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Dear All

We look forward to seeing you at the residential course to be held at Wychcroft House on Thursday 8th & Friday 9th May 2008. Please aim to arrive for registration at 10.00am. Punctuality is appreciated by everyone!

**Wychcroft require numbers and we will be billed accordingly; therefore it is essential that you contact Nikola to confirm that you will be attending. Please could you also clarify whether you will be staying overnight. The charges are as follows:**

<b>Two days (One night)</b>	<b>- £90</b>
<b>Two days (Not overnight)</b>	<b>- £60</b>
<b>One day (Thursday)</b>	<b>- £30</b>
<b>One day (Friday)</b>	<b>- £30</b>

**Please bring your chequebook with you to Wychcroft – cards are not accepted!**

**Please remember to complete a study leave form and an expenses claim form so that you will be able to get reimbursed the course fee. SHOs apply to the Clinical Director of Education, Dr Coakley; GPRs send in a Claim form – obtain from Lia on the day.**

Some of you will be coming for the first time so I hope the remainder will forgive a repetition of things you already know.

Wychcroft House is the Education Centre for the Southwark Diocese of the Church of England but it is available for non-church users. It is a lovely country house in an attractive part of Surrey. Although not hotel standard (e.g. bring your own towels and there are no en-suite facilities) the accommodation is homely and comfortable and we share the house, with its many rooms, only with the few staff who run it. The food is plentiful, homemade and good!

**Please remember to take the following with you:**

- 1. Towels**
- 2. Outdoors clothes and shoes for country walks (allow for rough country trails)**
- 3. Your chequebook.**

We spend the two days getting to know each other and talking and discussing issues in general practice in an informal setting – in twos and threes and small groups. Discussions are usually focussed on

a) Case histories / situational problems: **and you can prepare for this by noting down and bringing with you any interesting, challenging cases or situations at work in which you have been involved** (ethical and clinical reasoning challenges are preferred to presentations of rare syndromes and unheard-of serum rhubarbs). **I wondered if, on this occasion, we might focus on difficulties in relationships between professionals at work and how to address these.**

b) Exchanging information about posts you have done for newcomers to the post (informal discussion) **BRING YOUR LEARNING PORTFOLIOS WITH YOU** (if you have one).

It is always daunting to join a group but we usually have a very good time, get to know each other better, make some plans for future work together, enjoy the local pub and the countryside and the chance to escape from work!

It is not too difficult to find and we enclose a map.

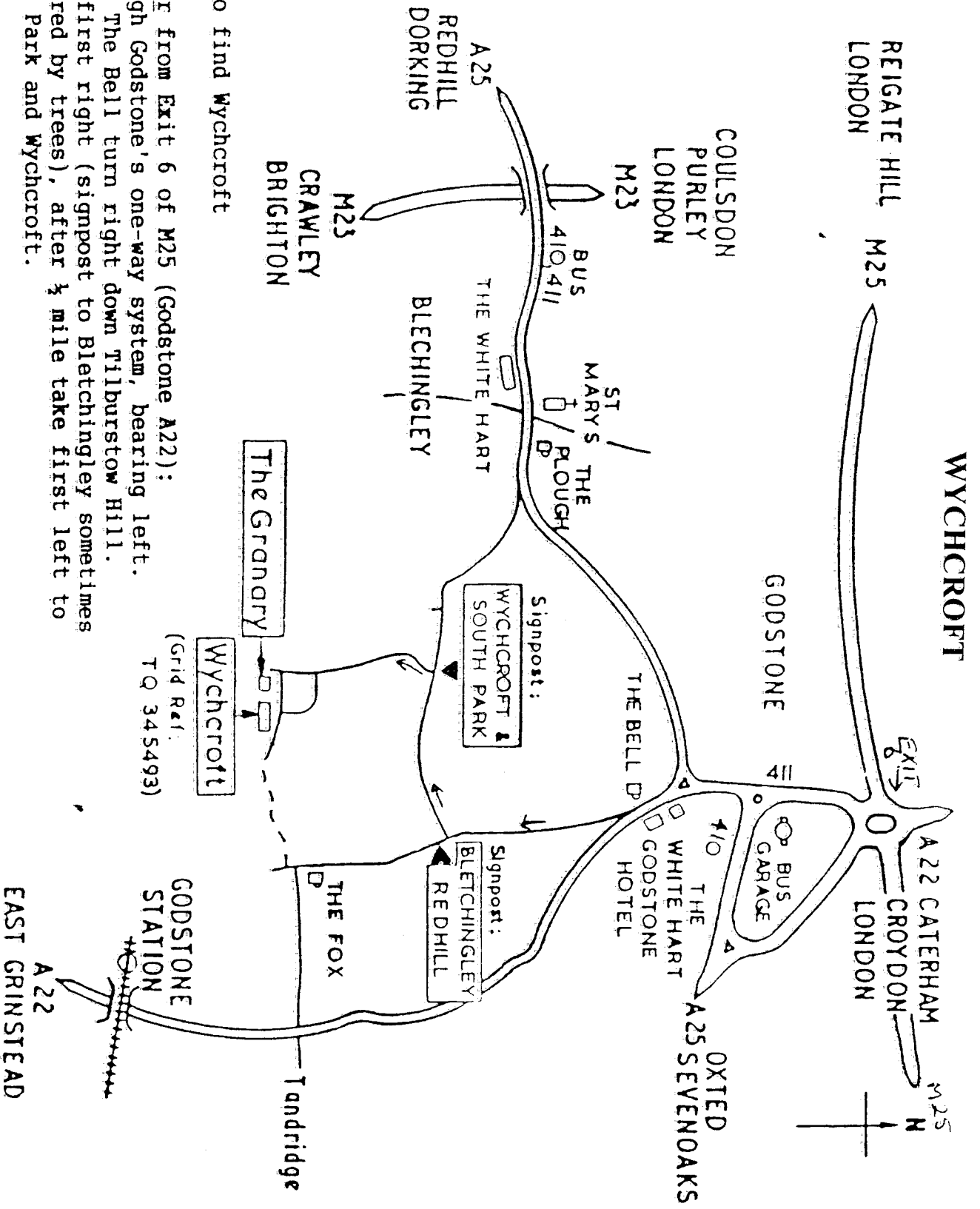
If the map is confusing try looking up maps on the Internet [www.streetmap.co.uk](http://www.streetmap.co.uk)

**If you are lost on the day, call Lia on her mobile: 07790 365855 or David on 07720 289607.**

With best wishes.

**Lia Cristofoli  
David Wheeler**

**Course Organisers**



**How to find Wychcroft**

By car from Exit 6 of M25 (Godstone A22):  
 through Godstone's one-way system, bearing left.  
 After The Bell turn right down Tilburstow Hill.  
 Take first right (signpost to Blethingley sometimes obscured by trees), after ¼ mile take first left to South Park and Wychcroft.

By train to Redhill Station:  
 London Country buses 410 & 411 to Blethingley, then ¼ hour walk. Alternatively to Godstone Station and walk.