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Editor's Note

Welcome to the December edition of the Selsdon Gazette! A mixed bag for you this month. I had wanted to make it a very uplifting read but felt that I had to include news about the financial crisis that Croydon Council are facing and its implications for all of us living in Selsdon.

I was so pleased to receive the recollections of their lockdown experiences from two of our readers, which will remind us all about this very unusual year. Two of our regular contributors have given us a story about Santa's preparations with a coronavirus twist and a pantomime poem to replace our annual panto visit. These are challenging times and I would love to hear from you about how your lives have changed. Please consider writing an article for the Gazette. Any contribution whether it is a recollection, poem or activity to try can be sent to me by email to (selsdongazettesra@gmail.com)

We must thank the winners of our Christmas Competition for Selsdon primary school children for the colourful cover for the Gazette this month. I am sure you will join me in congratulating Isaac and Evie, and thank all those children who submitted entries.

In this festive issue we have information about planned Christmas Church services and Santa's sleigh ride through the streets of Selsdon. There are also more truths(?) about some common sayings, and did you know there is a Lord Selsdon in the House of Lords? We have our usual quiz, Nature Notes from Ted and a recipe to make use of any leftover turkey I hope that you enjoy your read.

Season's Greetings, keep safe and I do look forward to hearing from you!

Chris Jones

✿ SUBMISSIONS FOR THE JANUARY 2021 EDITION
SHOULD BE WITH THE EDITOR NO LATER THAN
20TH DECEMBER - PREFERABLY BEFORE! ✿

SRA NEWS 'n' VIEWS

Gazette

We are still experiencing a shortage of deliverers in a few streets. Ridge Langley and Sandpiper Rd are our main concerns as our committee have been covering this area for the past few months. A request was posted to all houses in those areas with the Gazette but with no response. If anyone can help, Wendy would love to hear from you on 02086510470 or wmikiel@hotmail.com

Police

The Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) has reported that they are aware of a current rise in Catalytic Converter thefts and are carrying out unmarked patrols in the areas that have been targeted. They have issued some advice to protect vehicles:

- A metal plate can be fitted to cover the converter
- Park in a garage when possible or in a well-lit area
- Public car parks are hotspot areas, try to park as near to the store as possible.

If you are a victim then call 101 or report the crime online at www.met.police.uk and if you see a theft in progress, stand back and call 999.

Christmas Lights Traders' Donations

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Gazette Cover Competition

We received entries from all the local schools and from all age groups (5-10) which was lovely. After much hand-wringing we have chosen Isaac Brown from Selsdon Primary, which appears on the front cover, and Evie Clapson from Courtwood Primary printed on the back cover of the gazette. Well done to everyone who entered, it was a pleasure to be asked to judge them.

This just leaves me to say Happy Christmas and a special thank you to my committee.

Sheila Childs, SRA Chair

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COUNCILLORS' NOTES

SELSDON COMMUNITY PLAN

The Selsdon Community Plan Steering Group (SCPSG) met again in October and the Group is now approaching the stage where they are looking to implement projects that, through the earlier engagement processes, the community said it would like to see implemented in Selsdon.

The 'quick win' projects that are about to be started are:

1. Greening and planting projects on the high street and green spaces in Selsdon
2. Summer / Christmas Market
3. Signage to Selsdon Places of historic interests, including local walks
4. Selsdon Public Art Initiative
5. Selsdon Community Hub Project
6. Digital Strategy and Roadmap
7. Finance sub group
8. Communications sub group

The aim is to deliver the projects with guidance and support from Croydon Council and other relevant agencies by:

- ☐ SCPSG take the lead for each project listed and take forward to completion
- ☐ SCPSG undertake the feasibility and development of the projects

- ❑ SCPSG with support from finance sub group, carry out fund raising and apply for appropriate funding grants to support the Project
- ❑ SCPSG with the support of the communications sub group oversee the publicity about progress and delivery of projects

After months of planning and consulting residents we are ready to move forward and implement some of the ideas that were put forward. If you are not currently part of the SCPSG and you feel you would like to help in delivering the projects, please get in touch.

FREE TRAINING COURSES FOR SELSDON BUSINESSES

There has been one immediate benefit from the work that has been going on to support the high street in Selsdon and that is the decision by Save the High Street to offer 10 free places on a business support course to Selsdon businesses. Selsdon was chosen because of all the work we have been doing on the Selsdon Community Plan. Businesses in other areas have found these courses very helpful so we hope they give our local businesses a boost.

COUNCIL IN SERIOUS FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY

Croydon Council's external auditor has issued a 'report in the public interest', with devastating criticisms of how the Council's finances have been mismanaged by Croydon's Labour administration since 2014. This damning report lifts the lid on a catalogue of failure and incompetence, and is the most serious measure an external auditor can take – only five have been issued across the country since 2015.

The report highlights that the Council:

...has experienced deteriorating financial resilience for a number of years, has significant issues related to its financial sustainability and has not responded promptly to previous audit recommendations and concerns...

and that

...numerous opportunities have been missed in recent years to tackle the Council's financial position.

The failure to manage the Council's finances since 2014 has seen debt doubled to £1.5 billion and reserves reduced to a shockingly low level of

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just £7 million whilst lending £250 million to its wholly-owned loss making developer, Brick by Brick.

At a recent Audit Committee an independent expert said:

“The evidence is that we’ve seen similar errors repeated year on year in terms of the budget setting process not being sufficiently robust, late decisions in relation to budget setting, insufficient due diligence in terms of savings and failure to deliver.”

He also said:

“Cabinet does need to take action if it sees the Council is overspending and make sure that Officers have clear instructions to bring spend back.”

Your local councillors and other members of the Conservative opposition, have been pointing out the same failings for many years, including challenging investments that didn’t deliver the intended outcomes and not paying attention to controlling overspends. However, despite this Croydon’s Labour Council has continued to spend money it simply doesn’t have.

What the report highlights

The Council’s external auditors are of the opinion that that the Council:

- has experienced deteriorating financial resilience for a number of years
- has significant issues relating to its financial sustainability
- has not responded promptly to previous audit recommendations and concerns
- and that this needs to be brought formally to the public’s attention

Those concerns relate primarily to:

- Overspends in Children and Young People and Adult Social Care over a number of years
- Reserves not maintained at a sustainable level
- Reliance on use of capital receipts for transformation expenditure
- Managing Dedicated Schools Grants within existing budgets
- The impact of Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children expenditure
- Treasury Management and affordability
- The complexity and risk of the Council’s subsidiary company structure
- The Council’s governance of its financial decision making

The report identifies that:

- There has been “corporate blindness” to the seriousness and urgency of the financial situation
- There is little evidence that £73m of transformation money has reduced demand, delivered savings or reduced costs in children’s or adults’ social care
- The council has focused on service improvement without sufficient attention to controlling overspends
- There has been investment in the Place area without addressing if that investment was delivering the intended outcomes
- Financial governance has been focussed on lobbying government for additional funding and not supported by actions to contain spending within available funding
- Numerous opportunities have been missed in recent years to tackle the Council’s financial position

As your local councillors we have been truly shocked by the scale and depth of the mismanagement of the Council’s finances, and we are worried about the effect it will have on the future of services for Croydon residents.

Unsurprisingly, there have been resignations from the Council’s Chief Executive and the Leader and Deputy Leaders of the Labour administration. A new interim Chief Executive is now in place, and a new Labour Leader and Deputy. We can only hope they bring the situation back under control without reducing the services we rely on.

BRICK BY BRICK

Following the revelations in the ‘report in the public interest’, there is now intense scrutiny of the activities of the Council’s wholly-owned, loss-making business, Brick by Brick. This is the organisation that has plans to build on green spaces throughout Croydon, including some in Selsdon.

Ever since Brick by Brick (BxB) was first established in 2015 your local councillors and other Conservative councillors have been asking questions about it. Keen to ensure that the Council was getting good value for money, we wanted to know the governance and financial arrangements for this wholly owned Council company and how quickly it would be building the affordable homes needed in our Borough.

We questioned every Annual Report which showed rising sums being

loaned whilst the delivery of new homes was not only painfully slow but was largely of expensive properties which have struggled to attract buyers. In addition to this we became increasingly concerned about the sites which Brick by Brick was identifying as suitable for building on, including the one at Hawthorn Crescent and others in Selsdon.

We highlighted issues around the circular nature of the whole Council/BxB financial arrangements – noting that this was all public money going round and round but leaving council tax payers more and more exposed to picking up a massively increasing debt burden.



In the meantime, the loans being made to BxB by the Council steadily increased and have recently reached some £250m. We wait to see what happens next to this troubled company – one that has been given so much of Croydon Council Tax payer's money.

MEET YOUR COUNCILLORS

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS, COUNCILLOR SURGERIES ARE SUSPENDED.

If you have any issues you wish to discuss with your councillor please get in touch by email:

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS NOVEMBER 2020

20/05761/FUL – 226 Addington Road, South Croydon, CR2 8LD
Erection of extension to rear of the existing building to provide a 1-bedroom dwelling with private amenity courtyard, rear balcony amenity, external staircase and additional refuse and cycle provision at ground level.

20/05445/HSE – 304 Addington Road, South Croydon, CR2 8LF
Alterations, erection of a first-floor side extension, ground floor rear extension and rear dormer

L5240/W/20/3257741 (appeal) – 2 Elmpark Gardens, South Croydon, CR2 8RU
Use of the existing outbuilding in rear garden as a self-contained 1-bedroom residential dwelling.

20/05660/HSE - 36 Farley Road, South Croydon, CR2 8DA
Erection of a part two-storey, part single-storey side extension and front porch

20/05432/HSE – 75 Farley Road, South Croydon, CR2 7NG
Erection of a single storey rear extension and replacement patio area

20/05647/HSE – 18 Ingham Road, South Croydon CR2 8LT
Demolition of existing garage and proposed single storey front, side and rear extension.

20/05474/FUL – 3 Kingswood Way, South Croydon CR2 8QL
Demolition of single-family dwelling house and erection of 3x 3-storey terraced houses, 2x 3-storey semi-detached houses and 2x 2-storey semi-detached houses containing 6x-3 bedroom and 1x 2-bedroom homes with associated access, car parking, cycle and refuse storage.

20/05729/HSE – 32 Langley Oaks Avenue, South Croydon, CR2 8DH
Alterations, erection of a side infill extension and conversion of existing car port into a garage

20/05530/HSE - 29 Rylandes Road, South Croydon, CR2 8EB
Conversion of garage into habitable use including replacement garage door with windows

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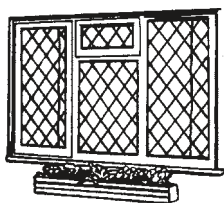
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20/05360/FUL – 1 Selsdon Park Road, South Croydon, CR2 8JE
Erection of a detached house with associated external alterations including parking and bin storage.

20/05493/HSE – 53A Upper Selsdon Road, South Croydon CR2 8DG
Erection of a detached garage.

20/05569/HSE - 41 York Road, Couth Croydon, CR2 8NR
Alteration, installation of roof lights to rear extension and fenestration alterations

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

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MP Chris Philp's Report

Member of Parliament for Croydon South



On 11 November, Croydon Council's Director of Finance officially declared the Council bankrupt and a "Section 114 notice" was issued. Over several years, the Council has run up £1.5 billion in debt and as a result this debt costs £43m a year to service – money which should be spent on schools, children's services, street cleaning, leisure centres etc. This financial catastrophe long pre-dates Covid-19, and Croydon is the only London Borough in this situation.

The Section 114 notice, which is only issued "in the gravest of circumstances", means that the Council is now bankrupt and must cease all non-essential spending.

The Council has been warned about this repeatedly. Just last month, the Council's auditors Grant Thornton felt legally obliged to publish a report showing that since 2014 Council has:

- Ignored repeated warnings from the Auditors and others, dating back to 2017
- Run the reserves down to "unsustainably" low levels – from £58.2m in 2015/16 down to £16.6m in March this year (before Covid)

- Loaned almost a quarter of a billion pounds of taxpayers (i.e. our) money to their wholly owned property developer Brick by Brick
- Run up the Council's debt to over £1.5 billion – more than any other London Borough by a large margin
- Only made provisions to cover 25% of debt repayments – these now total £43 million per year
- Unwisely speculated using our money on failed commercial property investments
- Allowed “considerable overspends” on budgets with improper financial control “without an appropriate level of challenge”
- Used £73m of capital over three years to make services more efficient but the report finds “little evidence” of success
- “Budget setting and monitoring has not been good enough “
- Covered up its mismanagement of the budget in a way that appears borderline fraudulent. The report says: “The impact of the overspends has been masked by both the accounting treatment of the Dedicated Schools Grant deficit (which we disagree with) and the use of the flexible capital receipts”
- Run its affairs such that the Government is now having to send in its inspectors to make recommendations for fixing this.

The full report from Grant Thornton can be found here:

<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/democracy/budgets/report-in-the-public-interest>

The very last line of the report says: “Action must be taken to restore the Council to a sound financial position supported by effective governance”. I will keep you updated with further news on Croydon's financial position.

Merry Christmas

This year has been an incredibly challenging one for all of us. The global pandemic has meant that many of us have been unable to spend time with our loved ones, and has left us unable to do the things we would wish to. I hope that with the news of vaccines being available soon we will be able to move on, and that we can look forward to a much better new year. In the meantime, I hope everyone has a very happy Christmas, and I hope we can all see each other soon.

Chris Philp

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Message from Hamida Ali, New Leader of Croydon Council

(Taken from Your Croydon 13/11/20)

Earlier this week the council took the incredibly difficult step of issuing a section 114 notice. This is a legal notice a council has to issue when it thinks it's on track to spend more money than it has and cannot balance its budget in year.

When I became Leader of Croydon three weeks ago, I promised a new, more open approach which offers the decisive leadership needed to tackle the problems we face and deal with them head-on.

That's why we are not only publicly accepting the seriousness of our financial position, but we have also published our action plan to address many of the problems identified by our auditors.

The section 114 notice means that the council will now freeze all new non-essential spending – there won't be any disruption to vital services but it will mean new spending is limited. We will also continue our urgent work on a new more sustainable long-term budget for the council.

The financial problems the council is facing have multiple causes and, while a decade of austerity, historic under-funding and the Covid-19 crisis have had a major impact on our finances, we've got to be honest that the council has also made mistakes.

Our situation means that we will need financial support from government to get through the coming year. We've made this clear to them and are waiting for their response – the section 114 notice is a part of making that case.

We're not going to fix these problems overnight and there will be difficult decisions ahead, but I want to reassure local people that the council will still be here to support you.

My priority is rebuilding a financially-sustainable organisation, which provides the value for money and high-quality services that residents deserve and I am confident we will achieve that.

*The Council did agree an action plan on 19 November in which they laid out priority actions. These can be found on <https://news.croydon.gov.uk/action-plan-latest-step-in-croydons-drive-to-tackle-financial-challenges/>
The Selsdon Gazette would like to clarify that it is non-political publication. We do take great care to review articles by our elected MP and Councillors prior to publication to ensure that, in the course of updating our readers on events with relation to Selsdon and Croydon, any comments/criticism of the current Council or Government's practices are measured and in context. I hope that the article from the Labour Council Leader gives some balance. Editor*

Message from Jack Killian Police Community Support Officer

Hello Residents,

As some of you may have seen on various social media outlets, we have managed to sentence Danny Lyonette of Albatross Gardens to 3 years and 2 months for production of cannabis. This was from the warrant we executed in August in which we seized around £30,000 worth of cannabis.

In November, we helped out on a day of action in New Addington. During this day three warrants took place, an ANPR and weapon sweeps. Multiple arrests and drugs were seized as well as two catalytic converters being recovered from a van that was stopped during the day.

Please be aware of burglars out and about, as with every year burglaries increase the closer to Christmas we get. We have had three in the last month, two of which were in broad daylight. So be aware and be nosey to people coming and going from neighbouring addresses and along your road. Anybody you see being suspicious or entering a property call the police as quickly as possible.

Hope you are all well and safe. As always, any information you feel is helpful for us to know, drop me an email or give us a call on the phone number below.

Season's Greetings to you all!

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Croydon Council Funding and Littleheath Woods

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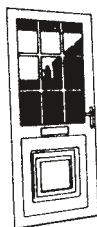
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Council funding some of our essential expenses. We have received the following advice from the Council:

“As you are aware, Croydon Council issued a Section 114 Notice on Wednesday 11 November, which means that all new non-essential spending has been put on hold for the time being.

This will have an impact on funding and services that were available to local groups.

With immediate effect until further notice the following will not be accessible:

- *The Nature Conservation Grant, covering public liability insurance cost*
- *Ward Councillor community budgets*
- *Free First Aid training for volunteers*

The S114 restrictions also put on hold any capital and S106 funded and previously agreed projects. Ground Maintenance is continuing to cover basic functions and litter will be cleared at least once a week from all parks and open spaces. Car parks in parks and all park gates will remain unlocked for the time being. Should any of this change we will of course update you all.”

As volunteer groups working in a public space, we must have public liability insurance to operate. The annual cost of this varies from group to group but the cost for the Friends of Littleheath Woods is £270 p.a. It is also a requirement of Croydon Council that groups have trained First Aiders to support our volunteers. Training costs are approximately £150. We have had assistance via the Council (Community Conservation Office) towards these and other costs over the years. At Littleheath Woods we have previously accessed Ward Councillor budgets for various costs such as the purchase of tools and chainsaw training. The advice above puts all that at risk.

In addition, we do not expect the planned work in Littleheath Woods to create a widened ‘Ride’ along Fields Path to improve biodiversity nor an order for Hazel ‘whips’ to plant along Croham Valley Path to go ahead. Indeed, last month’s Gazette carried an article about our plans, now postponed, to carry out Continuous Cover Forestry along the Vanguard Way. Council work planned or proposed for Selsdon Wood and Sanderstead Plantation is also now in jeopardy. We are in discussion with the Council about how we can carry on helping to look after these community-valued green spaces. It is very early in the process but this inability of the Council to fund basic costs for Friends groups to look after

Council owned land is, in the long term, unsustainable. We will carry on for now, using our reserves and, we hope, public support, but our long-term future is in question.

Ian Leggatt - Chair, Friends of Littleheath Woods

Linda Morris – Secretary, Friends of Selsdon Wood

Michael Lishmund – Chair, Sanderstead Plantation Partners

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Winter Wildlife Ideas

- Deadwood left to lay on the ground or standing as stumps is very important for fungi, insects and other creatures both for food and shelter. It is one of the most overlooked habitats and very important to the web of life and food chain. Take a closer look next time you are walking through the woods.
- If you like watching birds and know of a hedge or tree nearby with winter berries you may be able to see visiting Redwings and Fieldfares (perhaps even a Waxwing). You could even consider including plants with berries such as hawthorn, holly, rowan, cotoneaster into your garden
- Perhaps add a small pair of binoculars to your Christmas present list? As well as helping wildlife spotting, they are also good for star gazing from the warmth of an indoor window seat!
- Ponds are great for nature but a way to help on a smaller scale in your garden or balcony is to keep a shallow weather proof tray of water outside (topped up) for birds or hedgehogs to drink/bathe. When the frosts come remove/break the ice or use some hot water (or keep a floating ball there) to ensure that the water is still accessible.
- Create a 'bug hotel' – this is just a stack of materials such as old bricks, tiles, straw, sticks and reeds, rolled up tubes of cardboard etc placed in a stack in your garden to create a place for wildlife to shelter. These can be as small as a shoe box or much larger. (Lots of ideas on the web.) Garden centres sell small ready-made wall versions for bees which might make a nice Christmas present.
- Can you find space for a Nest box? These can be used by birds as warm night shelters during the cold winter months as well as a place to nest in the spring.



Janet Sharp



A MESSAGE FROM CONTACT

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With Christmas approaching, we would like to say a big thank you to all our existing and new volunteers for everything you have done for us this year. It has been a very different year, with new challenges and without your support CONTACT would not be as successful as it is. Your help is much appreciated by both the office staff and the clients.

We would also like to wish all our clients, volunteers and the wider community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

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CHRISTMAS @ ST JOHN'S SELSDON

Christmas at St. John's Selsdon, brings hope that Christmas will bring joy and celebration after a uniquely difficult year with an acknowledgement that – for those who have lost loved ones or livelihoods, or who are potentially still not able to be together with loved ones – it may be the Church's role to provide consolation, rather than assume everyone will be ready to join in jubilation.



We are hoping to go ahead with the following services over Christmas but, due to Covid-19 restrictions, numbers will have to be limited. Tickets, for one of these services only, will be available by contacting the Parish Office by email on:

bookingsstjohns@gmail.com or by phoning 0208 6579466. Tickets available from 1st December.

Nine Lessons and Carols Sunday 20th December at 6 pm. Come and hear the Christmas story and listen to some beautiful Christmas music and carols. Regrettably there is no congregational singing.

Midnight Mass Christmas Eve 24th December at 11.30 pm. The traditional Christmas celebratory Eucharist

Christmas Day Christmas Communion 25th December at 10 am.

Remembrance Tree The opportunity to remember those we never forget by completing a label to go on the Christmas Remembrance Tree in St

John's from 6 December - 3 January 2021. Full details from Gill Salter 0208 405 9971 or email salterg@outlook.com
PLEASE REMEMBER that there may be changes to the above services due to further Covid-19 restrictions. Check our website www.stjohnsselsdon.org.uk or our Facebook page.
St John's Selsdon, Upper Selsdon road, South Croydon, CR2 8DD

CHRISTMAS @ CROYDON JUBILEE CHURCH

This Christmas, the Croydon Jubilee Church are doing a joint online service with a number of other churches in the local area, which will be posted to Facebook and possibly YouTube, at 3pm on Sunday 20th December.

CHRISTMAS @ SELSDON BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday 20 December 10.30am Advent service including a Family Nativity
Sunday 20 December 6.30pm Carol Service (sing along at home!)
Thursday 24 December 4pm On-line Christingle Service for younger families
Friday 25 December 10.30am Christmas Day Celebration

All these services will be broadcast on the Selsdon Baptist Church Youtube channel www.youtube.com/153SBC at the start time shown. They will remain available to watch later along with other past services.

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ROTARY Sanderstead and Selsdon 2020 Christmas Collections with Father Christmas



This year's Christmas Collections have been modified by Covid19

- Our collector will wear a mask
- Our collector will ring or knock and leave a collection bucket on the doorstep and then step back for you to donate if you wish to
- You can also donate using the previously delivered gift aid envelope and attaching this to your front door
- If you wish to donate directly to Rotary Sanderstead and Selsdon you can use our Charity bank account (a/c no. 0001 5450, sort code 405240, reference Santa)

- You can also donate through www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/fatherchristmas2020
- Children and adults are welcome to come and see Father Christmas but must observe social distancing

Father Christmas is hoping to visit his usual areas. His planned evenings out will be Wednesday 2- Friday 4 December, then Monday 7 – Friday 11 December and Monday 14- Friday 18 December. There will a finale on the green in Elmfield Way (observing social distancing) on Christmas Eve morning. Don't miss out, visit our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/rotarycroydonsouth> or our website, <https://www.rotarysandersteadandselsdon.com> for details of routes each day.

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One of our readers let me know how much they enjoyed the piece in the October edition about the origins of sayings from the 1500s – ‘The explanations of some of our words and sayings were fascinating, though I thought one or two perhaps should be taken with a pinch of salt. Now there’s another expression it would be interesting to find the origin of!’ So I have found some more to consider – get that salt ready! Editor

History of Sayings

1. In the 1400s a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence, we have ‘the rule of thumb’.
2. Many years ago, in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled ‘Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden’...and thus the word GOLF entered into the English language.
3. Each king in a stack of cards represents a great king from history: Spade – King David, Hearts – Charlemagne, Clubs – Alexander the Great, Diamonds - Julius Caesar.
4. In Shakespeare’s time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase ...‘goodnight, sleep tight’.
5. It was accepted practice in Babylon 4 000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride’s father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their

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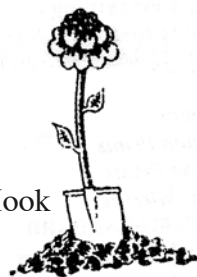
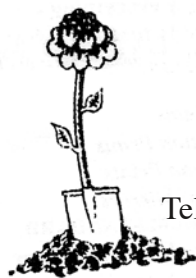
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calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month, which we know today as the honeymoon.

6. In English pubs ale is ordered in pints and quarts... So, in old England when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them 'Mind your pints and quarts and settle down'. It is where we get the phrase 'mind your p's and q's'.
7. Many years ago, in England pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim or handle of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service. 'Wet your whistle' is the phrase inspired by this practice.
8. In 1696 William III of England introduced a property tax that required those living in houses with more than six windows to pay a levy. In order to avoid the tax, house owners would brick up all windows except six. (This Window Tax lasted until 1851 and older houses with bricked up windows are still a common sight in the UK). As the bricked-up windows prevented some rooms from receiving any sunlight, the tax was referred to as 'daylight robbery'.

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Lord / Baron Selsdon



Peerages were historically ways to define the aristocracy particularly those who had power to govern areas within a kingdom. The modern 'House of Lords' shares the task of power with the elected 'House of Commons' of making and shaping the UK laws and checking and challenging the government. The peerage of 'Selsdon' was first created in 1932 for then Croydon South MP, **William Mitchell-Thomson**. This gave him the right (and the duty) to sit in the House of Lords.

When a peerage is created the peer can choose their title and he chose to be **Lord Selsdon**. Selsdon (the suburb as we know it) was at that time in its infancy, with roads being built on the former farmland of the Selsdon Park Estate. It is unlikely that William ever lived in Croydon as it is not considered necessary for an MP to live in or have lived in the area which they represent. (The only MP to have lived in Selsdon, I believe, was **George Smith** (1793-1869) one of the Directors of the infamous East India Company but never made a peer.)

William (Lord Selsdon) was born in Scotland to a wealthy and influential family (his father Mitchell had also been a politician and made a peer 'Baron of Palmood' which title William also later inherited). His first wife, with whom he had two children, was the daughter of Sir Malcolm McEacharn - a shipping magnate. William became an MP in Scotland (Scottish Unionist), in Ireland (Irish Unionist) and in England (Conservative) and was commended for his work during WW1. Whilst MP for Croydon South he was also 'Postmaster General' which is a high-ranking cabinet position. Once made a peer he resigned from the House of Commons and was important in the setting up of a public television service and appeared on the first day of BBC television broadcasts. Lord/Baron Selsdon is a 'hereditary peerage' which means that the entitlement passes down the male line. The current Lord Selsdon (**Malcolm McEacharn Mitchell-Thomson**) is the third to hold the title and is one of the ninety hereditary peers elected to remain in the House of Lords after the 1999 act banned an automatic right of peers to attend. Malcolm is a banker and businessman. He sits as a Conservative peer. See: www.members.parliament.uk

In 1958 'The Life Peerages Act' introduced more people from different professions and more women to the House of Lords but 'life peerages' cannot be inherited.

*I did wonder what other South Croydon names William could have chosen:

- 'Addington' was already an ancient existing hereditary peerage in use from the county of Buckinghamshire.
- 'Croham' was chosen in later years by a Croydon born MP - **Douglas Allen** (life peer from 1978). He was an economist, and by 1974 Head of the Civil Service. He was a strong believer in public freedom of Information. It was said that he was the incarnation of 'speaking truth unto power'.
- 'Sanderstead' was chosen by civil servant **William Armstrong** who was made a life peer in 1975. He chose the title 'Baron Armstrong of Sanderstead'.
- 'Purley' or 'Coulsdon' are still available, I think!

Janet Sharp

Strictly Come Dancing Christmas Quiz

1. What year did Strictly Come Dancing start?
2000, 2002, 2004, 2006
2. Which of these is not a Latin dance?
Rumba, Paso Doble, Foxtrot, Samba
3. Which couple was the first to receive a perfect score of 40?
Darren Gough and Lilia Kopylova, Natasha Kaplinsky and Brendan Cole, Mark Ramprakash and Karen Hardy, Jill Halfpenny and Darren Bennett.
4. What is the main difference between the Waltz and the Viennese Waltz?
Speed, Timing, Rhythm, Country of Origin
5. Lifts are banned in this programme for all dances with the only exceptions being the freestyle showdance in the final and a ballroom dance called?
Viennese waltz, American smooth, Tango, Quickstep
6. Which of these is the most sensual and provocative of the Latin dances?
Paso Doble, Cuban Salsa, Rumba, Jive.
7. When was the quickstep dance created?
1910s, 1920s, 1930s, 1940s
8. Who was the first professional dancer to win the show twice?
Aliona Vilani, Kristina Rihanoff, Camilla Dallerup, Flavia Cacace
9. Tommy Blaize has performed which role on the show since the beginning?
Drummer, Guitarist, Band leader, Singer.
10. Who is the 'voice' of Strictly Come Dancing?
Sam Matterface, Alan Dedicoat, Peter Dickson, Iain Stirling



Answers after Nature Notes

Seasonal Food in December

Fruits in Season

Apples, Pears, Quinces.

Vegetables in season

Beetroot, brussels sprouts, butternut squash, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celeriac, celery, chicory, horseradish, jerusalem artichoke, kale, kohlrabi, leeks, parsnips, potatoes (maincrop), pumpkin, shallots, swede, turnips, wild mushrooms.

Leftover Turkey Quick Curry

Serves 4, Preparation time 15 minutes, Cooking time 20 minutes

Ingredients

450g leftover turkey meat
400g tin of chopped tomatoes
400ml tin of coconut milk
1 large brown onion, finely chopped
1 green chilli, finely chopped, no seeds
5g of fresh coriander chopped or dried coriander leaves.
2 tbsp curry powder
1 tbsp mango chutney
30ml olive oil
100ml boiling water
20ml lemon juice
1 chicken stock cube



For the cucumber raita
150ml natural yoghurt
¼ cucumber, de-seeded and diced

Method

1. On a medium heat in a large saucepan or wok, fry the onion in the olive oil until softened.
2. Add the chilli and curry powder and cook gently for a few minutes.
3. Add the tomatoes, coconut milk, boiling water, lemon juice and mango chutney, and crumble in the chicken stock cube.
4. Stir well and gently cook for 20 minutes
5. Add the turkey and heat through, gently.
6. Sprinkle with coriander and serve with rice.
7. To make the raita, simply mix the yoghurt and cucumber. A little chopped mint could also be added.



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Editor. Anonymity can be granted on request, but anonymously sent letters/e-mails will not be published. Publication dates may mean a delay between receipt of your letters and when they appear.

I was very pleased to receive letters from Anne and Daphne recounting their experiences of lockdown earlier in the year – this has been a very unusual year!

Dear Editor,

We were on the whole very happy during the first lockdown because we were always entertained. My husband worked from home during office hours and we always had our once a day walk to a little park with our greyhound. We are just two in our house with the dog, but with social media were able to communicate with a lot of people. I spend some time on LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram and Facebook every day and have a great deal of fun with all of it.

Thursday nights were good in our street when many of our neighbours went outside to clap for the nurses and other essential workers. My husband had been in a rock band before we met and I was in a folk band for fifteen years, so between us we have a lot of instruments. On Thursdays I took my hand drum, tambourine, bodhran and rain stick outside to make a noise with and our next-door neighbour her tambourine and on one occasion her steel drums! This encouraged us all to get talking, which was good.

We had a visit from my nephew, wife and two children one day, where they all stood outside and left wine and chocolates for us, as well as writing "Thank you, NHS" outside. They came another day and left a box full of meat for us as well.

My sister had her golden wedding in June, all done using Zoom. We had a wonderful time, with a nephew and family in Tasmania joining in, another relation in Australia, a cousin in Argentina, more family in Newcastle, Sussex and Kent.

We don't do gardening or much cooking, nor do we watch much television, but because of our many musician friends, we were able to watch their performances done using Zoom, so we were never bored at all.

Once the first lockdown was over, we were able to go to the odd cafe and we also had an early Christmas meal out at the Argentine restaurant in Purley. My family never meet up till January and we enjoy Christmas on our own at home.

Anne Giles

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Dear Editor,

Selsdon – A Great Place to be Locked Down!

Almost immediately after I arrived in Selsdon in March to share the National Coronavirus Lockdown with my Selsdon friend, my mobile phone rang. A friend from home – a small Norfolk market town – was shocked to hear I had chosen to lock down in the Capital. "The busiest place in the whole country? In a Pandemic? Is that really a GOOD IDEA?"

I replied, "Well.....yes of course there are millions of people living in London, but they live in a variety of locations – some busier and more crowded, some more spacious and peaceful. I've often stayed here where my friend lives, in Selsdon - it's a very green and pleasant part of South London."

We talked for a while and my friend finally went away, not entirely convinced but less worried. I sat down to think about the whole question.

It is well known that London has often been described as not so much a city, but a loose collection of villages and towns that together are called London. As London has grown over time it has absorbed smaller villages and towns, which often kept their original names. That is true of Selsdon which, I have read, was still being referred to as a village as late as 1946.

I have found a definite local sense of community here that is not always so evident in a country town. People in this local neighbourhood are genuinely 'neighbourly'. Neighbours have continued to support us by adding our forgotten items to their shopping and collecting regular prescriptions from the pharmacy. Help and advice from the local GP practice and the Pharmacy has come promptly and with

kindness. Delivery of newspapers has been reliable from Day 1. Offers of help come not only from individuals but also local organisations and have continued throughout the pandemic. The Selsdon Gazette, produced for local people by local people, regularly provides a comprehensive source of useful information and reports about Council, Police and Medical services, together with articles of both historical and general interest locally and other features such as readers' letters, quizzes, recipes.

I could go on....the people.....the place.....the shops spread along both sides of the main high street, just like any country town in rural England. But what may not be accessible in those towns, where they are often set among rural farmland, is that here there are many acres of woodland free for anyone to enjoy in and around Selsdon - a great place to be locked down when you can be just a short distance from beautiful areas where you are free to walk among the trees and breathe all the wonderful fresh air they produce.

Daphne Prentice

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Dear Editor,

(A Christmas tale from Jessica who wrote the 'life under lockdown' articles for us.)

Father Christmas 2020

Father Christmas, sat looking perplexed in his cosy home deep in the snow, where there still is some unaffected by global warming, not far from the North Pole. The previous Christmas, the elves had kindly given him a tablet. He thought he didn't require medicine because he was hale and hearty, but he had bitten into it, and there were now teeth marks on his laptop along one edge. The elves had helped him and he had soon been able to work it. He hadn't needed a special connection. There were enough rays from the beautiful Northern Lights, spiralling into the Earth nearby to help it work. There were two things he loved about it, the "Aprime.com" and The News, but he didn't love the news now. His brow furrowed as he re-read the news. He knew about Lockdowns but he worried how it would affect his journey on Christmas Eve because he had to be "Up" to deliver his parcels to all the children in the world.

He summoned all the elves to him, and told them that frankly he just didn't know what to do. He couldn't bear to think of disappointing any child and

especially not on Christmas Eve. Chief Elf was a wise old fellow and slowly read through the Lockdown conditions on the tablet. For a while he read them, then he sat on the floor and pondered, and then he jumped up with a smile. “Santa”, he said with his usual cheerful smile, “we can get through this, but things will be a little different this year.”

“How will it be accomplished?” asked Father Christmas, looking eagerly at Chief Elf.

“We will do it with the help of ‘Aprime.com’. Firstly, you must order on your account, face-masks for you and the reindeer. Let me see”, he mumbled as he stared at the screen. “Shall we buy a white one for you so that it blends in with your whiskers, and fawn ones for the other reindeer but a red one for Rudolf?” Father Christmas nodded and pressed the ‘basket’ button, from over his shoulder.

“You will need to be socially distanced,” continued Chief Elf, “so perhaps we can order some extra-long leather reins. If the reindeer practise using them, so they can feel them pulling, they will know they are correctly socially distanced from one another, before you all go on your trip.” Chief Elf stood up and Father Christmas sat down in front of the screen.

“On your return here, you and the reindeer will need to quarantine for two weeks. So, we will need to have a word with those guys, because they love to return to their mates, and the rest of the herd need to understand it cannot happen this year.” Chief Elf suddenly smiled. “Why not let them graze on grass when they return? There is some showing through the snow in the warm spot beside the barn. It will be their present for isolating. Oh, and one more thing you will need some hand wipes and sanitiser.”

Father Christmas added sanitiser to his steadily growing basket

Chief Elf frowned suddenly. “I need to tell you; the snow is melting and we are running the toy making factory at 80% capacity only. We will not be completed by Christmas Eve. I am so sorry.”

Father Christmas chuckled. “Then we will use up our “Aprime.com” account money and order one of those huge windmill things, which generate electricity to save the planet, and try to get the manufacturing done before Christmas Eve. I’ll just press the ‘next day delivery’ button on “Aprime.com” and it will arrive up here in around four days - most impressive. How those vans get through the snow I’ll never know.”

“There is just one final thing to do Santa.”

“What’s that?”

“May I spread a rumour around Earth, that we cannot accept mince pies, carrots or glasses of wine left out by the children this year? But you would love small bottles of wine or beer - to please leave an opener beside the bottle, and



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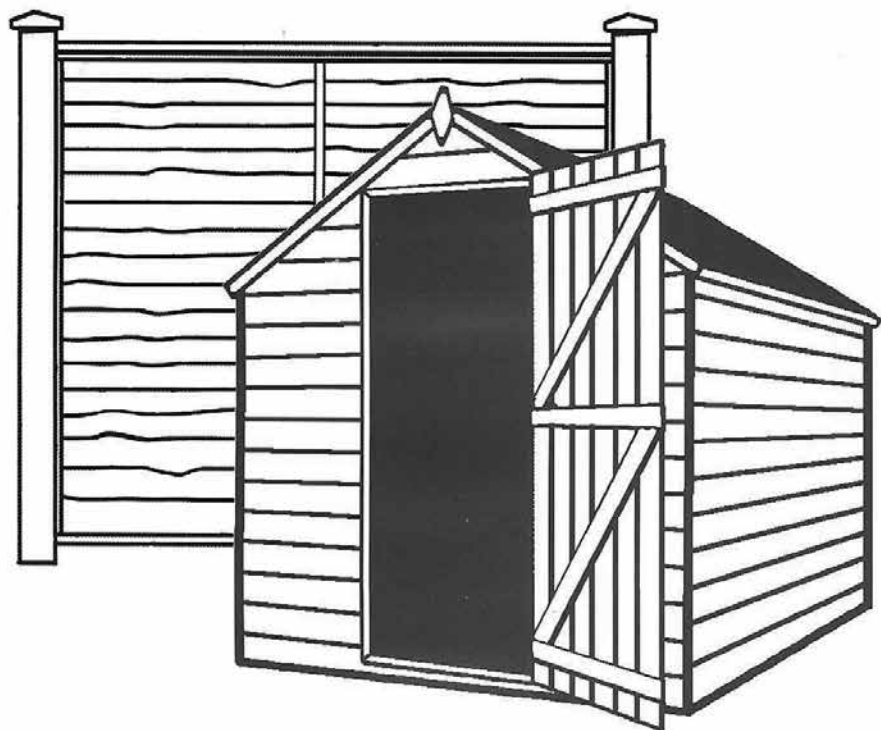
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bags of crisps and pre wrapped biscuits will be most welcome. We will give the reindeer a carrot ration to make it up to them, on their return here.”

‘Where would I be without you Chief Elf?’

He pressed ‘send’ for his purchases. “When I answer the children’s letters this year, I will just tell them large presents may not be possible this year, but that they will have something extra special from me. Adults will explain about 80% reductions. At least they will have a present from me.” He smiled his thanks to Chief Elf as he went through the door to the factory. Then Santa produced a big white handkerchief from his pocket, which he tied around his nose because he wanted to practise laughing “Yo ho ho”, through a mask.

Jessica Blake

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Dear Editor,

Thank you, Selsdon Residents Association for turning on our fabulous Christmas lights much earlier than normal!

The first evening I saw all the lights on I really hoped it was a decision to cheer us up and not a mistake meaning they would be turned off again. Such a great decision to make in such difficult and uncertain times and one that will bring a smile to many people. Thank you.

Janet Jones

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Nature Notes from Ted Forsyth – More Autumn Fungi



Around the beginning of October, storm Alex brought in the wet conditions that autumn fungi enjoy and we continued to add more species to the list found in Selsdon Woods. During litter picking Heather, (a member of Friends of Selsdon Wood), squeezed into a gap by a large oak tree to pick up what she thought was litter, only to find that she had discovered a new species of coral fungus for Selsdon Wood – later identified as Upright Coral – *Ramaria stricta* (photo 1). Encouraged by her find Heather kept Tony Fleccia busy identifying further discoveries including a small group of Amethyst Deceivers with their brilliant amethystine colour which largely disappears after a

few days. She then discovered two new species for the wood. One, off Beech grove, has no common name but was identified as *Macrolepiota konradii*, a whitish mushroom about 5cm in cap diameter, with the cap developing a pretty pattern as the surface cracks and splits. The second, off Langford's Way, involved a small group of the spectacular Magpie Inkcap which unfortunately vanished overnight leaving only some stems lying on the ground.

Unfortunately, the old conifer stump which supported Yellow Stagshorn fungus each year had decayed too much to do that this year. However, in the Larch tree area between West Gorse and Middle Gorse many stumps were found and most were displaying the Yellow Stagshorn (photo 2). Much earlier, in Beech Grove, a log was covered from one end to the other in Small Stagshorn which are single wiggly yellow stems little more than 1cm in height, and later more were found in Langford's Way and in The Gorses. An even smaller new fungus was discovered in The Wend growing on the under surface of a piece of wet bark. This was Snowy Disco – a multitude of tiny opaque white discs.



It is not unusual to bend down to examine one mushroom only to find another interesting specimen. So, it happened to me in Leafy Grove whilst looking at one common mushroom my eyes were drawn to the base of a large Oak stump where a Beefsteak Fungus was growing within a cavity between the roots.



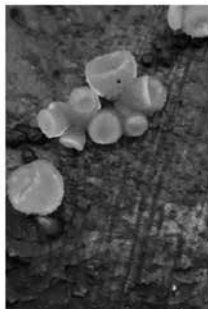
In the wet conditions towards the end of October jelly fungi became visible and we were soon finding Crystal Brain and White Brain on many old wet logs.

It was some time before Purple Jellydisc and Witches Butter (photo 3) were found on a log in Middle Gorse together with specimens of Beech Jellydisc (photo 4). There were even more Beech Jellydisc on a nearby broken branch lying on the ground. The easily recognised black and white Candlesnuff fungus seemed to be everywhere on logs, stumps and broken branches. There are still species which could appear right up to the end of the year and beyond, so keep

looking! Check the Sightings section of the Friends of Selsdon Wood website for photographs of many of the species mentioned.

There have been a few recent reports of people leaving the woods with bags of fungi they have picked. This could be one reason why some species are seldom seen in Selsdon Wood – they have already been taken by mushroom munchers!

Finally, if you want to be convinced that fungi are important, read the recently published “Entangled Life” by Merlin Sheldrake. It is based on his researches into the relationships amongst fungi, trees and plants.



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Answers to Strictly Come Dancing Christmas Quiz



1. 2004 2. Foxtrot 3. Jill Halfpenny and Darren Bennett
4. Speed 5. American Smooth 6. Rumba 7. 1920s
8. Aliona Vilani 9. Singer 10. Alan Dedicoat



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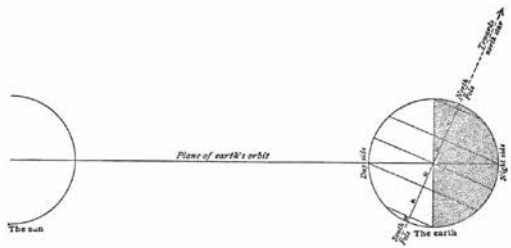


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Winter Solstice Monday 21 December 2020

The winter solstice occurs in December, and in the northern hemisphere the date marks the 24-hour period with the fewest daylight hours of the year. That is why it is known as the shortest day of the year, or the longest night of the year.



Since the Earth is tilted on its axis, the arc the Sun moves through during the day will rise and fall across the year as the Earth's pole points either towards or away from the Sun.

The winter solstice occurs at the minimum point for the northern hemisphere, when the Sun is lowest in the sky.

At this time, the Earth's North Pole is pointing away from the Sun (which is why it is so much colder in the northern hemisphere). For people living in the southern hemisphere, the South Pole is pointing towards the Sun, making it summertime 'Down Under'.

The world 'solstice' comes from the Latin solstitium meaning <Sun stands still>, because the apparent movement of the Sun's path north or south stops before changing direction. At the winter solstice, the apparent position of the Sun reaches its most southerly point against the background stars.

The actual moment of the solstice in 2020 will occur around 10.02am in the UK, but most people concentrate on the whole solstice day, which has been recognised by holidays and festivals in many cultures all over the world.

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Poetry Corner

A seasonal poem from Mary Gill who thought something in honour of the pantomime season might be appropriate as few of us are likely to see one this year

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

'tis said, that once upon a time,
an ancient bard composed a rhyme –
a tale of Jack, an idle yob,
who caused his Mum to sigh and sob.
So many things he left undone,
he proved a disappointing son.

Their only asset was a cow,
named Buttercup, who, up to now,
had daily given milk to sell,
allowing them to live quite well.
But, one day, Buttercup ran dry
and neither Jack nor Mum knew why.

They were both too thick to know,
if cows don't calve, then milk won't flow.
Instead of borrowing a bull
to do the deed, all masterful,
Mum told Jack to sell the beast,
so they could still afford to feast.

But on the way to market, Jack
met a strange man dressed in black,
who took the cow the yokel led,
and gave him magic beans instead.

Poor Mum could not conceal her rage,
she screeched at Jack to act his age,
and grabbing the offending beans,
she flung them outside, said 'This means
that we shall surely waste away.
You stupid boy, I'll make you pay.'

They went to bed, unfed that night,
but when Jack woke, at dawn's first light,
he saw that overnight had grown
a massive stalk, like none he'd known.
How proud he was to see its size,
he hardly could believe his eyes.

It reached too high for him to see,
so he ran out, excitedly-
this mighty plant that had appeared,
so tall the top had disappeared.
Without a thought, the reckless lout,
began to climb up through the cloud.

Having gained the top he paused -
what lay ahead, to be explored?
In front of him, a giant slept.
Jack held his breath and slowly crept
to steal the giant's bag of cash,
then made a frantic, headlong dash,
scrambling swiftly to the ground
to show his mother what he'd found.



Her useless son, come good at last,
Mum forgot his murky past.
Jack's reputation was restored,
now he and mother could afford
to live like kings and pay the rent-
at least until the dosh was spent.
Then up the bean stalk Jack returned
to see what riches could be earned.
The prize that he returned with next –
a goose that laid them golden eggs.
They sold a golden egg a day
and Mum said, "Everything's OK!"

But Jack was still not satisfied,
He couldn't rest until he'd tried
another sortie up the vine
to see what he could steal this time.

As he approached the top he heard
the sweetest music ever aired –
a magic harp the giant played,
and what celestial sounds it made.
Jack stopped to listen, quite entranced
just waiting for a fighting chance
to steal the harp and run away,
then teach himself, the harp to play.

At last the giant fell asleep
and Jack seized on the chance to creep
up to his side and snatch the harp,
but as he did, he heard it start
to play a tune, so that it woke
the giant, who began to croak,
"Oh, fee and fi and fo and fum,
I smell the stench of Englishman."

Jack's heart was beating fast with fear,
he gasped, "Oh, heck! I'm out of here!".
He scrambled down, only to find,
the Giant coming close behind.
He yelled for Mum to bring an axe
then gave the bean stalk three great whacks.

He cut it through and so it fell
to bring the giant down as well.
The ogre dead, Jack, safe and sound,
decided he preferred the ground.

He learned to play the harp with skill,
and soon was topping every bill -
so magical was his technique-
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Now both their lives are full of laughter -
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A Christmas Tradition Explained!



When four of Santa's elves got sick, the trainee elves did not produce toys as fast as the regular ones, and Santa began to feel the pre-Christmas pressure.

Then Mrs Claus told Santa her mother was coming to visit, which stressed Santa even more.

When he went to harness the reindeer, he found that three of them were about to give birth and two others had jumped the fence and were out Heaven knows where!

Then as he began to load the sleigh one of the floorboards cracked, the toy bag fell to the ground and all the toys were scattered.

Dispirited, Santa went in the house for a cup of cider and a shot of rum.

When he went to the cupboard, he discovered that the elves had drunk all the cider and hidden the rum. In his frustration, he accidentally dropped the cider jug and it broke into hundreds of little glass pieces all over the kitchen floor. He went to get the broom but found that the mice had eaten all the straw off the end of the broom.

Just then the doorbell rang and an irritated Santa marched to the door, yanked it open and there stood a little angel with a great big Christmas tree.

The angel said very cheerfully, 'Merry Christmas Santa. Isn't it a lovely day? I have a beautiful tree for you. Where would you like me to stick it?'. And so, began the tradition of the little angel on top of the Christmas tree.

Not a lot of people know this.

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A Coronavirus twist on the 'Twelve Days of Christmas'

Sing these lyrics to the traditional tune – and you will not be able to get it out of your head!

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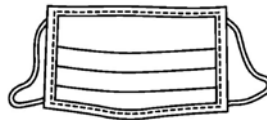
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