th October 2025 10.30 – 3.30pm

Where: Shirley Methodist Church

Cost: £25, teas, coffees, biscuits & cake included (please bring a packed lunch)



What you will need – all the ingredients and materials will be provided. Nearer the time we will contact participants with final details of what to bring (cake tin, knives etc). Full tuition will be given.

We are going to make sugar paste decorations with an autumn theme, decorate

chocolate logs and carve pumpkins – prizes will be given for the best & the scariest!!!



How to pay -

1. BACS transfer to Croydon u3a Sort Code 23-05-80 a/c number 13630003 Reference **CRAFT**
2. Cheque payable to Croydon u3a with **Craft Day** on the reverse posted to Jenny Wilson, 3 Loxwood Close, Orpington, BR5 4PQ with the form / details below
3. Cash to Jenny – a receipt will be given

For confirmation to book a place email : jenny.wilson@croydonu3a.org.uk or phone T: 07808 723 686 and then complete this form & post (address above) or email the details

Autumn Craft Day

Name

Phone number M'ship Number

Email Address

Local Emergency Name & Contact number

Health Workshop

On 26th November 2025, join us for a workshop to learn more about bowel cancer and then to cheer us all up, to learn about and experience some laughter yoga. The Workshop will be held at Shirley Methodist Church, 2, Eldon Avenue, Croydon, CR0 8SD, from 10.30 am to 12 noon and will cost £5 per person.



Join a Health Improvement Specialist from St George's University Hospital to learn about the signs and symptoms of bowel cancer, how to test for it and how your lifestyle can help to prevent it.



Then join our own Jenny Wilson to look at the scientific evidence behind laughter yoga and to try out a few different methods.

You can pay by Bank Transfer to our Croydon u3a account: Account Number 13630003, Sort Code 23-05-80 and reference HEALTH. You can pay on the door if you are unable to use bank transfer.

For a place, please complete the form below and send it to Joy Ellery, 2, Silverwood Close, Croydon, CR0 9AU.

Name..... u3a membership no.....

Phone number.....

Email address.....

Emergency contact number (must be local)

I will contact you to let you know that you have a place, nearer the time. Do call or email me if you have any queries. Joy Ellery (07710 244601, joyellery@btinternet.com)

News from the Groups

We are delighted to be able to add some exciting new opportunities to the menu of activities we can offer to Croydon u3a members! We have 2 new groups - **Guitar Improvers** and **Transport** - launching and 2 new courses starting soon.

Some information about the 2 new groups follows - both can still accept a few more members - please get in touch with me if you are interested in joining either (or both!)

The 2 new courses about to start are **Philosophy**, which still has spaces for a few more members, and **Anglo-Saxon Literature**, which is full. Please see the information about the Philosophy course which follows.

In October, Caje Moniz expects to offer another of his very popular and successful **Botanical Watercolour courses**. Days and times are still to be decided, but please let me have your name if you are interested in this. Please see the information following.

Maggie Chan, Interest Groups Coordinator: clockie68@gmail.com

What is a 'Buddy'?

We all know the term, 'Buddy' - but what does it really mean and where did the word originate?

Many people think that it derives from 'Brother' and was an import from America - where from the mid-19th century it was used to mean *close friend*. However, some see it as deriving from 'butty' - a term used in England and Wales since the 18th century and which meant *work-mate* - while others



trace it back even further - to an Old English term 'bude' - meaning a *close companion*. Wherever the term originated, it is generally understood these days to refer to somebody who is a **supportive friend**.

Croydon u3a adopted the term 'Buddy' some years ago, when we wanted to bring in a scheme which set up close and supportive relationships between members of the Committee and the Interest Groups. Under the Buddy system, each member of the Committee is asked to be the 'Buddy' for a number of Groups - keeping in close touch with them, taking an interest in their activities and appreciating what they bring to Croydon u3a. Buddies will offer advice and support when needed - and vitally - will be the main link between the groups and the Committee.

With some recent changes in the membership of the Committee, there has been some reallocation of Buddies and, whichever group you belong to, you may well have a 'Buddy visit' in the near future. We hope that these visits will offer a chance for Committee members and group members to get to know each other better and for the Buddy to indeed become an approachable and supportive friend to the group.

Our Interest Groups are the core of Croydon u3a - a previous national u3a Chair referred to the Interest Groups as 'the life blood' of the organisation - and so we want to ensure that we, as Committee members, give our groups our appreciation and ongoing and informed support.

Jenny tells us that, when she describes to the Chairs of other u3as how our Buddy scheme operates, they always say what a great idea it is - and it looks as though some of them will be setting up similar schemes! So, we hope you will agree that Croydon u3a's Buddy system is something for all of us to be proud of!

Maggie Chan for the Croydon u3a Committee

News from the Groups

Ballroom Dancing

Our new Ballroom dancing group is now underway and is proving popular. It is a tutored class, with qualified instructors and currently has room for a few more members.

Meeting on the 1st and 4th Tuesdays of the month at Shirley Methodist Church from 11.00 am - 12.00 midday, the classes cost £5 per person.

For more information or to join contact **Karen Hook**: 07799

776684/karen_hook@hotmail.com



The Singalong Group

The Singalong Group is now fully established and we would like more members! We meet on the 2nd Monday of the month at Shirley Methodist Church'. If you would like to join us please contact Trish Bishop on 07711 229899, email trishbish@outlook.com, or Linda Grigsby on 07754 092042, email lindagrigsby17@gmail.com

It doesn't matter if you don't think you can sing just come along and join in the fun. Please note that IT IS NOT Karaoke! The next meeting is on Monday 12 May at 10.30-12 noon and the cost is £4 including refreshments.



Garden Visits 2025

This is an Open Group so all members welcome. All outings (except where noted) will meet at Forestdale Car Park for 10.45 am, for a 11.00 am get away, returning approximately 5.00 pm to Forestdale Car Park.. Contact either **Linda Grigsby on 07754 092042 OR Karen Hook on 07799 776684** if you are interested. A donation of £2.50 would be appreciated for the driver of the car you will be travelling in.

17 Sept 2025

Wednesday

CHARTWELL, Westerham, Kent TN16 1PS

Admission price £14 house & garden 9NT/GW 241 card), refreshments and shop available

3 Dec 2025

Wednesday

A special **Christmas Garden Visits** to **Haskins Garden Centre** for **Afternoon Tea**

The cost for this is £19.95

Tracing Your Ancestors

This small friendly group (previously called Family History) is looking to recruit extra members. We meet on the 4th Wednesday each month from 2.00 -3.30pm at **Thornton Heath library in Brigstock Road**. Local buses from Croydon stop right outside the library or Thornton Heath station is less than a 10-minute walk away. We use the computers in the Library's IT suite and, if required, members can use my subscription to Ancestry for a nominal charge (currently £1).



Other websites are available - but please note not all of these are free to use. If you are interested in joining the group to learn a bit more about your ancestors, please contact me ...

You never know who or what you may find!

Cariss Smith: 0208 668 956

News from the Groups

Aqua Aerobics

At CROYDON HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS CLUB

Old Farleigh Road, Selsdon CR2 8YB

Aqua Aerobics is now a regular class meeting in school holidays on the dates below:

Tuesday 28th October at 1.30 pm

Tuesday 30th December at 1.30 pm

Tuesday 17 February 2026 at 1.30 pm

Tuesday 7 April 2026 at 1.30 pm

Tuesday 26 May 2026 at 1.30 pm

Contact Linda Grigsby on 07754 092042/ lindagrigsby17@gmail.com to book your place.

The cost is £7



Wildflower Group Programme 2025

4th Monday of the month at 10am



Date	Venue	Meeting point, 10am
September 22nd	South Norwood Country Park	Car Park by Visitors' Centre off Albert Road
October 27 th	Fungus Foray, Kingswood	Far end of Kingswood Lane, off Limpsfield Road. Park in the road.

Please bring the completed tear-off slip with you if I don't already have one as I am required by U3A to have these details. Contact me Shirley Shepherd sandrshephard@hotmail.com

*Name: *U3A Membership Number:

*Tel. No: *Emergency Tel. No:

Email address:

News from the Groups

Interest Groups – Book Groups

The bliss of finding a good book to read can never be over-stated. However if you are finding yourself in a rut reading the same old stuff – or – if you've read a fabulous book but you don't have anyone to share your appreciation – have you thought about joining one of our book groups?

I recently spent a couple of enjoyable afternoons with two of our book groups - **Share a Good Read** and **Book Club** – Exploring Fiction Old and New. Great discussions were held with much laughter, everyone was given a chance to express their opinion and although there were a variety of opinions – some liked the book, others didn't - the conversations were friendly and respectful.

All members agreed that a book group can get you to read something you might not have considered, and even if you don't completely like the book it is always interesting to hear other views and insights. Sometimes there is the joy of finding a new author!



Please note that **Share a Good Read** is currently full but there is space in **Book Club**.

We also have space for new members in our **Books Made Into Film** group. This group not only reads the book but members can also watch an adaptation of the film, which often is different from the book! However, participants can choose whether to just read the book, just watch the film or do both, giving them the chance to make their own choice but still contribute at the Book Group meeting.

If you would be interested in joining a book group here are the links to the two groups which can welcome more members:

Book Club: https://www.croydonu3a.org.uk/activities-exploring_fiction_old_new

Books Made Into Films: https://www.croydonu3a.org.uk/activities-books_made_into_films

Alternatively – would you like to start your own group? It could be thematic – a crime book group, science fiction, historical? The opportunities are endless.

Trisha Holmes trisha.holmes@croydonu3a.org.uk

The **Environment and Climate Crisis** Group's recent meeting revisited the problem of plastic.



Plastic is an essential material in many ways, but our over-production of 'disposable' and 'recyclable' plastics is the problem.

- Fewer than 1 in 7 plastic bags are recycled
- The world uses 5 tr plastic bags a year

Ocado was identified as being part responsible, with other on-line delivery companies, as fuelling the rise in plastic bags. Shoppers bought 437m single-use plastic bags in 2024, compared with 407m in 2023. Ocado = 221m (2024); Co-op 94m, Morrisons 58m & Sainsbury's 11m.

The amount of plastic waste collected on beaches rose by 9.5% from 2023 – 2024.

When possible, say no to single use plastic bags and buy items not wrapped in plastic – everything from apples to shampoo. (info from The Guardian 25.08.25)

Visit our website for more information <https://u3acroydon.weebly.com/>

News from the Groups

Information about New Groups

Guitar Improvers

The Guitar Improvers group has got off to a good start and will be meeting fortnightly at Shirley Methodist church. Its aim is to get together regularly to play reasonably well known acoustic melodic pop/rock songs - largely for the members' own entertainment.

The group is not intended for complete beginners - but apart from that any level of playing is fine. The idea is to start a song with everyone strumming along and then attempt to add in different guitar parts - depending on what works. Just strumming along in itself is however perfectly fine. Guitarists who sing are also encouraged.






The group currently has room for a couple more members - so if you are interested to come along for a trial session, please contact Maggie Chan, Interest Groups Coordinator:
clockie68@gmail.com

The Transport Group

Our new Transport Group will be starting in October with a visit to the London Bus Museum at Brooklands. The Museum has around 30 buses on display, taking visitors on a journey through nearly 200 years of the history of London's road transport and there will also be a chance to visit the other Brooklands Museums to see a wealth of other forms of transport - including aircraft, bikes, motorbikes, engines, cars - and much more!

Are you:

-  *fascinated by the history of transport?*
-  *interested in current transport issues?*
-  *intrigued by new and future forms of transport?*

Then come and join the Transport group! For more information, contact **Maggie Chan, Interest Groups Coordinator:** clockie68@gmail.com



News from the Groups

Information about Upcoming Courses

An introduction to PHILOSOPHY

Starting in September, this six-week course is intended to provide a guiding framework for thinking about and discussing some of the questions that have been of most interest to philosophers in the mainstream Western tradition. The course is structured around six “big” questions that philosophers have debated over the centuries:

- ✚ What is reality?
- ✚ What can we know?
- ✚ Can there be a rational basis for morality?
- ✚ Is the rule of law compatible with individual freedom?
- ✚ Could a machine become conscious?
- ✚ What is the point of art?

No previous experience of studying philosophy is required just a willingness to think and to participate in discussion.

Interested in joining this course? Contact **Maggie Chan, Interest Groups Coordinator**
clockie68@gmail.com



Botanical Watercolour Painting

Following the success of his first two courses, Cajé Moniz is offering a third 12-week tutored course in botanical watercolour painting, starting in the autumn.

Meeting once a week, the course will include:

- ✚ observation and sketching;
- ✚ colour mixing and basic techniques;
- ✚ painting leaves, flowers, stems, branches, bark;
- ✚ painting fine detail;
- ✚ composition, background and texture.



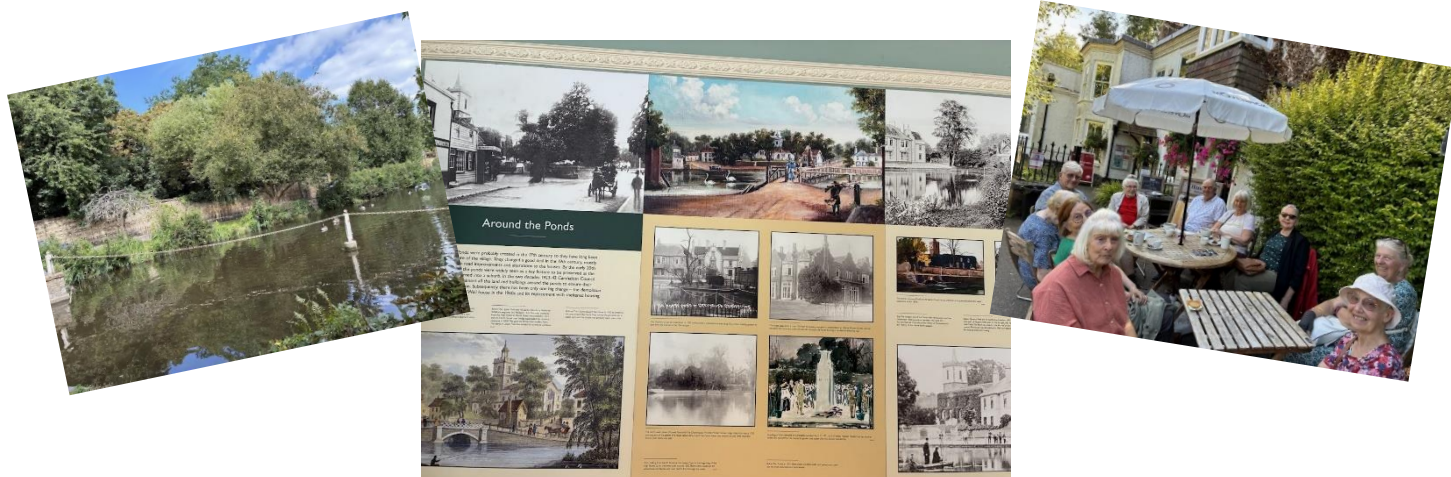
Participants will need to have their own equipment - a detailed list of items will be provided.

To express your interest please contact **Maggie Chan:** clockie68@gmail.com

News from the Groups

Out and About With Our Groups

On a perfect summer's day, the **Local History group** set out on a visit to Honeywood House and Museum in Carshalton. The group enjoyed the Museum's wonderful display of photographs and artefacts, which give a detailed history of the town and surrounding area - followed by a welcome cuppa beside the lake. Learning something new and socialising - it's what the u3a is all about!



NEW LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

A 2nd Local History group is being set up and will be launching soon. If you are interested in joining this new group, please contact me and I will keep you updated. I will be contacting those on the Waiting List individually.

Maggie Chan clockie68@gmail.com



Selsdon Community Fair – Sunday 7th September 12-4pm

- ✚ At the Old Farleigh Road entrance to Selsdon Woods. Wide selection of stalls & activities. **Come and see our stall**, tell punters how great we are, have a go at the Tombola.

It's u3a WEEK from 20th – 28th September

- ✚ So please let us know what your group is doing so we can flood Social Media and the website with everything going on for members.

Croydon u3a Volunteers' Get Together –27th September

- ✚ celebrating our Group Leaders and Volunteers

Annual General Meeting Wednesday 8th October

- ✚ Masonic Hall, 2.15pm. After the business part of the meeting, member Phil Barber will share his experiences of sailing.

Trustees' Week – 3rd – 7th November

- ✚ recognising the work of our Committee Members and the Trustees that 'work' for London Region u3a.

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CROYDON u3a MAGAZINE

This is edited and produced by Tess Smith and she needs your stories, recipes, puzzles and items of interest for members to enjoy.

Please send your contributions by 20th November, to :

tess.exlunn@gmail.com

u3a Matters

This is the national magazine which comes to you through the post five times a year. It contains news from u3as round the country, articles and interesting information. There are also offers for lots of products.

u3a Council News

'The Council' is a group of elected u3a members from all over the UK: from N. Ireland, Scotland & Wales, and each of the nine regions of England. The Council Representatives for the London Region of 43 u3as are Chris Bulford (Islington u3a) and myself.

We are tasked with being the voice of the movement, keeping the Third Age Trust Board informed and feeding back to members.

We were formed at the beginning of April 2025 and so far, I have had a large number of zoom meetings, three in -person meetings with the Board and u3a staff leads as well as meetings (in person and electronic) with my co-London Rep.

Currently the drive is to determine the priorities for the development of the movement and how best these can be accomplished. Proposals include:

- ✚ Making the u3a more widely known and better understood;
- ✚ Increasing the membership, especially at the younger end;
- ✚ Encouraging more members to be volunteers;
- ✚ Improving the website and communication channels;
- ✚ Making digital learning more accessible.

We need your views, opinions and ideas so please get in touch.

I'll keep you posted.

Best wishes,

Jenny

Jenny Wilson London Region Council Representative

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CROYDON u3a TRAVEL TEAM 2025

Hello everyone. I hope you have had a great summer with all those heatwaves!!! We now move into the cooler autumn season and look forward to the leaves turning into a variety of colours and then falling giving lots of clearing work for the gardeners!

And for the Travel Team it heralds the start of winding down the activities for 2025. The sequins were very much in evidence at the August visit to see the Strictly Come Dancing wardrobe here in Croydon. Also that month a very interesting, guided walk along the Thames took place. And September sees a cruise along the Thames at Windsor that includes a ploughman's lunch. Sorry, but all tickets have been sold. Food will also be on the menu for the Members Lunch in October being held at McDermott's Fish and Chip Restaurant. Nothing better than a plate of Fish and Chips delivered piping hot to your table having just been taken out of the fryers. You can smell the aroma already!

And then in November there is a trip to see the Christmas Lights at Kew Gardens to herald the start of the festive season. This is always very popular, and Kew has announced a new lighted trail for 2025. And before we know it 2025 will have come and gone. Details of these remaining 2025 trips can, as usual, be found in the Croydon u3a Bulletin.

Of course, the Travel Team are already working on the 2026 programme with the short break in March to the Wye Valley and the Forest of Dean already nearly fully booked. Just a few places remain so if you are interested, please see the booking form in this Bulletin. Please also note that for this trip we are offering a 3 tier payment plan to spread the cost over the coming months.

And the 2026 programme will feature a variety of activities across a wide range of themes. There will be another boat trip (with food!), Members' Lunches, visits to historic houses and gardens, guided walks, and initial plans are being made for a short break to Liverpool. Something for all you Beatle's fans! Details of all these will be released nearer the dates.

Thanks to all members who have supported us this year.

Enjoy the last days of Summer.

The Croydon u3a Travel Team – Andy, Cariss, David, Karen, Linda, Paul.

Croydon u3a Summer Walk

On Wednesday, August 6th, a group of Croydon u3a members set out on an interesting and enjoyable guided walk around the City.

Following her very popular London walk last summer, Sheila Batchelor (a Green Badge Guide and Croydon u3a member) led the walk along the Thames, starting at City Thameslink station and finishing at All Hallows by the Tower of London. The walk included Roman history, Shakespeare links, early European Union history, 2 fascinating churches and 5 bridges with lots of information about the Thames (including its role in dealing with London's sewage).

Thanks to Anne Tanner for these photos of the day.



The Millenium Measure - depicting 2,000 years of London's history



A Saxon arch in All Hallows church



National Firefighters' Memorial in St Paul's Churchyard.
Originally a monument to commemorate firefighters killed in the Blitz it was decided in 1998 to dedicate it to all firefighters killed in the line of duty.



Old Billingsgate Fish Market

A report from the **Strictly Workshop – Behind the Seams**, which took place on Thursday 14 August by 37 very excited Croydon u3a members. The visit did not disappoint and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Because there were so many of us we were split into two groups, one for the talk by Carole, who has worked at DSI for 30 years and talked about the outfits and how they were made (and apparently is very interested in joining Croydon u3a as she would like to join the Ballroom Dancing group): and the walk through the workshop and factory by Gerald, one of the Directors of DSI London. Gerald gave us a lot of insight into some of the gossip with the Strictly teams and of course our lips are sealed because of the NDA!!

Some of the facts told to us by Gerald:

- ✚ The only fabrics bought in the UK are the fringes, the rest are mainly sourced from Italy and Japan
- ✚ All their workers are from abroad (Albania, Poland, India and Japan)
- ✚ One roll of fabric costs at least £6,000
- ✚ The BBC hire the costumes from DSI London
- ✚ Gerald was a ballroom dancer and competed with Anton du Beke, who was the DSI's receptionist at one time
- ✚ DSI London take orders for theatre shows, films and hiring out costumes
- ✚ Only 4% of their business is from Strictly Come Dancing

We were able to talk to the machinists too who explained some of what they did and by working so hard to meet strict deadlines.

Below are some of the photos of dresses and Carole explained how they were created and all started life on a mannequin as a leotard: the black dress with the braid, when you look closely is not braid but is in fact very small gold safety pins: the cream dress is one that Rose Ayling Ellis wore in her Strictly time.

Also pictured below are some of the 'wannabee' Strictly dancers. So watch this space!!



Croydon u3a Members' Lunch

at the award winning

McDermott's Fish & Chips Restaurant

The Forestdale Centre, Featherbed Lane, Croydon CR0 9AS
(Public transport 64, 433, 130 buses, tram stops at Gravel Hill and Addington Village and plenty of free car parking)

Thursday 16 October 2025 12 noon – 2.30 pm

Forestdale Centre, Featherbed Lane, Croydon CR0 9AS

Thursday 16 October 2025

12 noon – 2.30 pm

2 courses £22 including tea & coffee and service charge

(Please indicate on the booking form below your menu choice)

Menu (all served with chips)

- a) Cod
- b) Chicken
- c) Spicy bean burger (V)
- d) Cheese & onion pie (V), AND
Sticky Toffee Pudding & Ice cream

Croydon u3a Members' Lunch
McDermott's Fish & Chips Restaurant on Thursday 16 October 2025
at 12 noon – 2.30pm

(Please make your selection here - Main: Dessert (Y/N):

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Name(s) Membership No(s)

Address: Post Code.....

Tel. No. E-mail

I would like ticket(s) Total..... (cheque payable to **Croydon u3a** and s.a.e. enclosed)

PLEASE BRING YOUR TICKET ALONG TO ENTER THE RAFFLE

News from the Travel Team

CHRISTMAS AT KEW GARDENS

Wednesday 26 November 2025

Travelling by Public Transport we meet EITHER AT East Croydon Railway Station (3.30pm) OR Kew Gardens District Line station (4.15pm), Kew returning approximately 8 pm

Tickets £24.75 includes entrance to Kew Gardens (limited tickets available)

Experience a world of winter magic in Kew Gardens as the acclaimed light trail, Christmas at Kew, returns this festive season.

Christmas at Kew is an unmissable opportunity to herald the start of the festive season or welcome in the New Year with family and friends. The new 2025 trail promises to be as magical as ever.

Don't miss spectacular new creations from world-wide artists presented uniquely for the first time in the UK. These larger-than-life illuminations are always unforgettable and to make it even more memorable, glimpse Father Christmas along the way.

Enjoy delicious street food with tasty festive delights, from hot food and sweet treats to spiced winter warmers and hot chocolate. Or indulge in a three course Christmas dinner in the elegant surroundings of the Botanical Brasserie.

Enjoy a holly, jolly Christmas at Kew under the stars!



BOOKING FORM

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Name(s)Membership No(s)

Address:Post Code.....

Tel. No.E-mail

I would like ticket(s) Total..... (cheque payable to **Croydon u3a** and s.a.e. enclosed)

My contact in case of emergency is: Name.....Tel. No.

MEET AT EAST CROYDON STATION: ☐ OR KEW GARDENS DISTRICT LINE ☐

WYE VALLEY & THE FOREST OF DEAN

Friday 27 - Tuesday 31 March 2026

A 3-tier payment plan has been devised to help you, if you need it: For members sharing a room the cost is **£540** (£75 non-returnable deposit, £232.50 payable by the 15 November, and final balance of £232.50 payable by 15 January 2026. For those members having a single room **£639**: (£75 non-returnable deposit, £282 payable by the 15 November, and final balance of £232 payable by 15 January 2026)

Visit the beautiful area of the Wye Valley and the Forest of Dean and stay in the Bells Hotel & Country Club, Coleford <https://bells-hotel.co.uk/> for 4 nights £540 (+ £99 single supplement).

What is included in the cost:

- ✚ 4 nights dinner, bed, breakfast and 2 nights entertainment.
- ✚ Excursions include a relaxing 40 minute cruise on the Wye Valley Cruises from Symonds Yat West, and
- ✚ Return train journey on Dean Forest Railway from Norchard
- ✚ Additional excursions for free time in Monmouth, Tintern Abbey for a photo stop, Chepstow, Hereford, Ross on Wye and Ledbury if you require them.
- ✚ Luxury coach travel throughout
- ✚ Porterage at the hotel
- ✚ Driver's tip



WYE VALLEY & FOREST OF DEAN BOOKING FORM

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Name(s)Membership No(s)

Address:Post Code.....

Tel. No.E-mail

I would like tickets for the Wye Valley trip and enclose cash/cheque (with sae) or paying BT

My contact name and telephone details in case of emergency is

u3a Outing to Leeds Castle

Wednesday 15 April 2026

Coach leaves at 8.30am from Fairfield Halls, Park Lane, Croydon, arriving back between 6-6.30 pm

Cost of this outing is £42 (including driver's tip):



Leeds Castle, is located near Kent's County Town of Maidstone. As you step through the gates get ready for an experience to remember. Take in the glorious scenery, as each season brings new colours, scents, wildlife and discoveries that cover the grounds and 500 acres of parkland. Watch as nature calls for moments of wonder and spontaneity. It's time to gather and time to cherish, as you explore the history of a Castle run by queens and heiresses.

Awe in delight as you stroll through their sun-drenched gardens filled with fragrant flowers and foliage, and admire the seasonal blooms, ever-changing for our delight. Glide into their 1930s

country retreat, as you uncover the original interiors, take note of the eccentric purchases of owners past, and learn of lavish parties with Hollywood's finest. Step back in time to experience the cinematic history of our queens from the middle ages, as they share their untold stories, in their own voices.

✚ Visit the Birds of Prey Centre, **which is included in your ticket price** or a Private Group experience is available to Meet the Owls for £5 (this would need to be pre-booked beforehand so please let me know). Learn about the conservation efforts supporting these incredible birds.

✚ Explore the 900-year history with the multi-guide including information about the Decadent 1930s, which you can purchase for £5

✚ There is the Stable Yard Café, offering lighter bites and refreshments as an alternative to the Castle View Restaurant (where you need to pre-book

✚ Elsie the Castle Train will take you from the main entrance up to the Castle

✚ The Black Swan Ferry takes passengers across the Great Water from the Boathouse Café to the maze and play areas. The cost for this is £1.50 each way

✚ Explore the many streams, rivers and the moat

✚ There is a wheelchair lift at the Castle



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BOOKING FORM – Leeds Castle 15 April 2026

Leave 8.30 am from Fairfield Halls, departing approximately 4.30pm, arriving back around 6-6.30-pm.

Name(s)..... Membership No(s)

Address

Postcode:Mob No.E-mail

I would like ticket(s). Total £..... (cheque payable to "Croydon u3a") together with stamped addressed envelope to. **OR** by Bank Transfer account no. 13630003, sort code 23-05-80 **(PLEASE PUT THE OUTING NAME);**

My contact in case of emergency is: Name.....Tel. No.

u3a Outing to Maidenhead for a Typical British Summer Lunch Cruise

Tuesday 30 June 2026

Coach leaves at 8.30am from Fairfield Halls, Park Lane, Croydon, (please arrive by 8.15 am for registration) arriving back between 5.30-6pm

Cost of this outing is £53 (including driver's tip): and includes a typical Pie & Mash with Liqueur lunch. The cruise is for 3 hours.

This typically British cruise is a great way to spend the time than with a groups of like minded people. We think you will enjoy cruising down the river with a lovely meal and a sing-song or two in a typically British fashion.

This 3 hour cruise picks upon Britain's Pie & Mash traditions and brings them to the River Thames. Enjoy our live running commentary packed with local facts about the Thames and the surrounding area. There will also be classical songs gently playing in the background to enjoy or sing along.

The Georgian (pictured) was built in 1996 and at this time accessibility was not at the top of the agenda and there is little scope for modernisation. The Georgian is equipped with modern toilets, more importantly open spaces for those sunny days. There are around 12 steps down to the water and further two on to the vessel.



The Georgian (pictured) was built in 1996 and at this time accessibility was not at the top of the agenda and there is very little scope for modernisation. However we do our best to help. The Georgian is equipped with modern toilets and central heating for those chilly days, however, more importantly, open spaces for those sunny ones too. Unfortunately, the boat is not equipped for wheelchairs. Once inside the boat there are 4 steps down into the saloon where the food is served, and 7 steps up to the top deck

Return the booking form below to: Karen Hook, Email karen_hook@hotmail.com; mob: 07799 776684, **OR** Linda Grigsby, 37 Albatross Gardens, South Croydon CR2 8QW; Email: lindagrigsby17@gmail.com ; mob: 07754092042. Either pay by **cash/ cheque (payable to Croydon u3a) together with stamped addressed envelope** at the Monthly Meeting in the Masonic Halls, **OR** by Bank Transfer account no. 13630003, sort code 23-05-80 **(PLEASE PUT THE OUTING NAME);**

BOOKING FORM – Maidenhead British Lunch Cruise 30 June 2026

Leave 8.30am from Fairfield Halls, departing approximately 4-4.30pm, arriving back between 5.30-6pm.

Name(s)..... Membership No(s)
Address
Postcode:Mob No.E-mail

I would like ticket(s). Total £..... (cheque payable to “**Croydon u3a**”) **together with stamped addressed envelope** to. **OR** by Bank Transfer account no. 13630003, sort code 23-05-80 **(PLEASE PUT THE OUTING NAME);**

My contact in case of emergency is: Name.....Tel. No.

u3a Outing by Public Transport to Visit the Original Jewish London

Expression of Interest

Cost of this trip is £15 and is lasts about 2 hours, 15 minutes. We will meet outside Aldgate Underground Station –(NOT the nearby Aldgate East Station) OR meet at East Croydon Train Station, and ends close to Bank Underground Station.

Stroll through the true City of London (also known as the Square Mile) where the original Jewish London existed a thousand years ago. Discover hidden gems of the older Jewish history as we come across fascinating sights and I introduce you to enthralling characters from the past (and the present too!) And feast your eyes on the amazing contrast in buildings from medieval magnificence to spectacular modern-day marvels.

On this, The Original Jewish London tour you will:

- ✚ come across several churches and roads within the City of London featuring the word 'Jewry' in their names and hear the enthralling reason why they were so named;
- ✚ tread the very side streets and narrow alleyways where a thousand years ago London's Medieval Jewish community lived and endured a precarious existence before their eventual expulsion from England; and,
- ✚ while standing on the very spot where the 1666 Great Fire of London started you will learn how the Jewish Quarter escaped the devastation despite it destroying 80% of the City
- ✚ Meet fascinating characters from the past and present including one Jewish Prime Minister of England who faced cruel antisemitism throughout his life
- ✚ the Jewish banker instrumental in Britain's victory against Napoleon;
- ✚ the renowned 17th century non-Jewish writer and diarist shocked at his experience in a synagogue.
- ✚ meet also the billionaire entrepreneur who wanted to become the first trillionaire and not only the Prime Minister of Israel but also the President of the World; and,
- ✚ find out why a Jewish Lord Mayor of London was physically ousted from Parliament.



As we saunter casually along main thoroughfares and through quaint alleyways in the **City of London** you will see the homes and workplaces of outstanding Jewish personalities who made their mark in this country; also get a bird's eye view of the tallest building in Britain; and we'll identify the site of a synagogue whose founder was excommunicated by the Jewish leadership, simply for building it.

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BOOKING FORM – The Original Jewish London -

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST BOOKING FORM

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Name(s) Membership No(s)
Address: Post Code.....
Tel. No.E-mail

CROYDON u3a TRAVEL TEAM EVENT

General Information and Booking terms and conditions

Please carefully read these **Booking Terms and Conditions**, as submission of a Booking Form will be taken as your acceptance of them. **PLEASE INCLUDE AN EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE NUMBER, WHICH MUST BE LOCATED IN THE UK.**

Coach Pick up and Drop off are at Fairfield Halls concourse See cover page of poster for times. On the day of an outing, if you have any problems joining the trip, please ring the Trip Organisers (mobile numbers on cover page of poster or on the ticket) by 7:00am. Outings are for Croydon u3a members only. In the event of low take-up, we may take members from other u3as and non-u3a members on an occasional basis.

Booking Forms: Booking forms for each outing are dealt with individually. When booking for multiple trips, a **separate booking form and stamped addressed envelope** are required for each one. Your booking may be jeopardised if this is not done. If you request more than one place, we must have the first name and surname and u3a number of each person.

Payment: Make payment online to Croydon u3a Business Account No. 13630003 Sort Code 230580 **Reference** – insert the **Name of the Trip**. If you are paying for someone else insert their name and the name of the trip. Alternatively, pay by cheque. Cheques may be dated for any time between Booking Form submission date and **two months** before the outing / event date. Please send your completed Booking Form, cheque and self-addressed envelope to the address given on the Booking Form.

Reduced admission: We can only offer the reductions which are advertised by the venue itself at the time we book it. We cannot deal with any special offers or discounts you may personally have.

Refunds: Refunds are generally non-refundable unless we are able to resell the place.

Mobility Requirements: Some, but not all, of our outings are suitable for members with manageable mobility restrictions. You must contact the named Travel Team Trip Organiser member on the poster cover page before booking if you wish to bring a mobility aid so that we can discuss your needs.

We will mention in our publicity and outing details any significant access or safety considerations of which we are aware. **YOU MUST BE ABLE TO GET ON AND OFF THE COACH UNAIDED.**

Restricted mobility: Members with restricted mobility may be accompanied by a carer on any outing, but a place needs to be booked. The carer does not have to be a U3A member but will be required to pay the full cost. Members are asked to think carefully about the physical demands of the outing and their own situation before submitting an application. We need to ensure that all participants are safe and that everyone enjoys the day. Ultimately the Travel Team reserves the right to decline applications in exceptional situations, regrettable as this may be.

Your responsibilities: You are asked to pay particular attention to the scheduled **Arrival & Registration, & Departure** times and assemble at the designated meeting point. If you are late, we may have to leave without you to enable us to keep to the time-table. In such an instance, you would have to arrange your own return home, and you would not be entitled to any refund for the cost of the unused portion of the day. If this should happen, we would endeavour to contact you and/or your emergency name contact number, which MUST be a number in the UK. We ask members for their mobile phone numbers and for them to ensure they are **switched on** during the outing. Participants are responsible for themselves and their belongings.

Data protection: The details you give us on the booking form will be held by the organisers until the outing has taken place and will be used only for the purpose of the outing. When it has taken place, they will be destroyed. We keep a record of your mobile numbers to save you giving us those details on every outing. Participants are responsible for themselves and their belongings.

General: We try to schedule comfort stops at a convenient time and place, but it is not always easy to do this for a large coach. Apart from the initial outbound departure time, most other times are approximate. We cannot predict traffic hold-ups or bad weather, both of which may affect our arrival and final departure times.

News from the Travel Team

CROYDON u3a TRAVEL TEAM LUNCHES

General Information and Booking terms and conditions

Payments and Refunds: For confirmed bookings all cheques must be cleared one week before the trip. A refund will only be payable for cancelled bookings if we are able to resell the place. Anyone taking the place of a cancelled booking must pay by bank transfer before the event or cash on the day.

Mobility Requirements: A member of the Travel Team will investigate any problems of access at the venue before bookings are opened. Members who are worried about mobility issues should contact the organiser before making the booking. Members with restricted mobility may be accompanied by a carer to any meal but a place needs to be booked. The carer does not have to be a u3a member but will be required to pay the full cost.

Your responsibilities: All attendees must carry out their own risk assessment.

CROYDON u3a INTEREST GROUPS

Contact: Margaret Chan 020 8655 4343 - clockie68@gmail.com should you be interested in any of the groups. (Aug 8 2025)

<u>Group Title</u>	<u>Day of the Month</u>	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>Venue</u>
<u>Action Groups</u>			
Chair Yoga	2 & 4 Mon & 1,2,3 Fri	10.00 am	Zoom
	1 & 3 Mondays	10.15 am	SMC
Dance Exercise	Mondays	9.45 am	St Matthew's Church
International Folk Dance	1 & 3 Wed	10.00 am	SMC
Line Dancing	1 & 3 Fri	10.30 am	SMC
Table Tennis	Every Friday	2.00 – 4.00pm	St Matthew's Church
Darts & Pub Lunch 1	2 Tues FULL	12.00 midday	The Orchard Pub
Darts and Pub Lunch 2	4 Weds FULL	12.00 midday	The Orchard Pub
Tai Chi	1 & 3 Mondays	1.00-2.00 pm	SMC
Ballroom Dancing	1 & 4 Tuesdays	11.00–12.00	SMC
<u>Active outdoor Groups</u>			
Short Walks	2 & 4 Thurs	10.30 am	Varies
Cycling	1 Weds & 3 Thurs	Varies	Varies
Historic Visits	4 Thurs FULL	Varies	Outings
Riverside & Canal Walks	3 Weds April – Oct FULL	Varies	Varies
Riverside & Canal Walks(2)	4 Weds April – Oct FULL	Varies	Varies
Riverside & Canal Walks(3)	3 Tues Jan - Nov	Varies	Varies
Riverside & Canal Walks(4)	3 Friday April – Oct FULL	Varies	Varies
Riverside & Canal Walks(5)	4 Friday April – Oct FULL	Varies	Varies
<u>Gardening Groups</u>			
Garden Visits – April	3 Wed (Apr-Sept)	10.45 am	Various
Wild Flowers	4 Monday (March to Sept)	10.30 am	Various
Love Gardening	1 Mon	10.30 am	Various
<u>Cultural Activities</u>			
Architecture	3 Thur FULL	10.00 am	Various
A Taste of World Cuisines	1 Tues	Lunch time	Various
Wine Admiration	1 or 2 Fri FULL	2.00pm	Home – Various
Art Appreciation	4 Fri	2.00pm	SMC
China	3 Tues	10.00 am	Zoom
Croydon Memories	4 Fri	12.00 noon	The Boulevard
Into Film	Varies FULL	Varies	David Lean cinema
Theatre Visits	Varies	Varies	Varies
Focus on Africa	4 Tues	11.00 am	Central Library
<u>Arts & Crafts</u>			
Knit & Natter	2 & 4 Tues	11.00 am	Home – Waddon
Painting & Drawing 1	Every Mon FULL	10.15	St John's Selsdon
Painting & Drawing 2	Every Mon	10.15 am	SMC
<u>Music</u>			
Blues & Jazz Appreciation	Varies	Varies	Various
Singing for Pleasure	2 & 4 Wed	10.30 am	St Matthews Church
Mandolin	By arrangement	By arrangement	Home, Addiscombe
Singalong	2 Monday	10.30 am	SMC
Guitar Improvers	1&3 Tuesday	10.30 am	SMC

<u>Group Title</u>	<u>Day of the Month</u>	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>Venue</u>
<u>Games of Skill</u>			
Rubber Bridge	Every Tues	2.00pm	Mildred Crt, Addiscombe
Scrabble	3 Thurs	10.30 am	Home - Selhurst
Quiz Nights	3 Mon	7.30 pm	Zoom
Board Games Fun	2 Fri	2.30pm	Ludoquist Café, Croydon
Mah Jong	Varies	Varies	t.b.a
<u>Literature</u>			
Book Club	3 Wed	2.00pm	Home
Share a Good Read	2 Mon	2.30 pm	St Johns, Selsdon
Play Reading Croydon	1 & 3 Mon	1.30pm	Home various
Play Reading Selsdon	1 Mon	2.00pm	Home various
Poetry for Pleasure	4 Tues	2.00pm	Home – S Croydon
Books Made into Films	3 Thurs	11.00 am	Caffé Nero, H.of Fraser
Writing for Pleasure Group	1 Wed	2.00 – 4.00 pm	SMC
	3 Wed	7.00pm	Zoom
<u>Languages</u>			
French Conversation (lower/Intermediate)	Every Mon	10.00am	PUR Church
French Conversation (Adv)	2 & 4 Tues	2.30pm	Zoom
Italian – Conversation	1 Fri FULL	10.00 am	Home – Purley
Russian – Intermediate	1 & 3 Wed	10.00am	Home – Croydon
Spanish Conversation (lower/Intermediate)	Every Mon	11.00am	PUR
German Friends	Mons	10.15	Zoom
<u>Maths, Science & IT</u>			
Science & Technology	2 Tues	8.00pm	Zoom
<u>Social Studies/History</u>			
Environment & Climate Crisis	3 Thurs	7.30pm	Zoom
Early Medieval History	1 Tues	2.30pm	Home – Central Croydon
Tracing Your Ancestors	4 Wed	2.00pm	THL
Transport	3 Monday	10.30 am	tba + outings
History – Local	2 Fri FULL	2.00pm	Home – Wallington + visits
History of London 1	1 & 3 Tues FULL	10.00 am	PUR + Outings
History of London 2	2 & 4 Tues FULL	10.00am/2.00pm	StMC + Outings
History of London 3	1 & 3 Wed	2.00pm/10.00am	StMC + Outings
History of London 4	3 & 4 Wed	1.30 pm varies	PUR Ch + Outings
Looking at London	1 Mon	2.00pm	StMCh + Outings
17 th – 19 th Century History	1 Wed	2.30pm	Home – Central Croydon
Members on Their Own (MOTO)	Various	Various	Various

Abbreviations for Venues – SMC – Shirley Methodist Church: **Orchard Pub**, Cherry Orchard Road: **The Boulevard**, Selsdon Road: **St John the Baptist Church Hall**, Dale Rd, Purley CR8 2EF: **PURCh** - Purley United Reform Church: **THL** - Thornton Heath Library : **StMC** - St Matthew's Church +