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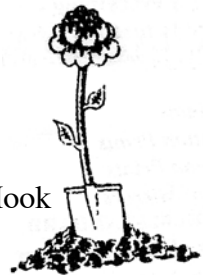
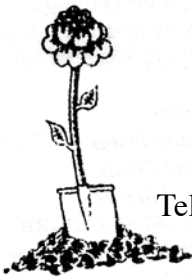
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Editor's Note



As I write this Winter has arrived with cold spells and very windy conditions. Hopefully, this February edition of the Gazette will cheer you up and we can start to look forward to longer days and warmer weather. The SRA has its AGM on Wednesday 20 March at 8pm at St John's Church Hall, so we have the agenda for this meeting, the minutes of last year's meeting and a review of the year 2023 in this gazette. The accounts for the SRA and the Selsdon Gazette for 2023 will appear in the March edition. The SRA would love to recruit some more volunteers to help with its work in this area, whether becoming a committee member, helping with the distribution and delivery of the gazette, managing the adverts, or being someone whom we can turn to when we need extra help. Please come along to the AGM and find out more about the SRA. This is the 99th year of the SRA but we need you to keep it going.

The Selsdon Gazette is self-financing; ideally adverts pay for the printing costs. However, last year we made a loss of £2000. We do need to retain our existing advertisers and recruit some new advertisers and this is where you can help. If you use a company/tradesman featured in the Gazette, please tell them where you saw their advert. If you use a local company/tradesman not in the Gazette, please ask them to consider placing an advert as the Gazette is delivered to about 4000 homes in Selsdon and has very competitive rates. More information can be obtained by contacting me, at selsdongazettesra@gmail.com

Also, in the gazette this month, Ian Leggatt has a third instalment to his look at Costains housing developments in Selsdon, PCSO Tina Nash warns us all to be sure we lock up our cars and homes, Ted Forsyth in his Nature Notes, tells us about tree management in Selsdon Wood, Mary Gill has a poignant poem recalling the second anniversary of the war in Ukraine and our friends from the Sanderstead Horticultural Society look at the meaning behind giving different flowers. I have also included a calendar for the year ahead, covering some cultural and sporting events. Last but not least, February is about St Valentine's Day, so our quiz this month tests your knowledge about some well-known saints.

I hope that you enjoy your read and I look forward to meeting you at our AGM and hearing from you soon with your photos taken in the Selsdon area, emails about the good and bad in Selsdon, etc.

Chris Jones

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SHOULD BE WITH THE EDITOR NO LATER THAN
20TH FEBRUARY - PREFERABLY BEFORE! 🌀

SRA NEWS 'n' VIEWS

Transport

The 433 bus stop in Croydon has been changed from 13 January, from Park Lane to St Georges Walk as a lot of you will have found out. This does not seem to have gone smoothly mainly, it would seem, from lack of information to the users.

Clock

We are awaiting confirmation from Croydon Council that the work to correct the time on our clock can go ahead but would not be surprised if it has to wait for the clocks to go forward in March.

Advertisers

Although we do not recommend any of the services advertised in the Gazette it would be much appreciated if you do use a trader, could you let them know where you saw their advert. This helps us and lets them know we are a worthwhile place to advertise.

AGM St John's Church Hall 20th March 8pm

This is a chance to meet the SRA team and to express any views and concerns, so please do come along. See contents of this month's Gazette for more details and reports.

At the time of writing (mid-January) the weather is freezing so I hope that the weather has now improved – although the weather in February can be pretty cold too – here's hoping for milder weather!

Sheila Childs, Chair

The Gazette Needs Help



Distributor needed for Ridge Langley/Arundel Avenue

Could you spare a couple of hours a month? You would need to pick up about 350 copies from our Distribution Manager in Dulverton Road and then pass these to about 7 deliverers in bundles of about 50 gazettes.

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SELSDON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION **Annual General Meeting** **Wednesday 20th March 2024 at 8pm** **@ St John's Church Hall, Upper Selsdon Road**

This is a chance for residents to tell the SRA directly what more there is you would like us to try to do for Selsdon.

PLEASE COME ALONG (and perhaps bring a neighbour too) to show us your continuing support and to enjoy a drink and a chat after the business part of the meeting is over.

Mark the date on your calendar now so you don't forget!

There will be elections for the Officers and Committee Members
Are you interested in standing for election?

Please let us know by 28th February (see this month's News 'n' Views)

If you want to find out more, please call Sheila Childs (Chair) on 020 8651 2285 or Linda Morris (Vice Chair) on 020 8651 4010 or email [**mail2.selsdonresidents@gmail.com**](mailto:mail2.selsdonresidents@gmail.com)

AGENDA

1. Number of members present
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the AGM held on 29th March 2023
4. Matters arising from those minutes
5. Annual Report for 2023
6. Hon. Treasurer's Report with adoption of the accounts for 2023
7. Police report
8. Editor's report – The Selsdon Gazette
9. Christmas lights
10. Annual subscription – to resolve the cost per household for 2024/25
(proposed to remain unchanged at £5 per household)
11. Election of Officers & Members of the Committee for 2024/25
12. Adoption of the Hon. Accounts Reviewer for 2024
13. Any other business

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Minutes of the Selsdon Residents Association AGM 29th March 2023

1. There were 69 people present, of whom 13 were SRA committee members

2. Apologies for absence and welcome by Sheila Childs (SC).

Apologies: Ernie Sweeney, & it is believed that our councillors were attending a meeting

3. Birch

The meeting began with a presentation from Birch Selsdon, who had taken over the Selsdon Park Hotel complex, opening this very day. We met their general manager Ashley Cole, safety & security manager Steve Swain + front of house manager Clarence Marshall. Ashley thanked Linda Morris (LM) for the invitation to our AGM, & began by outlining a lot of their features, which show on their website birchcommunity.com/Selsdon – the restaurants overseen by award-winning chef Lee Westcott, the rewilding of the 200-acre site by Sebastian Cox, the pottery & art studio with paintings for sale, the wellness centre with its large gym + 4 treatment rooms, & the lido from the summer onwards. There would be livestock in the fields – cattle, pigs, donkeys, sheep etc. surrounded by a 3ft 6” stock fence.

Two restaurants Vervain & Elodie would operate beside the Angelica bar (exclusively for members) + Meadow bar, which non-residents would be able to visit. Exclusive members' groups would run beside more external offerings, since their target market was everyone. The former golf shop would be rebranded 'Birchlings', & hopefully offer a qualified childminding service in due course. External community groups would also be welcome on the site. The main entrance would remain solely on Addington Road with electric gates, whilst the Old Farleigh Road gate would allow for emergency vehicle access. SC wished the venture well & hoped it would be good for Selsdon, a sentiment equally shared by the Birch staff members present

4. The minutes of the last AGM on 6th July 2022 were then proposed by Ian Leggatt (IL) & seconded by Sara Bashford

5. Police

We were delighted to have PS Martyn Patrick, PC Callum Karn & PC Oliver Marples join our meeting. PS Patrick outlined the present police set-up with Andy Brittain as Borough Commander, Mitchell Carr as Superintendent & Imran Ashgar as Chief Inspector. In the Selsdon & Addington Village area, officers were having cycle training, & were majoring on tackling vehicle crime + burglary. We were advised to properly lock UPVC front-doors, & it was hoped to hold a local catalytic converter marking day soon. In Selsdon & Forestdale, tackling anti-social behaviour was a priority, & we were urged to report this via the Met Police website or Crimestoppers. Vehicle thefts were another issue we were urged to report. The area mailboxes we advertise were more for advice than reporting crimes, & it was hoped to reconvene ward panel meetings quarterly from 12th April

6. 2022 Annual Report

This had been printed in the gazette and shown on the website – no questions received – proposed by Chris Jones (CJ) & seconded by Janet Sharp (JSh). SC took the opportunity to thank:-

The Triangle team for weeding & maintaining the area outside Sainsburys
The Selsdon Baptist Church for allowing us free use of their room for our meetings

Andrew Baxter for organising the litter picks

Jeff Bayton for reviewing our accounts

The Planning Committee for alerting us of planning applications affecting the local area

Her committee for their work over the past year

The Julian Huxley for providing the wine for the AGM, & free tea/coffee after the litter picks

7. Treasurer's Report

A copy of the accounts for 2022 had been circulated in the gazette. Iris Jones (IJ) as Treasurer provided an update - 2022 income up by nearly £1000, although actual gazette subscriptions were down by £78. Out of 4000 addresses delivered to, only 670 paid their £5 requested amount. Residents' donations towards the Christmas lights were up £300+, with traders' nearly £400 up. Collection boxes towards the lights also raised £292, along with £202 from Easyfunding. Expenditure was a similar figure to last year, up by £780 due mainly to checks of the catenary wires for the lights costing £540. We received no requests for donations, & managed the flower displays on Addington Road via our volunteers. So overall we made a £1970 loss, slightly less than last year.

Jeff Bayton was thanked for reviewing the accounts, as were the people whose letter boxes are used for subscriptions.

SC commented that, as the SRA was not registered as a charity, Sainsbury's wouldn't let us hold our annual collection morning in November, which normally nets £200+, but savings had been made as the Baptist Church continued to provide a room for our committee meetings free of charge, we had cut back on the times the Christmas lights were lit up & we didn't have helium-filled balloons at the Lights launch evening.

Phil Roberts (PR) asked that the SRA try to make more economic cutbacks, & felt there should be a push to boost the image of the association. Sara Bashford helpfully responded that we did take part in an annual event in September with the Friends of Selsdon Woods, & had visible exercises going on like the litter picks, & we had the informative monthly gazette, which many districts didn't have the benefit of, so she gave a vote of thanks to the committee for all they currently do. Obviously, the SRA will continue to seek funds from residents towards the lights, but perhaps we also need to request their help towards any future requests for donations we might receive from community groups in the absence of council funding now. Ideas from the AGM audience for the future would be well-received too.

SC thanked IJ for her hard work, & acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Richard Harlow and seconded by Ian Leggatt. The room voted in favour with none against.

8. The Gazette

Chris Jones (CJ), the editor since April 2020, gave an update and thanked the following –

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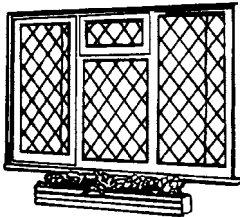
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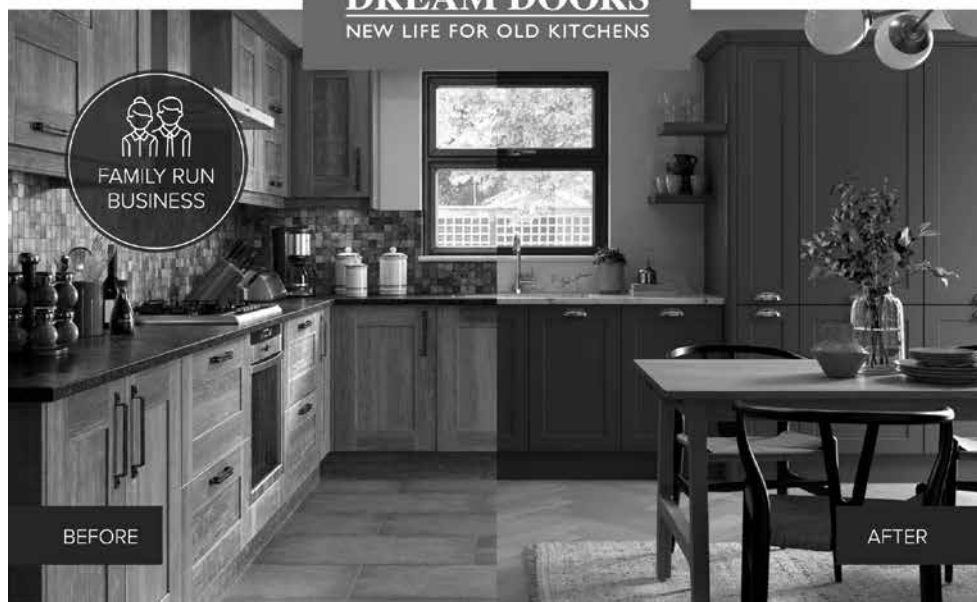


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Ted Forsyth for his nature notes

Frederick, Cedric and Sunflower Sid for their gardening tips

Ian Leggatt (IL) for his local history articles especially about the development of the shops in Selsdon, & the Bird Estate

Jessica Blake for her history articles on the Queen's coronation, keeping warm in winter & a Christmas tale

Janet Sharp (JSh) & Su Yates (SY) for their informative local articles

The Gazette is self-financing, so we are asked to please tell organisations we use if you got their details from The Gazette. It is delivered to 4000 homes. CJ again asked for people to consider contributing photos, problems, poems, local news and good news items.

SC added that the Gazette continues to make a slight loss (£1173 for the year), so needs more advertisers to help balance the books

PR made a plea for more help distributing the gazette especially on the Bird Estate

9. Christmas Lights

LM announced the Christmas lights switch-on will be on Friday 24th November 2023, probably with Father Christmas again switching on the lights down the high street to re-create the magic of years gone by. Thankfully the 2022 electricity cost wasn't as much as first feared, but we owned the Selsdon lighting banners at either end of the display, & had to pay for their upkeep.

She thanked the local Rotary for providing Father Christmas on his sleigh and stewards, & the Baptist church for their free drinks + mince pies

10. Annual Subscription

There was no proposal to put up subscriptions. They would stay at £5 per household for 2023/24, although extra donations would be welcomed. This was proposed by SC & supported by the meeting

11. Election of Officers and Members

SC advised the meeting of the recent passing of Ray Rowsell & Dick Adamson, both past chairmen & stalwarts of the association in a number of roles. Pam Holden had agreed to accept the title of SRA president, & she addressed the audience.

LM thanked SC for her 10 years as Chair since Paul Shaw's tenure ended – she was happy to continue for another year, so LM proposed her, & all in attendance agreed

SC thanked the room for her vote, welcomed any ideas or thoughts from

those attending, & pointed out that the association would be 100 years old in 2026, which we would hope to mark. She then dealt with the other committee positions

Vice Chair – Linda Morris - Proposed by SC. The room voted in favour with none against

Treasurer – Iris Jones - Proposed by SC. The room voted in favour with none against

Secretary – Trevor Stotten - Proposed by SC. The room voted in favour with none against

The Committee agreed to stand again, bar Arthur Wilson, and was proposed en bloc by Sara Bashford & seconded by Kathy Leggatt. The room voted in favour with none against. There, therefore, remained one post on the committee to be filled

12. Adoption of Accounts

Thanks were given to Jeff Bayton for auditing the accounts. He was happy to continue, & was proposed by Eric Shaw + seconded by Jenny Stawman. The room voted in favour with none against

13. Any Other Business

The point was made from the floor by Richard Morley-Smith that it was disgusting that only around 15% of gazette recipients actually paid for their subscriptions. Surely a full page strongly-worded article should be put in a future edition asking more households to contribute at least their £5, with hopefully more, towards the Christmas lights + if we are to be able to afford donations to community groups.

It was also suggested that there should be more letter boxes for residents to drop off donations, & that gazette deliverers might encourage the householders they deliver to, to subscribe

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9.35pm, with a short time left for refreshments & informal chat.

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SRA ANNUAL REPORT 2023

The Selsdon Residents' Association (SRA) was formed in 1926, and so by the end of 2023 was **98 years old!**

The SRA's aim is to advance and protect the interests of the residents of Selsdon. It is run by volunteers on goodwill and funds raised by subscription and donations. Our membership covers about 4,000 households. The map of the roads covered is on our website www.selsdon-residents.co.uk .

The SRA Committee

The annually-elected Committee meets once a month as a committee to discuss Selsdon issues, and respond and take action where necessary. It acts as a point of contact for external bodies, can potentially add collective weight to any individual resident's concerns about the area, and is a useful 'watching eye'. The committee also plans special events and community improvements. Individual representatives will also attend council, police, transport and other meetings throughout the year on our behalf. SRA news is passed to the community via public noticeboards (by the library and on the high street), social media and The Selsdon Gazette.

AGM 2023

The 2023 AGM was held at St. John's Church Hall on Wednesday 29th March 2023.

SRA 2023 Activities:

a) Floral displays were again displayed in the troughs attached to the railings outside the shops opposite Wetherspoons. To save costs, these were planted and watered by members of the Committee especially during the spells of hot weather. The large planters (repainted twice by a caring resident) near Iceland were also tended by members of the Committee. Such jobs will be ongoing, so volunteers to help with this, when the weather improves, are welcomed please.

b) The SRA annual fun afternoon was held alongside the Friends of Selsdon Woods on their Selsdon Wood Open Day on Sunday 3rd September - the games were organised by the Sanderstead & Selsdon Rotary – the SRA had a stall accepting subscriptions – there were also refreshments, guided walks and other stalls organised by the FSW. The weather was fine, and there was a good turn-out.

c) There was patriotic bunting for the Coronation on the railings and the Triangle and clock in the summer. Remembrance Poppies returned to the High Street railings and clock in November. The Selsdon clock area was also decorated in October to publicise Baby Loss Awareness Week, and again, for Christmas to complement the lights on Addington Road.

d) The Selsdon Triangle (the planting of the upper section – yew trees, beds, shrubs - and the clock area) are, with Council permission in view of Council funding shortages, now being maintained by a group of Selsdon volunteers. You may have noticed some work being undertaken to tidy and

add to the plants in the area.

e) Subscriptions and donations are still collected in cash or by cheques each year via a network of local drop-off 'letterboxes' – thanks to all the volunteers offering these points and to our Treasurer, Iris Jones for dealing with the cash and cheques – no mean feat now we have no local bank! However, the SRA now also supports online banking which is a great help. The details available via our website.

f) The SRA organise and fundraise for the eye-catching and unique Selsdon Christmas Lights. We think these are the best in Croydon, but they come at a price! The costs include not just the lights themselves but the maintenance, storage, placement, the health and safety permissions, the electricity and the cost of the Community Event for the PA system etc. This is funded by goodwill donations of residents, charitable groups and some traders. To aid this (and capitalise on all the modern-day online purchasing) the SRA are members of 'Easyfundraising' so that, if residents choose to shop online, they can raise a donation with their usual retailers, at no cost to them, by using the well-trusted 'Easyfundraising' app or website. Our cause name is 'SelsdonChristmaslights'. Non-residents are also welcome to use this when buying online, but we have also made it possible for anyone who loves the lights to help by donating using online banking – details available via our website too.

g) Community Christmas Event on Friday 24th November - This year, the electricity company switched all the lights on 'en bloc' centrally at 5pm, but Father Christmas still proceeded down Addington Road in his Rotary Club sleigh, before settling into his grotto outside Iceland to speak to the waiting children, the majority of whom seemed to still fervently believe in him! It was the turn of the Greenvale Primary School choir to sing the carols outside the Village Club. Again, we decided to continue in the spirit of trying to be more environmentally friendly and not have helium balloons, but Paul Meakin did hand out some of their own. It was great to see so many people turn up - our special thanks go to the choir, Rotary, Village Club and all the volunteers (churches, schools and local groups), who helped with their time or with donations.

The Committee took the decision to ask for the Christmas lights to be turned off at 11pm each night instead of midnight, & again to ask that January 1st be the last day instead of 6th January, in an effort to use less electricity and thus reduce the costs as much as possible.

Please let us have your feedback on the event as a whole.

h) The Committee were able to hold meetings in person in Selsdon Baptist Church's meeting room. They have waived the hire fee for which we are once more very grateful.

i) During the year the SRA Committee stay in contact with the local Police teams inviting them to attend meetings where possible and attending ward panel meetings when they are held. The SRA membership is now largely split over two Police wards - Selsdon & Addington Village and Selsdon Vale & Forestdale. We are grateful to them for any reports they provide to the committee and the Gazette. The main crimes during the year were again thefts from vehicles, notably catalytic converters. We are still thankfully a low crime area.

j) We are fortunate that we can easily get outside to walk or run for exercise. We have placed some ideas of local areas to visit on our website. We hope you have been enjoying some of these, and welcome suggestions of others to add to the list.

k) The SRA continues to pay for access to an online planning app (updated weekly) designed to summarise the Council Planning site to aid our residents seeing for themselves and in good time what relevant local planning applications have been made. Find the link from the 'About the SRA' page of our website, or from <http://www.localplanningapps.co.uk/croydon/sra/anupdate/planningtable.html> . Keep checking this and, if you can see a problem with an application, make your suggestions/objections known in good time. Sensible changes to plans will save a lot of grief later! The SRA have a Planning Sub-Committee (chaired by Ian Leggatt) to try and review the increasing number of planning applications, and understand the legislation and documentation. Email: selsdonplanning@gmail.com

Back garden developments and intensification (with no provision for parking) is an ongoing issue for our Planning Sub-Committee. Please keep your ears to the ground, and let us know if anything occurs of concern with regard to development in your area.

Local developments - The development plans for the derelict site at Bailey's/Selsdon Garage seem to continue with no clear end in sight, but plans have been updated recently, as there is a new company leading the project.

The Selsdon Park Estate was sold in 2021. The new owners, Birch Hotels, renovated the building and worked on the grounds to create a new type of leisure venue on the site. Their aim was to open in March 2023, but they advised us at our AGM at the end of that month that a soft opening was preferred shortly after, &, although the lido opened during the summer, the whole complex had to close down in November due to financial liquidity issues within the group.

The Selsdon Gazette and Social Media -

The Selsdon Gazette is a non-profit publication delivered to the door (thanks to all our volunteers, particularly Phil Roberts for still taking on the central distribution role) of about 4000 households in Selsdon. Gazette printing costs are hoped to be covered by the advertising (thanks to Advertising Manager Carlo Rappa, Gazette editor Chris Jones & Gazette Treasurer Jenny Bradley – Carlo has now stepped down from his role, so Chris & Jenny, especially, are looking for a volunteer to take up the reins please). We would like to give thanks to our advertisers for sticking with us, but we do need more to ensure we break even at least. It is essential that we get new advertisers on board, so please ask anyone you know who might be interested. As well as household deliveries, Gazette editions are available online via our website. Our editor, Chris Jones, would welcome your contributions of local stories or news. Email: selsdongazettesra@gmail.com

The SRA also has group profiles on Facebook & Twitter (thanks to Ian Leggatt & Trevor Stotten for these) - for breaking news items, please look at [www.facebook.com for Selsdon Residents Association](http://www.facebook.com/SelsdonResidentsAssociation) and '@selsdonresassoc' on Twitter. Please 'like' and 'follow' the profiles too 🍷

Accounts

A full balance sheet for 2023 will be published in the March edition of the Selsdon Gazette and presented at the next AGM, which is due to be held on Wednesday 20th March 2024 at St John's Church Hall, Upper Selsdon Road at 8pm. The continuation of the SRA depends on your voluntary annual subscriptions. Our thanks go to the Treasurers, Iris Jones (for the SRA) and Jenny Bradley (for The Gazette), and to Jeff Bayton who reviews the accounts.

Local News

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during recent years, with the Covid restrictions and the effect on their membership and finances. Although it has always been the SRA policy not to specifically recommend any business, we hope that you will continue to support them with your money, time and attention. We have listed some local groups on our website. **Please use them, or risk losing them!** The Covid Pandemic is still around us, continuing to cause a long and ongoing period of worry and social isolation for many. We trust that you are still watching out for, and help, your neighbours in need. We hope you stay well and that we can see you in person at our AGM. If you have any ideas, or would like to volunteer to help the community in some way, or even come on board our committee, where there is a vacancy, we would be glad to hear from you via mail2.selsdonresidents@gmail.com .

Trevor Stotten (SRA Secretary)

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COUNCILLORS' NOTES

COMMUNITY WARM SPACES

Libraries, leisure centres, community and faith organisations are offering warm spaces to support people in Croydon this winter. The venues are free to anyone who wants to either sit, talk or socialise somewhere warm and welcoming. Locations and their opening times can be found on the council website. People are encouraged to check these details before attending.

Anyone who needs financial assistance in the cold weather can find information on the council's website. There is also helpful guidance in Croydon's winter health and wellbeing newsletter to support residents to keep warm and well.

CROYDON LOVES YOU

Croydon Loves You is a new wellbeing programme supporting projects such as Little Manhattan walks and reminiscence events; Thinking of You, Always; Barton's oral history project through Pollocks Toy Museum; and Wild in the City. The Council is now encouraging Croydon's faith, community, and voluntary organisations to run creative events and projects for local people which either focus on or help support wellbeing.

Projects do not need to be complicated or large-scale. They should bring communities together, combat isolation, and celebrate the many good things and good people our borough is home to. Projects must take place between 1st February and 29th March 2024 and can be for sums in the range of £200 to £1,200. Details are on the council website.

MONKS HILL MEN'S SHED

St Francis Church in Monks Hill is launching its Men's Shed on Saturday 17th February. Men's Shed is a national movement of repair shops, targeted at men who otherwise would be hard to engage with. The shed, will offer the opportunity to repair small household items, gain friendship, and help to eliminate the throwaway society. Alongside the shed, the church is also launching cooking classes to teach basic cooking skills. Please get in touch with the church if you would like to participate or can help.

CONTACT YOUR COUNCILLORS

Councillor surgeries are held on the first Saturday of the month 10am - 11.15am (no surgery in August/January. Surgeries are at The Selsdon Centre (next to Sainsbury's), 132 Addington Rd, South Croydon CR2 8LA.

We are happy to 'meet' residents online so if you have any issues you wish to discuss with your councillor please get in touch by email:

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

23/04604/HSE - 2 Albatross Gardens South Croydon CR2 8QX
Demolition of garage and erection of a single storey front, side and rear extension, dormer extension in the rear roof slope and roof lights in the front roof slope.

23/04729/HSE - 38 Arkwright Road South Croydon CR2 0LL
The removal of an existing timber shed and the erection of a flat roof

single storey annexe.

23/04579/HSE - 106 Farley Road South Croydon CR2 7NE
Erection of a part-one, part-two storey side and rear extension and installation of window in place of garage door.

23/04721/HSE – 6 Ferns Close South Croydon CR2 8RG
Erection of a single storey side and rear extension.

23/04537/GPDO - 70 Norfolk Avenue South Croydon CR2 8BS
Erection of single storey rear extension projecting out 5.13 metres with a height to the eaves of 3 metres and a maximum height of 3.5 metres

23/04661/HSE - 14 Sandpiper Road South Croydon CR2 8PR
Alterations to the land levels at the side with the erection of retaining wall, and erection of single-storey side extension.

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MP Chris Philp's Report

Member of Parliament for Croydon South



Purley Hospital GP Hub

You may recall I campaigned successfully with local residents to ensure the GP Hub / Minor Injury Unit at Purley Hospital opens 365 days a year, 12 hours a day (8am to 8pm). This is very useful to ensure people can see a GP very quickly if their own one is busy, or get a minor injury fixed without needing to go all the way to A&E in Croydon town centre.

There has however been some confusion about what the GP Hub / MIU does and does not do. I have therefore been in touch with the hospital and got the definitive list, which can be found on my website below.

It may be worth keeping this for future reference and forwarding it to friends and family so they have it too.

<https://www.chrisphilp.com/what-services-does-purley-hospital-gp-hub-minor-injury-unit-offer/>

Chris Philp

Member of Parliament, Croydon South: [020 7219 8026](tel:02072198026)
chris.philp.mp@parliament.uk

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Advice from our Local Police Wards

With the new year well under way, we are receiving more reports of Burglaries and Thefts from residents' cars. Farley Road, Littleheath Road, Bishops Walk and Crossways are all roads that have been targeted by thieves. Rear windows and Patio doors have been smashed.

The latest Burglary on 17/01/2024 14:30hrs on Farley Road was attended by the Neighbourhood team as we were already on patrol in the area. A front window was forced open activating the resident's burglar alarm. We believe that this scared off the would be burglar(s) and nothing was stolen.

We are asking you to please be vigilant. It goes without saying that we all

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We want to catch these thieves that are making people's lives a misery. Remember lock your house and lock your car.

Tina Nash PCSO 7287SN for Selsdon and Addington Village Police Ward

Please do not hesitate to contact your local police team if required:

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A Good Time for Gardening – February

The Language/Symbolism of Flowers

The language of flowers has been recognised for centuries. It plays a large role in the works of William Shakespeare, as well as myths and folklore from many diverse cultures.

Learning the special symbolism of flowers became a popular pastime during the 1880s. Flowers were used to deliver messages that couldn't be spoken aloud. Many Victorian homes had guidebooks for interpreting the language of these blooms. Flowers could be used to answer questions without a word being uttered. A 'yes' answer came if flowers were handed over using the right hand; if the left was used, the answer was 'no.' If given a rose, this declared devotion. However, a yellow carnation expressed 'disdain.'



What messages could you send using the following?

Amaryllis – pride	Baby's Breath – Everlasting love
Bluebells – kindness	Edelweiss – courage
Gardenia – secret love	Iris – faith & wisdom
Ivy – friendship	Jasmine – grace & elegance
Lily of the valley – trustworthiness	Marigold – jealousy, grief
Orange blossom – chastity	Peonies – bashfulness
Red rose – I love you **	Rosemary – remembrance
Tulips – passion	Zinnia – lasting affection

** a deep crimson rose indicated mourning

When marrying Prince William, Katherine Middleton's all white wedding bouquet was deeply symbolic. The lily of the valley represented trustworthiness and purity, sweet william (gallantry), hyacinths (loveliness), myrtle (love in marriage) and ivy (continuity). This selection of flowers revealed the hope of a loving everlasting marriage.

A groom's buttonhole reflects the flowers in the wedding bouquet and stems from the Medieval tradition of a knight wearing his lady's colours to declare his love.

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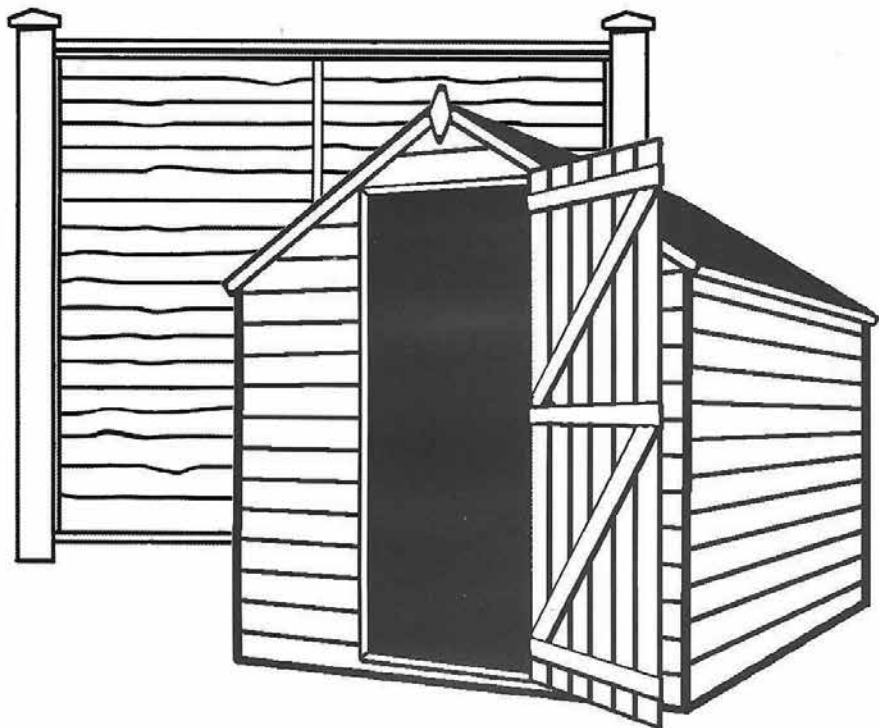


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Costains 3rd Selsdon Housing Development. International Style.

We saw, dear reader, back in the December 2023 and January 2024 Gazettes that Costains built 4 types of 'upmarket' houses in Arundel and Norfolk Avenues between March 1932 and the end of 1934. These 4 styles were available with 6 differing specifications. They were "firmly in the English Vernacular style". While Costains were busy building and selling these houses they had desires to continue their extension of suburbia and were eyeing up the opportunities along the Addington Road. The Broadway shops had been constructed in 1926 and 1927. Selsdon Parade followed soon after and the retail infill continued down to the Sanctuary Tea Rooms, now the site of the Village Club. The Footpath from Foxearth Road was a natural break in the retail spread and construction of the Baptist Church on the other side of the pathway had, in November 1927, been completed.



Extract from OS map

Plot 107, opposite Selsdon Park Farm, was an orchard around which Selsdon Crescent now sits. The Footpath, left, running from Addington Road up to Littleheath Woods. The Sanctuary Tea Rooms at its junction with Addington Road. The Farm and most of the cottages along Addington Road have disappeared.

Only 240 / 242 remain in view. No 184 is hidden in plain sight behind Bairstow Eves' frontage.

The terrain of the land adjacent to and downhill of the Baptist church was challenging: the land sloping steeply down from the back gardens of the houses in Foxearth to the Addington Road. In preparation for their 3rd housing development in June 1933, Costains received permission to construct an elevated footpath on Addington Road starting at the Baptist Church site boundary. This would allow relatively flat pedestrian access to the beginning of the proposed development site. In September and October 1933 planning permission was granted for 60 houses and two

new streets which were to be Selsdon Crescent and The Rise. The Crescent was laid out around an old orchard which was opposite Selsdon Park Farm, now Aldi.

Modern street plan



In Costains' earlier two phases, their houses were designed very much to traditional styles. For their 3rd venture they opted to try a more modern and somewhat innovative approach with a new look termed 'International Style'. This was influenced by 'Art Deco' and 'Modernist' styling and featured cubes and rectangles with accentuated horizontal lines, occasional brick panels and white render.



The Daimler Garage, built in 1931, in Herbrand Street London, in the 'Modernist' Style and, perhaps, a model for the appearance of our 60 Costain houses.

Below, an excellent illustration from the Selsdon and Croham, Living History Local Guide No 6, which can be found at the Library.



The house types were named 'Rosewood' and featured the new Crittall steel windows. To break up the dominant appearance of the houses looming above the Addington Road and to reduce the Terrace look, the houses were laid out in discrete units of 2, 4 or 6 from the Baptist Church down to and across the Foxearth Road junction with Addington Road. Not many of the houses still contain their original elements. As time has passed, the Crittall windows have been replaced with UPVC, the feature brick panels painted over, rendering renewed, pebbledashed, or repainted. The occasional porch has been added.



A recent photo of a rarity: pretty much untouched and unaltered but demonstrating the original 'International' style with those Modernist and Art Deco influences.

The Rosewood house layout proved popular: these sold for some £600. So popular that Costains retained the design in their next development.....

Ian Leggatt

As ever, I am indebted to the journals of Ted Frith. Unless otherwise described photos derived from Google. Maps from National Library of Scotland.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2024

FEBRUARY

2 February - 16 March Six Nations Rugby Union Championships

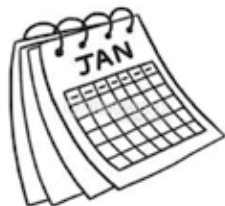
10 February – Chinese New Year

13 February – Shrove Tuesday

16 – 20 February London Fashion Week (Fall, Winter)

18 Feb - Bafta Awards

29 – Leap Year Day



MARCH

2 March - Brit Awards

7 – 10 March - Crufts Dog Show

10 March – The Oscars, Mothering Sunday

12 – 15 March – Cheltenham Festival, National Hunt race meeting

15 March – Red Nose Day

20 March – SRA AGM at St John's Church Hall at 8pm

30 March – Oxford & Cambridge Boat Race

31 March – Easter Sunday

APRIL

11 – 14 April – Masters Golf in Augusta

11 – 13 April - Grand National meeting, Aintree Racecourse, Liverpool

20 April – 6 May – World Snooker Championship in Sheffield

21 April - London Marathon

MAY

2 May – Mayor of London and the London Assembly elections

11 May – Eurovision Song Contest in Malmö, Sweden

12 May - Women's FA Cup Final, Wembley Stadium

21 – 25 May - Chelsea Flower Show, London

25 May – Men's FA Cup Final, Wembley Stadium

26 May - RideLondon (festival of cycling), London-Surrey, south-east

JUNE

1 June - The Derby Race, Epsom Downs Race Course

14 June – 14 July Men's Football Euros in Germany

15 June - Trooping the Colour, London

16 June- Father's Day

18 June – 22 June- Royal Ascot, Berkshire

26 – 30 June – Glastonbury music festival

29 June – Pride in London

29 June – 21 July - Cycling Tour de France

JULY

1 – 14 July - Wimbledon Tennis Championships

2 – 7 July - RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show

5 – 7 July - Formula 1 British Grand Prix weekend, Silverstone

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19 July- 14 September - The BBC Proms, Royal Albert Hall, London
26 July – 11 August – Olympics in Paris
27 July – 2 August- Cowes Week, Isle of Wight
30 July – 3 August - 'Glorious Goodwood' Festival, West Sussex

AUGUST

2 – 24 August - The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, Edinburgh
2 – 26 August - Edinburgh Festival Fringe, Edinburgh
25 – 26 August - Notting Hill Carnival, London

SEPTEMBER

6 – 15 September - Heritage Open Days, across England. Heritage Open Days celebrates England's fantastic architecture and culture by offering free access to places that are usually closed to the public or normally charge for admission.
14 – 22 September - Open House Festival, London. In this festival gain access to beautiful buildings, unique spaces and landscapes as London opens its doors to visitors.
8 September- Great North Run, Newcastle Gateshead
13 – 17 September - London Fashion Week (Spring, Summer), London

OCTOBER

1 – 31 October – Black History month
2 – 13 October - BFI London Film Festival, Southbank, London

NOVEMBER

5 November - Bonfire Night, Britain-wide
9 November – Lord Mayor's Show, London
10 November - Remembrance Day
10 - 19 November - London Jazz Festival, London
Dates to be confirmed - Winter Wonderland at Hyde Park, London
15 November – Children in Need
13 November – 5 January - Christmas at Kew, London

DECEMBER

15 December – PDC World Darts Championship

Selsdon Residents' Association



Saturday 9 March 9.45am – Noon

Can you please help with a 'Litter Pick' around the shopping area of Addington Road. Meet at the Selsdon Clock where collecting equipment will be provided by the Council.

Please contact Andrew on 07873 587593 or ambax62@icloud.com for more information.

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A Saintry Quiz

This year St Valentine's Day is celebrated on Wednesday 14 February, but how much do you know about some familiar saints? Take this quiz to test your knowledge.



1. Valentine is the patron saint of love, but which hobby or occupation also falls under his patronage?
2. What animal was George said to have slain?
3. Which English playwright was born on St. George's Day and died on it 52 years later?
4. On which date is St. Andrew's Day celebrated?
5. Which heraldic term is the alternative name for St. Andrew's flag?
6. What did St Patrick use to explain the Holy Trinity?
7. According to legend, how many days will it again rain for if it rains on St. Swithin's day?
8. Saint Giles is the patron saint of which British city?
9. Which Saint's feast is on Boxing Day?
10. What are the Welsh emblems for St David's Day

Answers after Nature Notes



We welcome your letters so do **please get in touch** if you have something to share with Selsdon residents.

Please remember to state your name, address, contact number and publication anonymity requirements in **all** correspondence to the Editor. Anonymity can be granted on request, but anonymously sent letters/e-mails will not be published.

It was good to hear from one reader who enjoyed our articles about walking the Vanguard Way.

Dear Editor,

I'm John Jefkins and I'm very interested to chat with the author of the article published about walking the Vanguard Way (December '23 and January '24 gazettes).

I am Vice Chair of the Vanguard Way Association, which is a voluntary group that was set up two years ago to manage the route (taking over from the group of friends – “the Vanguarders” – mostly in their 80s now – who set up the route decades ago).

A number of the committee members live in Croydon and we have our AGM in Park Hill every year. We (The Vanguard Association) are always happy to get feedback – and I'm personally interested to find out where we can improve signage (i.e. where if anywhere did they get lost ???).

I too “saw signposts in the woods” (when we were encouraged to all go “walkies” in Lockdown), ended up walking the entire route (getting lost a couple of times), sent feedback to the organisers (Colin Saunders et al.) and guess what, I'm now putting the signage up and have created an app on the Appstore/Google play called the Vanguard Way Photoguide to guide people down the route.

We were very amused about the cattle as Gaz Davies (who organises the Vanguard Way Marathon from Lloyd Park to Limpsfield & back each summer, and who also lives in Selsdon) had very similar photos to your couple of walkers.... in exactly the same field. We've recently paid to change all the old stiles to kissing gates on the “Graham Butler Mile” from Limpsfield Road to Woldingham and have also funded a seat at the viewpoint there. Due to Croydon council being bankrupt, we've also

ended up having to put signage posts up ourselves in the middle of Lloyd Park recently.

Best wishes
John Jefkins MBE
Vice Chair Vanguard Way Association
Vanguard Way Route Manager

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A query here about one of our Christmas Quiz questions.

Dear Editor,

Firstly, may I take this opportunity to thank you and all contributors for the Selsdon Gazette. We moved to the area almost a year ago and look forward to its publication monthly.

Now, onto more serious business. I'll try to keep things short and sweet, much like my favourite mince pies. We highly enjoyed the Christmas quiz and joke section, although one answer in the quiz has left me feeling a little surprised...

Surely, it can't be correct that the average British person consumes 27 mince-pies in the Christmas period alone? This seems like a very high number when taking a national population into consideration.

I would be curious to know if any reader of The Gazette has exceeded this number. When undertaking my own research (googling, "how many mince pies does the average person eat at Christmas?") in multiple studies the highest average consumed seemed to be around 17 - If the published number was indeed not a typo, I would also be curious to learn what source provided this information.

Best,
Michael Bland.

Dear Michael, I have been trying to find where I got that question from. I have also 'googled' the answer and have come up with a number in the high teens, however, it is not clear whether the total number of mince pies includes homemade as well as shop bought. I agree with you that 27 seems a little too high!

A more colourful Gazette?

Dear Editor

The magazine is a good read but the absence of colour anywhere is a let-down. The black and white photo of poppies against the background of autumnal trees on the cover of November's edition vividly brought that to mind once more.

I'm sure it's not as easy as the flick of a switch and probably considered prohibitively expensive, but I do wonder if the articles would be enlivened, the readership response more positive and the advertisers happier to see the magazine in brighter colours. I remember submitting an article a year or two ago about Florida. It included colour photos of a 'mermaid' and a manatee. I knew what to expect, but it was still a disappointment to see the very dull b/w result on the printed page.

Thank you for maintaining the good standards at the Gazette and for all the teamwork that entails.

Best wishes
Bill Gale

Hi Bill, I agree with you that the Gazette would be so much better in colour. However, I have just received our accounts for last year and the gazette has come in with a loss of over £2000, so I do not think that colour is imminent.

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Let's get Selsdon tidier!

Dear Editor,

You may be aware that I organise the periodic Community Litter pick on behalf of the SRA - this has been going now for a year and where we have typically had a really good turn out on each occasion - with a good 'core' of people who offer their time. I am hoping for similar 'community spirit' this coming year with the first happening on 9 March.

Additionally, I signed up to be a volunteer 'Street Champion' and wanted

to canvass others should they too wish to become volunteers. In effect it is about offering a little time periodically each month to help with litter picking in the street(s) around where they live and also report any issues regarding discarded waste. Croydon Council supply the necessary equipment. Any collected waste can be left in / alongside the public waste bins for the council to collect. It is a good volunteer community service ...and also opportunity for some exercise! :)

On an associated subject I did also want to make a plea on behalf of Street Champions to 'dog owners/walkers' and to respect them for collecting their animals waste in the 'poop bags' but to also ask that these are then placed in the public waste bins or taken home, rather than left in the kerb. Foxes are only too happy to investigate the fouling and then leave these around the public realm. Whilst Street Champions do make an effort to clean up plastics, cans and the like it really should not extend to recovering open bags of dog waste.

Kind regards, Andrew Baxter

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How to access back copies of the Gazette

Dear Editor,

Over the Christmas period I read the very interesting article in the December 2023 Selsdon Gazette titled 'Costains 2nd Selsdon Housing Development'. Having lived in Selsdon all my life (since 1963) I was fascinated to read about the history of how the current Selsdon came to be.

I noticed at the start of this article it mentioned that there had been similar articles in previous gazettes, Sept 2020 and Feb 2021, which I must have missed. I would love to be able to read these previous articles and wondered if I could get these back copies of the gazette.

Many thanks, Nigel Back

Dear Nigel,

I am so glad that you are enjoying Ian's articles. You can access past copies of the Selsdon Gazette by visiting <https://selsdon-residents.co.uk> and selecting the Selsdon Gazette option. There are further articles to come in the January and February editions this year.

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Dear Editor,

Thank you for your quick reply and the link to the Selsdon-residents website, much appreciated. I should have tracked this down sooner, it's full of lots of interesting information.

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Do you know this man?

Dear Editor,

I had a phone call from a Kenneth Clare, who lives near Queenhill Playspace. He is trying to trace a Brian Allen, who retired to Cornwall, but was ex-Fleet Air Arm & used to write articles for the Gazette
Do any Gazette readers have Brian's address/contact details, so we might reunite these two old friends?

Trevor, Secretary of the Selsdon Residents' Association,
mail2.selsdonresidents@gmail.com

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Now for the first time this year, we hear from our regular contributor, Jessica Blake.

I hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas and New Year celebrations despite any coughs and colds. If relatives live a long way away, the best Christmas present is just to spend time with them, and share precious hours of laughter together once more.

Now is the time to plan some fun for the months ahead. First stop ahead is Fairfield Halls to see what is coming on. I am hoping for some magic shows; it is exciting, fun and fascinating, seeing just how good the magicians are - or rather not seeing, as the magicians are so sleight of hand.

There are many different catalogues to choose a summer holiday from. The hardest part will be choosing which area to go to, and whether it should be home or abroad. Personally, I quite like the idea of Yorkshire, if summers are really getting hotter! We have been there before, but there is so much still to explore up that way, and although I love Cumbria in the

North West, there is much of the far North East still to see. We were lucky enough to visit lots of places overseas in the past, but there are still so many places unexplored.

A trip on a canal boat was fun, here in the UK without all the airport hassle and queuing. We even took the dog with us on a canal trip. He seemed to find it fun too!

Ironic that when we were young, the most any of us dreamed of was a day trip by boat to France. Now it is war that makes places unavailable. Things change, so places to visit may well be on a list for further into the future, if they are temporarily unavailable.

Anyway, wherever you hope to go, there may be someone on your Christmas card list you haven't seen for years, and it would be great to go and visit them and find out about their part of the country?

With all these lists and suggestions to write, my first resolution this year had best be to go and buy some writing paper, or should I save the planet and use my mobile phone to make my list?

Happy New Year

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Poetry Corner

On 24 February 2022 Russia invaded Ukraine in an escalation of the Russo-Ukrainian War that started in 2014. Here Mary Gill remembers the events on that day.

UKRAINE-SPRING 2022

In formidable array
they marched!
Locust-like they descended on the land
ravaging the crops
that fed the world.
Without discrimination
they slaughtered any in their path,
threatening worse
if they dared to resist.
But resolutely the people stood
and they fought for their native land.
They had courage on their side

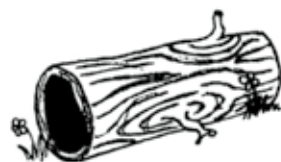
and even reason,
but reason is no defence
against a madman.
Will courage be enough?



Nature Notes from Ted Forsyth – Trees

In the Friends' coppice area of Selsdon Wood, we cut the old hazel stools almost to ground level and leave them to regrow. The gaps in between different stools are then planted with hazel whips so that all stems tend to grow vertically rather than sideways and, as a result, produce a crop in 7 to 10 years of long straight stems.

Apart from the Friends of Selsdon Wood there are two other groups involved in the wood (plus the Council's Tree Officer and his staff). Rob Sowter coppices on behalf of the Council mainly in The Wend and, as part payment, for the work he sells the cut material as bean poles, pea sticks, tree stakes, etc. A bigger group is composed of contractors brought in for specific work either to take out diseased or damaged trees or to remove some mature trees to create glades and to let in more light to encourage the ground flora. In this case, replanting is done with oak whips so that there will be trees of various ages rather than woodland all of one age.



While some of the tree trunks may be removed for possible sale, many will be left to decay for the benefit of invertebrates and fungi, and the birds and animals which feed upon them. In addition, the Friends have planted 20 different species in the Jubilee Plantation, including, birch, rowan, wild service, wild cherry, blackthorn, hawthorn, wild rose, guilder rose, spindle, elder. This is intended to provide a nesting and feeding area for birds as it matures.

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Answers to the Sainly Quiz

1. Bee keeping
2. A Dragon
3. William Shakespeare.
4. November 30th
5. The Saltire.
6. A shamrock
7. Another 40 days
8. Edinburgh
9. St. Stephen
10. The daffodil (a generic Welsh symbol) or the leek (Saint David's personal symbol).

Younger Generation Theatre Group – Performing Arts Charity



Does your young person (8 to 18) love to sing and dance and would like the opportunity to perform at Charles Cryer Theatre? **Free trial session on 10th March 14.30 at St Mark's Church, Purley**, rehearsal at Purley every Sunday until August, culminating in performances (9 & 10 August) at the Charles Cryer Theatre, Carshalton. This year's membership fee is £99.

Younger Generation Theatre Group (YG to its friends) was originally started over 30 years ago by Frank Graves, who wanted to set up a stage group for South London children to get the chance to perform on a professional stage. The shows are a similar style to Scouts' 'Gang Shows'. Each year a theme is chosen, then the production team put together a series of numbers that fit the theme. The show is a team effort: there are no individual stars. All of our cast are 'Stars' which is why in our programme we always have the cast in alphabetical order and, in the finale, everyone is dressed the same.

The charity is affiliated with NODA and received the NODA Flame award for "Outstanding Training for Young People in the Fields of Music and Dance". We have also received The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. Over the years we have taken part in The Lord Mayor's Parade, the New Years' Day Parade in London, the Queen Mother's Birthday Parade and the Golden Jubilee celebrations.

For further details: email ygcontactus@gmail.com ,
website youngergeneration.uk

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Selsdon Centre for the Retired

The Mayor's Visit

Following our fantastic news of being saved by a Lottery Community Fund grant late last year, the Selsdon Centre was delighted to welcome Mayor Jason Perry to visit. He happily chatted with a number of our clients for a while, then continued by meeting with Centre staff and volunteers before



spending the rest of his time with some of the Centre's board members. In the photo the Mayor is with the Chairman, Nick Bonneywell. Nick explained that the Mayor was full of good ideas of how to improve our services for the community's elder residents. As well suggesting a few options of other companies and agencies we can approach to either enhance or forge new relationships with like-minded organisations. Watch this space! With our new-found financial lifeline, not only will we survive, we will thrive!

To reach the Centre , please contact the office on 0208 651 1111 (answerphone) or email selsdon.centre@btinternet.com if you would be interested in discussing becoming a partner; or, if you want more information on what happens at the Centre and you know of someone who'd benefit from attending, we'd love to see more clients enjoying themselves with us.

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The Sanderstead Local History Group

The SLHG would like to welcome you to our monthly historical talks which are not limited to Sanderstead or local History.

This friendly group meet at 1.45 for a 2pm start in the Small Hall at All Saints Church Halls, Onslow Gardens, Sanderstead, on the last Wednesday of each month. Free car parking- near to bus routes.

Come to those talks which interest you for a small £2 charge per visit to cover the cost of hiring the hall and providing tea/coffee and biscuits.

The presentations, mostly by members, are on a subject of their choice.

You are never required to give a talk although we are always looking for new topics and are ready with help and advice for any potential speaker



28 Feb: Benjamin Beeson, Sanderstead's policeman and Crimean War hero by Phil Swallow

27 Mar: Family History - the wider perspective - local & national connections by Dee Palmer

24 Apr: The illustrious owners of "Sanderstead Court" by Joyce Hoad

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