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MERG Croydon Area Group

The Croydon Area Group was created in April 2022 and meets monthly at the Croydon Model Railway Society (CMRS) at its club house in South Croydon.

The format of meetings varies but include the following elements: -

- presentations on a variety of topics, recent presentations include DCC++, Sensors
- Demonstrations including mimic panels and automated shuttles
- beginners sessions
- sharing experience and skills
- assistance to members with kit construction issues
- implementing automated signals
- construction of a coal tipler
- learning about the application of JMRI and CBUS to automate layouts.

CMRS makes a number of test layouts available to allow experimentation and encourages participation in the application of electronics to club layouts.

The club is accessible on the following bus routes.

Number	Route	Via Stations
60	Streatham Station to Old Coulsdon	Coulsdon South Coulsdon Town West Croydon
166	West Croydon to Caterham	Coulsdon Town West Croydon
312	Norwood Junction to South Croydon Bus Garage	
407	Sutton Town Centre to Caterham Valley	West Croydon Whyteleafe South
466	Addington Village to Caterham-on-the-Hill	East Croydon

The following stations are nearby: -

- Purley Oaks (Walk to Brighton Road and take buses 60, 166, 407, 466. Be aware that not all trains between South Croydon and Purley, stop at Purley Oaks!)

- Sanderstead (15 minute walk)
- South Croydon (Walk to Swan and Sugar Loaf and take 60, 166, 312, 407, 60)

How do I contact the Area Group

Please indicate Croydon Area Group in your message **Contact MERG**

Who are the leader of the group?

Allan Geekie

Would you like to join today?

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and sign up to this Area Group. If you are already a member

Join the Croydon Area Group

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How do you meet?

The group will meet on the second Friday on each month at 19:00 at Croydon Model Railway Society in South Croydon.

And the Next Meeting?

Date	Event	Description	Location	Link
12:30 01-May	Croydon AG: Lunchtime Meeting	We will meet in a pub / restaurant in Central Croydon. Bring along a model railway object that we can discuss. Further details will be sent out by email.	Central Croydon	
14:00 08-May	Croydon Area Group: Afternoon Workshop	Help is available on: * SMD module testing, * Kit building, * Kit repair, * ATC, * CBUS, * JMRI, * Raspberry Pi layout control, * Tablet and mobile phone throttles and point operation.	CMRS Clubhouse, South Croydon	
19:00 09-May	Croydon AG Meeting: Maxwell - a Suitable Case for Treatment	Maxwell is is an award winning n-gauge layout which started construction in 2008 and toured exhibitions in 2015 to 2019. It won a number of awards. A recent survey has looked more closely at its construction and there is currently a debate about the way forward. Allan will share the results of the survey and facilitate a discussion on how the layout can be developed.	CMRS Clubhouse, South Croydon	
14:00 15-May	Croydon Area Group: Afternoon Workshop	Help is available on: * SMD module testing, * Kit building, * Kit repair, * ATC, * CBUS, * JMRI, * Raspberry Pi layout control, * Tablet and mobile phone throttles and point operation.	CMRS Clubhouse, South Croydon	
14:00 22-May	Croydon Area Group: Afternoon Workshop	Help is available on: * SMD module testing, * Kit building, * Kit repair, * ATC, * CBUS, * JMRI, * Raspberry Pi layout control, * Tablet and mobile phone throttles and point operation.	CMRS Clubhouse, South Croydon	
14:00 29-May	Croydon Area Group: Afternoon Workshop	Help is available on: * SMD module testing, * Kit building, * Kit repair, * ATC, * CBUS, * JMRI, * Raspberry Pi layout control, * Tablet and mobile phone throttles and point operation.	CMRS Clubhouse, South Croydon	
12:30 05-Jun	Croydon AG: Lunchtime Meeting	We will meet in a pub / restaurant in Central Croydon. Bring along a model railway object that we can discuss. Further details will be sent out by email.	Central Croydon	
14:00 12-Jun	Croydon Area Group: Afternoon Workshop	Help is available on: * SMD module testing, * Kit building, * Kit repair, * ATC, * CBUS, * JMRI, * Raspberry Pi layout control, * Tablet and mobile phone throttles and point operation.	CMRS Clubhouse, South Croydon	
19:00 13-Jun	Croydon AG Meeting: Bluetooth Control	The meeting will look at several aspects of Bluetooth control in model railways. Neil will lead the discussion.	CMRS Clubhouse, South Croydon	
14:00 19-Jun	Croydon Area Group: Afternoon Workshop	Help is available on: * SMD module testing, * Kit building, * Kit repair, * ATC, * CBUS, * JMRI, * Raspberry Pi layout control, * Tablet and mobile phone throttles and point operation.	CMRS Clubhouse, South Croydon	

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14:00 26-Jun	Croydon Area Group: Afternoon Workshop	Help is available on: * SMD module testing, * Kit building, * Kit repair, * ATC, * CBUS, * JMRI, * Raspberry Pi layout control, * Tablet and mobile phone throttles and point operation.	CMRS Clubhouse, South Croydon	
12:30 03-Jul	Croydon AG: Lunchtime Meeting	We will meet in a pub / restaurant in Central Croydon. Bring along a model railway object that we can discuss. Further details will be sent out by email.	Central Croydon	
14:00 10-Jul	Croydon Area Group: Afternoon Workshop	Help is available on: * SMD module testing, * Kit building, * Kit repair, * ATC, * CBUS, * JMRI, * Raspberry Pi layout control, * Tablet and mobile phone throttles and point operation.	CMRS Clubhouse, South Croydon	
19:00 11-Jul	Making Microsoft CoPilot work for Railway Modellers	Microsoft CoPilot can be a real help to railway modellers. In this session, Allan will encourage you to take the plunge and stop looking at pages and pages of Google search results.	CMRS Clubhouse, South Croydon	
14:00 17-Jul	Croydon Area Group: Afternoon Workshop	Help is available on: * SMD module testing, * Kit building, * Kit repair, * ATC, * CBUS, * JMRI, * Raspberry Pi layout control, * Tablet and mobile phone throttles and point operation.	CMRS Clubhouse, South Croydon	
14:00 24-Jul	Croydon Area Group: Afternoon Workshop	Help is available on: * SMD module testing, * Kit building, * Kit repair, * ATC, * CBUS, * JMRI, * Raspberry Pi layout control, * Tablet and mobile phone throttles and point operation.	CMRS Clubhouse, South Croydon	

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