



Rt Hon Tobias Ellwood MP Minister of Defence for People and Veterans visited Croydon Academy

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## Minister visits to see work of cadet force

THE Quest Academy in Selsdon has been honoured with a visit from Rt Hon Tobias Ellwood MP, Minister of Defence for People and Veterans.

On Thursday, May 23, the Minister visited the academy to see the work of the active and ever-expanding Combined Cadet Force (CCF) contingent, one of the many and extensive extra-curricular activities on offer at the academy.

Students from both the army and navy cadet units, gave a presentation to RT Hon Tobias Ellwood detailing the broad range of opportunities and activities that they've had the privilege of enjoying as part of their commitment to CCF. This was followed by a question and answer session with the Minister.

When asked what the hardest thing was about the job, The Rt Hon Thomas

Ellwood replied passionately about his dedication to supporting the nation's veterans, referencing the D-Day Landings by saying, "It's thanks to the heroism and strength of our grandparents and great grandparents that we have the freedoms we enjoy today." He went on to say, "We must look after and support our veterans. We must make sure they have homes and make sure they are well - both physically and mentally."

When asked if he had any advice to offer the cadets, he replied, "That spirit of leadership, determination, teamwork and resilience is alive in you all today and through CCF you're learning skills you may not even have been aware of. I encourage you to keep at it; keep going on this journey of self-discovery."



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■ **PLAYGROUP:** Shake Rattle and Roll Playgroup meet at Jubilee Church, in Dunley Drive. On Friday mornings at 10am to 11.30am, term time only. There is no fee for this playgroup. Come along to Shake Rattle and Roll, a group for babies and pre-schoolers for some play time, sensory room, free tea and coffee for the grown ups, fruit and drinks for the children, lots of toys, singing songs and story telling. For more information call 0754 5149607.

■ **BOOT SALE:** The Timebridge Community Centre will be hosting a boot sale and market. The event will take place from 7am to 1pm on Tuesday (June 25). There will be various stalls with both indoor and outdoor sellers. For more information

on how to get involved call 07875 087 300. Or alternatively email [Paullovel2@sky.com](mailto:Paullovel2@sky.com)

■ **INDOOR OUTDOOR MARKET:** Addington Community Centre, in Central Parade, is hosting an indoor outdoor market on Thursday, June 27, from 8am to 1pm. There will also be a good selection of new and second hand stalls. For more information call 07971 837445.

■ **PARENTS AND TOTS GROUP:** Naypac Parents and tots Group meet at Addington Community Association, in Central Parade, New Addington. On Monday and Wednesday 9.30am to 11.45am. Via the entrance at the back of Addington Community Association. Warm welcome to everybody and their under fives. Refreshments, parental supervision,

lots of toys and books, bikes and car. For more information call 07957 303485.

### Old Coulsdon

■ **CAMERA CLUB:** Old Coulsdon Camera Club, meet on Tuesday evening, at Cameron Hall, in Canons Hill, arrive at 7.45pm, for an 8pm start. New members welcome at all experience levels, young and old, amateur or professional. Visit <http://www.oldcoulsdoncameraclub.org.uk/> or email [lynda@oldcoulsdoncameraclub.org.uk](mailto:lynda@oldcoulsdoncameraclub.org.uk) for more information.

■ **CENTRE FOR THE RETIRED:** Grange Park, in Coulsdon Road, the centre is open between 10am and 4pm every weekday. It is a 'pop-in' centre for retired people offering

lunches, tea, coffee and snacks at reasonable prices. Drop in at anytime. Somewhere to read your paper and meet up with friends or, if you wish, visit on a regular basis and join in any of the activities. If you have difficulty with transport, our mini bus can collect you during the morning and return you in the afternoon. The 466 and 404 buses stop outside and the 60 close by. For more information call 01737 554386 or visit [www.occfr.org](http://www.occfr.org)

■ **WOMEN'S INSTITUTE:** Old Coulsdon Cupcakes Women's Institute, meet new friends, share experiences and learn new skills together. All welcome on the second Tuesday of the month at Oasis Academy, in Homefield Road, Gather at 7.45pm for a 8pm start. A different meeting each month including guest

speakers, varied activities, quizzes, raffles. For more information, email [occwi@hotmail.com](mailto:occwi@hotmail.com) or call 07710 530957.

### Purley

■ **BADMINTON CLUB:** Mitchley Badminton Club play Thursday evenings 9.15pm to 10.30pm at Riddlesdown in Honiter Heights, Purley. Intermediate good standard players welcome. Small and friendly non competitive club no membership pay as you go. For more information call 020 8662 1283.

■ **PURLEY YOUTH PROJECT:** Purley Youth Project Juniors is open every Wednesday from 5pm until 7pm (during the holidays it is open at 4pm until 7pm), with fun activities

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