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Editor's Note

Welcome to the February 2020 issue of The Selsdon Gazette.

As you can see I am at the helm again for a while. Thanks to Derek for his articles and work editing the January edition.

This Gazette edition is a call to get active and involved, either physically or creatively, with some ideas to inspire you!

As Cllr. Heather Pollard details you are invited to log on and complete another Council survey. If you have ever had ideas or complaints about Selsdon take this chance. The Survey is fairly quick and easy to complete but very important in having your say about the future shape (and spending priorities!) of Selsdon.

If you have any news or stories to share please do get in touch at our new email address selsdongazettesra@gmail.com



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Best wishes,

Janet Sharp (SRA Secretary)

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20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY - PREFERABLY BEFORE!** 

## **SRA NEWS 'n' VIEWS**

This February issue is edited again by Janet Sharp the SRA secretary as Derek is not continuing with us but we thank him for his time and effort for last months Gazette.

### **Lights**

We have had two more donations from 'The Golden Ark' and Wetherspoons' 'The Sir Julian Huxley' who both had collection boxes on their counters.

### **Police**

The Crime figures for our wards remain very low but the priorities for the police are still burglary, motor vehicle crime and drugs activity. They assure us all crimes will be investigated by the teams but unless a life threatening situation, may be a day or so following the reporting.

Our PCSO Jack Killian is continuing with his meeting point at Coughlans Bakery in Forestdale shops. The next one is **28<sup>th</sup> February at 11-12 noon** then **25<sup>th</sup> March 12-1** where he can answer any question you may have. The next Police ward panel meeting is on **15<sup>th</sup> April at 5.15pm** in the Selsdon Centre and everyone is welcome to attend.

The police have advice for owners of keyless cars that they should always put their key away from the front door and in a faraday pouch as thieves have devices to override the need for the keys. Also not to leave valuables in view when parking.

The police also provide smart water kits to protect your valuables in the home. Contact Jack Killian on 020872212464 or email [SNMailbox-SelsdonandForestdaleSNT@met.police.uk](mailto:SNMailbox-SelsdonandForestdaleSNT@met.police.uk) for further information.

PC Colin Mayes will be leaving the team soon and will be replaced but no date can be given for the new PC.

### **Annual General Meeting - Date for your diaries**

We will be holding our **AGM on 1<sup>st</sup> April at 8pm** in St Johns Hall this year so please come along. We hope to have the police attend (shifts allowing), our MP Chris Philp has been invited and of course offer a glass of wine after the business!!

### Subscription collection points

In the June Gazette edition we will publish the list of Selsdon households who usually act as a SRA Subscription payment Collection Point. If this applies to you and you now wish to be removed as a Collector please get in contact so we can update our lists.

Please note the new email to contact the Selsdon Residents' Association is [mail2.selsdonresidents@gmail.com](mailto:mail2.selsdonresidents@gmail.com)

**Sheila Childs**

Chair

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## **SRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING INVITE**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020

Church hall, St John the Divine, Upper Selsdon Road  
Doors open 7.40pm, 8pm start.

Selsdon residents are invited to attend this annual opportunity to meet the SRA Committee, Gazette Editor, local councillors, local Police and MP to talk about your neighbourhood. We have one Committee vacancy to be filled this year.

The AGM lasts about an hour, with a chance for drinks and chat afterwards. Please arrive in good time to read the 2019/20 minutes and financial accounts.

At this AGM we propose to increase the SRA Annual Membership subscription from £3 to £5 (to be determined by vote). This is proposed to better help cover the costs of running this non-profit association and its community activities.

We hope you can join us and perhaps bring a neighbour. We enjoy meeting you all ☺

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# **COUNCILLORS' NOTES**

## **LOCAL PLAN**

In spring 2018 the council adopted its new 'Local Plan' which is the set of policies which determines what sort of development is allowable in the different areas of the borough. But it always knew it would have to refresh the plan quite quickly, as in 2016 we had a change of London Mayor, bringing with it a new London Plan. One of the key principles of planning policy is that a borough's plan must conform to the higher-level plans above it, which in this case is the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the London Plan. The Mayor's Plan, like Croydon's, has to be approved by an Inspection in Public, which took place last year, with the outcome due late Autumn 2019.

The decision to launch the consultation on the Croydon's Local Plan update was taken on 21 October 2019. On the very same day, Inspectors delivered their report into the inspection of the London Mayor Sadiq Khan's proposed London Plan.

As a result of the Inspectors' report London Mayor Sadiq Khan has conceded a significant reduction in his new homes target from 65,000 to 52,000 per year across London as a whole.

The inspectors' report, published in October after some 12 weeks of public hearings, specifically rejected Mayor Khan's proposals for almost 250,000 new homes on small sites, predominantly in Outer London, over the next 10 years. The London figure is then re-apportioned across the boroughs to produce new borough targets.

The London Plan overall housing target for Croydon for the next ten years was 29,490 homes. This has now been reduced as a result of the Examination in Public to 20,790 homes. Within that Croydon figure it is small sites that have been reduced from 15,110 to 6,410, a reduction of 8700 homes.

However, all the options considered in the Croydon Local Plan partial review are predicated on the Mayor's *original*, and *now abandoned*, targets. In his announcement at Cabinet on 21 October, the responsible cabinet member (Labour Councillor Paul Scott) made it clear that the

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reduction in London-wide and Croydon targets based on the London Plan inspection were not going to reduce the administration's desire to deliver the *much higher* targets contained in the Partial Review document it published on the same day. It is therefore clear that this is a political decision, rather than an evidence-driven planning policy decision.

Such wilful disregard for the now-accepted revisions to the London targets must surely discredit all the options for Croydon now under consideration.

Strategic Options 1 and 2 in the proposal document place significant reliance on 'windfall site' – that is to say, suburban intensification and back-garden sites. These are no longer necessary to anything like the proposed extent. Strategic Option 3 involves the de-designation and use of substantial tracts of Green Belt, including the land off Gravel Hill. The target changes render this option completely un-necessary and unjustifiable. The council's own documentation confirms that the release of Green Belt will be harmful, and it is now in conflict with another part of the Mayor's Plan: **Mayor Khan is clear that Green Belt should not be used for this purpose in London and the Inspectors confirmed that part of his plan.** Thus the loss of green belt will not be compliant with the London Plan or NPPF.

Sadly, the Council is unlikely to take the sensible option of starting again, working with the lower targets.

We have made submissions to the Council and these raise our concerns about the impact of the proposals on Selsdon. We were joined in objecting to the plans by the whole of the Conservative Group and the vast majority of the borough's residents' associations. By the time you read

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this, the consultation will have closed and the council will be considering its next move.

## Selsdon Community Plan

A quick reminder about the Community Plan. **We want your views on the future of Selsdon** to help us produce a community plan that will set out priorities for how the area can improve. This **five-year plan**, which will cover the areas of Selsdon, Forestdale and Addington Village, is being led by a *team* made up local groups, churches, ward councillors, Croydon Council, local businesses and schools who are *working together* to help change Selsdon for the better by:-

- Building a pleasant, modern, healthy environment respectful of its heritage, fit for the future
- Nurturing sustainable local businesses to secure high quality jobs for local people
- Creating a connected, collaborative, welcoming community of which residents are proud

This survey will use ideas and suggestions made by the community in November and you can view a short report summarising feedback on the Council website. The Council is gathering more views via an online survey which is on the Council website - it can be found on the council website on the 'Get Involved' page – there is a link to this page on the Council website homepage. <http://www.croydon.gov.uk/selsdonCPsurvey> Please note the deadline for responses is **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March**.

## Proposed zebra crossing on Farley Road.

We have received this update from the Council:

*I am writing to you with an update on the proposed raised zebra crossing facility on Farley Road. The Council carried out an informal consultation in October 2019 on the proposals, to which the Council received 2 responses in support and 3 in objection. The objections received did have merit and mirrored road safety concerns identified at detailed design stage which was:*

*“the zebra crossing was proposed to be located between two bus stops and when buses were stopping here this reduced inter-visibility with drivers where a pedestrian waiting to cross or had stepped off the footway*

*onto the zebra crossing. This could lead to an increased risk of collisions between pedestrians and vehicles, especially were drivers may break heavily, and there may be increased risk of shunt-type collisions”.*

*Following the consultation exercise, a report was presented to our directors recommending **not** to proceed with the implementation of the raised zebra crossing facility, our directors agreed with officers’ recommendation as a result of the objections received and road safety concerns identified. However, if you believe there is a reasonable suitable alternative location where if a controlled crossing facility where to be implemented it would be beneficial to pedestrians in your ward please could you kindly inform me and I will be willing to carry out feasibility study next financial year. Please note any alternative location identified for a controlled crossing will be subject to available funds, consultation and an independent road safety audit.*

## **Update on Hawthorn Crescent.**

You may be aware that there are some plans in the pipeline by the Labour Council to develop a number of houses on Hawthorn Crescent in Old Farleigh Road. We are working hard to oppose these plans.

Residents have discovered that there is an air raid shelter under Hawthorn Crescent and we are working to get the area designated as a place of local historical interest. We have put in a freedom of information request to the Council to find out if there are any covenants or restrictions on the land. The Council has answered that they have no information about the land and referred us to the land registry. Hawthorn Crescent is not a registered piece of land, we are currently investigating what this means legally. If any resident has any historical information about this land, please do get in touch.

## **Meet Your Councillors**

The Selsdon Team of Councillors will be holding surgeries in the Selsdon Centre (next to Sainsbury’s) on the **first Saturday of the month** from 10am – 11.15am (except August).

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

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## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS JANUARY 2019**

20/00068/HSE – 11A Wyncote Way, South Croydon, CR2 8NH

Erection of a single storey rear extension and raised patio area in rear garden to enable disabled wheelchair access.

19/05867/LP – 288 Addington Road, South Croydon, CR2 8LF

Proposed hip to gable conversion with rear dormer.

19/05632/HSE – 14 Brent Road, South Croydon, CR2 7NR

Alteration to ground levels and construction of new retaining wall in rear garden.

***Cllr. Helen Pollard and Cllr. Andy Stranack***

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### **John Waddington (1950-2019)**

Sadly, this note of remembrance and gratitude is being written on the day of John's funeral. He was also known as 'Gus' to many (for reasons still largely undiscovered) and as 'Adrian' (but that was only officially!).

John was a valued member of the SRA Committee for several years until he took the decision to resign as his deteriorating health and mobility made regular participation difficult. He brought much knowledge (both technical and local) and good humour to the meetings – but not when there was a Monday night match at Selhurst Park! As a committee member, he was a willing helper at the Christmas lights (balloon blowing, stewarding etc) and, whenever there was a call for someone to step forward to help with something, he was there!

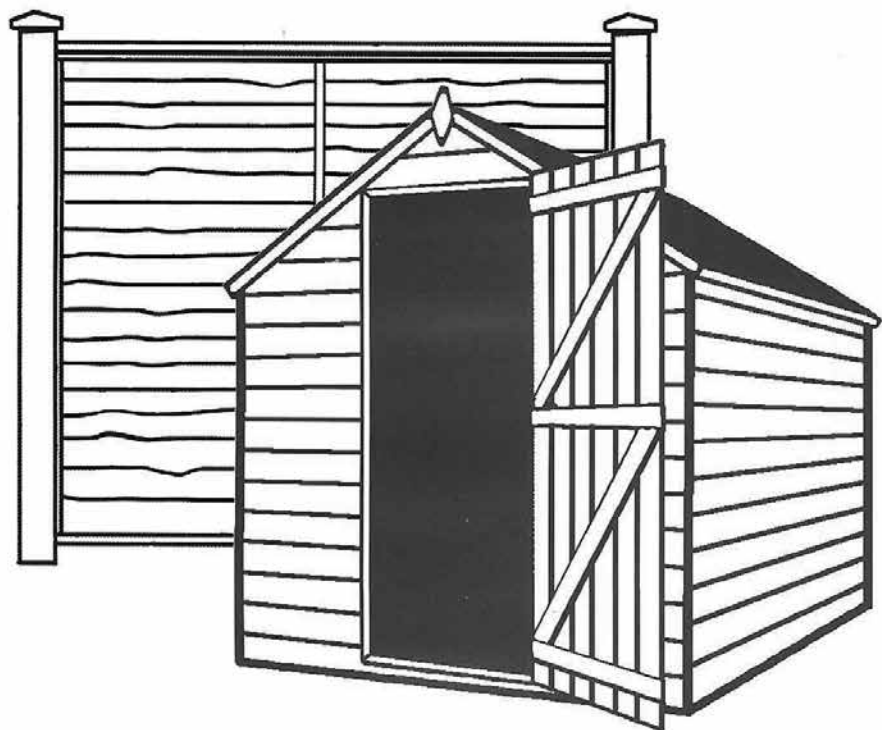
Memories of his life recounted at the service were many and varied; from his own school days at Selsdon Primary to being a Governor there, to giving his support in all areas of the life of St John's. His civil engineering expertise was especially useful when there were structural issues with the hall and the new Garden Room.

His sporting interests were also remembered, particularly his unswerving love of Crystal Palace FC through all the highs and lows over the years and his admiration of all things cricket, including Sachin Tendulkar whom he had once described as a 'true gentleman and a class act'. John, too, will certainly be remembered fondly as 'Selsdon's own class act and a truly gentle man'.

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A leaflet detailing all walks is available from *Croydon libraries* or via the website [www.croydon.gov.uk/leisure/sports/a-z-of-activities/walkactivities/walking-for-health](http://www.croydon.gov.uk/leisure/sports/a-z-of-activities/walkactivities/walking-for-health) or if you have any special queries you can email: [walks@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:walks@croydon.gov.uk)

For those wanting to walk more intensively and burn more calories and build muscle strength there is also *Nordic Walking* training available (free but not part of the Walking for Health scheme).

### Upcoming Special Events

- Sunday 23 February - **Great British Hedgerow Survey** Join the Countryside Warden to help survey Happy Valley's hedgerows as part of the Great British Hedgerow Survey. Take a closer look and learn more about these green highways of the countryside. Meet at 12noon at the Farthing Downs car park, Ditches Lane, Coulsdon. Nearest Bus: 60, 404, nearest train: Coulsdon South – for both walk 1mile up Ditches Lane.
- Saturday 29 February - **Spring Nature Walk** through Dollypers Hill Nature Reserve Meet the Brilliant Butterfly Team at 11am at the Caterham Drive, entrance to the nature reserve, for this community

nature walk in search of signs of Spring. Coulsdon CR5 1JD  
brilliantbutterflies@wildlondon.org.uk

- Saturday 7 March - **Family Woodland Springtime Walk**, Selsdon Wood Meet Croydon's Community Partnership Officer, at 2pm by the wooden bear in the car park, for a stroll in search of signs of Spring – the first flower, chirpy birds, nests, and fresh green everywhere. Event suitable for families aged 5+. biodiversity@croydon.gov.uk
- Sunday 15 March - **Woodland meditation and wellbeing event**  
Take a deep breath and soak in the beauty of nature as it awakens from its winter slumber. Book a place at this event from 1-5pm with Heartwood Forest School, adults only. *Places are limited and booking essential, cost is £28/place* info@heartwoodforestschool.com or call 07984205989
- Sunday 15 March - **Wildlife Survey** What lives and grows on the Sanderstead to Whyteleafe Countryside Area? Help the warden to survey and monitor the commons to inform how we manage the site for wildlife and nature. Help with monitoring various species, from Skylarks to lizards, bats, flowers and slow worms. Meet the Warden at Dunmail Drive at 10.30am for a walk and talk, or call 07771-715-812
- Sunday 15 March - Happy Valley **Junior Wildlife Tracker** A family event looking for the clues that wild animals leave behind, search for tracks, burrows, droppings and toothmarks, and make your own animal track plastercasts. Please call 07716 224096 for further details, as *pre-booking* is essential.

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# What is a Neighbourhood Safety Officer - What can one do for me?



Croydon Communities Consortium have recently profiled the role and remit of Croydon Council's 'Neighbourhood Safety Team' (NST). Our area, Selsdon, is represented by the *NST South Area Team* who are mobile but based in Stubbs Mead Depot in Factory Lane. The South Team comprises a Neighbourhood Safety Manager and 4 Neighbourhood Safety Officers (NSO). They actually cover a large area from Coulsdon Town and Kenley to New Addington via Purley, Sanderstead and Selsdon.

## 1 What Does a NSO Do?

A Neighbourhood Safety Officer provides the *first point of contact* between Croydon Council and residents, businesses and other bodies in 3 key areas:

1. To increase public confidence and reduce fear of crime
2. To prevent and deal with Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)
3. To protect the quality of the local environment.

## 2 What Can a NSO Help With?

They can carry out investigation into environmental crime and ASB and deal with Fly-Tipping, Trade Waste, Highway Obstructions, Overhanging Vegetation, Dog Fouling, Littering, Graffiti, Illegal Street Trading, Anti-Social Behaviour, Unauthorised Encampments and Park Bye-Laws. They also, apparently, monitor refuse collection, street cleansing and kerbside and neighbourhood recycling services ***“by working closely with Council Departments, Police, Veolia and other agencies to provide a seamless public service”***.

## 3 What Powers does a NSO Have?

Whilst they are not members of the Police Service they have many legal powers and can, for instance, act as professional witness evidence gatherers, taking statements which can be used as evidence in court and have, amongst others, powers of confiscation of alcohol, cigarettes and tobacco.

#### 4 How do I contact a NSO?

You can phone **0208 726 6000** or email them at [nsosouthwest@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:nsosouthwest@croydon.gov.uk)

Write to the Neighbourhood Safety Team, South Tasking Area, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor,  
Public Realm Office, Stubbs Mead Depot, Factory Lane, Croydon, CR0 3RL.

#### 5 How Does All of That Help Me?

Clearly the NSO and the Neighbourhood Safety Team have a ***wide remit that touches many facets of our everyday life***. Whether its the drainage gulley down the road which is now blocked with leaves and overflowing, whether its the car which has been left for weeks in the road, whether its the youths which may congregate outside your house at all hours, or the overgrown hedge on the way to the shops where you always have to push your pram into the road to pass by or even the continual deposition of dog faeces around the street tree outside ***it seems that the NSO is there to help.***



#### 6 How Else Can I Report any of these issues?

We also have the option to report any problems via 'My Account' on the Croydon Council website or the 'Don't Mess With Croydon' app on your tablet or smartphone. That is, if you are digitally enabled. Otherwise, snailmail or the telephone, details at 4 above, will suffice. A more comprehensive list of the NSO duties can be found using the links below.

***Ian Leggatt,***  
for the Selsdon Residents Association

Thanks to the Croydon Communities Consortium newsletter for inspiring this article. The full text can be found at <https://croydoncc.wordpress.com/2020/01/16/whats-an-nso-and-what-do-they-do-neighbourhood-safety-team-croydon-south-area-info/#more-13550> . Croydon Council have more information at <https://www.croydon.gov.uk/community/safercroydon/services/enforcement>

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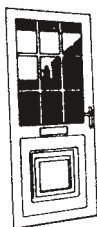
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Selsdon Garage - 1940s and 50s

In the October Gazette Brian Howett wrote an interesting piece about some of his memories of Selsdon in the 1940s, during and after the war. He related how he used to go to the large room over Bailey's Garage on Saturday mornings to watch cow boy films. So did I!

The hall above Selsdon Garage appeared in several guises over the years, each of which I have been to. During the war it was used as a restaurant. After the war, for a short period, a cinema. Next came a button business, which provided both me and my Mum with a bit of pocket money.



There were thousands of plastic moulded buttons – shirt buttons, coat buttons, dress buttons, large, small, different colours, etc. These all needed to be sorted and then sewn onto cards, six to a card. I helped my Mum (my pocket money!) to sort out her allocation of buttons, which she then sewed onto the cards.

The next and probably last use of the hall was as a ballroom and dance school, which I did not go to. I still have two left feet! What a shame that this classic, art deco building has been boarded up for many years and is just rotting away.

The Selsdon Garage was commonly called Bailey's Garage after the family owners. When a boy, Colin Witham, who was in my class at Selsdon Primary, later left Selsdon Secondary he got a job as an apprentice mechanic at the garage and worked there for many years after. He did not have far to travel to work as he lived in one of the houses up on the bank opposite and overlooking Tudor Library. Having a job, Colin bought a lovely Italian racing bicycle. Later, wanting to buy a second hand car he sold the bike to me.

A couple of years later, when I got a job and a bit of money, I sold the lovely Italian racing bicycle in order to buy a motor bike. The boy who bought the bicycle from me, was Ray Thorpe, he also lived in the same row of houses as Colin. A small world! Ray Thorpe, like many of my friends and neighbours, later joined the exodus and emigrated. The last I heard of Ray was that he was in Calgary, Canada.

And so to finish - I have a vague recollection that the “car” that Colin Witham purchased was in fact an ex-W.D Jeep, like that pictured below – but without the machine gun!



After the war there was a huge amount of military hardware to be disposed of. The Jeep filled a gap when the priority was for new British cars to be exported to earn much needed foreign currency. There was a specialist dealer in a huge range of ex-military goods, Pride and Clarke, at Brixton. Their biggest sellers were Jeeps and motor bikes.

The father of an acquaintance of mine (whose name I cannot now remember) and who lived in Dulverton Rd at Selsdon, had a second hand motor cycle shop in Croydon's Addiscombe Rd. He also specialised in selling ex W.D motor bikes, such as the British made AJS, used by the war time despatch riders. He supplied bikes to several of my friends circa 1958/60.



Des Donohoe (des.oldselsdon@gmail.com)

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Creative writing competitions



Get creative with these fantastic, valuable, prestigious and best of all **free to enter** writing competitions. See their websites for the full terms and details. Be inspired and be original! Deadlines are looming - Good luck!

The Write On Art Prize 2020, for ages 15–18 (Years 10 & 11, Years 12 & 13) Closing date March 31

- Pick one artwork featured on the Art UK website and write about it. (Younger category 400 words, older category 600 words max).
- Art UK is the home for all art in UK public collections, it features over 230,000 artworks.

- Prizes: £500, £200. Three runner-up prizes of £100 each. The winners will have their essays featured on the Art UK and Paul Mellon Centre websites.
- See: www.writeonart.org/ for terms, tips and examples of previous winning entries.

The Wicked Young Writer Awards 2020, for ages 5 to 25. Closing date March 2.

- There are five age categories to submit a piece of writing on a theme or subject of your choice.
- There is also the FOR GOOD Award for Non-Fiction, encouraging 11-25-year olds to write essays or articles that recognise the positive impact that people can have.
- Grand prize: a VIP family experience to the West End production of WICKED with backstage tour & cast meet-and-greet, £50 book/eBook tokens, plus £100 worth of books for the 5-14-year old winner's school library. There are further prizes for the winners for the various categories.
- There will be 120 finalists whose work will be published in the annual Wicked Young Writer Awards Anthology. The finalists will also be invited to a ceremony at London's Apollo Victoria Theatre, where judges and members of the WICKED cast will read the winning stories and poems and announce who has won in each category.
- See: www.wickedyoungwriterawards.com/ for more info

The Christopher Tower Poetry Prize 2020, students between 16-18. Closing date March 2.

- Submit poems of up to 48 lines on the theme of Trees
- Prizes: £3,000, £1,500, £500, 4 runner-up prizes of £250. The top three winners will also be offered a place on the prestigious Tower Poetry summer school at Christchurch Oxford University.
- www.chch.ox.ac.uk/research-and-academia/competition-information

The next competition is not free to enter - it does charge a small "admin/reading fee" but is prestigious and for all ages.

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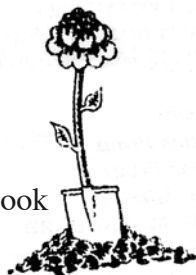
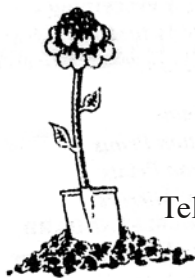
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A word of warning...

Entering Writing competitions can be an excellent motivating force to stimulate your inner creativity HOWEVER some competitions may be *scams* so please be cautious, look at the credibility of the prize givers and avoid any companies and competitions that demand high entrance or other fees.

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Could you write for the Gazette?

Do you have a hobby, interest or story to share with our readers? Don't be shy. We are looking for more voices to contribute articles to the Selsdon Gazette. No long term commitment necessary. Would you be interested? All ages welcome. For a full breakdown on terms and guidance please contact the Editor at **selsdongazettesra@gmail.com**

In summary ideal contributions would be:

From a Selsdon resident, your own words (copyright free!), no more than 650 words, clearly written and suitable for a family/community audience. Topics to write about should be interesting, useful, educating or entertaining to read but ideally contain some local angle or way for readers to engage with your words.

We can't guarantee submissions will be published as The Editor will decide based on edition theme, if there is space and if an article is suitable.

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As well as wanting potential articles we still welcome 'Letters to the Editor'. We hope to hear from you!

Get Outdoors - become a 'Conservation Volunteer'



As a conservation volunteer you won't get paid but you will spend time outdoors, improve your well-being, meet new friends, learn new skills and make a difference to wildlife and the community! There are many different local groups crying out for new helpers - here are just a few!

You will need to have some time to spare, an average level of health, strength and mobility, a willing spirit, practical clothing and shoes for working outside and some refreshments or a packed lunch to keep you going. A good pair of gloves would be helpful. Training and Tools will be provided.

The Friends of Littleheath Woods - Weekly Working Parties Volunteers

Work Parties every *Tuesday* morning throughout the year. There are jobs to suit everyone whatever their ability or capability. Please contact Chris Hyde - 020 8651 4914 or www.folw.co.uk/the-friends.php

The Friends of Selsdon Wood – Practical Work Day Volunteers

Work Days on the first & last *Sunday* of every month from October to March and the first Sunday only for the remaining months. Meet promptly 10am, car park off Old Farleigh Road. Choose tasks which suit your strengths and abilities and work for as long as suits you. Children (under parental supervision) are welcome. Contact Ted Forsyth tedforsyth@btinternet.com or tel: 020 8651 0558 or www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk/workdays.php

Sanderstead Plantation Partners - Weekly Working Parties

Work Parties every *Wednesday* morning throughout the year. Please contact Michael Lishmund 020 8651 2760 or email sanderstead.p.p@gmail.com

Croydon's Environment team - Weekly Volunteer Task Days

Every Wednesday and Thursday in different parks and woodlands in and around Croydon. From 9.45 to 4.00. Tea and coffee provided. The tasks change as needs arise but may involve jobs such as clearing scrub or coppicing at places such as Happy Valley or Selsdon Wood etc. Web: www.tcv.org.uk/london/croydon
Peter Underwood, **Tel:** 020 8686 4993, **Mobile** (on project days): 07801 686 041
Email: volunteer-croydon@tcv.org.uk

Croydon Ponds Project – Join the team

The Conservation Volunteers group is working with local people to research the ecology and history of Croydon's many public ponds. No previous experience is necessary. Contact Adam Asquith, Tel: 020 8686 4993

Email: volunteer-croydon@tcv.org.uk

Bramley Bank and Hutchinson's Bank - practical nature conservation volunteers

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(Expenses can be provided if required for travel within London and for a lunch of under £5.) volunteering@wildlondon.org.uk Or call Shaun Marriott on 07710 194 268 or email smarriott@wildlondon.org.uk

Or www.wildlondon.org.uk/reserves/bramley-bank

Heathfield Ecology Centre - Nature Conservation Volunteers

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The Friends of Croham Hurst Woods – Work Day Volunteers

Work days start at 10.00 am on the last *Saturday* of the month (except August and December). Please contact Maria Gatland maria.gatland@croydon.gov.uk You can work for as long as it suits you but usually we finish by lunch
<https://friendsofcrohamhurstwoods.com/work-days/>

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Nature Notes - Climate Change?



Places like California, Australia and the Mediterranean countries have always been associated with hot weather and frequent wildfires. Recently temperatures have been *over 40C*, life threatening in itself, and the wildfires have been more ferocious than usual. Sea temperatures in the Indian Ocean, thought to be a related cause of the Australian temperatures, and in the

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southern Atlantic higher than normal sea temperatures have produced earlier and stronger hurricanes than usual resulting in more devastating floods caused by the increased heavy rainfall. These may be caused by changing climate but there are other gentler signs that support that conclusion.

During the migration periods in spring and autumn it is not unusual to hear reports of unusual species of birds in almost any type of habitat in the UK. They either continue their journey, leaving the UK to reach their winter destination or flying on to their breeding grounds in other countries, or perish in the attempt. Occasionally a particular species will stay to breed in this country, initially in small numbers, and this first attempt might die out. Collared Dove used to be a rare sight but has stayed and is now common at all times of the year, while the once ubiquitous migrating Turtle Dove has all but vanished probably mainly through habitat loss but possibly also because of hunting in other countries during its migration.

Suitable habitat always plays a large part in making it possible for a new species to breed and in recent years water habitats seem to have been important. The small white heron, the Little Egret, (see image) caused great excitement among birders when it first appeared. Eventually it bred and can now be seen on estuaries, gravel pits, and marshes in numbers sufficient to say it is now a common bird. Recently the much larger Great (White) Egret has arrived and is now breeding in several places and, though it might not be considered a common bird, it can sometimes be seen in sizeable numbers. Spoonbill, another white water bird with a flattened bill, now breeds.



While Bittern has always been a UK breeding bird, albeit in small and varying numbers which are now increasing, a relative, the Dwarf Bittern, has only recently been breeding in this country. Yet another white bird, the Cattle Egret, usually seen in African wildlife films attending the larger animals on the African plains as their hooves disturb the insects and small creatures on the ground, now breeds here. Black-winged Stilts, medium-sized birds with legs which seem to be twice as long as they need be, have bred in small numbers. Glossy Ibis, a dark-coloured species with a down curved bill, can be seen in small flocks of up to a dozen or so birds. The common Grey Heron builds its nest close to neighbours and creates a heronry usually in trees, but its relative, the Purple Heron, is more solitary

in its nesting habits and has bred on several occasions and in several places in the UK.

Away from the water habitats it is difficult to point to species which might indicate climate change. There has been occasional breeding by colourful European Bee-eaters, small Greenfinch-like Serins, and a few other species. There have been losses which might be reversed – Red-backed Shrike and Wryneck have largely vanished as breeding species though they are both regularly recorded on migration. Until recently Golden Oriole was a regular breeding bird though scarce and restricted in the type of habitat it preferred. These and other species might return but rising temperatures often mean heavier rainfall so this might reduce the possibility.

Changes are not confined to birds. Long-tailed Blue butterflies have been breeding on the south coast. Swallowtail butterflies in UK are confined to a marshy area in East Anglia as their caterpillars need a particular water plant. A related Swallowtail which breeds on the continent, and is not so fussy about food plants, is likely to spread in this country. Large Tortoiseshell, which used to breed in UK, is being seen more frequently along with a relative, the Yellow-legged Tortoiseshell. Harlequin Ladybirds (see spiky larvae image) and Asian Hornets are other arrivals which might have an effect on our native species.



Whatever the global effect of rising temperatures, local changes will provide opportunities not only for birds and insects but perhaps for new plants such as orchids. Something we can look for in the next few years.

Ted Forsyth

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Good Bye Fluorescent Lighting?

These familiar lighting tubes have been with us since their World War II development, and are to be found in one form or another in most of our homes, perhaps coiled up as a bulb-replacement in a living room, or above a mirror, or brightening-up the kitchen work bench.

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So it seems that we'll soon be saying 'good-bye' to the familiar tubes!

David Huntley.

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Selsdon Library

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- Monday and Tuesday : 9am to 6pm,

- Wednesday: closed
- Thursday: 9:30am to 6pm, Friday: 9am to 7pm, Saturday: 9am to 5pm
- Sunday: Closed

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- **Rhymetime:** Singing and rhymes for babies, toddlers and their carers. Every Friday and Saturday at 10.30 -11am

Regular Adult Events

- **Chess Mates:** Come along for a game of chess. New players welcome. Every Friday from 2pm
- **Crochet Group:** Friendly crochet group where new members of all abilities are welcome. Every Thursday from 2-4pm

Upcoming special events – Thursday 5 and 19 March 10-11.30

- **Health hub:** (Croydon Age UK) Free Healthy eating and exercise advice and Blood pressure checks.

For further details about events in Selsdon Library contact the library directly or visit www.croydon.gov.uk/leisure/libraries/find-your-library
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- **Selsdon Resident's Association AGM**, 1st April, Church hall, St John the Divine, Upper Selsdon Road doors open 7.40, 8pm start. Meet the SRA Committee, local Police and your local MP, hear a summary of activities and accounts. Free refreshments provided.
- **World Book Day**, 5th March. See your school or library for special events or www.literacytrust.org.uk for reading tips and ideas.

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

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14<sup>th</sup> January (by email)

### **SURPRISE, SURPRISE**

Millions of calendars and diaries have been printed with the wrong date in them. Instead of our first Bank Holiday in May (The May Day Bank Holiday) being on the 4<sup>th</sup> May this year, the Government has now changed it to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May to celebrate Victory in Europe. I am glad the celebration has been changed but obviously many people if they have not read about this point will have to alter their plans for holidays and other events. What a relief that we are not in the publishing business.

*JESSICA BLAKE*

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13<sup>th</sup> January (abbreviated)

### **SELSDON AFTERNOON TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD**

I have pleasure in letting you know what has been happening since November last year when we had a very nice early Christmas lunch at The Chateau to celebrate our 69<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Our meeting in December was most interesting as we were entertained by Sarah Winter with her hand bells and then enjoyed a delicious tea. Our speaker in January will be Mary Forlenza, a very welcome visitor, and her talk is entitled 'Great Lovers'.

We have outings to many interesting places such as Winchester, Canterbury, Scarborough, Highclere Caste and many more and we are

frequent visitors to Wimbledon theatre for a play, musical or ballet.

If your readers fancy joining us we meet at St John's Church Hall in Upper Selsdon Road from 1.30 to 4.00pm on the third Friday of the month.

*ELIZABETH VEASEY*

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19<sup>th</sup> January (Email, abbreviated)

## **SOUL SYMPHONY CHOIR IS CELEBRATING AGAIN!**

Many thanks to everyone who helped Soul Symphony Choir raise the wonderful amount of £700 for Selsdon Contact. Contact is local Neighbourhood care scheme, which provides practical help, advice support and information to people of all ages living in the local area.

At the end of November 2019 Soul Symphony Choir took part in the Open Class Challenge section of the Sutton Music Festival. We hold on to our title 'award-winning choir' for coming first in the Open Challenge. Thank you to everyone who supports us.



We welcome everyone who is interested in joining Soul Symphony Choir to come along on a Tuesday evening at 7PM (not 18<sup>th</sup> February) for a FREE taster session. This term we plan to perform in a variety of places - from care homes and services, to our own concert. Rehearsals are held at St Columba's RC Church Hall, 37 Queenhill Road, Selsdon CR2 8DW.

*JOANNE MILLER* <[info@soulsymphony.co.uk](mailto:info@soulsymphony.co.uk)>

## Solution January 2020 Cryptic Crossword No XC253802

### ACROSS

1 charm offensive. 9 decider. 10 aspirin. 11 ropy. 12 kitty. 13 mite. 16 impulse. 17 conform. 18 head off. 21 revisit. 23 obol. 24 radio. 25 here. 28 idiotic. 29 elegist. 30 The Great Gatsby.

### DOWN

1 Cider With Rosie. 2 alcopop. 3 made. 4 fertile. 5 elastic. 6 sups. 7 vertigo. 8 intermittently. 14 alloy. 15 knave. 19 abolish. 20 fiancée. 21 raiment. 22 species. 26 stag. 27 beta.

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(Editor notes -The SRA is not a part of the DEMOC campaign detailed below, believing residents can choose to join and support individually: as the SRA is a non-political organisation.)

### **MP Chris Philp says... (dated 17 January)**

“Croydon Council does not listen to us, especially on planning. They grant planning consents indiscriminately. Next-door, Bromley and Sutton do not do this. It is Croydon Council’s choice. They should prioritise brownfield and town centre sites first for development, but they do not.

Residents’ associations, many local councillors in the south of the Borough and I have tried to reason with them and ask for some restraint and common sense. But Croydon Council does not listen at all.

A number of local residents’ associations have decided that the only way to fix this mess is to change the way Croydon is run. I am supporting their efforts.

The solution is a Directly Elected Executive Mayor (DEM) to run Croydon, replacing the current system of a Leader. The problem with the current system is that those now running Croydon Council can do so without needing to win any council seats in many parts of the Borough. So they simply ignore those areas (or indeed actively victimise them). People living in Coulsdon, Purley, Kenley, Sanderstead, Selsdon, South Croydon, Waddon, Shirley and Forestdale have experienced this through terrible planning decisions, reduced street cleaning, under-investment and generally poor services.

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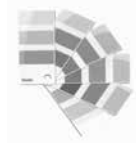
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A further problem is that at present the Leader who runs Croydon is chosen behind closed doors by a handful of councillors on the ruling group – potentially as few as 20. Most of those 20 councillors are then rewarded with lucrative paid positions by the Leader they have just chosen. Accountability to the public doesn't come into it.

Whilst the current 'Leader' is chosen by a few councillors, a DEM is chosen by a majority of all of the voters of Croydon. This means that a DEM could not ignore any part of the Borough as happens now – they would have to listen to the whole Borough. Instead of the Leader being chosen by 20 councillors behind closed doors, the DEM would be chosen by the public and be answerable to them.

A DEM will also provide a chance to lift the image and profile of Croydon. Our town deserves the enhanced status an elected Mayor will bring. Bedford, Bristol, Copeland, Doncaster, Leicester, Liverpool, Hackney, Lewisham, Newham, Tower Hamlets, Mansfield, Middlesbrough, North Tyneside, Salford and Watford already have elected Mayors – as does London as a whole.

The current council Leader is, needless to say, not keen on this idea – he is very happy with his current cosy arrangement. Luckily there is a way in law to force the change. We need to collect around 15,000 signatures on paper, which then triggers a Borough-wide referendum, whose result is binding. If the Referendum is a 'Yes' the change to a DEM legally has to happen.

A campaign to have a DEM has been set up by a group of local residents associations, under the name DEMOC. They have already collected nearly half the signatures needed. Please download the petition form and collect signatures from friends and neighbours:  
<https://democ.org.uk/sign-petition?download=:petition> (there is an address at the bottom to post it back to)

This is our last chance to fix the problems. Please help the campaign to save our neighbourhood!

With best wishes,

**Chris Philp**

Member of Parliament for Croydon South”

“I receive hundreds of letters and emails from residents every week. I aim to get back to people's enquiries as soon as I can and I would love to hear from you. If

you'd like my help with a problem or simply want to let me know your views, you can contact via the details below. **Required information:** Please ensure that you provide your address if you wish to contact me, as this will allow me to check that you live in Croydon South."

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Phone: [020 7219 8026](tel:02072198026) Email: [chris.philp.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:chris.philp.mp@parliament.uk)

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## **#BinTheButt Campaign by KeepBritainTidy.org**

Dropped cigarette butts are the most common form of littering. The **#BinTheButt** campaign aims to raise awareness amongst smokers and highlight the link between the cigarette butt they drop on the street or down the drain and the impact it has on the marine environment.

What begins in our streets can end in the sea. As well as plastic, cigarette filters are comprised of thousands of chemical ingredients, including arsenic, lead and nicotine, all of which can leak into marine environments. According to studies, just one cigarette butt per litre of water is highly toxic to fish. Placing butts in Flower beds and Pots is similarly contaminating. Bins are best. Perhaps smokers could carry a small box/tin to hold them if out and about away from litter bins.

## **Used Chewing gum – wrap and bin please!**

There are an estimated 20 million chewers in the UK and over 935 million packs of chewing gum are sold each year. Regrettably some people think it is OK to throw unwanted wet gum onto the floor or place under public seating where it dries rigid and doesn't decompose. Keeping public areas clean is essential for pleasant communal living. The average cost to hire companies to clean up gum from a town centre is £20k. It costs 3p per stick to buy but 10p to prise off the streets. A waste of scarce public funds. Gum chewers please wrap and bin your waste.



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The meetings on Thursday afternoons are from 2.00-4.00 pm (with free refreshment break) at the Sanderstead Methodist Church Hall on Limsfield Road, the postcode is CR29EF. Limited car parking is available.



The 2020 Spring session runs from 9 January-19 March: the fee for the term is £30.00 – if paid by the end of January, it's reduced to £25.00. If you're unable to come to every class, the cost is £4.00 per session.



So, come along any Thursday for a free 'taster' Whether you're new to opera, or simply a lover of this varied and fascinating art form - sit back, relax, and listen to some wonderful music...

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Phishing is a type of attack in which cyber criminals trick victims into handing over sensitive information or installing malware on their electronic devices. More often than not they do this via malicious emails that appear to be from trusted senders.



Malicious email attachments, which usually have enticing names, such as 'INVOICE', install malware on victims' machines when opened. They often try to make their email seem URGENT, that your account might be closed unless you act immediately.

The best policy is to learn their tricks, recognise them and report them. You should be OK if you don't click any links within the email. So to identify them:

- Look at the email address not just the sender. The "sender" name may supposedly be from something well known such as Paypal but their email address has the wrong 'domain' name which is the bit after the @ symbol.
- Does the email use a non-specific greeting such as 'Dear Customer' rather than your name?
- Is the email poorly written or misspelled?

Malicious links point to websites that are often clones of legitimate ones, (such as Microsoft or Netflix) which download malware or whose login pages contain credential-harvesting scripts if you click into the link.

- In the suspect email hover your mouse over the enclosed link without clicking to see where it goes.
- If in doubt don't open. Get someone else's opinion if unsure
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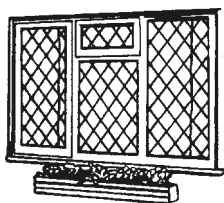
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# **A SELECTED LIST OF SELSDON ORGANISATIONS**

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## **CHURCHES**

|                                                   |                |              |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Forestdale & Selsdon Community Church             |                | 8657 0078    |
| St John the Divine (Church of England)            | Parish Office  | 8657 2343    |
| Selsdon Baptist                                   | Office         | 8651 4308    |
| St Columba's (Roman Catholic)                     |                | 8657 3747    |
| St Francis (Church of England)                    | Monks Hill     | 8657 7864    |
| Croydon Jubilee Church                            | Office         | 8651 2807    |
| Upper Selsdon Road Hall (Christian meeting place) |                | 8657 2417    |
| Church of Jesus Christ of LDS                     | Bishop Hawkins | 01883 349914 |

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| Selsdon Park Medical Practice                                                 | 8657 0067 |
| Croydon University Hospital (formerly Mayday Hospital, 24/7)                  | 8401 3000 |
| New Addington Minor Injuries Unit (Mon-Fri 14:00-22:00/Sat-Sun 12:00-22:00)   | 8251 7225 |
| Purley War Memorial Hospital (Urgent Care Centre, 08:00-20:00, 365 days/year) | 8401 3238 |

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| Croydon Hearing Resource Centre                                                                                               | Office                                                                                          | 8686 0049     |
| Bourne Society                                                                                                                | Roger Packham                                                                                   | 01883 349287  |
| Croydon Natural History & Scientific Society                                                                                  | Brian Lancaster                                                                                 | 8668 6909     |
| Croydon Recorded Music Society                                                                                                | Liz Brereton                                                                                    | 8656 7382     |
| Croydon Voluntary Association for the Blind                                                                                   |                                                                                                 | 8668 2486     |
| Cruse Bereavement Care Helpline                                                                                               |                                                                                                 | 8916 0855     |
| Friends of Littleheath Woods                                                                                                  | Ian Leggatt                                                                                     | 8651 1140     |
| Friends of Selsdon Wood                                                                                                       | see website: <a href="http://www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk">www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk</a> |               |
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