

UPDATE / NEWS

First of all we must acknowledge the very sad event in Clyde Road last Sunday. For those who have not heard, a man was stabbed and died. Our thoughts are with family and friends of all concerned. Our thoughts are also with any of our Clyde Road neighbours who may have been affected by this news.

A woman has been arrested and charged with murder. Thank you to Councillor Jerry Fitzpatrick for updating us as follows, *'The police from their initial assessment have formed the view that the crime does not have wider community ramifications, and there appears to be no need to put in specific protective resources.'*

Covid 19 cases are steadily rising but not surging

Professor Tim Spector of the Covid 19 Study stresses the need to put the rise in cases in perspective in [this video](#). Numbers of cases quoted in the media should be considered alongside more than one study and the Office of National Statistics (ONS) and not taken out of context. Statistics on deaths should be viewed in the light of what is normal at this time of year.

Covid 19 cases in Croydon

According to the Covid 19 study, the estimated number of current cases of Covid 19 in Croydon as at 29 October 2020 is 2,078. This is up from the previous week by 397 cases.

Variety of financial help for those on reduced income

Croydon Council's site has a page with handy information all in one place about the range of financial help for those whose are having difficulty paying bills and meet the eligibility criteria. It includes information on the new Test and Trace Support Payment for those who have been told by the NHS to self-isolate for 14 days and who cannot work from home. [Click here](#) to see the information.

South Norwood Clocktower Market

Saturday 7 November, 10 am to 4 pm

Please see attached jpeg.

This is essentially a makers market. If you'd like to find something different and / or handmade, you might enjoy this.

'Happening on Station Road, SE25, on the first Saturday of every month, from 10am to 4pm, the stalls offer all sorts of products, from fresh produce, cakes and street food to multicultural books, flowers, clothing, jewellery, ceramics and more.'
(Croydonist)

Free Zoom Talk about a former extraordinary Clyde Road resident, Stanley James

Tuesday 17 November, 8 pm

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7472042040?pwd=dnhYZGIHMkY5NkZjRmtoc1czNHFCZz09>

Stanley James' father, Daniel Bloomfield James, was the minister of the Congregational Church that used to stand in Canning Road until the 1970s. Two of our Canning Road neighbours, Betty and Gerald Huston, were the last people to be married there before the church was demolished and Chequers Court built in its place. Clyde Hall, that backs onto the site, was the church hall.

Stanley James led an incredibly varied and colourful life! From being a minister's son and reluctant pupil at Whitgift School in the 19th Century, he travelled to the Canadian West to become a cowboy, shepherd, navy, hobo, reporter, soldier in the Spanish American War. He returned to England and apparently settled down to an established and respectable life. But he had a secret ...

Stanley James' grandson, Robert Nurden, has written a book about his grandfather's exploits and will be giving us this talk. Please feel free to use the Zoom link to join us.

HINTS AND TIPS

Giving birds a helping hand over winter

We are progressing through autumn and before long it will be winter. There may be less food around for birds. If the area round where you live has plenty of berries and seeds, this will keep some of the birds going for a bit. Others may appreciate a hand.

[This link](#) to the RSPB (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds) site gives advice on what food may or may not be good for birds, as well as identifying birds you might see.

Bird feeders can be expensive to buy. [Click here](#) for a link to the Natural History Museum site for simple instructions on how to make a bird feeder out of a plastic bottle.

For next week – a chat with one of my neighbours this week made me realise I am not alone in wanting to ensure my home remains a place of relaxation, even though I'm working from home. If you have any ideas you could contribute about how those of us working from home can achieve this – please could you email them to me by Thursday? Many thanks.

TO MAKE YOU SMILE

Surprise for five year old cancer patient

In case you haven't seen it already, here is an [article and video](#) of a surprise for a young cancer patient.

Children are quick!

Thanks to Pat for passing this on:

TEACHER: Why are you late?

STUDENT: Class started before I got here.

TEACHER: John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables.

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile?'

GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'

TEACHER: No, that's wrong

GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

DONALD: H I J K L M N O..

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

TEACHER: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.

WINNIE: Me!

TEACHER: Glen, why do you always get so dirty?

GLEN: Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.

TEACHER: Millie, give me a sentence starting with ' I. '

MILLIE: I is..

INTERRUPTING TEACHER: No, Millie..... Always say, 'I am.'

MILLIE: All right... 'I am the ninth letter of the alphabet.'

TEACHER: George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it.

Now, Louie, do you know why his father didn't punish him?

LOUIS: Because George still had the axe in his hand.....

TEACHER: Now, Simon , tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?

SIMON: No sir, I don't have to. My Mom is a good cook.

TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

CLYDE : No, sir. It's the same dog.

TEACHER: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

HAROLD: A teacher

RELIABLE SOURCES OF ACCURATE INFORMATION

Croydon Council services

<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/healthsocial/phealth/coronavirus-information/service-updates>

National – furlough, self-employed, small businesses, benefits, housing

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Job Help

<https://jobhelp.campaign.gov.uk/>

[Seven key tips for finding a job](#)

Health

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Money

<https://new.croydon.gov.uk/coronavirus-information-and-service-updates/get-help-your-council-tax-and-benefits>

<https://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en>

<https://www.turn2us.org.uk/>

<https://www.fca.org.uk/>

Citizens Advice

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/health/coronavirus-what-it-means-for-you/>

Shelter

https://england.shelter.org.uk/housing_advice/coronavirus