



News Extra

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More memories of Croydon

Fay Butcher remembers Croydon from 1921 onwards, when she lived in Lower Addiscombe.

At the crossroads of George Street, Park Lane and Wellesley Road were two public halls, one large and one small. In the large one we saw many Gilbert and Sullivan operettas, in the small one we (Fay and sister Zoe) performed as the culmination of our dancing lessons.

Back at East Croydon station there were always two or three horse drawn carriages waiting to be hired for the remainder of one's journey. Otherwise one could turn left in to a slip road, home to a pub called The Sorter and Porter, then round in to Cherry Orchard Road, which was barricaded every Easter to show that it was private. The road came out into Lower Addiscombe Road.

Between Lower and Upper Addiscombe Roads (later the Upper was dropped) were a series of smaller roads with very impressive three and four storey houses with in and out carriageways. Some of these were purpose built for the officers of the East India Company and their families, at a time when it was a huge commercial organisation with its own army. The roads were named after some of the officers - Canning, Clyde, Elgin, Havelock and Outram. At the top of Clyde Road there is now a plaque on two very impressive semi-detached houses, stating that they were the 'houses for the Professors of the East India Company Seminary'.

Croydon was an amalgam of East, West, South and I suppose North Croydon. There was Woodside, Elmers End and South Norwood, recently (2012) in the limelight due to the centenary of the death of Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, a composer best known for his musical setting of Longfellow's poem Hiawatha's Wedding Feast. I recall being taken up to the Albert Hall to see the magnificent spectacle that was the Song of Hiawatha. My piano teacher, Mr Frederick Wright, knew Coleridge-Taylor.

OXTED ART GROUP

Autumn term begins on 16 September 2013. Meetings take place at Hurst Green Methodist Church Hall every Monday at 7.30pm.

We are a friendly group and new members are always welcome. This year we will have a display at Hurst Green Village Fair - come along and meet us and look at some of our work.

For more details, telephone Pauline:
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www.surreycommunity.info/oxtedartgroup



Limpsfield Decorative and Fine Arts Society

LDFAS has a full Programme of lectures, visits, study days and study tours. It meets in St Peter's Hall, normally on the last Wednesday in the month, with separate sessions, afternoons at 2.30pm and evenings 8pm. Details from www.limpsfield.net.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 25 September: Discovering the Secret of Porcelain at Miessen.

Membership enquiries or those bringing visitors should contact Mrs Rosemary Buchan, 722294



Oxted & Limpsfield Music Society Programme for 2013/2014

The programme for the Society's 2013/2014 season, published in July, offers a feast of music from Autumn 2013 to Spring 2014. Dates and performers include:

- ◆ Sunwook Kim, brilliant young Korean pianist, who plays Beethoven on 12 October - usual venue of Hazelwood School
- ◆ The well-known Carducci String Quartet, playing Haydn, Beethoven and Shostakovich on 16 November - this one in St Peter's Church
- ◆ Jihoon Kim (bass), another young Korean and up and coming opera star, accompanied by Jean-Paul Pruna on 15 February
- ◆ The London Bridge Ensemble Piano Trio, playing Haydn, Brahms and Schumann on 29 March
- ◆ and finally, the Julian Siegel Jazz Quartet, winding up the season with a swing on 26 April

It's a great programme and well worth the £52 payable for a serial ticket for all five concerts. Tickets are also available for individual concerts, but you save £29 if you book for all five. Concerts are normally in the Millennium Theatre at Hazelwood School, but note 16 November is at St Peter's, Limpsfield.

Information and tickets are available from Mrs Pat Cruddas on 01883 714630 or e-mail pat.cruddas@btinternet.com
www.oxtedandlimpsfieldmusicsociety.org.uk

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Saturday 14 September

Hurst Green	*Community Centre 7.30 - 10.45am *Coldshott 12 noon - 2.15pm
Limpsfield	Stoneleigh Road 12 noon - 2.15pm
Oxted	Council Offices 7.30 - 9.45am Chalkpit Wood 10am - 2.15pm

*An extra vehicle at Hurst Green sites for composting garden waste
Barbara Harling, 723034

The Imperial Male Voice Choir, an award winning, internationally acclaimed choir from London, is performing a charity concert in aid of the Oxted One World Group on Saturday, 5 October at 7.30pm at the United Reformed Church, Bluehouse Lane, Oxted.

The audience will hear music spanning three centuries: English folksongs, music by Elgar, Vaughan Williams and Fauré as well as an atmospheric piece by Benjamin Britten to celebrate his centenary. There will also be two songs in Russian, prepared for the Choir's imminent trip to St Petersburg and to finish off there will be lighter numbers, including 'Sit down you're rockin' the boat'. The Choir's programme will include solos from its Musical Director, Deborah Miles-Johnson, a professional singer from the BBC and the Royal Opera House and a piano solo from the Choir's talented accompanist, Leanne Singh-Levett.

Tickets are available in advance at £15 each to include an interval drink from www.imvc.ticketsource.co.uk (booking fee £2.40) or send a cheque and SAE to: IMVC, c/o Gable End, 5 Sayes Gardens, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 9BL or, if any remain, at £18 on the door on the night.

The Oxted One World Group recently raised £428.26, due to the generosity of local shoppers, at its collection at Morrisons and is planning its annual Bottle Stall for the Hurst Green Fair on 21 September. It is a local charity, founded in 1983, organised by volunteers and its small overheads are covered by subscriptions from its 430 members. It raises around £40,000 a year for overseas aid projects and is well supported by local churches and schools. Donations may be made online via JustGiving or by sending a text message. Simply type in the code OWG011 followed by the amount you wish to give and send it to 70070. Details of the Oxted One World Group are available on www.oneworldgroup.org.uk.



The Barn Theatre

Musical Memories

An evening in memory of Terry Rolph and John Sturgeon

in aid of

The Barn Theatre and Help for Heroes

Sunday 22 September, 7.30pm
The Barn Theatre, Oxted

Sunday 22 September will be one of those very special evenings at the Barn. The Surrey Guards Ensemble will be entertaining us with a concert in aid of the DRIP (Dressing Room Improvement Project) fund and Help for Heroes charity. They will be playing music from Broadway to the West End in memory of Terry Rolph and John Sturgeon, two lifelong supporters of the Barn Theatre. The programme will include songs from Wicked, The Jersey Boys, Phantom of the Opera, Les, Miserables, A Chorus Line, West Side Story and Barnum and it will be a splendid evening for two splendid causes.

Tickets are already selling and if you wish to be sure of a seat do book early, either by telephone on **01959 561811** or online at www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk

SULTANA CAKE

Ingredients

8oz (230g) sultanas
4 oz (115) margarine
6oz (170g) caster sugar
2 beaten eggs
6 oz (170g) self raising flour
1 oz (30g) ground almonds
½ teaspoon almond essence



Method

Cover sultanas with water in a saucepan. Bring to the boil and drain well. Mix in margarine and then add the remaining ingredients in order. The mixture will be soft. Place in a greased swiss roll tin and cook for approximately 30 minutes at 180°C / 350° F / Gas mark 4. Allow to cool slightly in the tin, then cut into squares.

Supplied by Margaret Cox



Do you have a favourite recipe to share? Send it to the Compiler - see bottom of page 1 for contact details.

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