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Editor's Note

Welcome to the February 2019 issue of the Gazette.

We start this month with an extension to the usual SRA News 'n' Views advertising the March AGM and providing the Annual Report. This is followed by the usual notices from Councillors including a message about street cleaning which I would recommend everyone to read.

There are a couple of pieces by Janet Sharp (p17) to mark International Women's Day on March 8th 2019 - see www.internationalwomensday.com and Des Donohoe then continues his series Through the Eyes of a War Baby (p22) with a look at the green fields which dominated Selsdon in the middle of the last century.

We have an article about a charity tuck shop raising funds for the Scoliosis Association (p28) and in Nature Notes we learn about Commensalism (p33). If you have no idea what that is, all is explained in Ted's informative article.

There is a piece on antisocial behaviour and what you can do about it (p37) and we end with an appeal from Sanderstead Horticultural Society for a new show secretary (p37).

Amongst the correspondence (p50) is a response from Des Donohoe to the letter from Sarah Biddiscombe in the December issue asking for information about a fishmonger in the high street in the mid 20th Century. There is also a letter about poor service in Sainsbury's and the recycling bin saga continues with two more letters of complaint.

Regards,
Heather

✿ SUBMISSIONS FOR THE MARCH 2019 EDITION
SHOULD BE WITH THE EDITOR NO LATER THAN
20TH FEBRUARY ✿

SRA NEWS ‘n’ VIEWS

Police

Many of you will have met our long-serving PCSO John Rosemeyer. I have learnt recently that John has left Selsdon for new pastures - I know not where, but we will miss him and wish him well.

Croydon Borough Commander Jeff Boothe has been assigned to other duties for the past 3 months. Meanwhile, Dave Stringer, a senior chief superintendent, is deputising.

Since the change in ward boundaries the police now have separate panel meetings for each ward. Selsdon Vale and Forestdale have met three times whilst Selsdon and Addington Village only once with a promise of a January meeting which, so far, has not happened. Our crime figures do remain very low and can be checked anytime on the Met Police site.

Additional GP Services

A service called “GP Hubs” has been commissioned by Croydon Commissioning Group (CCG). These can be found at Purley War Memorial Hospital, Parkway Health Centre, New Addington and East Croydon Medical Centre. The Hubs are open from 8.00am to 8.00pm, 365 days a year, and they can assist with urgent treatment only. You do not need an appointment to be seen but it helps if you call 111 before attending, as they are able to book proper appointments at these sites. Please consider using this service before attending A&E department at any hospital. Croydon University Hospital (like so many other hospitals) continues to be under extreme pressure in A&E.

Shops

Selsdon now has its very own micro brewery called The Golden Ark (in what was Selsdon Stationers). You can drop in for a pint from 12.00pm-10.30pm.

AGM

We still have two vacancies on our committee and would love to hear from anyone with a little time to help out in our community. We meet 10 times a year at The Selsdon Centre for the Retired on a Monday evening.

Please come along to St John's on 13th March 2019 for a short formal meeting followed by a glass of wine.

Sheila Childs, Chair SRA

You are invited to

The SELSDON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held on Wednesday 13th March 2019

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, local Councillors and local police to talk about your neighbourhood. We have three Committee vacancies to be filled this year. Please see the AGM Agenda and Annual report in the February Gazette, which is also available online at selsdon-reidents.co.uk

The AGM lasts about an hour, with a chance for drinks and chat afterwards. We hope you can join us and perhaps bring a neighbour. We enjoy meeting you all. Please arrive in good time to read the 2018 minutes and financial accounts.

Please mark this on your calendar now so you don't forget 😊

SELSDON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION, AGM

Wednesday 13th March 2019, 8pm, Church Hall, St John the Divine,
Upper Selsdon Rd

2019 SRA AGM Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Police report
3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 13th March 2018. (Copies available at the meeting)
4. Matters arising from the Minutes
5. The Annual report for 2018 (printed in February Gazette - see below - and available at the meeting)
6. Treasurer's Report with adoption of the Accounts for 2018 (copies available at the meeting)
7. The Selsdon Gazette – Editor's Report
8. Christmas Lights
9. Annual Subscription – to resolve the cost per household for 2019/2020 (proposed to remain unchanged at £3)
10. Election of Officers and Members of the Executive Committee for 2019/2020
11. Adoption of the Hon. Accounts Reviewer for 2019
12. Any other business

SRA ANNUAL REPORT 2018

The SRA formed in 1926 to advance and protect the interests of the residents of Selsdon. Our membership covers about 4,000 households.

The SRA Committee

A Committee of up to 14 elected volunteers meet most months to discuss Selsdon issues and to take action where necessary. They also attend council, police, transport and other meetings on our behalf and organise local events. There are vacancies on the Committee and volunteers who live in Selsdon would be very welcome to join. Contact selsdonresidents@yahoo.co.uk or speak to Chairman Sheila Childs on 0208-651-2285.



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To enhance our High Street, for a third year, the SRA arranged for floral arrangements in the high street with additional funding from Selsdon Funeral Service and Vintage 62 Hair Salon. The cost involves not only procurement and placement but also regular watering. Some businesses placed their own floral arrangements in addition, which was great to see.

A free 'bring your own' Community picnic was held again in July in Selsdon Wood for all Selsdon residents. The SRA would like to thank the 2nd Selsdon & Addington Scouts for their help in organising refreshments and games. It was agreed that next year this event would merge with the Selsdon Woods Open Day on Sunday 8th September when there are also craft and charity stalls to view.

11th November 2018 was the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War 1. From August you will have seen some decorative poppies on the High Street lamp posts and around Selsdon as some individual homes chose to join in the commemoration organised by the SRA in conjunction with the RBL.

Having noted the trend towards garden developments and 'intensification' in Croydon, the SRA now pays annually for access to an online planning app designed to summarise the Council Planning site to allow our residents to see for themselves in good time what relevant local planning applications have been made. Find the link from the 'About the SRA' page of our website or from www.localplanningapps.co.uk/croydon/sra/anupdate/planningtable.html. Keep checking this and if you can see a problem with an application make your suggestions/objections known in good time. Sensible changes to plans will save a lot of grief later!

The Selsdon Gazette – Residents receive a paper copy through their door (with grateful thanks to all volunteers involved) and now The Selsdon Gazette is also available online at www.selsdon-residents.co.uk. Our Editor welcomes your contributions of local stories or news. Don't be shy - guidance on format and length is available. Paper copies of The Selsdon Gazette are available at

Selsdon Library and an archive is also held by the Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society (to which the SRA pays an annual subscription).

The eye catching Selsdon Christmas lights are paid for by the goodwill donations of residents and some traders and this year, as last, by a large donation from the 2018 Councillors' Community fund. It was great to see so many people turn up for the switch-on night, with special thanks to the Selsdon Primary school choir and all the volunteers who helped with their time or with donations - and of course to Father Christmas!

Accounts

A full balance sheet for 2018 will be presented at the next AGM, which will be held on 13th March 2019 at St John's Hall, Upper Selsdon Road. The continuation of the SRA depends on your voluntary annual subscriptions; the rate has not been increased with inflation for many years now and remains at a bargain £3 per household. Donations are also gratefully received. Thanks to the Treasurers Iris Jones (SRA) and Dick Adamson and Choi Kim (The Gazette) and to Angela Jones who reviews the Accounts.

Ward Boundaries

The Local Government Boundary Commission changed the Selsdon electoral ward boundaries from May 2018. See our new website www.selsdon-residents.co.uk for more information. In summary 'Selsdon' for the purposes of Council and election matters will be linked with an increased amount of neighbouring residential areas and then be split into two – north and south. The police have chosen to follow this split with their nominated Police Officers which means that each side of the high street have different nominated officers to attend to matters! It also means that the SRA must attend two sets of police meetings. Otherwise not a great deal seems to have changed so far by the division - the SRA continues to look out for Selsdon as a whole.

2018 Local news

As the end of 2018 we were extremely sorry to say goodbye to the longstanding and highly valued PSCO John Rosemeyer, who has been moved elsewhere in the Borough. John has been the trusted, constant and friendly face of our local safer neighbourhood team. We will certainly miss him!

We all received large wheelie recycling bins this year to replace the previous boxes - whether we wanted them or not! Whether this is the right approach is up for debate but we can all agree that the protecting the environment has to be a priority for us all. Fortunately in Selsdon we are only a short walk away from the shops and other facilities and have all got access to good public transport routes. Perhaps if our health permits, both for air quality and our personal fitness, we can walk if, for example, our journey is less than a mile - or maybe even purchase a wheeled shopping trolley to carry the load! We can also help the environment by putting plants in front gardens and window boxes – this benefits the air and the eye!

Janet Sharp, SRA Secretary

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COUNCILLORS' NOTES

NEW ZEBRA CROSSING

Over the last few months council officers have been working on a proposal to provide a formal crossing on Farley Road by the junction with Croham Valley Road (as per plan on page 12). This request came from a local resident within the area and after some feasibility studies and surveys it has been established that a new zebra crossing would be ideal for this location. It is felt it would be well used, especially given that the proposed location is between two existing bus stops.

This new proposed zebra crossing will make up part of the 2019/20 works programme. We would welcome any comments that you may like to make on the proposal. Please email Cllr Pollard or Cllr Ward with comments and we will feedback to the Council.



NEW ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY FACILITY

Following a £21m building programme, a new A&E unit has recently opened at Croydon University Hospital.

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HOW THE COUNCIL CLEANS OUR STREETS

From talking to residents, it is clear that many people are unaware that the Council changed the way it cleans streets in April last year. Previously there was a schedule which included every street in the borough – some streets were cleaned weekly, others as rarely as every six weeks. Now however, streets are cleaned on a 'needs basis' - they are only cleaned when it has been identified, either by a Council inspector or from a report by a member of the public, that cleaning is required. However, there are only so many streets that can be inspected, and it means that many streets in Selsdon have not been inspected – and therefore haven't been cleaned. Unsurprisingly, we are beginning to see many complaints about the standard of the street cleaning.

Given the limited amount of inspections carried out by the Council, the best way for those of us who care about Selsdon to get streets cleaned more frequently is to report dirty streets ourselves. This can be done either by downloading the Council's mobile app, called Don't mess with Croydon, or by registering for a MyCroydon account on the Council website.

Although we opposed the Council's decision to essentially outsource the reporting of dirty streets to residents, especially as we frequently receive complaints that the reporting system is not working, we have to work with the system that is in place. We therefore encourage all residents to use the online reporting tools, and if they are unable to for any reason to contact us so that we can raise a report.

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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Robert.ward@croydon.gov.uk

Stuart.millson@croydon.gov.uk

Andy.stranack@croydon.gov.uk

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18/05855/LP – 23 Rylandes Road, South Croydon CR2 8EB -
Demolition of existing garage, erection of single storey side/rear extension

18/06087/HSE – 4 The Ruffetts, South Croydon, CR2 7LQ -
Erection of rear dormer roof extension

18/05994/FUL – 167 Selsdon Park Road, South Croydon, CR2 8JJ -
Erection of a single storey side/rear extension to existing Dental Surgery

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NOTABLE CROYDON WOMEN

Dorinda Neligan (1833-1914) was Irish, educated at the Sorbonne and served with the British Red Cross in France during the Franco-Prussian War in 1870 (aged 37). A formidable character, it was said that she was left in sole charge of the wounded at Metz. She was a bold choice as the founding Headmistress of Croydon High School (1874-1901), (then based in Central Croydon). There is an oil painting of her by JJ Shannon in 1901.

Dorinda supported the Women's Emancipation Union in 1894, the Central Society for Women's Suffrage in 1900, the WSPU and then the WFL and the Church League for Women's Suffrage. She was patroness of the Actresses' Franchise League, which had a branch in Croydon. She was Head of Croydon High for twenty-seven years and after retirement, in her seventies, she was arrested for being part of a suffrage deputation to Prime Minister Asquith. The women were treated harshly and it was said that she assaulted a policeman but escaped prison, presumably because of her age.

As a supporter of the Tax Resistance League, her goods were restrained and sold in April 1912. One of her pupils was **Elsa Gye**, musician and Suffragette organiser, whose beautiful voice suffered from force feeding in prison.

Another notable pupil of hers was **Kate Evelyn Luard**, born in Essex but educated at Croydon High School for Girls from 1887 to 1890. Perhaps inspired by Miss Neligan's early career she decided to become a nurse, so worked as a private teacher and governess to raise the necessary funds for her training. She trained at Kings College Hospital, London.

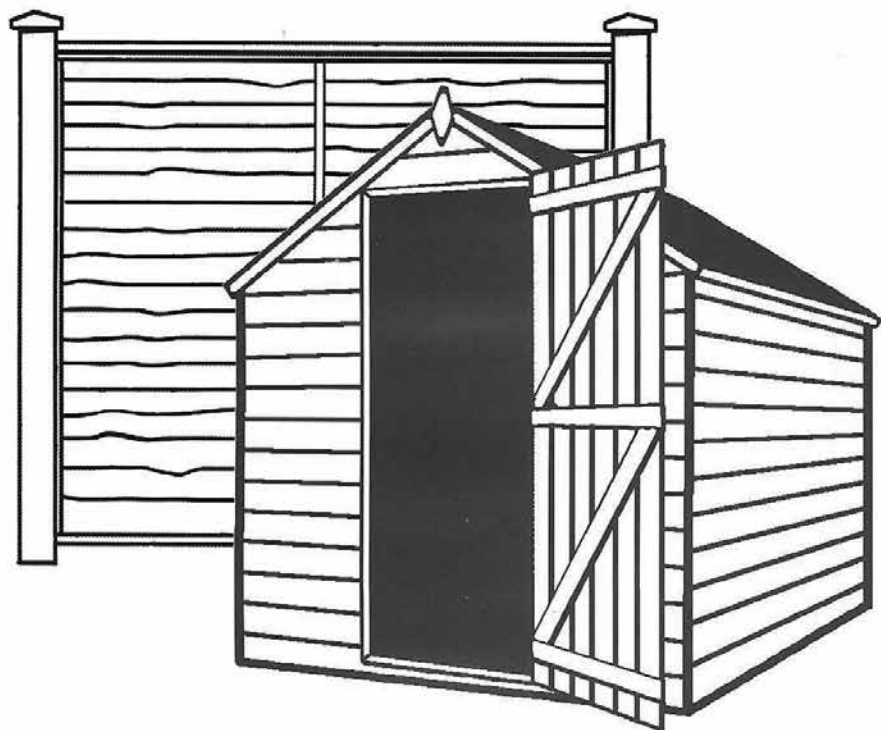
In 1900 Kate served for two years in South Africa in the 2nd Anglo Boer War. By 1911, at the age of 38, she was matron at the Maitland Sanatorium, Peppard, Henley-on-Thames.

On 6th August 1914, just two days after the declaration of World War 1, aged 42 years, she enlisted in the QAIMNRS, (Queen Alexander Imperial Military Nursing Reserve Service). Kate embarked on 12th August 1914 to France and Belgium where she served until 17th November 1919. From August 1914 to 1915 she was nursing on ambulance trains and then at clearing stations, always at or near the front lines.

She was twice mentioned in dispatches for gallant and distinguished service in the field and awarded the rare distinction of the **Royal Red Cross medal 1st class and bar**, like Florence Nightingale.

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It was during Kate's time in or near the front lines that she exchanged many letters with her family at home and they formed the basis of the two books that she wrote: *The Diary of a Nursing Sister on the Western Front 1914-15* and *Unknown Warriors 1914-1918* published in 1930 and republished in 2014.

Janet Sharp

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WOMEN IN 2019

What can we learn from former Croydon resident and suffragist Dorinda Neligan? More than 100 years ago she marched in London for women's rights after a long career helping, leading and inspiring others. Today, whilst some progress has been made regarding equality, there are still many particular challenges that women must face which stop them from reaching their potential.

Whilst moral arguments for equality are easy to ignore, there are financial reasons which may be more persuasive:

- More and more families rely on women's wages – the State provides less money to help
- People are living longer and may have caring responsibilities for longer. This can disproportionately affect women and mean a loss of skills and talent (and therefore profit) for many companies if the carers have to leave the workforce
- With artificial intelligence and automation on the rise, organisations need to utilise the full strength and talents of both men and women.

As a society, and as individuals, we can encourage Governments and companies to take positive steps, such as:

- Mandate the minimum amount of support for carers in the workforce

- Increase workplace flexibility for both women and men
- Encourage companies to review and improve training, salaries and leadership opportunities – this needs to be transparent
- Recognise the true value of what has been perceived as traditional ‘women’s work and skills’ to the economy and raising its status and pay.

As individuals, every day we can challenge statements and actions that limit women, be aware of gender stereotyping and make sure we use inclusive language. We can also recognise and support the achievements of women in all fields, from both past and present and celebrate them.

Once a year in March to coincide with ‘International Women’s Day’, The Southbank Centre in London, holds a **‘Women of the World’** festival with fantastic speakers and events. Check their website for information and to book free tickets.

Janet Sharp

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SELSDON’S GREEN FIELDS - MID 1940S

It was interesting to read young Cameron Sharp’s item in the October Gazette, about the Goschen family and their local land holdings. Cameron makes mention of the disposal of Ballards Estate, a large part of which was sold for housing.

As a young boy growing up in Abbey Rd, Selsdon, I remember the green fields of Ballard’s Farm alongside Selsdon Park Rd, where herds of cows grazed. I also used to see their horse drawn milk floats making deliveries of milk from Ballard’s Farm Dairy.

After the war finished these fields soon disappeared to be replaced by prefabs in what was to become Monks Hill Estate. Monks Hill Estate was a much needed housing development for Croydon Council, to replace the housing stock destroyed during the war.

Monks Hill being in Addington, was in the Borough of Croydon, whereas Selsdon was then part of Purley and Coulsdon District Council and in the County of Surrey, and thus not then a part of Greater London.

Something that perhaps few will know is that when ground works began at Monks Hill, the main labour force was prisoners of war. Of course it made good sense to use this labour force (idle hands etc.) as they had to be fed, housed and paid by the tax payer even if they did nothing (Geneva Convention).

On the other side of the main road, where Selsdon Park Road becomes the Addington Road, and on the corner of the road named Ashen Vale, is the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints. At that time, mid 1940s and for many years after, this site was a very smelly pig farm, alongside which a lovely wooded footpath led down to the Bird Sanctuary, as I knew it, or Selsdon Wood at it is now more commonly known. This path still exists, being part of the long distance London Loop path. However, being now sandwiched between two large housing estates (Forestdale and Ashen Vale) it has lost its original rustic ambience.



Just to the right of where this path enters the Bird Sanctuary, and backing on to it, was another pig farm on what is now Quail Gardens. This one (and possibly the other one) was owned by Mr Ockleford, who had a butcher's shop in Selsdon. This shop, on the

Addington Road, was probably where the Santander Bank or Costa Coffee now are.

Next to Ockleford's pig farm were kennels where Shetland sheep dogs were bred. Due to wartime and post-war rationing, I assume that these lucky dogs got bones and meat scraps from the pig farm/ butcher's shop. Probably more tasty than Ockleford's sausages, which like all "sawdust flavoured", wartime sausages were made mainly of bread!

I moved away from Selsdon to Dover in 1963, and looking at a road map of this area as it is now, it is unrecognisable to how I knew it. The housing estates of Ashen Vale and Forestdale did not then exist. These two large areas consisted of fields, woods and a few smallholdings (for example the pig farms and dog kennels) dating back to post WWI. And there was also an overgrown plot of land alongside the northern boundary of the Bird Sanctuary, with a long-abandoned outdoor swimming pool. I was told that in pre-war days this was a nudist camp - for naturists, not naturalists!

Ashen Vale was then an unmade road, little more than a cart track. It continued from the Addington Road all the way to Old Farleigh Road, joining it with what is now Sandpiper Road, where (below) the car is shown exiting.

It was of interest to me, that when I used to go along Ashen Vale, that I never once saw a car. When I took this photo (in November 2018) I had to wait for a couple of minutes because the constant traffic in and out of Sandpiper and up and down Old Farleigh kept obscuring the picture that I was trying to take!





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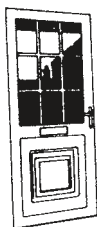
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One more thing that I was reminded of whilst waiting for my photo. One hundred yards further down Old Farleigh Road, at its lowest point, there was a tank trap. An invasion by the Germans was a very real possibility early on in the war. One of many defensive measures was the installation of tank traps. I know of 3, probably 4, in the main routes through Selsdon.

So what was a tank trap? A very simple construction to stop, or at least impede, an enemy advance. Two or three square pits (depending on road width) were dug in the road. Then 3 or 4 foot cubes of concrete were lowered into the pits. The cubes had recessed iron ring handles, which in time of need, allowed the cubes to be lifted out of the pit and used to block the road. Advancing vehicles could not go around because of the deep pits. Of course they would not work now because of the easy availability of bull dozers, cranes, etc. But this was when hydraulic power was in its infancy and such equipment was not so easy to obtain.



Des Donohoe

Editor's Note - It has been suggested that we should include mug shots of our writers - here's a cup-of-tea shot of Des to set the ball rolling. More from Des next month.

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RAISING AWARENESS OF SCOLIOSIS

Junior tennis club member opens Charity Tuck Shop at Selsdon Tennis Club.

Seeing a child who had been restricted by a back brace for several years, with limited movement after painful surgery made a lasting impact on local 6th former, Grace Cooper. While doing work experience in a school and a hospital, Grace saw the impact of Scoliosis on a young girl. Grace was so taken with the difficulties and frustrations this child faced that she decided to take action to raise awareness and money for the Scoliosis Association. Grace, a member of Selsdon Tennis club is running a charity tuck shop at the club and all proceeds are going to The Scoliosis Association.

Scoliosis is an abnormal twisting or curving of the spine, causing back pain and in severe cases crushing of the lungs and heart. It affects about 4 million of the UK population (National Scoliosis Association) and is common in children between 10-15 years. There

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There is much that can be done. The Scoliosis Association UK (SAUK) offers support and advice for patients and their families, around treatment, information, how to find a specialist and network groups to keep in touch and share experiences. SAUK work closely with the British Scoliosis Research Foundation (BSRF) which is looking into the causes and treatments.

Grace said, 'It made me realise how lucky we all are and just take for granted that we can move around freely to do what we want. For so many that is painful and difficult. Even just a small contribution can make a difference if it helps someone get the support they need'.

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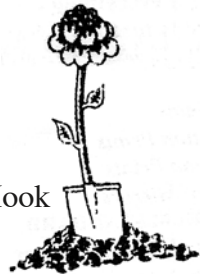
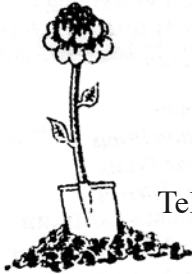
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NATURE NOTES

COMMENSALISM, etc

Symbiotic relationships between organisms form a spectrum running from parasitism at one end, where one organism lives on and harms another, to mutual dependence at the other where both organisms benefit and possibly require each other for survival.

To emphasise particular behaviours biologists divide the spectrum into different categories. Commensalism is one such category, the name arising from words meaning “at the table”. My dictionary defines commensalism as a relationship between two species in which one obtains benefits from the other without harming or benefiting it.

This relationship is nicely illustrated by the example of sharks and remoras. The remora is a fish which has adopted the habit of literally attaching itself to a shark by means of a sucker which has evolved on the top of its head. As a result, while quite capable of swimming by itself, it is carried around by the shark and can obtain bits of food when the shark feeds. The shark gets no benefit from the arrangement and does not seem to suffer any inconvenience.

House Sparrows make their nests under the eaves of houses and in barns where their close association with humans gives them shelter and can provide them with opportunities to gather food and nesting material. I have seen farm buildings in which the main rafter inside the barn was covered from one end to the other by House Sparrow nests. Swallows also nest in barns and House Martins nest under eaves but there are still a few places where House Martins retain their ancient habit of nesting on cliff faces.

Dogs and cats have evolved from wild species by, presumably, feeding on food left around human settlements until over time they have become dependent on the conditions and have become tame.

Gulls following a plough, a Robin eagerly watching a gardener

digging, Cattle Egrets and Yellow Wagtails feeding on insects disturbed by grazing animals, are all examples of commensalism.

A somewhat different category is mutualism where both organisms benefit. The human body is coated, both inside and out, by a varied collection of bacteria and fungi. The bacteria in the gut perform various functions, one of which involves releasing vitamins which obviously benefit the host while the bacteria have a nice warm place to live with plentiful and regular food supply.

Termites are social insects like ants and live in vast colonies. They leave the termite mound to forage for grass and other vegetation which they cannot eat. Instead they use it as a form of compost for fungi which digest the vegetation while the termites dine on the fungi which they tend.

Sloths are notoriously slow-moving animals found in South American rain forest. Their pelage carries algae, fungi and many little moths. The moths spend part of their life cycle on the sloth but on the occasions when the animal descends to the ground to defecate the moths hop off to lay their eggs on the deposit then return to the sloth. I presume that the feeding the moths do on the animal will provide some benefit in keeping it clean and healthy.

Parasites harm their hosts but it is not always obvious that parasitism is involved. Fungi in a woodland help the process of decay and break down plant material to release nutrients so their behaviour is parasitic, but some fungi form a mutual relationship with plants and trees, gathering materials like phosphorus and nitrogen from a wider area than the roots of the host can reach and exchanging these materials in exchange for sugars developed photosynthetically by the host.

There are many other sub-categories of behaviour which can be found by careful and close examination of what happens in nature.

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ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN SELSDON

Littleheath Woods was, over the course of the summer, affected by Anti-Social Behaviour, particularly in the field behind Littleheath Road accessed via the entrance opposite Brent Road. There were reports of parties and certainly evidence of drug-taking and substance abuse were regularly seen with the clear plastic bags, filter tips and small nitrous oxide gas canisters assiduously removed by our band of volunteers and helpers. Walking around the Selsdon area it is clear that the problem is not confined to Littleheath Woods so the following advice may be useful for neighbours who may be troubled by similar anti-social behaviour.

The advice received from the Council's own Neighbourhood Safety Team is that in the event of witnessing any anti-social behaviour firstly you should report any concerns to the Metropolitan Police on the 101 number, via their Twitter account @MetCC, or 999 if it is an emergency. Secondly to advise the Neighbourhood Safety Team on 0208 726 6200, via the My Croydon app or online at www.croydon.gov.uk/myaccount

Whilst the Neighbourhood Safety Team do not operate 24/7 they can carry out patrols up to 10pm and are able to liaise with the Police. Their email is nsosouthwest@croydon.gov.uk

Unfortunately much of policing is reactive these days so the more reports you can provide when you witness anti-social behaviour the more chance there is of getting something done about it.

Ian Leggatt

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FRIENDS OF LITTLEHEATH WOODS

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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.

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Adult reading groups, third and last Thursday of the month at 11:00-12:00. First Saturday of the month 2:30pm. Join our friendly reading groups where you can discuss books and give your own opinion. Admission free. No booking required.

One-Off Activities

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Mindfulness colouring event, Friday 22nd of February at 4:30-6:30pm. Relax your mind and take part in our mindfulness event, filled with a wide range of anti-stress colouring sheets. Admission free. Booking required. For adults.

World Book Day

World Book Day, Thursday 17th of March at 4:30-5:00pm. Run, run

as fast you can down to Selsdon library for our gingerbread man craft and story session. If you like you can even dress up as your favourite book character. Admission free. No booking required. For families.

Shamrock man craft session

Shamrock man craft, Saturday 16th of March at 2:00pm-3:00pm. Head on down and make your own shamrock man this St Patrick's day. Admission free. No booking required. For families.

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For details of regular activities for children and adults in all Croydon Libraries please see: <http://www.croydon.gov.uk/leisure/libraries>

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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 December 2018

I read the letter in the Selsdon Gazette from Sarah Biddiscombe, re her grandad's shop in Selsdon. I do remember it as a very young child, and of course going to the fish shop with my Mum during the war years. Unfortunately, being so young my memories are rather vague!

Fish was not rationed during the war, but obviously in short supply. In those far off days people were more religious than today, thus it was customary for many to not eat meat on a Friday (i.e. Christ was crucified on Good Friday). So my Mum would often buy fish (if it was available) on Fridays. I did not remember the name of the shop during the war, but have seen two others who also remembered the shop as Taylor's fish shop. I note in your letter that you refer to the shop as W.V. & Sons. I do not know if the name "Taylor" was because they knew your grandad as "Mr Taylor", or whether that was the name over the shop.

Unfortunately I do not, and have not seen, a photo of the Broadway during the 1940s when your grandad had the shop.

My memory of the fish shop's owner at a later date was as Sands, or Sandy's because I knew the Sands/Sandy's boy who was about my age and at Selsdon Primary School when I was there. I was aware that the Sands were "new" owners and not the originals during the war years. Your letter in the Selsdon Gazette clarifies my memories because you say that the shop was owned by your grandad until 1946. This puts a date on my recollections. I should add the shop and its premises remained unaltered.

Des Donohoe

Editor's Note - Sarah replied to Des thanking him and saying that she has forwarded his email to her dad who lived over his parents' fish shop as a child. I am pleased that the Gazette has managed to contribute to this sharing of memories ☺

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1st January 2019

Good morning Heather and a Happy New year to you.

I write in response to the comment by Adrian Gates in the December Gazette about the lack of response from the Council to problems over the recycling boxes. This is exactly identical to my

problem. My last response to the Council was, 'as you are unable to understand e-mails I will look after the blue bin until such times you wish to collect it'. Several times I have sent them e-mails about the fact that my old blue bin has not been taken away and they reply with an apology about missed collections, which has nothing to do with my request. I wrote to them by letter explaining my problem. The reply I received later was, would you please supply your name and address. At this point I gave up, and the blue bin still sits at the end of the garden.

We experienced another problem early morning in December, whereby the refuse collector dropped a bin of garden refuse in the road. It spread from the kerb to the centre of the road; they tried to clear it until the broom broke, which they left in the road and then drove off. I spent many hours trying to get somebody to clear the mess. I gave up in the afternoon. It was several days before the road was swept, whether manually or by machine I don't know, but the broom handle still remains 100 yards down the road and is now on the pavement. If this wasn't serious it would be funny.

Regards D.J. Redrupp

18th January

Dear Editor,

I received my copy of the Selsdon Gazette yesterday and was not surprised to read the article on the problem with the bin collections.

It is not the landfill collection but the recycling. Twice since Christmas they have failed to empty my recycling and twice I have reported it through the correct channels on their website. Nothing. I did manage to get to talk to someone via email who looked up my address and reported that the contractor had come back to the house but the bins were not out - untrue!! I left the bins out until the next collection.

I wonder how long it would take the council to chase me up if I

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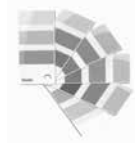
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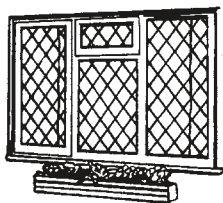
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withheld my rates??? I live at the end of Abercorn Close on Selsdon Ridge, paying the second to highest rate band in the borough for which I seem to get nothing. The gritter never attempts our road nor the road sweepers. We have installed our own outside lights as the nearest lamp post is a way away and as for road repairs..... Now with the non-collection of my recycling I feel that the council are ripping me off. Please add me to your list of complainers.

Regards

Mrs Margaret Lloyd, 31, Abercorn Close, CR2 8TG

Editor's Note - I have passed these letters on to the Councillors who have agreed to follow them up and will be happy to help any other residents who are still experiencing problems with bin collections. Residents might find it more useful to contact the Councillors rather than the Council officials and the names of all four local Councillors are published under the Councillors' Notes in every issue of the Gazette.

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15th January

In Sainsburys I went to the fish counter, there was no one serving. I spoke to an assistant who was filling shelves, he said he couldn't serve me. Two men standing behind the meat counter, looked at me & said they would serve me in five minutes. Well I waited 10 mins, still no one came. I was just about to tear off some of the paper covering other fish, with a view to serving myself, when another man strolled up. Of course I was told not to touch the fish. He proceeded to slowly put on an apron & hat before coming to serve me. This was 3-30 pm, so I wasn't holding them up to go home. I think they will lose customers if they don't have serving staff.

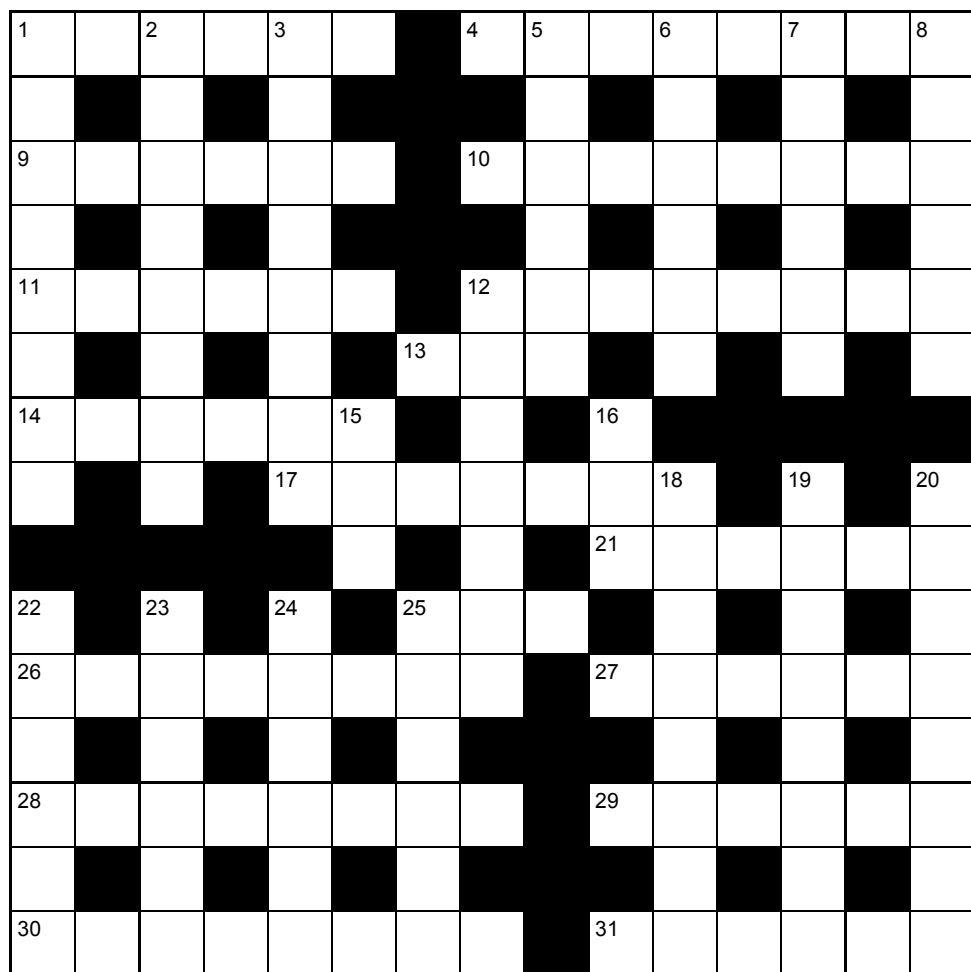
Has anyone else found the service bad?

Mrs K Maguire

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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD – February 2019

Set by Oldie - Gazette Ref: 58



ACROSS

- 1 Parrots leading expert chose to train (6)
- 4 Spooner's blood organ for Moses (3-5)
- 9 One makes tolls double (6)
- 10 Secret surrounding the French bedspread (8)
- 11 You'll need to use optics to find lacy loops (6)
- 12 Put order out for project (8)
- 13 Coal-carrier is somewhat methodical (3)

- 14 A female just for romantic intrigue (6)
- 17 Study excursion in outline (7)
- 21 Little fellow swallows drug to show complete DNA sequence (6)
- 25 Oddly, Gladys is happy (3)
- 26 Envoy says emir must reform (8)
- 27 Tom takes Eva back with a warning (6)
- 28 He is included in plan finally (2,3,3)
- 29 Spot the woman with an instrument (6)
- 30 Writer who looks after the trees? (8)
- 31 Slept soundly (6)

DOWN

- 1 A pure one in the common market perhaps (8)
- 2 Help copper with two fellows to prevent their escape? (8)
- 3 Currently operational? (8)
- 5 On ship in foreign parts moving down river (6)
- 6 Get hot wandering around ethnic area (6)
- 7 Material that can be made into louvres mostly (6)
- 8 More willingly desert hero when love's lost (6)
- 12 Show parrot off at start of year (7)
- 15 Steal from some subordinates on return (3)
- 16 Computer problem is a virus perhaps (3)
- 18 Telling story for daughter maybe (8)
- 19 At the same time, what a male admirer wants? (8)
- 20 Signed guest out, looking embarrassed (8)
- 22 Outstanding artwork provides comfort (6)
- 23 This chap is the winner (6)
- 24 Property of Treasury chiefly guarded by fools (6)
- 25 Country house offers good variety (6)

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12 speedy. 13 dressing-down. 16 commiserated. 19 refuse.
21 cupboard. 23 palisade. 24 pseudo. 25 hearse. 26 streaked.

DOWN

2 eloped. 3 audit. 4 denseness. 5 hooters. 6 brass. 7 hotheaded.
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