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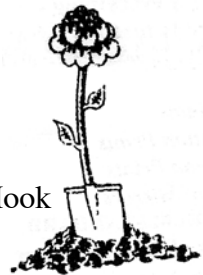
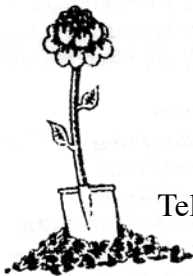
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Editor's Note

In this May edition of the Gazette, we are thrown into the celebrations of the 100 years of modern Selsdon. We have reports about the Exhibition held at the library in April and news about the colourful signage appearing all over Selsdon. There is a wonderful quote from one Selsdonian about why he is so content to live in Selsdon, and looking at all the activities on offer to residents featured in this edition, you can understand why. We have Guided Walks in Selsdon Wood, Shirley Windmill Tours, Selsdon Flower Club, Sanderstead WI, Selsdon Townswomen's Guild, Sanderstead Local History Group, Sanderstead and Selsdon Rotary, Sanderstead United Reform Church Tennis Club, Farley Road Medical Practice Patient Participation Group, Contact, and the Selsdon Community Clubhouse, all inviting you to participate.

Despite the later delivery than usual of the Gazette last month due to a printing press breakdown, many children entered our Easter Egg Hunt Competition, spotting the six coloured Easter Egg in windows of six businesses in Selsdon. This month sees the launch of our 'Grow the Largest Vegetable' Competition for all ages to get involved in. You do not even need a garden to grow your chosen vegetable in a pot, so please give it a go.

As usual we hear from our local Councillors, our MP and our local police about issues affecting all of us living in Selsdon. Usually, it is May that our ancient woodlands are carpeted by bluebells, but I have seen many of them coming to bloom in our warm April this year, however, both our friends at the Sanderstead Horticultural Society and our regular poet, Mary Gill, have decided to take bluebells as the theme of their offerings in May. Ian Leggatt gives us an account of the early days of the Selsdon Residents' Association as it comes up to its hundredth birthday in January 2026, while Ted, in his Nature Notes, looks at the Slime Moulds to be spotted in our woods on dead vegetation. Look out for the bunting around the Selsdon Clock to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day which occurs in May and have a go at this month's quiz which tests your knowledge of this time in history.

Our letters section includes news of a heartwarming initiative for a free library box along Farley Road; we hope more will follow. Please get in touch if you hold any VE Day street parties and do not forget to

send your photos of Selsdon to enter our Photo competition; we love to hear from residents. What do you think about the new signage? How has living in Selsdon changed over the years, and if you are new to Selsdon, what do you like, or not, about living here? My email is selsdongazettesra@gmail.com .

I look forward to hearing from you

Chris Jones

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

SRA NEWS 'n' VIEWS



I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter as the weather was very kind to us. Everything is so green now. The triangle gardening team were out working on the triangle making it all neat tidy and colourful. Unfortunately, whilst they were beavering away, someone stole the extra rechargeable batteries for the trimmer they use. I find this unbelievable; your committee will immediately pay for their replacement to allow their excellent work to continue.

Police Panel Meeting

I attended the recent ward panel meeting and, once again, they confirmed we live a very safe area. The team are at full strength but will be removing officers from schools as planned by the end of June. They will always attend any incidents in schools.

The panel meet every 3 months and are open to all but if anyone does want to attend, they ask to be informed in advance. You can email Tina.M.Nash@metpolice.uk with your name.

They are also in need of a minutes' secretary which is only every 3 months for an hour at 18.30 at St Francis Church Hall on Monks Hill. If anyone could spare some time please contact Tina Nash on the above email. It could be more than one person.

UK Prosperity Fund

I hope you have all noticed the new signposts and the two new maps provided by the fund. A seat will be appearing on the triangle soon. I also hope you managed to see the exhibition of Selsdon over its 100 year history in the library. The exhibition was opened by the Executive Mayor in April. Keep your eyes out for future events in the Gazette.

Guided Walk with Friends of Selsdon Wood & SRA

You are invited to a 'Summer Flowers' guided walk through Selsdon Wood on Saturday 22 June at 11am led by Malcolm Jennings, organised by the Friends of Selsdon Wood and the SRA to celebrate the hundredth year of the SRA.



New Carving in Selsdon Wood

Lorcan O'Byrne has been busy in Selsdon Wood again, this time creating a badger. This adds to their collection of carvings, including the bear, the owls, the woodland scene with rabbits and a fox, and the Green Man. Can you spot the badger in your walk through Selsdon Wood?

If you would like to donate to their fund for woodland carvings please visit Justgiving/friendsofselsdonwood/woodlandcarvings2025

Plants along the High Street

The green fingered members of the SRA have been busy putting new plants in the troughs and planters along the High Street. Let us hope for a good display.

Apologies if your April Gazette was a little late. Our, usually reliable, printer had some problems with his "press" but our amazing volunteers got it out within a few days of delivery.

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GROW THE LARGEST VEGETABLE COMPETITION

Selsdon was originally known as 'Selsdon Garden Village', so what better way to celebrate its centenary than a run a vegetable growing competition.

You have until the end of September to grow the vegetable of your choice. Once it has reached its maximum size, take a photo of it alongside a ruler and send its dimensions, weight and a photo to Chris Jones at selsdongazettesra@gmail.com Get planting those seeds now - 'you've got to be in it, to win it!'



COUNCILLORS' NOTES FROM ROBERT WARD

SELSDON 100 YEARS

An Exhibition to celebrate 100 years of the modern Selsdon ran from 4th April to 2nd May in the Selsdon Library. It was supported by the UK Government Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF), the Mayor of London and Croydon Council as well as the Selsdon Residents' Association. It coincided with the installation of notice boards and street signs which were financed from money delegated to Croydon Council from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

A great deal of material documenting Selsdon's last hundred years was collected. If any groups or organisations would like a presentation or are interested in this material for educational purposes or community interest please get in touch with Councillor Robert Ward.

WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION

The new contract for waste and recycling collection commenced on 1st April. There are enhancements to the previous contract and the Council will now, unlike in the past, be actively managing the contract. There

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were some teething problems in the first few weeks but these are being quickly resolved. To help in the Council's contract management of the provider, residents are asked to use the Council's website to report missed collections, bins not returned correctly and waste spillage.

GRASS CUTTING

Croydon Council has started a new season of grass cutting that will see our highway verges, housing land, parks and open spaces cut regularly until October. Grass is scheduled to be cut every six weeks along the highways, open spaces and parks, and every five weeks on Council housing land. Digital mapping of Council-owned parks and green spaces has enabled real-time reporting so the service can better plan the schedule.

To support pollinators and wildlife, the Council will work with Friends of Groups to leave selected environmental areas within parks uncut throughout the year. Highway verges will all be maintained, except for some grass verges, such as where the rare Lizard Orchid flowered last year.

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:

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Joseph.lee@croydon.gov.uk

Robert.ward@croydon.gov.uk

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

168 Addington Road South Croydon CR2 8LB

25/01145/FUL - New shopfront including relocation of entrance door and levelling out of internal floor level.

72 Nightingale Road South Croydon CR2 8PT

25/01102/LP - Garage conversion, including replacing of the existing garage door with window to create a habitable room.

5 Turnstone Close South Croydon CR2 8SP

25/00983/HSE - Erection of a single storey side extension.

25/00984/LP - Erection of dormer to rear roof slope and three rooflights to front roof slope in connection with conversion of resultant roof space to habitable accommodation.

147 Upper Selsdon Road South Croydon CR2 0DU

25/01057/HSE - Erection of a single storey rear extension and extension to the rear of an existing room; four roof lights; creation of a door and two windows to the west elevation and widening of two windows to the east elevation and one to the front; and conversion of garage into habitable room.

(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,

This month the nation marks the 80th anniversary of VE Day with four days of celebrations including a flypast with the Red Arrows and a service at Westminster Abbey. I hope that many of you will have had the opportunity to get involved with a street party or event near you.

This is an opportunity to remember and reflect on the contribution of the veteran community in Croydon - and in March, I had the privilege of hosting a service in Westminster Abbey to commemorate the life and work of New Addington veteran Mike Lyons. Mike dedicated over 30 years to the New Addington branch of the Royal British Legion and created the Final Roll Call Campaign, ensuring that WWI soldiers who returned home suffering from PTSD - and were excluded from official memorials - received the military recognition they deserved.

To continue Mike's work, we've launched the **Croydon Cares for Veterans** campaign to raise funds for two charities that support Croydon's veteran community: SSAFA Croydon and the Royal British Legion New Addington branch. If you would like, you can make a donation here: www.peoplesfundraising.com/fundraising/croydoncares4veterans

I was delighted to join representatives from school councils and parliaments from Forestdale, Courtwood, The Quest and Red Gates

Primary Schools to discuss their concerns and hopes for Selsdon. Some of the issues that were raised covered the need for more litter bins, uneven pavements which create trip hazards and the need to improve pedestrian safety across Featherbed Lane. I have written on behalf of the pupils to Croydon Council to see what can be done to address the issues raised and will keep the schools updated on the response.

In Parliament, you may have seen that an extraordinary session was held on Saturday 12th April to introduce emergency legislation allowing the Government to direct the workforce and order the raw materials needed to keep British Steel's blast furnaces running. British Steel is a vital asset to the UK that supplies 90% of Network Rail's rail steel requirement as well as being the UK's major supplier of construction sections. The blast furnaces in Scunthorpe are the last in the country, and if they were allowed to close, the UK would be the only G20 nation unable to make primary steel. With the owners of British Steel announcing their intention to close the site, the Government had to act quickly to secure this important national asset.

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 or leave me a voicemail on 020 8191 2482 to receive a call back.

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Update from our Local Police

This month, the team has been faced with many obstructions due to the new training still occurring which is being given out to all officers. Despite this, the team has still managed to focus on tackling issues within the ward such as the rise in anti-social behaviour (ASB) relating to the use of dirt bikes on the golf courses. We are still urging all residents to report these incidents to police as soon as they are witnessed to help us in tackling this issue.

When officers were given intelligence of drug dealing happening between teenagers within Selsdon, they were able to identify the suspects through the descriptions given and all the youths were detained for a search. This resulted in the seizure of cannabis and a knife. The areas involved are still being regularly patrolled by the team. If anyone expects there is similar activity and a crime is taking place, please call 999 with all the details, however, if it is not an emergency, please call 101 (please note that SNT are not always on shift).

During one of the regular patrols of the area to prevent ASB and the use of drugs, following intelligence received to that effect, police came across a young male who decided to run away from officers. The officers took chase after the male and found him hiding under a car. This male was searched which resulted in cannabis being seized and the male being arrested.

We have continued to carry out school visits with a recent visit to Forestdale Primary School where we talked to the children in year 5 and in year 6, about how to stay safe. The children engaged with the officer really well and both sessions were a success and enjoyed by all the children.



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. We are hand delivering letters to specific streets but everyone is invited to attend these events. We hope these letters will make the invitation more personal to encourage residents to come along. 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

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Good Time for Gardening – May



Bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*) is a bulbous perennial plant that belongs to the *Liliaceae* (Lily) family. Commonly called Fairy flowers, English Bluebells, Wood bells, and Wild hyacinth, bluebells are one of the most easy-to-recognize protected woodland flowers in the world. 70 percent of all common bluebells are found in Britain.

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Bluebells have been said to summon fairies. A bluebell could be “rung” like a regular bell, and the fairies would come running to greet you. Concerning bluebells, however, fairy lore has some rather strict warnings. It is suggested that you walk with care and maintain your composure in a bluebell forest, lest you become disoriented by the intoxicating fragrance and become lost.



Fairy lore cautions against picking bluebells. Since the plant is poisonous, it would be wise to heed this advice. In fact, the bulbs can be easily mistaken for wild garlic; so, the warning that you might never leave if you ate anything within the wood might also be worth considering.

Bluebells have historically been used for a number of practical purposes. Their toxic sap was formerly employed to bind the pages of books and prevent insects from snacking on them. The sticky glue was also used to fasten feathers to arrows. Bluebell bulbs were crushed to create starch for the ruffs of collars and sleeves worn by the Elizabethans during the Tudor period. Because of their toxicity, bluebells have had limited use in contemporary medicine until recently. It was revealed that their bulbs contain diuretic (increases urination) and styptic (helps to stop bleeding) components. Research into how these flowers may be able to help fight HIV and cancer is still in its early stages. In the Middle Ages, Bluebells were thought to cure leprosy, consumption, snake and spider bites.

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NEW SIGNPOSTS, BLUE PLAQUES AND MAPS FOR SELSDON

April has seen several new 'Wayfinder' signs, blue plaques and maps appear in Selsdon. The one below, seen outside the Village Club, shows all the green spaces in Selsdon, which we can all enjoy. There is a similar one on the Selsdon Triangle by the Selsdon Clock.



Signposts showing directions and approximate walking times to local green spaces, local footpaths, the high street and community spaces, have been placed at the Selsdon Triangle, Ashen Vale/Addington Road and Selsdon Park Road/Addington Road.

Blue Plaques have also appeared on many of our shops along the High Street, celebrating those traders at the start of the Selsdon shopping area.



The maps, signposts, blue plaques, and a soon to be installed new bench on the Selsdon Triangle have been financed by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund awarded to Croydon Council to improve some of Croydon's district centres. Other centres sharing this fund are London Road (West Croydon), Purley, Thornton Heath and New Addington. The organisations involved in how Selsdon's share of the fund was spent included the Ward Councillors, Forestdale Residents' Association, Selsdon Residents' Association, Friends of Selsdon Wood and Friends of Littleheath Wood. The ideas implemented were in line with the Selsdon Community Plan.

CJ

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The Origin and Early Days of The Selsdon Residents' Association (from the journals of Ted Frith)

One must first consider what happened to require the formation of a Residents' Association. In January 1925 Richard Costain and Sons, the builders applied for Planning Permission to build in Selsdon and were, on March 5th 1925, given approval by Coulsdon and Purley Urban District Council for 146 houses. Costains were anticipating a subsidy of £100 per house but the Council agreed to provide £75 per house.

By September 1925 the first houses were built and occupied. These were situated in the vicinity of the junction of Addington and Selsdon Roads (now Upper Selsdon Road) and comprised the area of Byron and Queenhill, (Upper) Selsdon and Farley Roads. The new occupiers were virtually landlocked. No nearby shops, the nearest being in Sanderstead, no medical facilities, no transport links to the nearest train station to get to work in London, problems with receiving post, and no educational or leisure facilities. There were concerns over the Rateable Value of the dwellings, potential costs to have the roads made up and street lighting.

On 2nd January 1926, 50 owner / occupiers of the new houses met in a Sanderstead church hall, hosted by the Rector of Sanderstead, to "discuss several matters of interest to the residents and particularly with regard to the rateable assessment and travelling facilities". A Mr Low, who had convened the meeting together with Mr T Fisher, agreed to act as pro-tem Chairman. Several further issues of interest to the new inhabitants were

also agreed and their need debated - postal facilities, education facilities and a recreation ground. Mr J W K Nichols proposed that a body should be formed to represent the new community – 'Association of Owner-Occupiers of the Selsdon Garden Village' and a temporary committee of seven residents was formed with a mandate to pursue the first two issues and to draft a Constitution for the group.

Things moved swiftly back in the 1920s. On the 6th February 1926, 70 residents agreed the Constitution of the new group. Chairman, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Committee members were appointed.

The First Committee comprised:

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Mr J W K Nichols 'Newlands' Byron Road

Vice Chair

Mr H C Wright 'Homeleigh' Byron Road

Treasurer

Mr T Gibb 'Lynedoch' Upper Selsdon Road

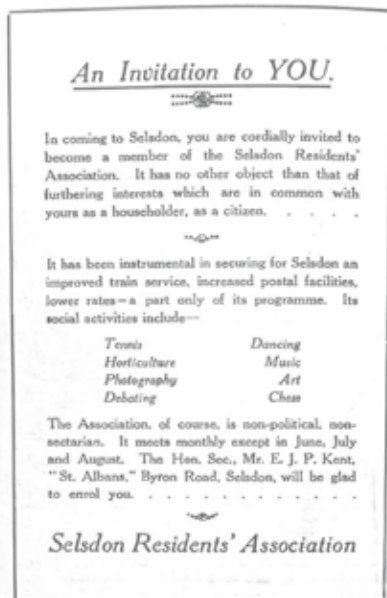
Secretary

Mr E J P Kent 'St Albans' Byron Road

Committee

Mr T A Fisher 'Homestede' Byron Road
Miss W Gordon 'Glenbag' Churchill Road,
Mr C H Hudson 'Ingle Nook' Byron Road
Mr W T Walder Upper Selsdon Road

It may seem strange to us but everyone was known only by their surname and initials – Standards!



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The following month at the March committee meeting, it was reported that membership stood at 117 and the cost for households was agreed at 1/- (One Shilling {24/- to the £}). It was further agreed to form a Tennis Club and to raise funds to buy land offered by Costains for the Tennis Courts. In September 1926 it was narrowly agreed to rename the association 'The Selsdon and Croham Heights Residents' Association' and then in 1927 the Association was renamed 'The Croham Heights and Selsdon District



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Residents Association'. Moving forward to January 1931, the membership stood at 865 while by January 1935, at the AGM, membership was confirmed at 1203. 1936 saw a leap to 1,630 and an impressive 1,750 household memberships were recorded in 1946.

With the storm clouds looming in Europe in May 1939, The Residents' Association discussed its future policy. It was summarised thus:

*Increase in the facilities for the youth
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Getting people to look after the children of parents on *ARP duties
Furthering the interests of residents as shoppers
Foster the interest of ladies in the SRA
Secure the enlargement of bodies promoting sport
Procure matter for the Selsdon Gazette and try for an Editor
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Not so different from the aims of the SRA now.

Ian Leggatt April 2025

Disclosure of Interest: Committee Member of your SRA

As ever I am grateful for the journals of Ted Frith for this brief history of the SRA early days. He does not write regarding the dropping of 'Cromham Heights' or 'District' from the Association's title. When one considers the membership numbers in 1935 (1203) when 'modern' Selsdon was only 10 years old and the membership recorded at our most recent AGM of 817 when we now represent over 4,000 households something is awry.

**ARP = Air Raid Precaution*

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100 YEARS OF SELSDON EXHIBITION AT THE LIBRARY

This year marks the 100-year anniversary of Selsdon, with planning permission given for the first houses in March 1925. An exhibition was held at Selsdon Library to celebrate this milestone during April with the Executive Mayor, Jason Perry, opening the display on Friday 4 April.



Here one of the contributors to the exhibition, our very own Ian Leggatt, takes the Mayor through the display.

In 1925 Selsdon was a small hamlet comprising a mansion (about to be converted into a hotel) with associated lodges and cottages, a farmhouse flanked on either side with small cottages and a couple of largish Edwardian houses. It was surrounded by fields and woods and crossed by two narrow lanes. A Liverpool firm of builders, Richard Costain & Sons, had come south to seek fame and fortune around London. Their first venture was an estate of up market housing in Kingswood, but then enticed by a government subsidy of £75 per house, they embarked upon the Selsdon Garden Village estate of cheaper houses that the middle classes and better paid manual workers could afford to buy and own. Selsdon was one of the first such estates on the fringes of London, but was different in that building started on a greenfield site two or more miles from the nearest suburbia, moving down later to join up with South Croydon. The first houses were occupied in September 1925. The exhibition of photos taken over the past 100 years covered the development of Selsdon.



Local Councillor, Robert Ward, has led the project for putting on the exhibition with help from the Selsdon Residents' Association and the Media students at the local John Ruskin College under the guidance of Tracy Carrington. Here follows a quote from one of the contributors, Ian Leggatt, very proud to be a Selsdonian.

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no plans to move. Selsdon still retains its 'Village' feel even after coming into being as a thriving and numerous community 100 years ago. With a very active Residents' Association, cherished and cared for green spaces, together with a huge number of volunteers across many social activities, I am fortunate to live in Selsdon. To research and document its gestation and growth and celebrate its 100th Birthday with the Centenary Exhibition has been a joy to carry out."

CJ

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As we celebrate VE Day in May, this month's quiz test your knowledge of this period in history.

VE DAY QUIZ



1. What does VE Day stand for?
2. What does VE Day commemorate?
3. Winston Churchill addressed the nation on VE Day from the balcony of which London landmark?
4. How many people were estimated to have crowded into Piccadilly Circus that night (to the nearest thousand)?
5. How many countries were involved in the Second World War?
6. Winston Churchill was Prime Minister at the end of World War II, who was Prime Minister at the start of it?
7. Which singer was known as the 'forces' sweetheart'?
8. Which two members of the Royal Family snuck out and celebrated VE Day with the crowds in London?
9. Which comedian starred in the wartime comedy propaganda film He Snoops To Conquer?
10. What heroic figure of the merchant navy shares his name with a brand of alcoholic drink?
11. Which European countries remained neutral during World War II?
12. How many sheets of toilet roll was each British soldier fighting in World War II allowed per day?

Answers after the Nature Notes

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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
JUNIOR SALES NEGOTIATOR

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.



Louis Lam
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NEGOTIATOR

Louis is our newest recruit and has joined Hubbard Torlot as a Junior Negotiator. Louis has a true passion for property and helping applicants find their new home.



Aviniya Bloomfield
WEEKEND /
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Aviniya is currently an undergraduate student at the university of Warwick. Aviniya has always had an interest in real estate which led her to completing her work experience and securing a position at Hubbard Torlot.

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Plan your summer days out – using Superloop buses

Here's a reminder of the useful Superloop routes from Croydon and around London; travel on the upper deck wherever you can to get a different perspective on London for just the daily capped bus fare – a bargain even if you haven't got a Freedom Pass!

| SL5 from Croydon Centre to: | SL7 from West Croydon to: | Other orbital links |
|---|--|---|
| West Croydon | East Croydon | SL1 Walthamstow Central to North Finchley via Arnos Grove |
| Shirley Library | Wallington Green | SL2 Walthamstow Central to North Woolwich via Ilford |
| Wickham Road / Monks Orchard Road | Carshalton High Street | SL3 Bromley to Thamesmead via Queen Mary's Hospital and Sidcup |
| Bethlem Royal Hospital | Sutton Town Centre | SL9 Heathrow to Harrow via Hayes and Northolt |
| S. Eden Park Road / Upper Elmers End Road for Langley Park School | Cheam Broadway | SL10 Harrow to North Finchley via Hendon |
| S. Eden Park Road for Chinese Garage | North Cheam | |
| Westmoreland Road / Barnfield Wood Road | Worcester Park | Other Superloop links |
| Bromley South | New Malden | SL4 Grove Park to Canary Wharf via Lee and Blackheath (due to start from 7 th April) |
| Elmfield Way/ The Mall | Kingston Station | SL8 Uxbridge to White City via Ealing Hospital and Broadway |
| Kentish Way / The Mall | Kingston Brook Street | |
| Bromley North | Teddington | Other Superloop links under consideration |
| <i>Due to be double decker buses later in 2025</i> | Hatton Cross | BL1 Lewisham to Waterloo via New Cross Gate and Elephant and Castle |
| SL6 from Croydon to: | Heathrow | SL11 North Greenwich to Abbey Wood via Woolwich and Thamesmead |
| Waterloo | <i>This route is the longest London bus route at 23.7 miles and takes approx. between 76 and 130 mins. Electric buses due in late 2025</i> | SL12 Rainham Ferry Lane to Gants Hill via Romford |
| Holborn | | |
| Russell Square | | |

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SL7 – 2,814,277 SL5 – 1,079,089 SL6 – 281,496

This information was given to Linda Morris and Trevor Stotten, representing the SRA at a recent East Surrey Transport Committee meeting, at which we protested about the constant curtailing of local buses and inappropriate diversions. The TfL representative listened to our concerns and agreed to take them back and try to improve the situation wherever practical. He did however put forward reasonable explanations as to why these problems arose so we could better see the situation from both sides. The route managers' lives are not easy, so please be patient with them!

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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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I was delighted to receive this letter from a local resident about starting a free reading book initiative. Perhaps others will be inspired to start a similar service in their area. Let me know please.

Dear Editor,



Take a Book, Leave a Book – Selsdon's New Little Free Library

I wanted to share my small initiative in our neighbourhood that I hope your readers will enjoy hearing about.

I live in South Croydon and I've recently set up a Little Free Library on Farley Road. The concept is simple: take a book, leave a book. My Little

Free Library is open to everyone and includes books for both children and adults. It's my small attempt to spread the joy of reading in our neighbourhood.

I hope fellow book lovers in the area will stop by, borrow a book, and perhaps leave one in return. It's a modest gesture, but one I hope will help foster a love of reading and encourage friendly connections within our community.

You'll find the Little Free Library between the Brent Road and Queenhill Road bus stops on Farley Road—look for it on the left as you head from the Queenhill Road bus stop towards the Brent Road bus stop.

Roopa

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Here is a letter from a local resident wishing to let us know that a former restaurant has re-opened.

Dear Editor,

Not so long ago there was adjacent to the Coombe Wood Gardens, a Croydon institution – the restaurant originally named “Château Napoleon” and then latterly “The Château”, which operated from 1978 – 2022. Croydon needs good news and so I was delighted to recently drive past the former Château and see it has just re-opened as “Coombe Wood House Restaurant.” I just had to visit it !

The premises have had a significant refurbishment, redecoration, refresh and re-investment. The truly unique charming Victorian Croydon character of the place has been retained. The significant refresh has led towards a modern and brighter look and is a major improvement on the slightly old fashioned look when it closed in 2022.

The newly opened Coombe Wood House, on our first visit, delivered absolutely first class restaurant food. We loved the warm welcoming very personable professional attentive service in that truly unique Croydon setting. Our bill came to the same amount that we would pay for a similar meal and drinks in a pub or in one of the many chain restaurants. Making use of its ample parking right outside the restaurant door, I left absolutely delighted with our meal and experience, and that this new business was investing in Croydon.

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We will certainly be going back and taking family and friends.

Name and address supplied and the author has no connection with Coombe Wood House and its management team.

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Here our regular contributor, Jessica Blake, is able to spend time in her garden.

THE GROWING SEASON

This is my favourite time of year. It is so great to see the daffodils in bloom and the forsythia glowing in the sunshine. One walk we enjoy especially in the spring, is to climb to the top of Croham Hurst and look over the valley beneath us, and see all the little patches of yellow dotted around below us, as far as we can see.

Two or so years ago, a van came down our road and the driver and his mate planted lots of blossom trees. Last year the blossoms looked frail, but this year the trees have grown used to their new “homes” and they are really thriving. It looked like this fifty years ago before they removed the trees, but now we have returned to pink and white blossom down several of the roads around here, and we love it.



We have also loved the unseasonal, glorious weather. Just to be planting things is wonderful. I hope it all grows well. I've put in plenty of herbs but I am tempted to try edible flowers too. It could be a 'hopefully nice surprise' on someone's dinner plate.

It is raining as I type this, but nothing looks wet, which is strange. We do need some rain as everything is rather dry, but I do hope it remembers to stop again once everything is watered. It would be great to grow a fig tree and if the overall temperature is warming, a date tree too. Usually, I only eat those fruits at Christmas time but it would be wonderful to wander out into the garden and pluck a fig or date from a tree and only need to pop into the kitchen and wash it, before immediate consumption.

Even as I write this, a rather fat pigeon is sitting on the top layer of the fountain. He doesn't seem bothered by the rain, but he appears to be telling me the fountain is empty again. The trouble is the birds keep splashing around in the water, as if it is a swimming pool built especially for the birds. I didn't think our feathered friends like swimming but they do like dunking their heads and ruffling their feathers. They also use the water as their toilet, which is a nuisance as I have to keep clearing the droppings out again!

This morning I planted the cuttings I had taken from several bushes. I've put in heather, lavender and a couple of heucheras. Later there could be geraniums and sweet peas and my newly planted pots will sit under the trees until autumn, while the sun loving plants have their turn, hopefully, in the sunshine.

Off now to pull on my muddy wellingtons, for another couple of jobs in my garden.

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Poetry Corner

Here Mary Gill takes us on a bluebell walk, which we can all enjoy at this time of the year.

BLUEBELL WALK

I walk among the spring-green trees,
a mass of bluebells at my feet,
and think that if you walked with me
my famished soul would be replete.
The air is sweet with hyacinth
and filled with birdsong melody.
How perfect would this morn become
if only you could walk with me.

The bluebell speaks of constancy,
it promises eternal love,
so in its great profusion here
'twill surely grant what I dream of.
Dismissing superstitious tales,



my reason mocks my childish heart,
it bids me face the painful truth -
our love was fated from the start.

Yet bluebells' heady scent denies
the triumph of pragmatic gloom,
with promises of dreams come true
and in this peaceful, fragrant combe
I sense a presence dear to me,
I feel a hand take mine in his
and then I know the day will come
when we can share our perfect bliss.

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Here Ted considers very tiny organisms inhabiting the woods.

Nature Notes from Ted Forsyth – Slime Moulds

Some Friends of Selsdon Wood members always have a camera available when they enter Selsdon Wood and are the source of photographs appearing on the FSW calendar and elsewhere. While most of the pictures involve largish subjects including landscape, animals and birds, it may be that someone is seriously considering concentrating on macro photography. Modern cameras usually have a macro setting which will allow close-up views of small subjects like fungi, but what I have in mind are Slime Moulds. The most commonly encountered slime mould is probably *Fuligo septica* – the Dog Vomit Slime Mould – when it appears in its bright yellow form before it turns black and breaks up to release spores. There are a few other species which are large enough to be seen with the naked eye, and we have managed to record some in Selsdon Wood, but there is a vast array of much smaller species which would probably require a separate macro lens, a camera capable of focus stacking, a microscope, and possibly suitable software to manipulate the pictures in the stack so that every part of the minute subject is in focus.

A slime mould goes through several forms during its life cycle. From the spore it will become a mobile single-celled individual, probably invisible to the naked eye, which moves around on moist vegetation, including logs, feeding on bacteria, dead vegetation, etc. When food runs out many individuals congregate in a cluster known as a plasmodium, and this is the stage when we are most likely to note its presence. Slime moulds do

not have a simple male/female arrangement but instead have hundreds of mating types so that within the plasmodium certain combinations occur to produce spores (which will not be identical). A spherical spore packet (sporangium) then develops at the top of a thin stalk and this is the stage we would like to photograph.

You cannot take photographs if you have no subject so the next step is to find some moulds. Encountering a plasmodium is a random event but it definitely helps if you know where to look – the orange spherical blobs of Wolf's Milk slime mould appear on twigs and logs and, like all moulds, change colour as they develop spores; the golf-ball-sized white False Puffball will be found on a tree trunk; the yellow *Fuligo septica* on grass or logs.

Finding the stalked spore packets involves more work but almost any moist surface is a possible area to look. Dead leaves under a Holly tree might be a good place to start. Transporting a twig or piece of bark to a suitable place at home and watching to see what develops is another possibility.

Searching for Slime Moulds online produced one site from Wildlife Watch which displayed several pictures of the plasmodium state but by far the best site, with hundreds of pictures particularly of the minute stalked spore packets is the Facebook group Slime Mold Identification and Appreciation Group. Note that the spelling of Mold is frequently used. The site is worth looking at even if you have no intention of going any farther with this topic.

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Answers to the April Quiz

Answers:

1. Victory in Europe Day
2. VE Day marks the day at the end of World War II when fighting against Nazi Germany came to an end in Europe.
3. Buckingham Palace
4. 50,000
5. 61
6. Neville Chamberlain
7. Dame Vera Lynn
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12. 3

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4th May @ 2pm - Bluebells and Birds - led by the Friends
22nd June @ 11am - Summer flowers - led by Malcolm Jennings
12th July @ 11am - Butterflies - led by Daniel Bound
13th August @ 2pm - Mini beast hunt - led by Roger Hawkins (mainly for children)
25th October @ 10am - Fungus Hunt - led by the Friends
15th November @ 1pm - Autumn/Winter tree appreciation - led by the Friends



All walks start from the main car park off Old Farleigh Road. They are free to everyone and there is no need to book in advance. Well behaved dogs controlled on short leads can come too! Bat walks have a separate programme (see Facebook and FSW website) and do need prior booking - but again there is no charge. However, if you enjoy what you see when you walk in the woods , perhaps you would consider giving FSW a donation and/or paying an annual subscription of just £5 per household to help finance their work that the Council cannot budget for. There are also JustGiving pages if you want to donate to our Woodlandcarvings2025 or Stones not mud projects.

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SRA 100th Year Photo Competition

As part of the 100th year of the Selsdon Residents' Association celebrations, we are launching a photo competition. We would like to receive your photos of 'Views of Selsdon'. These can be past or present photos of living in Selsdon.



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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The response to the contest was so good we had to have four prize winners! The Easter-based quiz was really enjoyed by all the clients.



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This very generous donation is more than £££'s — it's a sign that people still care about one another, that community matters. We are deeply

honoured and inspired by the Village Club's belief in the work we're doing.

The strength of a community lies in how we care for each other. Today, we're stronger because of you, thank you for believing in us. Thank you for believing in this community.

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What's up Next ?



Sponsored Walk Sat 17th May – Sanderstead Recreation Ground

This year's Sponsored Walk will be held on Sanderstead Recreation Ground from 10:00. You will raise sponsorship for every lap of the ground you complete, with 60% going to your charity and 40% to Rotary Sanderstead & Selsdon.

So don't miss out, get in touch and book your place to walk on the day. The route is good for children, dogs, families, in fact for everyone.

Reachout 2025 – 7th June – All Saints Church Hall, Sanderstead.

We invite around 100 elderly folks to be transported to the hall for lunch, entertainment & afternoon tea to mark the 80th Anniversary of VE Day. If you would like to join us & help on the day, get in touch.

Hobby Fair – 13th September - St John's Community Hall

Once again, we invite local groups & organisations to come along & promote what they do and to sign up new members. So don't miss out, come along on the day, have a cuppa, and meet new folks & new hobbies.

Sanderstead Community Day – 27th September – Sanderstead Recreation Ground

Fantastic variety of stalls, food & drink, entertainment. Don't miss out, come along & enjoy the day.

Craft Fair – 15th November - All Saints Church Hall, Sanderstead

Come along & enjoy the variety of stalls & crafts, & have a cuppa & a

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Anyone for tennis? Do come and join us at a small, friendly club situated in Farm Fields, at the bottom of Sanderstead Hill. We have two shale courts which are kinder on the joints than hard courts and members play regularly throughout the year, weather permitting, on Tuesday and Saturday afternoons, with tea and cake to enjoy.

Our subscriptions are low compared to other local clubs so if you want fun, fresh air and exercise, do come and visit us on a Saturday afternoon or, for further information, please contact us on 020 8916 0107.

We hope to see you soon.

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SELSDON AFTERNOON TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD



If you would like to join in our varied programme and meet new friends then do come along to the Townswomen's Guild.

We usually meet on the third Friday of each month from 1.30-4.00 at the Community Hall, St. John's Church, Upper Selsdon Road, Selsdon.

We start with a short business meeting and then welcome a variety of speakers. On Friday 20th June we will hold our annual party and will enjoy hearing songs from our guest entertainer.

We have groups you can join for visits to local restaurants and handicrafts, knitting, sewing and drama that meet in the week. If you enjoy the theatre, you can join the theatre group or go on a coach trip.

For more information please phone Christine Holland 02086574861

Farley Road Medical Practice



The Patient Participation Group will be holding its annual Open Meeting on Tuesday 20 May at 6 – 7.30pm at the Selsdon Centre.

Dr Bill Jasper will talk about developments at the Practice, NHS South West London and NHS England. Also, how you can best help your doctor to look after your health.

Tim Allardyce, Clinical Director of Surrey Physio will speak about the service they offer to patients at the Farley Road Medical Practice.

Liz O'Donoghue, Manager of The Selsdon Community Clubhouse (formerly known as Selsdon Centre), will talk about the work of the Centre and the activities it offers to the retired and elderly.

Shalini O'Kane, Outreach Lead at Croydon Vision, will speak about the services it offers to the blind and the partially sighted community of Croydon.

RSVP: email: swlicb.farley.admin@nhs.net or call 0208 651 1222 to leave your details.

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SANDERSTEAD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

www.sandersteadwi.org



Sanderstead WI is a friendly group of over 70 members who meet from 2pm to 4pm on the first Wednesday of the month in the church hall of Sanderstead United Reform Church, 3 Sanderstead Hill, Croydon, CR2 0HB. We always welcome potential new members who may attend before deciding to join.

Our meetings start with local WI business including cascading details of courses and workshops run by our county and national bodies. This is followed by refreshments, and then a speaker. Talks for 2025/6 include: Bromley and Croydon Women's Aid; Life in No.10 Downing Street; Highway 35 - Meeting Disaster Head On With Hope; The Glass House; Women who have improved the female status; and Cultured Pearls and Diamonds.

We have an annual tea party in August, a Christmas Lunch and a Christmas party with entertainment. We also have the following special interest groups you can join: Gardening (still maintaining the rose garden at Sanderstead Library even though closed), Scrabble, Canasta, Board Games, Book Club, Walkers and Strollers, Lunch Club, Table Tennis, and Arts-n-Crafts. Special outings are also arranged and during the last year we visited The Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance depot, The Charterhouse, spent a lovely day in Brighton and went to the pantomime. So, there is something to suit all tastes!

Further details of our forthcoming activities can be found on our website which is regularly updated. Please follow the contact instruction on our website: <https://www.sandersteadwi.org> or tel. Linda Etheridge on 020 8657 6721.

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SELSDON FLOWER CLUB



Selsdon Flower Club is a small friendly club who meet on the second Wednesday afternoon of each month at 2pm at the rear of St. John the Divine Church, Selsdon. Subscription £30 per annum. (£15 half year). We have demonstrations and practices. All abilities welcome.

Our programme for 2025 is as follows:

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| May 14 | Demo – Graham Harmer |
| June 11 | Practice – “Summer Holiday Cocktail” |
| July 9 | Summer Tea – Practice – Arrangement “On a Pedestal” |
| August 13 | Coffee at Knights Garden Centre 10.30am |
| September 10 | Practice – “End of Summer” |
| October 8 | Demo – Melanie of Kane’s Florist |
| November 12 | Workshop- Jean Emmett |
| December 3 | Get Together with Christmas Arrangement “by Candlelight” |
| January 14 th 2026 | AGM – Tea and cakes and arrangement TBA |

Please contact the Secretary - Maureen Browning on 020 8651 5821 or 07961 862791 for more information

Sanderstead Local History Group



We usually hold our meetings in the Small Hall at All Saints Church Halls, Onslow Gardens, Sanderstead, CR2 9AB. They are on the last Wednesday of each month, usually excluding August and December. The meetings start promptly at 2.00 pm so please be seated by then. Doors open at 1.45 pm. We make a small charge to cover the cost of hiring the hall and providing tea and biscuits after the meeting.

Future Programme

28th May: South London Palaces past and present (part 2), by Dee Palmer. In the past there were several royal palaces south of the Thames - some of which remain, in part at least, and some of which have vanished. The talk will include information about these sites, with many illustrations.

25th June: June "Two Edmunds: the King (841 - 869) and the Saint (1175 - 1240), comparing and contrasting their lives". David Picksley

30th July: Where did they come from? The shopkeepers in Cranleigh Parade, Sanderstead, at the start of World War II, by Brenda Hawkins.



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| St Francis (Church of England) | Monks Hill | 020 8657 7864 |
| Croydon Jubilee Church | Office | 020 8651 2807 |
| Forestdale Church, Forestdale School | | 0777 255 9797 |
| Selsdon Christian Fellowship | | 020 8668 9779 |
| Church of Jesus Christ of LDS | | 020 8651 2211 |

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| Purley War Memorial Hospital | 020 8401 3515 |

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 Selsdon Vale & Forestdale: SelsdonandForestdale@metpolice.uk

CLUBS, GROUPS & CHARITIES

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| CONTACT (Neighbourhood Care) | Jasmine Singh | 020 8651 4944 |
| The Selsdon Centre | Liz O'Donoghue | 020 8651 1111 |
| Croydon Hearing Resource Centre | Office | 020 8686 0049 |
| Croydon Vision | | 020 8668 2486 |
| Cruse Bereavement Care Helpline | | 080 8808 1677 |
| Friends of Littleheath Woods | Ian Leggatt | via www.folw.co.uk |
| Friends of Selsdon Wood | | www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk |
| Sanderstead Plantation Partners | | michaellishmund@gmail.com |
| Friends of Kingswood | | www.friendsofkingswood@hotmail.co.uk |
| Girlguiding (Rainbows, Brownies, Guides & Senior Section) | | 0800 999 2016 |
| 1 st Selsdon & Addington Scout Group (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts) | | https://girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved |
| | | www.1stselsdonscouts.org.uk |
| 2 nd Selsdon & Addington Scout Group | | www.2ndSandAScoutGroup.org.uk |
| Croham Valley Explorer Scout Unit | Christopher Dean | tinkerscorner@aol.com |
| Arts Society Croydon Area | Jean Aarons | https://tascroydonarea.org.uk |
| Parkinson's UK Croydon & District Branch | Mike Bond | 07704 413668 |
| Rotary Sanderstead & Selsdon | Wendy Parr | 07774 186792 |
| RSPB Croydon Local Group | John Davis | 020 8640 4578 |
| Selsdon Art Group | Fiona Hooper | 07973 412952 |
| Selsdon Bridge Club | Bob Steadman | 07545 384899 |
| Selsdon Centre Bridge Club | Betty Borfiga | 020 8656 4212 |
| Selsdon Community Hall | Cottie Campbell | selsdonhall.info@gmail.com |
| Selsdon Flower Club | Maureen Browning | 020 8651 5821 |
| Selsdon Townswomen's Guild(pm) | Christine Holland | 020 8657 4861 |
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