



CROYDON CONTACTS

NEWSLETTER – July-August 2022

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Kaveh

We have to start this Newsletter by confirming the very sad news that Kaveh, who was a Member of our Drama Club for many years, died recently. Kaveh's funeral was on Monday 13th June. Representatives of Trustees and Members attended - it was a very moving occasion. Our thoughts are with Kaveh's family

Update re Sunday 26th June

We are sorry we are not now able to visit the Bluebell Railway as previously advertised, and apologise that we have not been able to confirm this till now. Our plans for that day have been complicated by the rail strikes and resulting disruption expected around that time. Because of this we are instead planning a local trip - with no rail travel involved !!- a Picnic in Park Hill Park Details of this and other events are on following pages

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..... And further ahead:

- We are planning a **River Trip to Greenwich and Lunch on Sunday 16th October**
- Our **Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Saturday 22nd October**

Details to follow - Please put all dates in your diaries now if you are interested

- **Bowling** - We are pleased to say we will be restarting Bowling as a monthly activity, from September. More details in our next Newsletter

Please remember:

- **As always, for all activities, you must let us know if you want to attend, as we need to know numbers in advance.** You can text, phone or email us – our contact details are at the top of this Newsletter (we will also send out text and email reminders of forthcoming events).
- If you book for events and then don't turn up, we reserve the right to charge you if Croydon Contacts has paid for an activity on your behalf. It is also disrespectful and inconsiderate not come if you've booked.
- **Please remember - carers, relatives and staff accompanying Members must also pay the relevant charge for each event (unless the venue itself offers free tickets for carers, for example the Vue Cinema)**

More details for end June, July and August

Sunday 26th June – Picnic in Park Hill Park, Croydon

- We will meet outside **Fairfield Halls** at 12.30, and then walk to Park Hill Park (about 10 mins walk). We will be in the park for about 2 hours.
- You need to supply your own food and drink. A small kiosk serves teas, coffees, ice creams, sandwiches and snacks, and will probably be open. We think it takes cash payment only
- Although there are plenty of benches in the park, it might be quite busy and we may need to sit on the grass. You might want to bring something to sit on
- The event will go ahead unless there is extremely bad weather, so please wear suitable shoes and clothing, if it is wet. If it is hot and sunny, please bring a hat, water and sun cream!
- There are wide tarmac paths with a slight slope towards the top of the park.
- There is easy access to the Community Garden with a large covered area if we need to shelter, although there is no seating in it.
- Please let us know if you are coming, by midday Saturday 25th June
- We think the toilets are now open in the Park but will check and confirm
- You can also check out Park facilities at <https://parkhillpark.org.uk/visit-us/>)
- If you have booked but then cannot come or will be late, please phone or text us. Our no. is 07999 866680
- We will escort people back to Fairfield Halls at the end unless they want travel home independently direct from the Park, or make their own way to the Croydon Food and Music Festival (see below). Please tell one of the Trustees if you decide to leave the picnic as we are responsible for your wellbeing and safety while you are with us. We expect to be back at Fairfield Halls at approximately 2.30/ 3.00.
- The **Croydon Food and Music Festival** is on the same day, from midday till 7.00, in South End, *“bringing alfresco dining, street food, cocktails, and live entertainment to the heart of Croydon”*
- We will not be visiting that as a Group, but Members and friends might like to visit it after our Picnic (it is a fairly short walk from Park Hill Park). For more information see <https://croydonfoodfestival.co.uk/>

Saturday 9th July and Saturday 27th August Drama Workshop

- Workshops are run by our own, excellent, Lizzie Penny.
- Time - from 10.30 am to 1.30 pm.
- Venue - Dayspace Penge, Kentwood Centre, Kingsland Road, Penge, SE20 APR. (about 10 mins walk from Beckenham Road tram stop or near bus routes 197,194 and 75 to/from Croydon). Parking available on site
- Sessions are open to all Croydon Contacts members who would like to drop in for a session.... or become regular dramatic artists!
- However, you will still need to book beforehand (by Friday evening before) as there will be some limits on numbers for each session.
- The cost for each 3-hour session is £6.00, payable on the day
- There will be a short lunch break. Members should bring their own lunch (there are lots of shops nearby)
- We aim to produce a short video of Members' performances at the Workshops, which we will show at future events and celebrations. If you have any queries or concerns about appearing in these, please speak to Lizzie.

Looking further ahead, we plan to run Drama Workshops every month

Sunday 17th July and Sunday 21st August – Lunch Club

- To be held at the 'Porter and Sorter' at East Croydon.
- We will send you reminders and more information about menu choices and details closer to these dates
- The Trustees have reluctantly decided **we must now set the cost of a main meal plus drink at £14**. We realise this is a significant increase but it reflects the fact all restaurants and pubs are increasing food and drinks prices. If we didn't increase this cost to Members, while being changed more ourselves, our Charity would end up making an increasing loss every time we ran the Lunch Club
- We will continue to do our best to secure the best deal with pubs and restaurants on your behalf

Sunday 7th August 12.30 - Bowling

- Venue - Tenpin, Valley Park Leisure Complex, Hesterman Way, Croydon CAR 4YA.
- Please meet at 12.30 in the Bar area, beyond the Games machines – please don't arrive too early
- You **must book in advance**. We will have 3 Lanes with a maximum of 18 Bowlers, so please book well ahead!!
- Cost for 2 games (2-hour session, from 1.00 till 3.00) will be £8.00 (this will be subject to review in future, but we hope to stick to this cost so long as we still get a good deal from Tenpin). Please bring cash(exact amount please) on the day
- **Please don't book unless you are sure you can come ...and then remember that you have booked!**
- We may charge you if you book but fail to turn up. This is also very inconsiderate to other Members who may want to come but can't because we are fully booked. If you book but then don't come, a place is wasted that someone else could have used

A reminder to Carers, Relatives and Support staff

If Members need to be accompanied to and from activities, please remember **it is your responsibility to bring them to the meeting place we have indicated, and at the agreed time**. Likewise for meeting them at the end.

Our Trustees attending events will be busy supporting people who have already arrived, and are unable to leave the main group in order to find Members who aren't at the agreed meeting place. Thank you!

With our Best wishes, from the Trustees of Croydon Contacts – Christine, Frank, Jon, Ken, Laura and Lizzie