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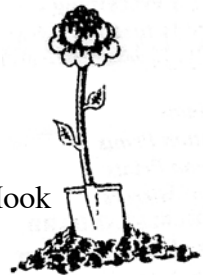
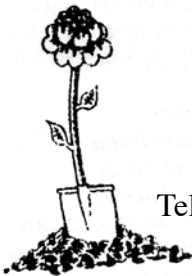
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Full details of the roads falling within each of the Selsdon wards can be found on the home page of the SRA website <http://selsdon-residents.co.uk>



Editor's Note



As I write this, we have just enjoyed our first few days of warm weather, the clocks will be going forward at the end of March and the days are getting longer. This is definitely a time to look forward. The Selsdon Residents' Association is also looking forward to enjoying its 100th year in operation. We are beginning to receive your photos of Selsdon for our competition that closes at the end of August and we have added a few more familiar faces for our '100 Faces' of Selsdon display. We are again running our Children's Easter Egg Hunt along the High Street from 14 -21 April, so please send your children's entries to me once they have finished their hunt. Please also remember that we are running a 'Grow the Largest Vegetable' competition this year. So, for the gardeners in Selsdon please start planting your seeds for the vegetable of your choice.

The cover for this gazette comes from the original Costains' brochure advertising the first houses of Selsdon Garden Village built in 1925. Councillor Robert Ward has been leading a team including John Ruskin College, Selsdon Churches, Friends of local Woods and the Selsdon Residents' Association, to put on a display to celebrate 100 years of Selsdon. This can be viewed in the Selsdon Library from 4 April until 2 May and shows how the area has developed over the 100 years.

As usual we hear from our local Councillors, our MP and our local police about issues affecting all of us living in Selsdon. We have ideas for days out with our gardeners from the Sanderstead Horticultural Society urging us to go to the Chelsea Physic Garden and Su Yates recommends a trip to Pollock's Toy Museum in Croydon. Mary Gill gives us a love story in Poetry Corner, and Ted looks at jumpers in the animal kingdom. The monthly quiz is all about April, whilst Ian Leggatt looks at the housing development down Farley Road to Croham Valley Road.

 SUBMISSIONS FOR THE MAY 2025 EDITION SHOULD
BE WITH THE EDITOR NO LATER THAN
20TH APRIL - PREFERABLY BEFORE! 

Following last month's memories from Kate we have received two more recollections of living in Selsdon, one from Dennis (1940s & 1950s) and the other from Sue (1960s & 1970s). I hope this will inspire more of you to jot down your memories and send them to me, and if you have any photos please scan and include them (selsdongazettesra@gmail.com).

I look forward to hearing from you.

Chris Jones

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SRA NEWS 'n' VIEWS



SRA 100th Celebrations

These are progressing really well, so keep reading the gazette for full details of how you can take part. A video has come to light that celebrated our 70th anniversary. Phil Swallow has a YouTube channel where you can find the video using the following link: <https://youtube/HdJp5aNy1Sc>

or it is on the SRA Facebook Page.

It will bring back memories for those of us old enough to remember, or, for the younger residents, be an insight into the history of Selsdon.

Planning

The finalisation with the council to install maps on the Selsdon Triangle and on the wall outside the Village Club is drawing ever closer. The sign posts to our woods and shops encouraging you take a walk in the locality, will also be installed in the coming months. There will also be a new bench on the triangle to sit, rest, chat and enjoy the crocuses that our gardening team work so hard to provide.

The SRA are also funding a new bench in Selsdon Recreation Ground to commemorate the SRA's 100th anniversary.

Litter Pick

I thought I would also share with you, recent efforts by the pupils from Croydon High School, who as part of its 150th celebration have committed 150 hours of their time over a number of Wednesdays to carry out litter picking around the school grounds and adjacent public areas that border the school; this has been led by Sue Beck their community liaison. I think

this has had a real positive effect locally and I have been told that this has received thanks from a number of the public and I am sure we too would like thank them for their efforts.

AGM

I write this before our AGM but hopefully, we would have filled our two committee vacancies. Phil Roberts and Jenny Stawman have stood down and I thank them for their time and work. However, should anyone else feel that they would like to join us, we would love to hear from you, my details are in the front of the gazette, if you want more information. The Gazette still needs an Advertising Manager. Jenny and Chris are doing a sterling job covering this role as well as being the Editor and the Treasurer respectively, but more hands make light work as they say. Chris or I are always available to chat.

We all look forward to meeting more residents at our September Fair on Sunday 7th.

Sheila Childs, Chair

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Selsdon Residents' Association

CHILDREN'S EGG HUNT 2025

During the week from Monday 14 until Monday 21 April, six shops along our High Street will display a coloured egg in their shop window. All you have to do, is to complete the form below with the correct location of each egg, together with your name, address and age*. Then get your parents/guardians to take a photo of the form and get them to send it by Wednesday 23 April to the Gazette Editor at selsdongazettesra@gmail.com



The winners will be drawn at random from all the correct forms received.
*(Any data will be destroyed after the competition.)

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So, get out your cameras or phones and get snapping or look through your old snaps taken in Selsdon. The closing date is 31 August so we get a range of photos in the different seasons.

Please send your photos, in electronic format to Chris Jones by email to selsdongazettesra@gmail.com with your name, age if under 18, title of your photo and details of where and when it was taken.

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SRA 100TH Year – 100 Faces of Selsdon



We would like to make a social history display of people living in Selsdon during the Selsdon Residents' Association's hundredth year. To participate please send a head and shoulders photo, your first name, the road you live in and how long you have lived there. Photos will be used to make a display for later in the year.



If we get our 100 photos, we hope to mount a display in December in Selsdon. Will you be able to spot your photo? Please email your photos to Chris Jones selsdongazettesra@gmail.com

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Selsdon's Art-iculate



Maria from the Golden Ark is inviting all 'would be artists' to contribute to a collage to celebrate Selsdon's 100 year anniversary.

For the whole month of April, you can pop into the Golden Ark (best time from midday through daylight hours) and paint your contribution on to a large canvas. Your artwork must reflect something about Selsdon and can be painted in acrylics,

oils or watercolours, (materials will be provided). By the end of the month Maria hopes that we will have a beautiful collage to display.

So, let your inner Michelangelo out, and add your brush strokes to the work!

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COUNCILLORS' NOTES

SELSDON 100 YEARS CELEBRATION

This year we celebrate one hundred years of modern Selsdon. Planning permission was granted in March 1925 for the first houses to be built by Costains. The first residents moved in later that year. An exhibition including photographs and documents from the last hundred years will run from 4th April to 2nd May at the Selsdon Library.

NEW SIGNAGE AND BLUE PLAQUES FOR SELSDON

As part of Croydon's £833K successful bid to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, Selsdon will see new signage, maps and blue plaques being installed over the coming months. The new signage and maps will help people locate and enjoy the amazing green spaces that we have around the Selsdon district centre as well as attract visitors to shops and local businesses. The signs have been located and designed by planning officers working in partnership with the Selsdon Residents' Association. The funding will also be used to place a number of blue plaques in shop windows to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Selsdon. Other district centres that will benefit from the Shared Prosperity Funding include New Addington, Purley, London Road and Thornton Heath.

FIRST GRASS CUT IN FEBRUARY

Since becoming the first Directly Elected Mayor in 2022, Jason Perry has been determined to 'Restore Pride in Croydon', a key plank of that ambition is to reverse the "Broken Windows" reputation that Croydon had obtained. A visible target was to get grass cutting right so Croydon looked neat and tidy. When he took control of the Council the maintenance maps were outdated and paper based and it was unclear which areas the Council had responsibility for.

Since taking Office maps have been digitised, data has been cleansed and the first grass cut of the year started in February. This year residents will be able to see the results of this back office transformation that will mean the grass, open space and highways will be cut properly for the first time in years.

NEW WASTE CONTRACT

The new Croydon Council waste contract begins shortly on 1st April 2025. The alternate weekly collections for household waste and recycling is being retained and there are a number of improvements from the previous contract. In particular:

- Improved waste collections for flats above shops;
- A new waste clean-up of the night time economy, so waste is not on the streets in the morning;
- Most importantly there will be improved contract management with regular reviews to ensure value for money for residents.
- The borough will also benefit from a significant social value offer from the contractor. They are committed to reducing their carbon emissions and to offer local employment opportunities for Croydon residents through good quality apprenticeships, and a pledge to employ those that are long term unemployed.

CONTACT YOUR COUNCILLORS

Our monthly surgeries take place in the Jubilee café downstairs from Sainsburys. A private room is available should there be a matter which cannot be discussed in public. The timing is 10am until 11.15am on the first Saturday of the month, except January and August. 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:

Selsdon and Addington Village

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Robert.ward@croydon.gov.uk

Selsdon Vale and Forestdale

Andy.stranack@croydon.gov.uk

Fatima.zaman@croydon.gov.uk

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3 Ingham Road South Croydon CR2 8LT

25/00564/HSE - Erection of single-storey ground-floor rear extension with associated modification of rear deck.

69 Norfolk Avenue South Croydon CR2 8BW

25/00677/LP - Erection of single storey side/rear extension

St Johns Church Upper Selsdon Road South Croydon CR2 8DD

25/00329/FUL - Installation of 2no. Air Source Heat Pumps

10 Upper Selsdon Road South Croydon CR2 8DE

25/00680/DISC - Discharge of Condition 3 (Travel Plan) attached to

permission 23/03614/FUL for Retrospective application for the erection of an outbuilding to accommodate a nursery (Use Class E(f)) at the rear of 10 Upper Selsdon Road (Use Class C3) for up to 15 children (amended description)

(Remember that you can use this website to view planning applications http://www.localplanningapps.co.uk/croydon/sra/anupdate/planning_table.html)

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MP Natasha Irons' Report

Member of Parliament for Croydon East

Dear Selsdon,

The assessment of access to banking services has now been completed by LINK (the independent organisation responsible for assessing local banking facilities), and disappointingly, they have concluded that Selsdon doesn't qualify for a Banking Hub. Their judgement states:

"...there are already cash access services and facilities within a 1-mile radius which are suitable for the needs of the local area, or the deficiency does not cause a significant impact on the local area. The facilities include: free cash deposit and withdrawal services for personal current accounts, cash deposit and withdrawal services for business accounts that allow for a reasonable mix of notes and coins to be deposited or withdrawn, a Post Office, a Withdrawal ATM."

I appreciate this is disappointing news, however I will continue to press for improvements to the high street and would welcome any other feedback on what is needed.

In more positive news, the Government has awarded Croydon Council an extra £5.3 million pounds to support residents struggling with the cost-of-living crisis. This money is to extend the council's household support fund, which helps Croydon residents in need with support such as food vouchers, debt advice and help with energy bills. If you or someone you know needs to access this scheme, applications open again in April and can be made via the council's website: www.croydon.gov.uk/hsf.

I remain concerned by Croydon Council's plans to cut its Youth Engagement Team. The YET provides vital outreach work in schools,

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youth hubs and the community. The plans have not been published in full so there has been little to no scrutiny of them by local councillors or any meaningful consultation with the public. You can still sign my petition (available on my Facebook page) that calls on the council to hold a public consultation into any plans for the future of this vital service.

A new Community Diagnostics Centre is set to open this summer in New Addington, on the site of the old leisure centre. This brand-new facility will provide a “one-stop-shop” for NHS testing and bring it closer to the community. X-ray, ultrasound and CT scanning are just some of the services that will be available, with the aim of bringing down waiting times for care. Whilst NHS waiting lists have fallen for the fifth month in a row, it is this shift towards prevention, community care and improved access to GPs that the Government continues to invest in, to make the NHS fit for the future.

In Parliament, the Police and Crime Bill has had its second reading in the Commons and has moved on to the committee stage where it will be scrutinised line-by-line. The Bill sits at the heart of the Government’s safer streets agenda and seeks to tackle anti-social behaviour, knife crime, shoplifting and violence against women and girls. Some of the measures in the bill include:

- Giving police officers stronger powers to tackle anti-social behaviour,
- Ending the effective immunity for anyone caught shoplifting goods below £200,
- Creating a new criminal offence for possessing a bladed article with the intent to cause harm,
- Clamping down on the online sale of knives, and
- Introducing new laws to prevent child grooming and exploitation.

As ever, please get in touch if there are any concerns or issues you would like to raise with me on natasha.irons.mp@parliament.uk

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Update from our Local Police

In March we have found our teams being abstracted frequently to staff up response due to new training being given out to officers. Saying this, it has still been a productive month with successful speed gun operations taking place in Sanderstead and Addington. This resulted in multiple speeding tickets and other traffic notices being issued as well as seizing a vehicle

for no insurance. We will be planning more of these operations in the future to increase road safety and awareness.

Officers have also done a variety of school visits this month in the Sanderstead and Addington area. In Sanderstead, officers visited an infant school to talk about what the police do, showing children police equipment and a marked vehicle, and what to do if in danger. In Addington, officers attended a careers fair and engaged with two primary school year groups on what it is like to be a police officer and what qualifications are needed. We found that the school children engaged really well with police and more school talks will be happening in the upcoming month, with one in Forestdale already planned.

A knife was recovered on the playing fields of Forestdale Primary School and was disposed of by police and other weapon sweeps have taken place in Addington.

We have continued to carry out surveillance patrols in unmarked vehicles to try to combat the rise in theft of motor vehicles and theft from motor vehicles. During a plain clothes operation a male was arrested and a moped was seized. A few days prior to this, a male made off from police in an unmarked vehicle, however we were able to identify him and he was later arrested and his moped was also seized.

We have been noticing a rise in anti-social behaviour relating to dirt bikes recently, so we urge all incidents to be reported to the police. We are working to tackle this as well as the damage being made to golf courses from these bikes, and we are in the planning phases of trying to arrest these perpetrators.



Our “Cuppa with a Copper” events are still happening monthly and we would love to meet you so please come along to these to meet your local policing team. Details of these events can be found on the Met Police website for each ward.

Contacting the Police

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

Emergencies – 999, Non-emergency crime - 101

All phone numbers for each individual team are no longer used. Residents should use the following email addresses:

Selsdon & Addington Village: SelsdonandAddingtonVillage@met.police.uk

Selsdon Vale & Forestdale: SelsdonandForestdale@met.police.uk

Good Time for Gardening – April

Explore London's oldest botanic garden – Chelsea Physic Garden
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Tel: 020 7352 5646 enquiries@chelseaphysicgarden.co.uk

At the moment the Chelsea Physic Garden has special tickets available on Mondays which are only £5. It's an easy journey from East Croydon. Either go to Victoria and catch the 170 bus, or go to Clapham Junction, exit via Grant Road and catch the 170 bus going in the other direction. Established in 1673 by the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries of London, Chelsea Physic Garden is home to over 4,500 medicinal, edible and useful plants. Situated next to the Thames, it has its own micro-climate. Open Sunday – Friday, visitors can explore the historic glasshouses, discover the plant collection, or simply relax and enjoy the four-acres of green space in central London.

The Garden of Edible Plants

Chelsea Physic Garden occupies land formerly used as market gardens, and so has a long history of growing edible crops. Beds in the centre display plants according to their vitamin content and the surrounding beds demonstrate a range of unusual and tender herbs and spices, along with plants used to produce edible oils and alcohol. Of the more than 20,000 different edible plants on earth, only around 20 are in common production.

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The Garden of Medicinal Plants

When the Garden was first established by the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries in 1673, its role was to provide a place where they could grow all of the plants so as young apothecaries could learn to identify key medicinal plants. Apothecaries are no longer trained at the Garden, but medical students still visit to learn about the history of plant-based medicine.



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Herbal Remedies

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Frederick, Cedric and Sunflower Sid

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Costains, Building Down the Hill and Further Afield

Back in early 1925, Costains had constructed a narrow gauge steam railway up the hill creating the route we now know as Croham Valley Road / Farley Road. Progress was swift and the first houses on the north side of Upper Selsdon Road from Queenhill to the Addington Road, the south side of Queenhill plus Byron Roads and the upper portion of Farley Road were occupied by September 1925. The new road from Croydon to Selsdon was to be called Croham Valley Road and the Selsdon houses marketed by Costains as 'Croham Heights', no doubt to reinforce their claims that living 'above the smog line' had health benefits. When the new road came to be opened in 1926 it was decided to call the first section from Croham Road 'Croham Valley Road' and this was to take an easterly direction, potentially to meet up with Selsdon Park Road. Ballards Way provided a route up to Addington Hills via Ballards Farm Road, passing

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Elaine Torlot
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Simon Amon
SALES MANAGER

Simon has over 30 years experience in the industry having managed numerous branches and has gained a wealth of experience, most of which is as a valuer although he can turn his hand to anything that presents itself within the moving process.



Steve Smith
SALES CONSULTANT

Steve is a local resident and started his career in Estate Agency in the early 1980's and has extensive experience in residential and commercial sales and lettings.



Kim Mitchell-Gears
DIRECTORS PA
& OFFICE MANAGER

Kim has a passion for property and has a wealth of knowledge in the property market having worked in every aspect of property for in excess of 20 years.



Patricia Realls
OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Pat has an abundance of experience and knowledge in estate agency having worked in the industry for over 30 years. Pat has worked for Hubbard Torlot since they opened their doors in 2011.



Lucy Barretto
SALES PROGRESSOR

Lucy commenced her career in property 4 years ago with a keen interest in property. Lucy enjoys sale progression in trying to succeed with every challenge that may unfold throughout the moving process.



Fiona Martin
NEGOTIATOR & HOME VIEWER

Fiona grew up locally and has a strong customer service background. In particular, in relocations and residential lettings.



Amy Peto
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Amy has always had an interest in property and people. Amy brings with her immense enthusiasm, attention to detail, is methodical and always goes above and beyond whenever possible.



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Ballards Farm and Heathfield. The new road continuing the climb up the hill to Selsdon was to be named Farley Road. Perhaps the clerk taking notes of the decision, minuted Farley as opposed to Farleigh?

Costains' 'masterplan' for the Selsdon Estate (aka Selsdon Garden Village / Croham Heights) was to provide more houses along the new roads Crest, Farley and Croham Valley Roads and Ballards Way. The boundaries of Croham Hurst Golf Links and Ballards Plantation generated a design which included larger plots, some with far reaching views. Such plots were tailor made for houses of more generous proportions than we find in the first buildings in Queenhill, Farley or Byron roads.

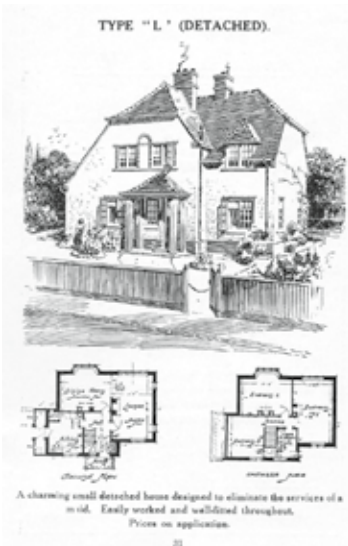
Proposed Plan taken from Costains' sales brochure of 1926.

The houses on the top end of Upper Selsdon Road, Byron, Queenhill, Farley and Foxearth Roads had been built and were being occupied from the end of 1925 and the rest of Croham Heights Estate was being planned out. With the opening of Farley Road / Croham Valley Road in July 1926 what we now know as Littleheath, Brent, Croham Valley and Crest Roads together with Ballards Way could be developed. The larger plot sizes suited larger houses and Costains were quick to offer larger semi-detached and detached dwellings within their portfolio. It can be seen from the plan, right, that Littleheath Road was to be extended to meet up with Addington Road and Crest Road to link through to Littleheath Road.



Whereas the first homes in the Garden Village were being offered for some £425, these larger grander houses were from £875 to well over £1,000. From a 'basic' Type A semi-detached at £875 a variation, the Type A1 with larger rooms, was available for £1,000. The Type B semi-detached with a 20' Lounge and 4 bedrooms was priced at £1,150 while a Type

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Wiring – The house will be wired in enamelled tube to one lighting point in each room with two way switch on landing, including the fixing of mains switch and cut-out, ceiling roses and switches.

Bells – Bells will be wired for and fixed complete with indicator in Dining and Drawing Rooms, two Bedrooms and front door"

Crest Road was eventually constructed to link Croham Valley to Ballards Way with no extension through to Littleheath. The extension of the south eastern end of Littleheath Road through to Addington Road was planned to take the route of the Bridleway which existed by the side of the Tea Rooms, now The Village Club. Whether the route was deemed too steep for safety or the Urban District Council did not want another main route through from South Croydon to Selsdon / Addington we shall not know but the proposed extension did not get constructed.

Ian Leggatt

If you journey up or down Farley Road on the bus, see how many of these house types you can spot. As ever I am grateful for Ted Frith's journals awaking an interest in me to record these pieces of social history. Special thanks to Paul L S who has loaned an almost pristine copy of Costains' Croham Heights brochure from which much of the information in this article comes.

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For this month's quiz, I thought we would celebrate the month of April, but not the showers!

APRIL QUIZ QUESTIONS

1. What star sign are you if your birthday falls between March 21 and April 19?
2. On what date in April is St George's Day?
3. What is April's birthstone?
4. April's birth flower is often listed as *Bellis perennis* - this is the Latin name of which flower?
5. Which bird's arrival in mid-April, is said to signal the start of Spring?
6. In a famous TV prank from 1957, the BBC broadcast a film showing Swiss farmers picking freshly-grown what?
7. Which famous Englishman's birth remains unknown, but is traditionally observed on the same days as Saint George's Day?





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8. Who was the designer of the Clifton Suspension Bridge that was born in April 1806?
9. What did the Whitechapel Bell Foundry create in April 1858?
10. RMS Titanic set sail on its ill-fated maiden voyage in April of which year?

Answers after the Nature Notes



SELSDON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

needs your help

In January 1926 the Seldon Residents' Association was formed with the aim of advancing and protecting the interests of Selsdon Residents. It is one of the oldest residents' associations in the UK. 2025 will be the hundredth year that it has been operating.

Do you have any ideas about how we can celebrate this achievement? Do you have any photos or recollections of early Selsdon?

Please send your ideas to Sheila Childs, the Chair of the SRA (address and phone number on page 2 of the Gazette) or by email to Chris Jones, the Gazette Editor selsdongazettesra@gmail.com



Litter Pick Saturday 22 March

25 volunteers collected their sacks and litter grabbers on the morning of Saturday 22 March in the first litter pick of the year. Several new faces, both young and not so young, plus several regulars. A big thank you to everyone who gave up their time to make Selsdon a cleaner place. Well done and thank you to Wetherspoons for the complimentary tea & coffee following the litter pick. Very much appreciated.



Our newest recruit Luca

Thanks too, to the staff and pupils of Croydon High School who have carried out their own litter pick.

For me, of particular note was the increase in the number of cigarette butts littering the high street and the amount of commercial waste that had been left, unbagged, at one of the street bins, making it difficult for pedestrians to put their litter in the bin.

If we all pull together, we can improve the face of Selsdon. The next collection will be in June; see you there.

Su Yates

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The SRA has been asking residents for their recollections of living in Selsdon. Here Dennis Baker, 92 years young, gives us a further account of what he has noticed over the years.

I have added a further memory of Selsdon of my childhood that I did not include in the last one. I hope it may be of interest.

When I wrote my memories of Selsdon, I said how sad I was at the loss of the pond in Littleheath Woods. We have also lost another charming part of the district, this time due to the War. Selsdon Wood, or the Bird Sanctuary as we used to call it, was once part of a shooting estate. The hedges between the fields were not farm hedges, these are low, dense and strongly built to keep livestock in. The hedges here are wide with low growing plants at the base and tall trees throughout the length. When the beaters drive the birds, they must fly high to clear the hedges this means that the shooters are aiming upwards, a safety measure, and that the birds have a better chance of surviving.



The fields were all wild flower meadows. These provided good cover for ground nesting birds and encouraged a large number of insects and small creatures providing food for the growing chicks. Once the chicks had fledged and the plants had set seed then the fields could be mown, ensuring that they would continue as wild flower meadows.



Then came the War and the country needed food to be produced in order to survive, so all the fields were put to the plough and large crops of wheat were grown. When the war ended the wild flowers were not reintroduced and the fields became large areas of grass, not very attractive to insects. I understand that a butterfly bank has been built in one of the fields. I hope it is a success, but it will never attract the large numbers that the wild flower meadows did.

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Here Dennis urges us to remember those who gave their lives for us when we commemorate V E Day.

With the approach of the 80th anniversary of V E day, I thought some of the readers might like to hear about one of the events that played a part in that happy outcome. All over northern France and Belgium are cemeteries run by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Some are large, others small but they all have row upon row of identical headstones that only vary in the wording and badges on them. This is because in death we are all equal.



If you go to France, may I suggest you visit Escalles, a small village a short drive south west from Calais. Park in the square and walk up the hill to the church. Go through the gate, up some steps, then turn right a few steps forward and you will see the familiar headstone of a war grave. The name on it is R M A.J. Callow. What follows is his story and how important lessons regarding coastal assaults were learnt from the action he took part in. Artificial harbours were declared crucial, tanks were adapted specifically for beaches, and a new integrated tactical air force strengthened ground support. These lessons influenced the success of the D-Day landings that ultimately, led to the end of the war and the celebrations on V E day.

A.J. Callow was born in Southgate on 28th April 1920. He joined the Royal Marines being part of the Plymouth Division before undertaking commando training to join R M Commando. On 19th August 1942 Operation Jubilee took place, the raid on Dieppe, which was intended to be “a reconnaissance in force”. During the crossing the commandos, who were in landing craft escorted by one gun boat, were met by 5 armed German trawlers. A fire-fight ensued and the commando gun boat was rendered beyond use. This left 20 landing craft unprotected and only one



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made it to the beach.

Out of 6000 men taking part in the raid 4384 were killed, wounded or missing. The Royal Navy lost 550 men and 34 ships. The Royal Air Force lost 106 planes.

Marine Callow lost his life during the action and his body later washed ashore on the beach at Escalles, some 100 miles from Dieppe. It was then taken by the local residents and buried in the churchyard. He lies alone with none of his comrades beside him. When we learned about his story, every time we went to France, we visited his grave to say thank you to him and to tell him he was not alone or forgotten that we would remember. Perhaps some of you who read this may feel the same and when you go to France, please visit the grave of this young man who did not live to see V E day.

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Here we have some more memories of living in Selsdon in the 1960s and 1980s.

Memories of Selsdon

After seeing your request for Selsdon memories, I thought I would offer something. I must be honest and say that some of these memories were triggered by "Kate Swinnerton Remembers" in last month's Gazette.

I was born in 1960 and lived in Selsdon until 1982 when I got married and moved to the other end of the Borough. However, my parents had moved to Littleheath Road six years earlier, in 1954, and lived there until the first of them passed away in 2020.

The house was purchased for the sum of just over £3,000 and had apparently been empty for a year. Everywhere inside was painted orange, which was soon changed! The 200 foot long garden was a tangle of weeds and very overgrown. By some hard work from friends and family, it was soon made tidy. In later years we children spent hours playing here. One very cold winter, with heavy snow falls, when I was about four years old, the milkman could not get through to us, so we walked to Ballards Farm (then still a working farm) to collect our milk.

After attending nursery school - first with Mrs. Affleck (pronounced Affalay), then later with Mrs. Kennedy in Littleheath Road (near the

Queenhill Road junction). I finally started school.

My younger brother and sister and I all attended Selsdon Primary School, where the Head Mistress (never called 'Headteacher') was a Miss Bjork. Other teachers were Miss Grout, Mr. Ivatt and Mr. Worth. For some reason we were terrified of Mr. Worth. In addition, there was the school crossing lady, or 'lollipop lady' as she was known, Mrs. Nixon Caney. Oh, and Mrs. Penny who always cycled to School. Disappointingly, we generally arrived and left the school via the back entrance into Foxearth Road. We sometimes begged to go the long way round so that we could look at the raised pond near the main gates and to see the lollipop lady in action!



One day on arrival at school, the back entrance was barred and bolted; the school canteen had burnt down overnight. There was a horrible burning smell hanging over the school field and playground for several days. Just as bad was when the school dinners were brought to the school from a neighbouring school and these were eaten in the Junior Hall. The general 'school dinner' smell, especially the cabbage, hung around for the rest of the day. Thankfully, I went home to dinner.

Another teacher, who I believe was the deputy head, was Mr. Younghusband. He set up a World Wildlife Fund (WWF) club after school and showed us nature and animal films which were very popular. I doubt they would be today. These films were large reels of 'movie' pictures which had to be intricately threaded through the projector at the start and when they became unthreaded in the course of showing the film, everything had to stop while we waited for the teacher to re-thread it again.

An early memory of mine was walking down Littleheath Road and "through the passage" coming out in Croham Valley Road. If you turned right, the road soon terminated in a dead-end where there was a gate and fences overlooking the field where I enjoyed watching the cows grazing - presumably from Ballards Farm. Another pedestrian way which we used to call "the passage" led from the top of Littleheath/Foxearth Roads, down alongside the Baptist Church to Addington Road, coming out opposite what used to be the Woolworths store. These shops were known to us as "the top shops". (What the lower or bottom shops were I never knew, as these were the only shops apart from those in Croydon Town Centre that we ever used!). Your correspondent in the March Gazette says Budgens was the first supermarket style shop in Selsdon. Unless I am very much mistaken, I always thought Sainsbury's was the first, located a few doors



Inside Sainsburys 1950

down from Woolworths. I recall that this shop was a 'half-and-half' store; the front half sold cheese, bacon, meats, etc., where you were served by staff in white coats. The rear of the store was the new-style 'self-service'. You collected a basket and selected your own goods, starting on the right of the shop. I believe there was a pay-desk when you had got to the end of the self-service part (i.e. halfway down the shop on the left hand side).

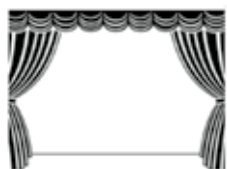
Regarding other shops, one we frequented often was the sweet shop (Hacketts) where sweets were weighed out. We always checked to make sure the needle on the scales showed the correct amount. We either chose sweets from the jars or from a selection of pre-wrapped sweets such as "Fruit Salad", "Black Jacks", Sherbert Fountains, etc. We were not allowed "gob-stoppers" as they were considered to be "not nice". I also recall the United Dairies shop on the corner with Farley Road (where KIBA bathroom showroom now is). Here mum purchased butter, cheeses, cream and extra milk, etc. Opposite, and I think next to what was until recently Wetherspoons, was a doorway which led up the stairs to a men's hairdressers. My grandad went here. I have no idea where my brother was taken. My grandad was Wilson Stevens. He was well-known in Selsdon and nearly always could be seen wearing his suit and bowler hat.

I remember Tudor Library although we did not go there very often. Another well-frequented shop was the Post Office/Buckingham's on the Broadway. Mr. Buckingham worked in the Post Office part of the shop and Mrs. Buckingham (or one of her assistants) took us up the narrow stairs where our Selsdon Primary school uniforms were purchased. I believe the owner of Bailey's Garage lived in The Rise; at least I was at school with a Susan Bailey and that is where she lived. We children were often taken to the old public library on the corner of Upper Selsdon Road and Arundel Road – a rambling old house. Then a new one was built next to Selsdon Hall. It has all now been demolished and replaced by the large Sainsburys complex. I still return to Selsdon, either passing through or paying a visit to Mr. Richard Burchell or to Farleigh Dental. P.S. Does anyone else remember the tortoises who lived in the garden on the corner of Farley and Queenhill Roads (opposite the Farley Road Medical Practice)?

Susan Collins (nee Stevens)

Is this one of Croydon's hidden gems?

I recently paid a visit to Pollock's Toy Museum at its temporary location on the lower floor of the Whitgift Centre, opposite what used to be BHS (Unit 49 Whitgift Centre). Stepping through the door was like stepping back into my childhood, as the first thing I saw was a wooden bagatelle – I had one just like it as a child so I could not resist the opportunity to have a game or two. Toys from my childhood were everywhere, dolls, stuffed animals, mechanical toys, teddies and so much more. Old toys do not lose their charm and I was lost in wonderment at all the display cabinets.



Pollock's Toy Museum is one of the oldest toy museums in the UK, founded in 1956 but the origins of the collection date from much earlier.

Benjamin Pollock was a publisher of Victorian Toy Theatre, known as "the penny plain and two pence coloured" and sold from his shop in Hoxton. Toy theatres were originally made as souvenirs of live theatres and were used for home entertainment especially for the younger audience with the shows being known as Juvenile Drama. There is a splendid toy theatre on display inside Kensington Palace that was made for Princess Victoria and said to be one of her favourite toys. The characters on stage are moved around on wire slides and the cardboard backdrops are changed to suit the story.

After Benjamin Pollock's death, a gentleman named Alan Keen bought up everything and in 1946 moved the shop to the West End, keeping the name Pollock. Initially the shop prospered but in 1951 with bankruptcy looming, the entire stock of wire slides was purchased by Marguerite Fawdry, who raised funds for the purchase from her friends and family. Between 1956 and 1969 the museum grew and the premises expanded. Sadly, in January 2023 the museum in Fitzrovia was forced to close after 53 years in the area. The museum now has two temporary pop-up museums, one in Croydon and the other in Leadenhall Market.

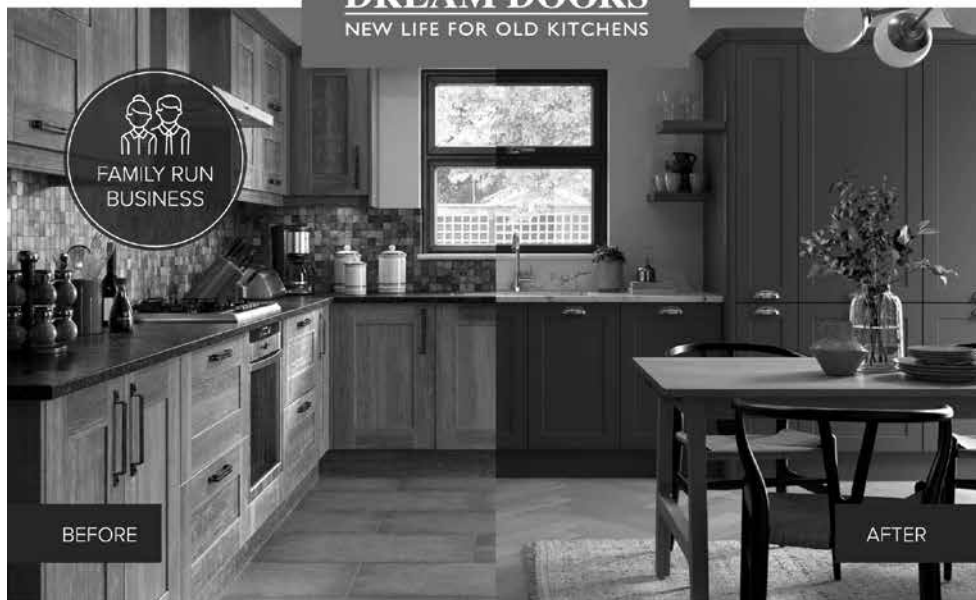
Open only on a Saturday between 11.00 – 4.00, entry is free with two toy theatre shows at 12.00 and 2.00, this hidden gem is definitely worth a visit. The museum is totally run by volunteers and the majority of the exhibits have been donated by members of the public. Of local interest are some dolls houses and dolls house furniture made in the



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More details can be found at info.pollockstoymuseum@gmail.com together with details on how you can volunteer.

Su Yates.

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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.

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Here is a letter from a very angry resident.

Dear Editor,

I am sending this email because I was so disgusted by what I saw.

Last Wednesday I had a hair appointment at Chapel View and what I saw shocked me. I walked from Farley Road via The Ruffetts to Chapel View and on my way, I saw four women walking their dogs. I thought they were responsible people picking up their dogs' mess. However, on my way back from the hairdressers half an hour later, I found that two of these women had placed their black bags on a resident's wall, another was hanging in a hedge in a garden, and the last one was left on the grass verge by a lamp post.



Who do they think is going to clear up their dogs' mess?

Croydon is getting a bad reputation and I am ashamed to tell people that I live here.

It is not Croydon, it is the slovenliness of the people who live here and should know better.

I am so angry.

Name and address supplied

Here our regular contributor, Jessica Blake, receives a surprise for her birthday.

A Mystifying Birthday Present

My husband wished to buy me a present that I would really enjoy for my birthday. So, I thanked him for asking - and told him I'd think about it.

Meantime I asked him if he would just come and read the bathroom scales for me as I just couldn't read what the scales have written on them anymore. In he came and having noticed I have to bend in half to read my weight nowadays, he read my weight to me and went off to complete what he was doing.



A couple of weeks later, my birthday arrived - and so did a well wrapped parcel from Amazon. Yes, it was new scales. Well, they were smaller and thinner than the previous pair and on the surface were just four round silver discs. Just standing on them was a bit of a challenge. I am glad my feet were not much larger, because you need to use these scales barefoot and stand with each foot straddled over two of the discs and it is so easy for your feet to hang over the edge. If my feet hang over the sides, I wonder if my correct weight is recorded?

One goes and stand on the scales - gets straight off - then after a few seconds the correct set of lights show up and then it's time to re-step onto the scales and up comes your weight. Simple is it not? No, it is not!! Your weight will show at that point but what you need is your mobile phone, turned on and in your hand. (Next time perhaps I should buy a smaller mobile, which could weigh less!)

What this amazing - creature I, want to call it - does, is record the date you weighed, your weight and then a welter of other information. It is amazing but I don't really understand. Think I now need biology lessons. Firstly,

you can choose how your weight is to show, so I chose what I am used to (stones). Although the 'stones' is ok, it doesn't show pounds but decimal points of part of a stone. Gosh I get bewildered. It also shows Muscle Mass, I get what that is, BMI, Body Fat, Body Water, Visceral Fat, (I never did biology at school, so what it is showing me I do not understand). There is Bone Mass, BMR and something else, when I can find it!
Oh yes, I felt quite indignant when it showed body age and I am nine years older than my real age!!

All in all, a wonderful, thought provoking present, and sadly, wasted on me. I know the stones but I am totally lost about everything else. At least I will be able to tell if I have lost weight when my body goes down a stone. Trouble is it will take some while to lose a whole stone. My husband doesn't understand how to work it completely either - phew that's a relief.

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Poetry Corner

Here Mary Gill lifts our spirits by an amusing tale about finding love in unexpected places.

DAISY AND DAVID

Daisy did the dishes,
David manned a till,
they both made fervent wishes
for someone who would fill

the void in their existence,
to bring them love and bliss,
begged Cupid for assistance,
to find sweet passion's kiss.



Just when it seemed the darkness
would swallow all their dreams,
fate that seemed so heartless
stepped up behind the scenes.

The dishes were afflicted
with grease and grime and more -
she needed Fairy Liquid.
She hurried out the door.

She sprinted up the high road
to the Tesco Local store,
and as he scanned the barcode,
Dave looked at her and saw

two laughing eyes that sparkled
and won his lonely heart.
In six months, they were married
and they vowed they'd never part.



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Here Ted considers animals who can jump and why they jump.

Nature Notes from Ted Forsyth – Jumpers

All mobile creatures have their own method of locomotion. Snakes slither or swim. Toads crawl. Snails slide on their own mucus. There is another way of moving, either as the main technique or as an alternative, and that is saltation, i.e. jumping.



Small arboreal mammals such as Wood Mice and Squirrels will walk along a branch to get to the fruit or other delicacy they are aiming for, but to get to another branch they are unlikely to return to the tree trunk in order to select the next branch. Instead, they will leap to the next convenient branch and continue to progress in this way through the canopy.

On a visit to the RSPB Welsh reserve of Ynys-hir I came upon a Stoat jumping up and down in a display intended to bamboozle a nearby rabbit. My arrival close to them broke up the activity and they dispersed. So, jumping need not involve locomotion.

A hunting Fox will cock its head on one side as it listens for its prey moving, then will leap into the air to come down on the unsuspecting vole or beetle. This can be most spectacular when the prey animal is moving about under a covering of snow through which the fox must plunge to make its capture.

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An adult roe deer is an amazing high-jumper. I have watched them clearing four or five foot high fences without hesitation and have seen a photograph of one clearing a brick wall that was twice its own height – and that was from a standing start.



Among the birds there are some for which young leaving the nest must take a leap into the big wide world. Mandarin and Goldeneye Ducks nest in holes in trees and when the young are ready to fledge they must hurl themselves into space and plummet to the ground below. Their lightness and what plumage they have at that stage is sufficient to ease the fall. For cliff-dwelling Razorbills and Guillemots the story is somewhat different. There will usually be some distance between the cliff and the edge of the sea and the young auk, which cannot fly, leaves the nest ledge with one of its parents and attempts to glide to the sea while continually losing height. Many young birds hit the ground before reaching the sea, and while scrambling to cover the remaining distance they also have to avoid the attentions of predatory gulls.

These examples all involve creatures for which jumping forms an occasional part of their activity and is not their main method of moving from one place to another.

In leaf litter there is a tiny creature called a Springtail whose method of escape from danger involves releasing a catch which causes it to be thrown high into the air. There is no predetermined destination so where it lands is random. A Flea might crawl through the fur of an animal but when it needs to escape it behaves like the Springtail without being able to control where it will land. On the seashore after high tides there is a strandline where seaweed gets deposited. Disturbance of the seaweed will expose many Sandhoppers which form a favourite food of foraging waders.



While walking through grass in the summer you are likely to disturb Grasshoppers which jump ahead or to the side without really knowing where the landing will be.

Though we normally think of spiders catching their prey by using some form of web, the group of jumping spiders employ a more direct hunting technique by stalking their prey. The Zebra Jumping Spider, which is marked with black-and-white stripes, can be found on flat surfaces like windowsills or concrete slabs where it creeps stealthily until at the last moment it pounces on its prey. The bright yellow Crab Spider remains stationary in position near the centre of a suitable flowerhead waiting for an insect to alight then pounces to collect its meal.

Answers to the April Quiz

Answers:

1. Aries
2. 23rd of April
3. Diamond
4. Daisy
5. The cuckoo
6. Spaghetti
7. William Shakespeare
8. Isambard Kingdom Brunel
9. Big Ben
10. 1912

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