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Editor's Note

Welcome to the December 2018 issue of the Gazette.

We kick off this month with an addition to the regular Police Box - a message from the police about keeping yourself safe from criminals (p11).

This is followed by an obituary for Tony Webb, a well-known local resident who died in September (p12).

There is then a double dose of Selsdon history: Des Donohoe, in a conclusion to this quarter's commemorative theme, tells about Wartime Welfare (p14); and Glimpses of Old Selsdon continues (p18) with another extract from Ted Frith's book provided by his son Mathew.

Peter Underwood, from Croydon Friends of the Earth asks for your support for a campaign to stop the Council from using toxic weed killers (p19), and Tracey Bellamy, Croydon's Street Champion Co-ordinator, has news of a new way of reporting fly-tipping, abandoned vehicles and graffiti (p20).

We then have a fascinating piece about ownership of an all-electric car from Adrian Gates (p25). This seems a terrible palaver currently but hopefully things will simplify in the future as electric cars become more mainstream.

In Nature Notes (p31) Ted Forsyth informs us about Natural History Surveys and the following piece by Janet Sharp (p32) tells how you can get involved in one in January 2019.

In the final article, Carousel offers tributes to Ted Frith and to those Friends groups and others who support and maintain two of our key green spaces (p37).

The bins saga continues (now dubbed "bingate") with follow up letters from Adrian Gates and Lisa Prigg and an additional

contribution from Margaret Rick (p49). However, Croydon Council report "a massive 9% increase in the amount of waste recycled in Croydon in the last month" so perhaps the scheme is working despite its bungled implementation.

There are also two letters seeking information about the history of a couple of Selsdon locations and another in response to Frank Kippin's question about sparrowhawks in the November Gazette.

Regards,

Heather

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SRA NEWS

Selsdon Christmas Lights

The deadline for submissions for the Gazette means I have to write this before the lights are actually on but will assume all was well. I do know Santa had a hiccup with his Sleigh this year and had to call on a friend to drive him in his friend's sports car so three cheers to Santa's friend!!

We would like to thank the following Selsdon traders for their contribution to the cost of the lights:

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Julian Huxley for the collection box.

We would also like to thank the Baptist church for once again providing refreshments on the night. Any further contributing traders will be named in the January Gazette.

The lights contract is due for renewal next year and we have already been advised we will have to replace the centenary wires across the road holding up the motifs at a cost of approximately £2000, and the two Selsdon signs at each end of the High Street have reached the end of their life. We have not yet had a quote for them but would like to keep them. This all means a lot of extra cost next year so if you can contribute to help this tradition continue it would mean a lot.

Police

We attend two Police Meetings now that the ward is split into 'Selsdon and Forestdale' and 'Selsdon and Addington Village'. Our

request to have a single co-ordinated meeting has been rejected. However, a report is given to us at each meeting and it was confirmed that we currently remain a very low crime area.

We also attend the Croydon Community Consortium meetings on your behalf; anyone can attend and our Councillors are often there. The November meeting was attended by Chief Inspector Craig Knight who responded to questions from the floor. He reported that crime in Central Croydon was approximately 8% down and that policing levels remain unchanged (for the time being).

Transport

We also attend East Surrey Transport Committee. The November meeting was about buses and we learnt that next year most buses will not be going through Croydon to West Croydon Bus Station. This is to allow for the Westfield Development. No definite plans have been put forward yet but it seems that the 412 and 433 will possibly stop at Fairfield Halls. The 64 will most likely not be affected.

The Council and ESTC are working with TfL.

East Croydon Station is to be developed over the next 15-20 years and there will be lots of public consultations. Anyone interested in taking part in these consultations can look at the TfL website for information.

Gazette

We still need new deliverers for the Gazette in the new year, otherwise it could result in a lot of people not getting their Gazette. Can anyone spare 2-3 hours? If not every month maybe you could be on a reserve list? Contact Wendy - her details are at the front of the Gazette.

It just remains for me to say “a Merry Christmas to one and all” and a special big thanks to my Committee for putting up with me (again!).

Sheila Childs, SRA Chair

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COUNCILLORS' NOTES

Selsdon High Street Plans

We continue to look for ways of increasing footfall at Selsdon Parade and getting support for local businesses. Council officers will be available on the evening of the Christmas lights switch-on in November so that businesses can find out what support can be provided by the Council. If anyone would like to join a community group to work on the High Street please let us know.

Bins – the problems continue

The transition to the new wheeled bins for recycling continues to generate a great deal of casework for the four Selsdon Councillors. The 'teething problems' still have not been ironed out and we receive regular requests for help from residents whose bins are not collected or where the old crates have not been collected. The issue of non-collection where people need an assisted collection is of particular concern.

The problem has been made worse for residents of Cowley Close because the refuse lorry is sometimes unable to get down the road to collect bins, due to parking which effectively blocks access. Cllr Pollard has requested that the double yellow lines are extended to try and prevent this problem in future. The Council will be putting this on the list of traffic management changes, but unfortunately the list is very long so, even if a change is approved, it won't happen quickly.

Christmas Lights

On a brighter note (literally!) the Selsdon Councillors were pleased to be able to support the Christmas Lights for Selsdon with a contribution of £5,500 from their ward budgets. We look forward to seeing Selsdon sparkle over the Christmas period.

Wishing you all a very enjoyable Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Helen, Robert, Stuart and Andy

PLANNING APPLICATIONS NOVEMBER 2018

18/05211/HSE – 2 Ballards Way, South Croydon, CR2 7JL -
Erection of a single storey detached garage to the side of house on
the area of the drive

18/04985/FUL – Rear of 133 Addington Road, South Croydon, CR2
8LH - Demolition of existing storage garage and erection of two
storey building for storage garage and staff facilities

18/04710/HSE – 64 Greville Avenue, South Croydon, CR2 8NL -
Alterations, single storey wrap-around extension

18/04945/HSE – 154 Littleheath Road, South Croydon, CR2 7SF -
Retrospective application for the retention of a front porch addition

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Contact details:

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The following information about an incident in Sanderstead has come from Detective Sergeant Callanan from the Metropolitan Police Intelligence Unit.

An older lady knocked on a door of a house, in this case in Sanderstead, and said she needed help picking up an item, on this occasion a scarf. An equally elderly resident went to help, leaving the front door wide open BUT on this occasion, her husband was inside and noticed a male on a bike, who appeared ready to come in through the open door.

A similar scam is also being employed in Surrey where people are being told that they've dropped something under their car in a shopping centre car park, leaving them open to theft whilst they bend down to see what they've dropped.

The intention of circulating this information is not to cause worry but to inform you of the uncertainties of being approached by those unknown to you. If you would like advice on crime prevention then the team will be able to offer you a personal service and discuss prevention advice with you.

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TONY WEBB - 5th December 1948 - 23rd September 2018



My husband Tony Webb, my kind and gentle soulmate of 26 years, from Sandpiper Road, died on Sunday 23rd September at Mayday Hospital after losing his courageous battle with cancer. He died with all his family and friends by him and he acknowledged them to the end.

His funeral at 11.30 on the 16th of October at the small church of St Mary The Virgin Farleigh off Farleigh Court Road was so well attended that there were people outside on chairs in the car park (maybe as many as 150 attended). At 1.15 we went to Beckenham Crematorium - that was also well attended. The wake was held at Warlingham Sports Club at 2pm because Tony used to play squash there.

Tony would have celebrated his 70th on the 5th of December. He was a well-loved member of the community. When he semi-retired and after fully retiring from the Civil Service (he worked in various departments) he really enjoyed being a dedicated walk leader for

Croydon Walking For Health, whatever the weather. He also led the first ever walk for Macmillan Cancer which starts from Mayday Hospital and he got me to agree to do the St Christopher's Fun Walk. We have been doing it since 1993 and have never missed one.

He was a staunch supporter of the Friends Of Selsdon Wood and also Friends of Kingswood as well as other local groups.

I was deeply moved to see just how much Tony was loved and respected. We will all miss him.

Iona Webb

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SOME OF SELSDON'S WARTIME WELFARE, **1940/45**

Most of us will be familiar with the New Testament story of the feeding of the 5,000. I do not know if there were 5,000 war babies in Selsdon, but however many there were, we have Selsdon Baptist Church to thank for keeping us safe and well fed!



My earliest memories of going shopping included regular visits to this church where the wartime children's Welfare Centre was set up. Pre-school children got free bottles of cod liver oil and concentrated orange juice, supplied by the Ministry of Food. We also received tins of National Dried Milk (full cream milk powder). Although there was strict rationing and food shortages we were better fed with nutritious food than today's children fed on junk food. A case of quality, not quantity!

Every day I would get a delicious glass of hot orange juice, and every night before going to bed, a very nasty teaspoon of cod liver oil. The only way mums could get us to swallow this nasty fishy oil was the promise of a large spoonful of Virol – a wonderful, malt-flavoured syrup. Very yummy!

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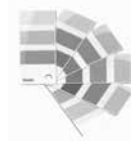
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The church as we see it today (see photo) did not exist. The original church was a small bare hall which I believe still exists at the top of the slope behind the modern church. Where this new church now stands there were public underground bomb shelters buried in the chalk bank. These became very important for shoppers and workers in this part of Selsdon.

In June 1944 our troops landed on the Normandy beaches, and within days the Germans launched the first V1 flying bombs at London. At its peak over 100 V1s a day were fired at south-east England - more than 9,500 in total. More doodlebugs fell on Croydon than any other borough of London. So a lot flew over Selsdon and I know of one which fell in Ingham Road, which runs up alongside Selsdon School. So when out shopping, if the air raid warning went off, as it did often in this phase of the war, you ran for the nearest bomb shelter!

There was another public bomb shelter, buried underground at the Triangle by the crossroads of Addington Road and Old Farleigh Road, so shoppers and others were well catered-for in the village centre.

There was another bit of wartime infrastructure, if that is the right word, and that was on the opposite side of the road from the Baptist Church. This was in the space between where S.G. Flooring and Barclays Bank now stand. This whole area was then waste ground, upon which had been built a sandbag-protected Air Raid Wardens' Post, as well as a very large concrete water tank to tackle any incendiary or other fires.

How our high street has changed since the late 1940s! The main danger now is crossing the very busy main road!

Des Donohoe

Editor's Note - Another more extensive piece about wartime Christmas in Selsdon written by Raymond Rowsell was published in the *Gazette* back in 2007. There is no room for it here but it is available online on the History page of SRA website at <https://selsdon-residents.co.uk/history-of-selsdon.php>

GLIMPSES OF OLD SELSDON (38)

The Saga of the Selsdon Wine Stores

Early in 1927 the Purley & Coulsdon UDC had amended the Town Plan to have two shopping centres in Selsdon on either side of Addington Road, and permission had been given for ten shops to be built on the south side of the road, but the existing cottages were not to be converted. At the same time agreement was reached on the widening of Old Farleigh Road on the east side as it was wished to retain the especially fine flint wall bordering the Selsdon Park Hotel.

The shop on the corner of Old Farleigh Road and Addington Road was the first built, but information on this is a little sketchy. I have been unable to trace a planning application, but a photograph of the Triangle on March 10th 1927, shows not only one block of the Costain built shops but also the shop on the corner, almost completely built. The building was owned by Barclay Perkins, the brewers, and was tenanted by J Haggart Moore as the Selsdon Wine Stores. As he appears in a local directory for 1928, he must have been in business in the autumn of 1927.

Shops that sold alcoholic drinks in those days had to be licensed and were known as off-licences, as they could only sell beer and spirits to be consumed off the premises (a pub would have an on-licence.) At the Selsdon Residents' Association meeting in November 1927 it was stated that Moore had a wholesale licence but that he wanted to sell spirits and bottled beer in small quantities. He made an application for an off-licence at the appropriate court in February 1928, saying there were 427 houses in Selsdon and around 2,000 inhabitants and there was no other off-licence. He produced 200 signatures in his support, but a Mr Whyatt had a petition with 250 names, opposing the application, stating "*Many residents were definitely attracted to Selsdon by the undertaking that there should be no licensed premises there.*" The SRA had decided not to get involved and the application was turned down by the bench. There was during the period before the Second World War a strong total abstinence lobby in Selsdon, that was supported

by the Baptist Church. Haggar Moore seems to have obtained his licence in 1929, but he was not permitted to sell less than three bottles of beer at a time.

In August 1929 the South Suburban Co-Operative Society's proposals to build a store in Addington Road were approved. This remained a Co-Operative store for fifty or so years; the building is now occupied by the Sir Julian Huxley public house.

Ted Frith

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STOP SPRAYING TOXIC WEEDKILLERS IN CROYDON

Croydon Friends of the Earth group has launched a campaign to stop the Council spraying a controversial weedkiller linked to cancer. The council should be doing its best to provide a clean, safe, green environment that we can enjoy without putting our health and the health of our families at risk. That's why we are calling on Croydon Council to ban the spraying of weedkillers containing glyphosate in our streets, parks, and playgrounds.

The World Health Organisation has stated that glyphosate, the active ingredient in many weedkillers like Roundup, is "probably carcinogenic to humans". Recently a US court has also ruled that agricultural giant Monsanto (who manufacture Roundup) was responsible for causing the cancer of groundskeeper Dewayne Johnson and awarded millions of dollars in damages.

Monsanto claim that glyphosate breaks down in the soil. This claim is still in doubt but provides no comfort when the chemical is being sprayed on hard surfaces like concrete, paving slabs, or children's playground equipment. Spraying in our parks can be very unfocussed and so there is little control over where the chemical ends up.

Several European countries, including Holland, Denmark and Sweden, have already banned or restricted the use of glyphosate herbicides by local authorities. In the UK, the GMB Union has called for a ban on the weedkiller and many local authorities (such as Hammersmith & Fulham, Edinburgh, Bristol, and Brighton & Hove) are already looking at alternatives.

We think it's time that Croydon Council took the sensible step of banning the spraying of these toxic weedkillers. Just waiting for the first court cases awarding damages for cancer in Croydon will be too late - we need to act now.

We would like a ban to be brought in as soon as possible. There is little spraying that takes place over the winter and so as a minimum we think the ban should be in place before the spring. From 1 February 2019 Croydon Council will be taking the landscape management contract back in-house and this would be a perfect time for the council to ban the spraying of glyphosate weedkillers by its staff.

If you would like to support our campaign then please sign our petition <https://actionnetwork.org/petition/stop-spraying-toxic-weedkillers-in-croydon>

It would also help if you could write or e-mail your local Councillors to tell them that you don't want toxic chemicals sprayed all over the streets and parks that you and your family like to use. You can find details of your local Councillors elsewhere in the Gazette.

Peter Underwood Chair – Croydon Friends of the Earth

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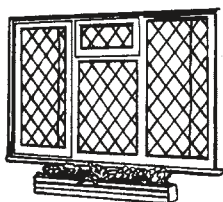
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WHAT THEY DON'T TELL YOU WHEN YOU BUY AN ELECTRIC CAR

For nine years I was the proud owner of a gas-guzzling NISSAN 350Z. I was always reluctant to sell 'my pride and joy', but in August this year I 'bit the bullet' and it went. Six weeks later I bought from my middle son, a four years old Renault ZOE, which is an all-electric vehicle. My youngest son made me laugh when he said, 'Dad you're probably the only driver in the world to have made such a drastic change to the vehicle you drive reverting from a *high performance 6-cylinder beast* to what some motorists might describe as a *fast milk float*.

Well actually, from a mental perspective the transition wasn't so difficult to make. However, the practicality of being an electric vehicle owner/driver is significantly more challenging.

My middle son had always been happy with his ZOE and the only reason he had to sell was because it wasn't really large enough for his growing family. He gave me first refusal and told me he would take £4,800 for the car. Instead I offered him £5,000, on condition that he would assist me in trouble-shooting any problems I encountered.

In addition to what I paid my son for the car I took over the commitment to pay the monthly battery rental of £49. The more mileage you do, the greater the rental payments. Some vehicles include ownership of your battery BUT when the warranty of a battery lapses and it goes belly-up the problem of replacing or fixing it is yours! At least with a rental agreement Renault will replace the battery if it fails or efficiency reduces to less than 75%.

The maximum range on this model of ZOE is anything from 72 - 95 miles, depending on the temperature outside. When I first started to drive the ZOE in October I was getting around 95 miles on a full charge, but now with the cooler weather it has dropped to around 85 miles. (Incidentally, the latest ZOE model claims to have a warm weather range of 160 miles). During really cold weather there is a button on the key fob which allows you to defrost the car remotely.

Don't even consider buying a 'short range' battery operated vehicle if you're undertaking regular round trips of more than 70 mile return and need to get from A to B as quickly as possible. If planning for a 'longer' journey you need to allow yourself around 45 minutes time to recharge en route.

It's essential to be able to recharge your electric car at home, which means getting a charging pod fitted. The cost of fitting a home charging unit is usually around £500-£600 but with a government grant this outlay reduces significantly. In my case, I paid £174 for a 7kw charging unit. It would have been £50 less if I'd had chosen a slower charger unit. Also, from January it will become mandatory to have an earth rod sunk into the ground, which will probably increase the cost. Before the charging pod can be fitted the charging unit, the company carrying out the installation may insist that your energy provider fits an isolation switch. In my case this cost £120. Beware that this charge can vary hugely, depending on your energy provider. It's safe to charge when it's raining or snowing but NEVER when there is a risk of thunder and lightning!

The home installation of a charging pod takes time to organise and book... three weeks in my case ... and during that time I had to find somewhere to charge my car. The closest and most convenient 'fast' charging unit was located at the SHELL service station in Whyteleafe, about 4.5 miles away from my house in Selsdon. So for the most part I used that charging pod UNTIL I received a parking fine from Euro Car Parks for staying longer than the permitted 30 minutes. To cut a long story short, I got the fine waived when SHELL intervened in my dispute with Euro Car Parks.

Everything is done electronically and through a smart phone. All you have to do is 'plug' your car in. However, charging times always seem to vary a lot, even when using the same charging unit. At the SHELL Service Station I used in Whyteleafe, sometimes a 40% top-up would take 40 minutes and on other occasions an hour. SHELL claim on their website that a 30 minute charge will give your battery 80% of its capacity. This is nonsense. The most I've ever topped up at a SHELL station is 82% which took 1 hour 13 minutes and cost £5.37 for 74

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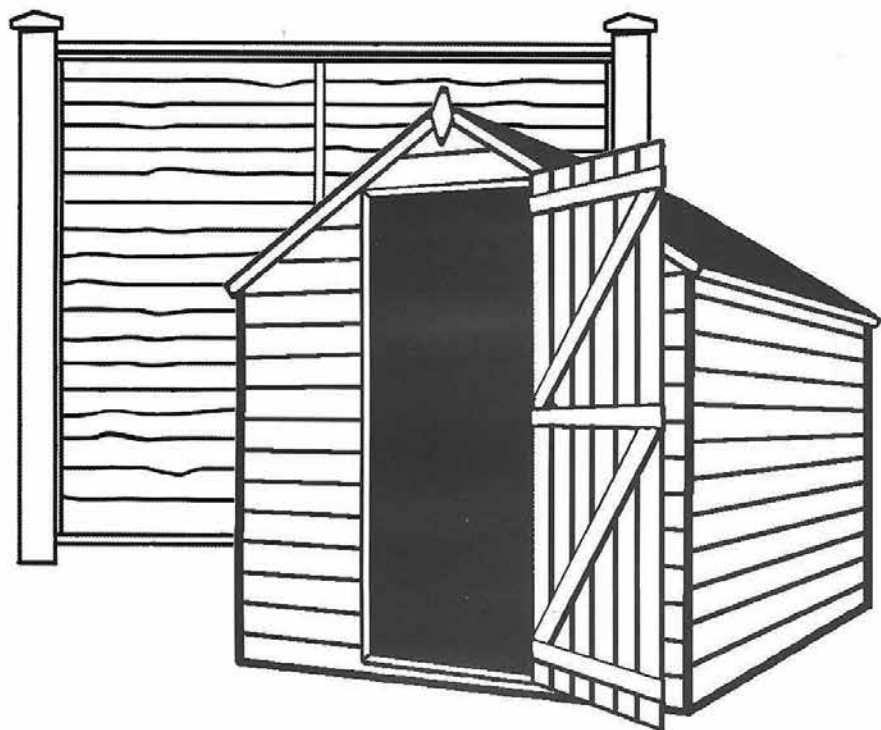
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The other aspect to consider when recharging your battery away from home is that there are **four types** of charging connectors available. They are CHAdeMO, CCS/SAE and Type 2. The Renault ZOE uses a type 2. If you happen to own a Tesla, (one of the market leaders manufacturing electric vehicles), they have their own dedicated charging stations with different connectors and are much faster than the CHAdeMO, CCS/SAE and Type 2 chargers.

On one occasion I was low on charge in the Reading area and found a charging station which unfortunately had the wrong connectors. My fault, I didn't check properly with the PlugShare charger locator app. Fortunately, I found a Type 2 charger a couple of miles away. However, the app wouldn't let me register an account! I called the helpline number shown on the side of the charging unit and they connected me remotely and I got a 'free' charge. They obviously knew there was a problem at their end. These companies are usually very helpful and won't leave you stranded, which I really appreciated at the time.

Always remember that charging your vehicle from home is much cheaper than doing it at an external charging unit. It's definitely cheaper to own and run an electric vehicle. There is no road tax and maintenance is lower. As the cost of fossil fuel continues to rise the savings will undoubtedly increase and we'll all benefit from cleaner air.

Adrian Gates

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NATURE NOTES

NATURAL HISTORY SURVEYS

A simple survey starts by noting what is seen on a walk in woods or fields. For long term understanding of changes a more organised approach is necessary.

BIRDS: The British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) arranges various surveys one of which is the Breeding Bird Survey. This involves walking across a 1km map square (and back across on a parallel track) identifying every bird seen or heard and noting which of several distance bands the bird is in (0-25m, 25-100m, >100m). One visit is made in early spring and a second in early summer. Like most surveys this is a sampling technique and will not record every single bird in the area, but over several seasons will show upward or downward trends. There is a current survey which attempts to note the number of Tawny Owls calling in a given area.

BUTTERFLIES: Butterfly Conservation's survey chooses a route around an area like Selsdon Woods and the investigator walks this transect once a week, in suitable weather conditions, for 26 weeks from 1st April to Sept. A totally separate survey asks people to count and ID butterflies in gardens or other areas and gives an idea of the status of particular species. In conjunction with the above BTO bird survey, butterflies in "the wider countryside" are counted.

MOTHS: Though over the UK there are more day-flying moths than there are butterflies the majority of moths fly at night and the survey technique involves attracting moths to a trap with a bright light. Apart from identifying the moth species an estimate of individual species numbers can be made. An alternative technique of "sugaring" can be used by painting a thick sugary solution on to trees or ropes and checking the moths which are attracted. You might have seen George McGavin using a large floodlit sheet to attract hundreds of moths on a foreign trip.

PLANTS: A cursory glance over the landscape can identify many plants but evidence of diversity requires more detailed information.

This can often be obtained by quadrat surveys where all the plants are identified and counted within a 1m x 1m square. This process is repeated about 20 times over the area of interest to allow for varying soil conditions and will usually give a good idea of the range of plants present. This technique is particularly useful to check plant diversity when land conditions are changing when trees and scrub are removed to create or restore grassland.

FUNGI: Fungi are not plants! As the appearance of the fruiting bodies (mushrooms, toadstools, brackets, etc) is decidedly seasonal and varies with weather conditions it can take many years to determine a reasonably accurate idea of the total number of species. The majority of the species can be determined in one season but repeated visits will add new species each year. A survey must involve every month of the year as some fruiting bodies appear in winter or spring while others turn up in summer or autumn.

Other surveys look at small mammals, insects, bats and technology now plays a part. Software and hardware exist to record bird song, bat calls and the stridulations of grasshoppers and will give an immediate suggestion for the species involved. Longworth live traps can capture small mammals for ID and later release. Trail cameras can be set up to detect animals and birds using a particular area. Surveys are essential to get information about biodiversity. Occasionally a “bio-blitz” can be employed when individuals in a team will concentrate on different species groups and everything is surveyed in one period to get an idea of the current bio-diversity.

Ted Forsyth

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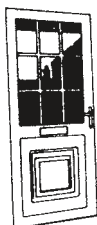
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How to help? You will need to register before the date at rspb.org.uk. You can then request or download a form which you can complete online or on paper.

There is also a chance for schools to get involved with the 'Big Schools' Birdwatch' an educational activity to get closer to nature. Designed to work for all ages and abilities.

In the meantime you can encourage wildlife into your garden e.g. by regularly feeding the birds, creating a bird bath (as simple as a tray raised on some stones), adding a bird box to your garden, leaving seed heads on some plants. Perhaps go to the RSPB website to find photos of common British Birds and a guide on how to identify them and then get some practice in!

Janet Sharp

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Sunday 2nd December

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Saturday 8th December 11am-4pm White Christmas Weekend

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Sunday 9th December 2pm-7pm White Christmas Weekend

Our weekend continues. Come and see the displays in church. Stay for our Christmas concert at 6pm- a chance to sing your favourite Christmas songs.



Monday 17th December 7.30pm Quiet Christmas

Quiet Christmas Service A special service of hope and reassurance for those who may struggle with a “merry” Christmas this year, Dedication of the Christmas Remembrance tree



Sunday 23rd December 6pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

with mulled fruit punch and mince pies



Monday 24th December

4pm - Crib Service

11.30pm Midnight Mass- St John's Choir will be singing carols from 11.15pm



Tuesday 25th December 10am Christmas Communion with

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Sunday 6th January 6pm Epiphany service including incense

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ROUNDABOUT

St. John's Church Hall was crowded on the afternoon of Saturday, 27th October. The occasion was a celebration of the life and times of Selsdon historian, Ted Frith, which had been arranged by his family; daughter Penny and sons Mathew and Toby.

The family had produced an extensive photographic montage of their father's widespread involvement in local affairs throughout the years. This was backed up by a well-produced booklet on Ted's life in photographs. Tributes to Ted were made by friends from various organisations in which he had been involved. These included the Residents' Association and the Thursday walking group. Mention was also made of Ted's involvement with St. John's Dramatic Society and the Croydon Natural History and Scientific Association.

Perhaps Ted's enduring legacy will be his research into the history of Selsdon, extracts of which have been published in the Gazette over many years. His meticulous and painstaking research took place over five decades when Ted waded through dusty minute books and newspaper articles. He was a regular visitor to the Croydon Local Studies library. His comprehensive research ensured that many fascinating facts about Selsdon's history emerged into the light of day.

Ted was an ardent bibliophile. Visiting his house was like entering a fully equipped library. Mathew disclosed that the family had counted some 7,000 volumes, all duly numbered and labelled. I recall a book fair held at the Selsdon Centre. Ted appeared with a sackload of surplus books which resounded with a loud thump on the floor. The cash takings at the fair soared significantly!

Our thanks and condolences to Ted's family. He was a one-off.

My gratitude to the nice lady who has given me a copy of next year's calendar produced by the Friends of Selsdon Wood. The photographs are quite striking, including those taken from an aerial perspective. We need to be eternally grateful to all those who helped establish this jewel in Selsdon's crown. Among these are the Surrey Garden Village Trust which donated the first 25 acres and

support by the local Council, National Trust and, more currently, the continuous support by the Friends. Likewise, thanks to the first residents of new Selsdon, whose vigorous campaigning ensured the retention of the 60-acre Littleheath Woods for public enjoyment, which added a further crown jewel. Current support is also given by a Friends organisation led by Ian Leggatt.

My friend Sellis says he would welcome an answer to a puzzling question. Regular readers of this column will know that Sellis's recall goes back to the Dark Ages (which is why he still refers our area as *Selesdune*.) He asserts that in his young day, Littleheath Woods had a large leafy dell in which a large colony of rabbits dwelt. This area was known as the Bunny Hills. Sellis was saddened by the demise of the erstwhile furry inhabitants of this charming area. Sellis would like to know when and why this happened. Can anyone help stop him moping, please?

Carousel

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Where - We meet at St Columba's Church Hall, Queenhill Road, Selsdon on Thursdays during term time and various venues for outdoor activities. Occasional weekend camps. Scheduled activities this term include 'Circus skills' and 'Disc Golf'.

Contact - scoutgroup.17thselsdon@gmail.com We'll get back for a chat.



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Mingles is a not-for-profit social club based in South Croydon. On the 12th August our annual garden party was held in the lovely garden of one of our members. After the long hot spell, the day dawned damp and overcast and there were even a few spots of rain as the marquee was being erected. Thankfully, during the afternoon the weather brightened and warmed up and we enjoyed a delicious cold buffet and a glass of bubbly or two. We try to make this a really special event, with everyone wearing their 'best bib and tucker'. A lovely afternoon was had by all. Good food, good weather and most importantly good company. We are already looking forward to next year.

If you would be interested in joining us please ring

Malcolm 07853 225440

Richard 020 8651 3660

Lynn 020 8651 1756

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JUBILATE CHOIR

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Adult Crochet Group, every Thursday 2:00-4:00pm. Work on your latest project, share skills, and catch up with friends. Admission free. No booking required.

Chess Mates, Adults, every Friday 2:30pm. Come along for a game of chess at Selsdon Library. New players of any level are welcome. Admission free. Booking required.

Digital Zone. Please ask a member of staff for details. Come along and learn basic IT skills to help with your online shopping, filling out online forms for your blue badge, recycling bin and travel cards and setting up your own email account. Admission free. Booking required.

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One-Off Activities

Christmas coffee Morning at Selsdon Library, **Thursday the 20th of December at 10-12:00pm**. Come along to your festive Christmas coffee morning, where you'll have a chance to chat over some coffee, cake and biscuits. Admission free. Booking required. All welcome.

Rocking Robin Storytime and craft session, **Tuesday the 8th of January at 10:30-11:00am**. Join us this New Year at Selsdon Library for a robin story and craft morning filled with fun. Admission free. No booking required. For Under 5s.

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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.

Heather Govier, Editor

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31st October - Dear Heather,

Thank you so much for publishing my letter about the change introduced by Croydon Council to the Waste and Recycling Collection Services in the September edition of the Selsdon Gazette.

I was also pleased to see from the letters you published in the October edition that my views resonated with other residents in our

neighbourhood. I suspect this is just the tip of the iceberg. Anyway, here's a quick update for you.

To my knowledge I have not received a visit from any Council official to assess the suitability of my property to accommodate an additional wheelie bin, which is what they said would be happening. Also, I have not received any more correspondence from the Council on the matter. Furthermore, I have continued to put out the original cardboard recycling bin, which is barely half full, for collection every fortnight and so far it has been emptied.

The only problem we have in our area now is that Veolia have missed the assigned collection days for the past two consecutive weeks! I've no doubt the foxes and other wild animals in our neighbourhood are loving this unexpected waste food bonanza! If this continues, I expect we'll have rats the size of small cats stalking the streets of Selsdon very soon!

Kind regards, Adrian Gates

31st October - Dear Heather,

Further to my letter of last month I am writing to let you know that the extra two weeks of collecting promised by the council has now passed and my recycling bins are still sitting merrily on the edge of my property awaiting collection. This is a totally daft scenario. The council try to promote more recycling for environmental issues but they are expecting residents to individually jump into their cars to take the old bins to the dump. Surely this increases pollution, carbon dioxide emissions and congestion within the borough roads which doesn't seem environmentally friendly to me as well as the unnecessary burning of fossil fuels (petrol).

Lisa Prigg

Editor's Note - On 11th November Lisa reported that the boxes had been taken - not by the Council but by her kindly neighbour who had taken them to the tip along with theirs!!!

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13th November - Good Morning Heather,

After reading the letters in the last couple of issues of the Gazette I thought I would get in touch. I too have emailed the Council as our collections have been late several times since the new bins were introduced. However, on two Saturdays - 27th October and 3rd November - we have had a refuse lorry driving along Greville Avenue. The first week we were in the front garden and asked him to empty our landfill bin, which he did - probably the only rubbish he collected that day! On the 3rd, he was driving at such high speed down York Road he wouldn't have been able to stop even if he'd seen a bin! I presume they are also being paid extra as it is the weekend.

According to a Council employee at one of the summer roadshows, the idea is that you only put your recycling bin out now when it is full, not every time there is a collection. I don't think I would be the only one who wouldn't be able to move it if it was full! If there is less recycling to collect if the bins only go out when they are full, surely the dustmen will be able to reduce their hours, leading to a reduction in our Council tax??

The Council put a leaflet through the door several weeks ago telling us to 'Take pride in Croydon and help the planet' - how can we take pride in our area that is now covered in wheelie bins all over the pavements and front gardens, especially those properties that don't have any area at the front to keep them. As for helping the planet, how was the planet helped by manufacturing all those new plastic bins when the residents in some flats on Forestdale don't recycle anything - there is no facility so everything goes into the general rubbish bin!

Sorry for the rant Heather! My daughter is a volunteer officer with the ATC & evidently a couple of the local Squadrons are going to try & use the old recycling boxes for storage of their equipment so at least they will be put to good use.

Thank you for the great job you do with the Gazette

Regards Margaret Rick

Editor's Note - I invited Councillor Helen Pollard to respond to these letters and this is her reply:

The bin issues have not gone away and it is extremely disappointing that the Council has not managed to sort them out yet. Residents have every right to expect that their bins should be collected on the scheduled date and, sadly, this is still not happening for a large number of residents. We will continue to assist any resident who is experiencing problems. Please contact us using the contact details in the Councillor notes section.

Councillor Helen Pollard

4th November - Dear Editor,

Please can anyone help with this historical enquiry? We live in Suffield Close and would like to know the history of the ground/area in more detail, as whilst digging in the garden we have dug up the most lovely huge stone newel post. There must have been a grand staircase sometime in the past. It is not near the house so presumably not just hardcore from the Proutings builders.

Does anyone know anything at all about what was here before our current houses? Or could anyone point me in the right direction to find out?

Jackie Borkett jborkett1@btinternet.com

Editor's Note - If anyone can help please contact me and/or email Jackie directly.

13th November – Dear Editor

I am looking for information about a shop that my grandad owned from 1931 to 1946 on Broadway in Selsdon. It was W V & Sons Fishmonger at 9 Broadway/135 Addington Road. The family lived above it. I have found a number of pictures of the road and of shops

on Broadway but none of his shop at the time he owned it. Do any of your readers remember it being there and might be able to help? My father lived there from birth in 1932 to 1946, when they moved to Palace Green. My father John Taylor attended the local school in the 194's. Many thanks for any help anyone is able to give.

Kindest regards Sarah Biddiscombe sbidd66@gmail.com

9th November - Dear Editor

We too have the sparrowhawks visit our garden - such beautiful birds. They don't cause the small garden birds as much grief as the parakeets who dominate all our garden feeders very aggressively and we can have six or more of them at a time! To tell whether it's a fox or a bird of prey getting a pigeon, if the end of the plucked feather is square across it's a fox. If it still has a quill end it's a bird of prey (or so I am led to believe).

Chris Alexander

Editor's Note - Thanks to Chris for this response to Frank Kippin's letter in the November Gazette.

A Very Merry Christmas to all our readers!!!

**I look forward to reading and publishing more
of your letters and articles in 2019.**

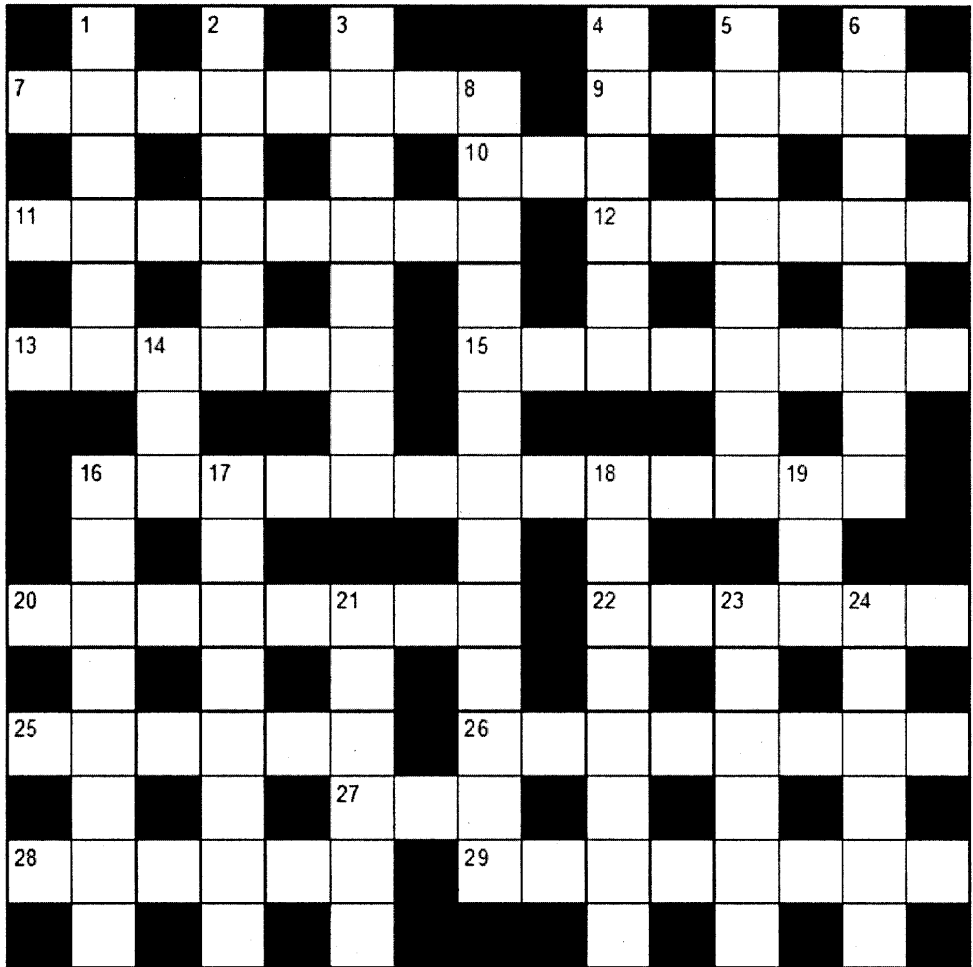
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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD – December 2018

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ACROSS

- 7 Misshapen lump contains a metal, a precious one (8)
- 9 At home with Sean possibly or out to lunch (6)
- 10 Anger displayed by some firemen (3)
- 11 Given somewhere to sleep outside public school (8)

- 12 Somehow pistol is ruined (6)
- 13 Ragged dress covers old person sleeping rough (6)
- 15 Trouble over one lad's love affairs (8)
- 16 Calm but haunted by one's own ghosts? (4-9)
- 20 Mineral discovered by wicked sort, we hear, by pub (8)
- 22 Nearly everyone, not quite the majority (6)
- 25 Odds on present will be a ball (6)
- 26 And German retains right to be nameless (8)
- 27 Comedian's payment is docked (3)
- 28 English miner sporting fur (6)
- 29 One on course has this useful sounding headgear (8)

DOWN

- 1 This is one party game (6)
- 2 Figure's losing European standing (6)
- 3 Plant needs freezing weather and a bit of rain (8)
- 4 Is fat drunk going around Spain for holiday? (6)
- 5 Gives support to European partners (8)
- 6 Having a desire for popular recording, Neil dashed inside (8)
- 8 Centre's beginning to become rowdy in Yorkshire town (13)
- 14 Understand only odd bits of scene (3)
- 16 Footwear at start of year is difficult to get hold of (8)
- 17 Backed the Italian, one wearing kinky green underwear (8)
- 18 Former substitute could be demanding (8)
- 19 I will need energy to travel (3)
- 21 His products could make you stout, and so could he! (6)
- 23 System of measuring crime developed around middle of century (6)
- 24 To observe present and past is child's play (6)

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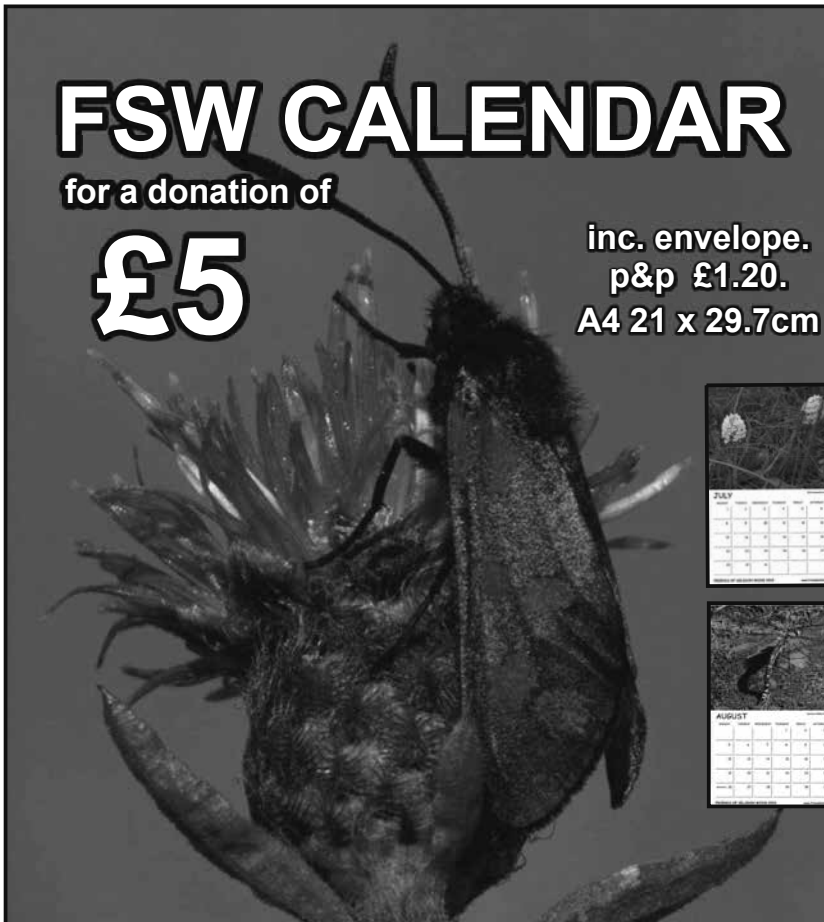
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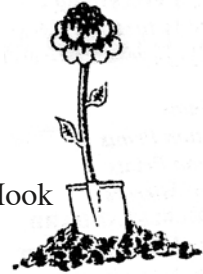
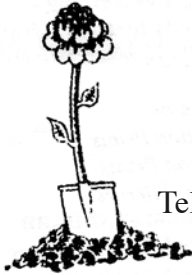
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