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Editor's Note

Welcome! I always find that the July edition is extra full as we try to cover July and August as there is no August edition of the Gazette to give a well-deserved rest to our volunteer army of distributors and deliverers.

Please keep Sunday 4 September free to come along to the Selsdon Wood Open Day and SRA BYO Picnic and Fun Afternoon. There are some details included in this gazette but, hopefully, more events and stalls will be added as we get nearer to the day.

It is so good to hear from you and share your good news, problems and opinions with other residents. This month, one contributor has written an article about his experiences of buying an electric car, others have told me about how they celebrated the Queen's Jubilee in Selsdon and, to give more political balance, I have taken up one reader's suggestion to approach the Labour MP for Croydon Central for an article.

In this edition we have the final instalment from Janet Sharpe about the Selsdon Wood Preservation Society and the last 'Shopping in Selsdon' article by Ian Leggatt. We have our regular contributors: Ted Forsyth in his Nature Notes focussing on Aberrations, Mary Gill with a poem celebrating World Day of Friendship and our friends from the Sanderstead Horticultural Society giving us a very long list of jobs to do in the garden during July and August. We also have some helpful advice about how to protect against personal robbery from our local police officers. With the summer holidays on the horizon, we also have news of events being held at Selsdon Library for all ages.

Finally, my usual plea to all ages for any photos, letters, articles or poems. Please email them to me (selsdongazettesra@gmail.com).

I hope that you enjoy your read and I look forward to hearing from you.

Chris Jones

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SHOULD BE WITH THE EDITOR NO LATER THAN
20TH AUGUST - PREFERABLY BEFORE! 

SRA NEWS ‘n’ VIEWS

Jubilee Celebrations

The Queen's Jubilee certainly was celebrated all over the country and we hope Selsdon residents enjoyed their own celebrations despite a mixed weekend for weather - but being British this did not dampen the plans. A quick thank you to those residents who put scarecrows in their gardens for the scarecrow competition.

Planning

The SRA pay to have a list of current planning applications with Croydon Council for the Selsdon area and anyone can register to receive email alerts and so keep themselves up to date. Just register at this website: www.local_planningapps.co.uk/croydon/sra/anupdate/planningtable.html

Croydon Council

A list of useful contact details can be found below to report issues to the Council about our parks and Green Spaces.

Allotments: allotments@croydon.gov.uk

Anti-social behaviour in parks: Contact-The-Council@croydon.gov.uk

Highways verges: HighwayMaintenance@croydon.gov.uk

Nature & Conservation: TreesWoodlands@croydon.gov.uk

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The Gazette still needs your help. If anyone can spare a few hours either monthly or as a reserve please talk to me or Wendy. Our numbers are on the back of this front cover.

SRA Subscriptions 2022-23

The subscription envelopes which we sent with last month's gazette are being returned but if you haven't yet returned the envelope then you can do an online payment or a standing order – the latter makes our job a lot easier and you don't have to remember to renew every year (standing order form available at the back of this Gazette).

Iceland

Good news for Selsdon pensioners! Every Tuesday Iceland is offering a 10% discount on your shopping. Proof is needed (if you don't look your age – lucky you!) such as a bus pass.

As there is no gazette in August, we will look forward to seeing you at the Selsdon Wood Open Day and SRA BYO Picnic on 4th September for a chat and another opportunity to pay your subs!

Take care

Sheila Childs, SRA Chair

POSTPONED SRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Wednesday 6 July 2022

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

At the AGM there is a Special Resolution to agree clarifications/ amendments to the SRA Rules (see below for the overview of these changes).

The SRA was formed in 1926. It is not known what Rules / Constitution was agreed by those intrepid and original Selsdonites. More recently our 'Rules' were amended in 2004, then 2014 and subsequently 2018. They have served us adequately up until recently when Covid became part of our lives. Lockdown and shielding were never in the lexicon of those pioneers in 1926; your committee found themselves trying to navigate a new 'normal' with a set of rules which were just not fit for purpose anymore. The decision was taken to adapt the Rules to cover this situation and also, to take the opportunity to conduct a review of all the Rules. The ensuing proposed changes will be put to the vote at our AGM on 6th July 2022.

Main Changes:

1. The 'Rules' become 'Constitution'
2. 'Chairman' becomes 'Chair'
3. The 'Executive' (which was not defined in the Rules) becomes 'Officers and Committee'
4. Membership of the SRA more clearly explained - Catchment Area and Voting Rights made clear.
5. The roles and voting rights of Honorary President and Hon. Vice President(s) are made clear.
6. The option to hold meetings remotely is enabled.
7. In extenuating circumstances, a smaller quorum of Executive and Committee is enabled to make decisions.

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COUNCILLORS' NOTES

GRASS CUTTING ACROSS THE BOROUGH

Since the elections in May the Council has been rebuilding the grass cutting team. The first priority was to get grass cut for Jubilee events that took place between 2nd-5th June. The team now have a schedule in place that will mean all grass verges and parks will be cut by the end of June. This will then be followed by a programme of regular grass cutting across the borough.

THREATENED BIN STRIKE CALLED OFF

Selsdon residents will see their bins collected as usual, as a looming strike has been called off. Workers were threatening to walk out of work for three weeks over "poverty pay".

Now workers employed by outsourced contractor, Veolia, have been offered a pay deal. The strike, involving 100 people, was due to begin on Thursday 16 June for a three-week period.

Employees have now voted to accept the pay offer worth 8.5 per cent as well as an additional one-off bonus of £750.

HEATHFIELD HOUSE PLANNING APPLICATION

A planning application has been submitted by a special needs school provider to use Heathfield House to provide education for vulnerable young people. The plans would allow the facility to provide a valuable service. However, the plans include fencing around the

site that will place some restrictions to public access to the house and surrounding grounds. You can see the planning application here <https://publicaccess3.croydon.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=R88CTKJH7X00>

The formal consultation process ends at the end of June but you can submit your comments and views to planning officers at any time until a final decision is made. You can submit comments to development.management@croydon.gov.uk

MAYOR STARTS WORK ON CHANGING THE LOCAL PLAN

Croydon's Executive Mayor is taking forward his manifesto pledge to remove Croydon's planning design guidance (SPD2) and to ensure that any new development in the borough focusses on high-quality design that respects the character of local areas.

Removing SPD2 will mark the start of a reset of planning within the borough, with future design guidance being developed with communities to help protect the character and aspirations of local areas.

CONTACT YOUR COUNCILLORS

Councillor surgeries are held on the first Saturday of the month 10am - 11.15am (no surgery in August) at The Selsdon Centre (next to Sainsbury's), 132 Addington Rd, South Croydon CR2 8LA.

We are happy to 'meet' residents online so if you have any issues you wish to discuss with your councillor please get in touch by email:

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Selsdon Vale and Forestdale

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

22/02464/PA8 - Outside Sainsbury's Supermarket, 130 Addington Road South Croydon CR2 8LA

Erection of telecommunications apparatus consisting of a monopole and equipment cabinets.

22/02103/HSE – 44 Ambleside Gardens, South Croydon CR2 8SF

Demolition of existing garage/shed, erection of two storey side extension and single storey front extension

22/01893/HSE – 70 Arkwright Road, South Croydon CR2 0LL
Alterations; demolition of conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension, a 2-storey front extension and a rear dormer at roof level

22/02018/HSE – 126 Arundel Avenue, South Croydon CR2 8BH
Alterations and erection of a single storey side and rear extension

22/02050/HSE - 44 Byron Road South Croydon CR2 8DY
Demolition of existing rear extension and conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension

22/02051/HSE - 44 Byron Road South Croydon CR2 8DY
Rear loft extension including hip to gable extension and rooflights in front slope of roof.

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

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MP Chris Philp's Report

Member of Parliament for Croydon South



Planning Victories in Croydon at last!

On June 16, the first meeting of the Planning Committee under Croydon's new Conservative Council administration took place. The usual range of applications were presented, which sought to destroy houses built for families and replace them with flats on Meadow Rise, Coulsdon; the Ridge Way, Sanderstead; and Firs Road, Kenley. A slightly different application for a scheme on Manor Way in Purley was also presented.

Each of these schemes would have been waived through by the Planning Committee in the past without a second glance. Legitimate concerns that such proposals would over-develop the area; destroy much-needed family homes; breach planning policy; and damage the character of our area would have been ignored.

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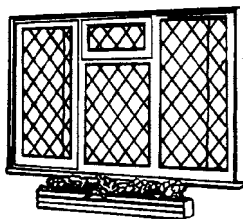
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I am pleased that the Planning Committee, now Chaired by Conservative Councillor Michael Neal following May's local elections, afforded the applications the scrutiny that they deserved. After careful consideration, the four applications were all turned down. This is a huge and very welcome change. At last planning policy is being properly applied and residents are being listened to.

Delivering for Croydon with new Mayor Jason Perry

In recent years, Croydon Council has not given social tenants the care and attention that they deserve, with residents in places like Regina Road living in appalling conditions. That's why the Mayor and the Cabinet Member for Homes, have begun to visit social accommodation to listen to residents' concerns and have committed to adopting a new Tenants' Charter, developed in collaboration with residents and the Housing Improvement Board. The Charter sets out how the Mayor's administration will prioritise residents' needs and outline the level of service they can expect in the future.

Success: New Fire Remediation Development in Croydon South

I am delighted to confirm that Optivo, one of the largest housing associations in the UK, will no longer be passing on costs to leaseholders relating to fire remediation and interim works – which has severely impacted residents at Cygnus Court and 53 Whytecliffe Road South, as well as other buildings across London. This means that the costs of fixing historic defects will not be passed onto residents, nor will the costs of waking watch and alarm installations.

After many months of lobbying both the Government and Optivo on behalf of residents, I am thrilled that this news has now come. Leaseholders should not have had to go through the mental toil that came with this uncertainty and therefore I trust this news will come as a great relief.

Chris Philp

Member of Parliament, Croydon South: 020 7219 8026
chris.philp.mp@parliament.uk

I received this letter from one of our residents.

Dear Editor

As a resident of Selsdon Vale and Forestdale since 2008 I read and appreciate my copy of the Selsdon Gazette every month. It has certainly connected me to local businesses and gives a good account of the community. It's better than the nonsense on various Facebook groups. However I do feel that the Gazette suffers from a lack of balance in its content. In my opinion, we remain cursed with a Johnsonian Conservative MP in Croydon South, who is allowed to produce a party political broadcast every month, whereas the voice of Forestdale and Addington Village in Croydon Central, represented by the magnificent Sarah Jones, never gets a sniff.

There is a significant number of residents in Selsdon who are deeply frustrated with the Conservative hegemony in the community, which has failed to deliver improvements for residents year after year after year. I would love to read some wider, challenging, voices who reflect the wonderful diversity of this community.

Best Regards

Chris Walton

(My reply) Many thanks for your feedback about the Selsdon Gazette. I do think it is important to get the news from our local Councillors and MP and I do edit the articles that they send in so that they are not too party political. I have taken your suggestion of asking Sarah Jones to write a piece for us about her work in the Addington area and in the shadow government.

Here is the response that I received from Sarah Jones MP for Croydon Central which covers Forestdale and Addington Village.



This is a difficult time for many people with prices rising for petrol, energy and food. I am always here to try and support people and I am doing local surgeries in person again. If you or anyone you know wants support, contact sarah.jones.mp@parliament.uk

I am also able to offer tours of parliament again now covid restrictions have been lifted which is great! If you are interested in coming on a tour, please get in touch with me by email.

I am also really keen that people know what I've been doing in Parliament and in Croydon. I do a monthly email (which I keep pretty non-political!) which I hope gives a good account of what I am trying to do on your behalf. If you would like to sign up to it, just let me know.

I have been very active in Parliament recently – leading for the Labour Party on two major Home Office bills in my role as Shadow Policing Minister. The war in Ukraine has obviously taken many of the headlines, but I have spoken in debates across a wide range of issues from the Grenfell fire to the Treasury's response to the cost-of-living crisis. Locally in the part of Selsdon I represent I recently intervened to halt an illegal development. I'm keen to help protect our green spaces and meet regularly with a local environmental group, if you'd like to be involved, please do get in touch. I'm also pleased to see that local police have begun putting on catalytic converter marking events as I know from constituents that there have been a number of these thefts in the Selsdon and Forestdale area.

And after a difficult couple of years, it was such a delight to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee – goodness weren't there a lot of street parties and events! My favourite was a wonderful lunch for veterans, where we were able to celebrate the Queen and those who have fought to protect our country.

Sarah Jones

Member of Parliament for Croydon Central sarah.jones.mp@parliament.uk

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Report from our Local Police Wards

Statistics from Local Police Wards May 2022

Here are the number of the top crimes most recently reported for our local police wards.

Selsdon and Addington Village		Selsdon Vale and Forestdale	
Miscellaneous theft	7	Harassment	11
Violence	7	Miscellaneous theft	8
Personal robbery	6	Violence	4

In comparison to the rest of Croydon and whole of London we are still a low crime area, as can be seen by the table on the next page.

Area	Number of Crimes per 1000 residents
Selsdon and Addington Village	5
Selsdon Vale and Forestdale	5
Croydon Borough	8
All London Boroughs	9

Personal robbery is where items are stolen from a person using force or the threat of force. The most common items stolen are mobiles & other electrical items, cash & cheques and tools & machinery.

Protect yourself from street robbery

Here are some useful ways to keep you and your property safe on the street.

- Look confident
- You are less likely to be targeted if you look confident. Move with purpose and try to be aware of your surroundings.
- Know where you're going
- Plan your route and think about what to take with you, especially if you're going somewhere that you haven't been before. Keep to busy, well-lit streets, walkways and paths which are more likely to be covered by CCTV. Only take licensed taxis or minicabs booked by phone or a mobile phone app.
- Hide it
- Keep your mobile phone and valuables out of sight. If you're using your phone, it's more likely to be snatched from your hand as you're not paying attention to your surroundings, so look around you.
- And never leave a mobile, any other device, wallet or purse on the table of an outdoor café, pub or restaurant. Same goes for any jewellery you might be wearing – keep it covered when walking down the street.
- Finally – and this is so important to remember – if you're threatened with violence, don't risk your personal safety. Property can be replaced, you can't.

Kind Regards, ***PC Egi De Meneses***

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Jubilee Scarecrow - Results



Selsdon's scarecrows didn't seem to want to come out to play and celebrate the Jubilee so we had very few to judge. Even so, it was a hard choice to make when deciding the winner. In the end we settled on two - the Brownies with their depiction of a Brownie presenting flowers to the Queen (vandalised on two occasions prior to judging so we commend Brown Owl for her persistence in getting the scarecrow fully displayed in time)

and the creation of St George and the dragon atop the hill of Old Farleigh Road. We never knew there was a dragon waiting to be slain there!



Thanks to the other entrants - it's good to know there were a few community-minded people who entered into the spirit of the event but we do wish there had been more to make our efforts at organising and publicising it worthwhile. Sadly, this lack of interest doesn't encourage us to plan for the competition next year - unless there's an outcry against this decision, of course!

Chair SRA

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Saving Selsdon Wood – part 4

The core group of 5 called the 'Selsdon Wood Preservation Society' were Mr Lawrence Chubb, Miss AM Bonus, Mr MG Sharpe, Mr EA Earl and Miss WM Hudson.

In this final part of the series, we hear of Miss WM Hudson and her extraordinary family.

Miss Winifred Mary Hudson (26/04/1878-19/05/1973) was in her late forties when she became one of the founding members of the campaign to save **Selsdon Wood**. She was highly educated and independently wealthy. Her family (three of whom are still recognised online as brilliant minds) came to Birdhurst Road, South Croydon c.1911. As a young woman she studied at Newnham College Cambridge. Winifred's younger sister, Edith Linsley Hudson, studied at Royal Holloway College at that time. Both of these Colleges were the first few places in the UK that women could/were allowed to study at a high academic level though it should be noted they were not allowed to get a formal degree title. At Cambridge whilst only the men were ranked in the Maths Tripos Examination women who took the examination were made aware of their place by being told they were placed between the n^{th} and $(n+1)^{\text{st}}$ man or equal to the n^{th} man. In the 1900 exam Winifred was bracketed with the '8th Wrangler' meaning that she had come 8th equal among the First-Class students. (<https://mathshistory.st-andrews.ac.uk/Biographies/Hudson/>)

Winifred's sister shares her name with an Edith Hudson, Scottish Suffragette and former nurse who in 1912 was held in Holloway prison and subjected to inhumane treatment including force feeding and close surveillance. I can find no evidence online that Winifred or her sisters were involved in 'the cause' for equality however given that Millicent Fawcett, (president of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies) was one of the founders of Newnham College and there was a strong connection between Holloway College and the Women's suffrage movement it is likely they were sympathetic.

Her older brother was Ronald William Henry Turnbull Hudson (16/07/1876 – 20/09/1904) considered in his day to be the most gifted geometer (mathematics) in all of Cambridge (see Wikipedia). He died in a mountaineering accident at the age of 28, but his posthumously published book 'Kummer's Quartic Surface' allows access to his work. His obituary in the 'Mathematical Gazette' at the time stated "*The heartfelt sympathy of his large circle of friends goes out to the sorrowing family, to his father, aunt and sisters, who have followed along the same path of knowledge as their brother with no less determination and success*".

Her father was Mr William Henry Hoar Hudson a Lecturer in Mathematics at St John's College, Cambridge and later a Professor of Mathematics at both King's College, London and Queen's College, London. He was also

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an Editor of the St John's College periodical magazine 'The Eagle'. Whilst unusual for the era, it was not so unexpected that William allowed his daughters the chance to study as his wife, Mary Watson Turnbull had also studied maths at Cambridge. Sadly, she died in 1882 a few months after the birth of their youngest child and his sister helped bring up the children. He died on 21/09/1915. (He shares his name with another famous person so should not be confused with WH Hudson, Naturalist and supporter of the RSPB.)



Her younger sister Hilda Phoebe Hudson (11/06/1881 – 26/11/1965) was likewise a gifted mathematician, also educated at Newnham College, Cambridge, 1900 – 1903. She sat the Maths Tripos and went one place better than Winifred coming 7th equal among the First-Class students but, as was still the custom, her achievement was still not officially classed. She then worked as a Lecturer and Research Fellow. She published vitally important work with Nobel Prize winner

Ronald Ross on epidemiology and the measurement of infectious disease spread (1916-1917). She joined an Air Ministry subdivision undertaking aeronautical engineering research in 1917, where she did pioneering work on the application of mathematical modelling to aircraft design thereby being instrumental in the success of World War 1 aircraft. She was ultimately awarded an OBE in 1919 and is heralded as a leading light in the mathematical field despite the barriers placed in the way of women at the time. (Information and photo of Hilda from Wikipedia and <https://mathshistory.st-andrews.ac.uk/Biographies/Hudson/>)

Janet Sharp

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Croydon College wins Digital Skills Hub funding from GLA

Croydon College – based in the heart of one of the top 10 tech destinations in the UK – will be working with 17 of the borough's employers to ensure residents can obtain the digital skills needed to excel in their careers. The Greater London Authority (GLA) has granted

funding to Croydon College to lead the Croydon Digital Skills Hub with John Ruskin College, which will support learners to gain access to tech training, apprenticeships, work placements, job opportunities and increase digital inclusion, while also supporting employers in the digital sector to understand how to break down barriers and increase inclusivity.

Croydon College are covering four subject areas – all of which are free for learners who currently don't hold a Level 3 or higher qualification:

- BCS Level 3 Certificate in IT User Skills (ECDL Advanced) (ITQ)
- NCFE Level 3 Certificate in Cyber Security Practices
- NCFE Level 3 Certificate in Coding Practices
- Gateway Level 3 Certificate in Systems Infrastructure

Croydon College will also provide access to its careers coach service, while John Ruskin College has also received funding to deliver two Digital Skills Hub courses - Nonregulated Level 2 ICT and a Certificate in IT User skills ECDL (ITQ). For employers referring an existing member of staff, an obligation to co-fund the training with a 30% contribution is required. To find out more information on the Croydon Digital Skills Hub at Croydon College, and to apply, visit www.croydon.ac.uk/the-croydon-digital-skills-hub/



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www.croydon.gov.uk/libraries-leisure-and-culture/libraries

Regular Children's events at Selsdon Library

Rhymetime for Under 5s – Wednesdays 10.30-11am Drop-in

Storytime for Under 5s – Saturdays 10.30-11am Drop-in

Regular Adults' events at Selsdon Library

Age UK – Mondays fortnightly 1.30-2.30pm Drop-in

Knit and Stitch Group – Wednesdays 2-4pm. All abilities welcome, Drop-in

Reading Group – Last Saturday of the month 10-11am. Contact Selsdon Library for further details

Summer Reading Challenge

Gadgeteers, the Summer Reading Challenge is here!

When: Saturday 9th July until Saturday 10th September

Who: Aimed at children aged 4-11

How: Sign up at your local library and receive a Gadgeteers collector poster

How to complete the challenge

To complete the challenge children need to read six books, but they can also set their own personal reading goals if they wish. There are special stickers to collect once they have finished reading a book. The stickers can be added to their collector poster.

Michael Forteath – Local Children’s Author Event at Selsdon Library

Saturday 30th July 3-4pm, families welcome

Meet Michael Forteath, author of Mojoe the Super Rabbit. Join Michael for a fun storytelling and colouring competition.

Croydon Libraries will be running one off events for children over the summer. Please see the website for details www.croydon.gov.uk/libraries-leisure-and-culture/libraries or contact your local library direct.

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Sunday 4 September
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c/w SRA Community BYO Picnic
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Yes, it is already time to advertise the Woods event of the year!

We have confirmation of the attendance of the RNLI, RSPB and a local greetings card maker so you should get a good choice of cards and gifts from them. There will also be goods for sale from the Woodturners (and others who still have to book their place), quality White Elephants, Books and Tombola stalls. The Guides and Brownies and Friends of Littleheath Woods will also have stalls – and others we have no room to mention here so please come and see for yourself! We are hoping hot drinks and snacks will be provided as usual by the Scouts to augment your BYO picnic

There is room for those of you who would like a space for a table or two to sell or display your own items. We make no charge for the 'pitches' but simply ask for a donation to FSW funds to enable us to repair seats, paths and buy tools needed to do the work the council relies on us to do to maintain the wood as a pleasant environment for all to enjoy. Please contact FSW to enquire or book your place by sending an email to selsdonwood@gmail.com or text to 07979 002547.

Please come along to judge the FSW Annual Photo competition (see FSW website for details of entry) – and remember to send your entries to govieth@gmail.com by 20 August. Winners will receive cash prizes of **£50 first, £20 second and £10 third.**

FSW will offer a short-guided walk (12.15 -13.15) and a nature-themed storytime session for the children (13.45-14.15) and there will of course be the afternoon fun activities (for all ages!) organised by the Selsdon and Sanderstead Rotarians.

Please watch the notice boards and social media for details of the programme for the day nearer the time as we hope there will be other

entertainment and stall holders.

We hope for good weather and a good attendance - but please come whatever the colour of the sky and the temperature to show the Selsdon community spirit is still thriving regardless!

Linda Morris pp FSW and SRA

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A Good Time for Gardening – July and August

You may be thinking that the heat of the July and August weather will give opportunity for a few weeks away from the incessant ‘calling’ of the garden. Unfortunately, that isn’t the case! Hopefully it will be warm, summer weather, so ponds and bird baths will need topping up regularly and fruit and vegetable plants will need watering. Weeds will be trying to compete with your crops for nutrients and water, so keep on top of these.



- Water evergreen shrubs like camellias and rhododendrons thoroughly this month to make sure that next year’s buds develop well.
- Keep patio container plants well-watered and feed with a liquid fertiliser every fortnight.
- Stake tall or top-heavy dahlias and lilies to prevent wind and rain damage. Dead-head lilies for a better flower display next year.
- Dead-head annual bedding plants and perennials to encourage them to flower into the autumn and stop them self-seeding.
- Trim any lavender plants after they’ve finished flowering to keep them compact.
- The vegetable garden comes into its own in August, with plenty of delicious home grown produce to harvest.
- Water sweetcorn plants regularly and feed with tomato food to get the best cobs. Sweetcorn is ready to harvest when you can pop a corn with your thumbnail and the juices are milky.
- Apply a high-potash fertiliser such as tomato food once fruits start to form on peppers, cucumber and aubergine plants.
- Continue to feed tomato plants with tomato food and remove lower leaves to help with air circulation and prevent disease. Pinch out the

top of tomato plants to concentrate the growth into the fruit that has already formed. Aim to leave 5 or 6 trusses of fruit per plant.

- Pinch out the tips of your runner bean plants once they reach the top of their support. This encourages side-shooting and more beans at a manageable height for picking.
- Harvest French and runner beans little and often to prevent them from setting seed. Pick runner beans regularly to prevent them becoming stringy and to make room for developing pods. Leaving mature pods to set seed can prevent further flowers developing and reduce your crop.
- Keep harvesting courgettes before they become too big!
- Take cuttings of herbs such as rosemary, sage or mint now to bulk up supplies. Put cuttings in moist, well-drained potting compost (one part grit to one part compost) and place in a cold frame. Established clumps of chives can be divided now.

If it's been hot recently, your lawn may be looking a bit sad. Don't worry about this. The Autumn rains will soon make it green again. Don't feed your lawn with a high-nitrogen fertiliser now as this will encourage lots of lush new growth which is easily damaged by autumn weather.

Lawn growth slows down in late summer so raise the cutting height of your lawn mower to help the grass cope.

If you're planning on laying a new lawn this autumn, prepare the area now to give it time to settle.

Recut any lawn edges. Install lawn edging to make future maintenance easier.

If your lawn is infested by ants, brush out the nests on a dry day. Always brush them away before mowing.



Frederick, Cedric and Sunflower Sid

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Shopping in Selsdon, Part 5

So, dear reader, you have stayed with us for a trip up and down Addington Road (our High Street) looking at the shops, the buildings and the constant change of services and commodities offered. We have almost reached the end of our journey. Last month we left the mock Tudor

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building housing Coughlans, Tudor Library and the Royal Tandoori, Nos 222 – 226 Addington Road. Our adjacent premises is the now derelict building which once was home to Baileys (Selsdon) Garage and more. The postal address of this building is currently 230 Addington Road. What happened to No 228? The Garage, although not a shop in the strictest sense definitely sold products and its history is so generous that I will leave this kingpin of the Selsdon scene for a further, separate, article.



Moving down the road we come to the site of 232 – 236 Addington Road where we currently find Aldi. We are now on the footprint of the former Selsdon Park Farm which we discovered on the Ordnance Survey maps last month. The Aldi building was constructed around 1965, as we can see from a photo of the Good Neighbour, then Stag pub, which stood on the site of the current Aldi carpark.



Photo of The Good Neighbour attributed to 1965
The Good Neighbour, built in 1956, became The Stag in 1983.

The Aldi site was purpose built as a single retail unit at ground floor with open plan office accommodation (Faversham House) on two floors over. The Aldi site has been a supermarket under many guises. The store was originally a David Greig's supermarket. The family business which dated back to 1870 had over 200 stores in the south east by the late 60s. Unfortunately, the death of several family members and resulting inheritance tax imposition forced a sale of the family business to Fitch Lovell and Greig's was rebranded as Keymarket in 1972. In 1988 it became Gateway and then in 1990 it was rebranded as Somerfield. Faversham House above Aldi, Number 232a, was, in 2014, converted into residential accommodation, and now provides some 17 flats with parking on the flat roof above the store.



Aerial view of Faversham House / Aldi with Baileys (Selsdon) Garage to right
Completing our tour of shops is Gardencraft at 238a Addington Road, a family run garden centre. From Google Maps Street View



No 238 was originally, back in 1931, trading as Kings. It may have unofficially opened as early as 1927 to cater for the influx of householders flocking to the clean air of Selsdon Garden Village / Croham Heights. Kings was described by a Selsdon Resident, then a little lad, thus: "A narrow forecourt led you from the pavement towards the dingy green painted shop front. The door opened with a loud clang as the sprung bell alerted the Kings somewhere in the nether regions of the shop. It was mysterious and gloomy and smelt of paraffin, tar, old tobacco and pine from stacks of firewood by the wall. Dimly you saw packs of Woodbines, and Craven A cigarettes. You pointed to the nearest box of sweets, parted with your halfpennies and fled to the comparative safety of Addington Road." It appears to have been very much 'a local shop for local people....' The shop remained a general store until around 1970 and was latterly open seven days a week. Perhaps shopping in Selsdon has not changed very much in 50 years??

Ian Leggatt

Thanks again to the journals of Ted Frith for the history of early Selsdon Shops, the Francis Frith (No Relation) collection, and Google, for photos. Thanks also to Linda Morris for loan of a back issue of the Selsdon Gazette which was my inspiration for this series. Any errors in transcription are mine.

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Harry Potter Quiz

The month of July sees the birthday of one of the most popular fictional characters of all time, Harry Potter. He celebrates his birthday on 31 July, which also happens to be the birthday of his creator, J K Rowling. So, what better excuse for a quiz to test your knowledge about the story of this young wizard?



1. What are the names of Harry's parents?
2. Where did Harry live in the Muggle world?
3. What are the four Hogwarts houses?
4. Which platform in the King's Cross Station was Harry supposed to ride the train to Hogwarts?

5. What animal can Remus Lupin turn into?
6. What is Harry's position in the wizarding sport Quidditch?
7. Where did Ron and Harry crash the flying car on their way to Hogwarts in the second book, Harry Potter and "*The Chamber of Secrets*"?
8. What is Harry's Patronus?
9. Who killed Bellatrix Lestrange?
10. Who pretended to be Mad Eye Moody in the Goblet of Fire?
11. What do you call the invisible winged horses that the Order used as means of transportation, as they are incredibly fast and intelligent creatures?
12. What do you recite to close the Marauder's Map?
13. What is the name of Draco Malfoy's son?

Answers after Nature Notes

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Selsdon Centre for the Retired - We partied with the world

It was so fantastic to be a part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee when we held a celebratory Afternoon tea at the Selsdon Centre for the Retired recently. Like the rest of the UK, we put up red, white and blue bunting and bought small Union Jack flags for our customers to wave as we showed our appreciation for our Monarch's wonderful 70 years of service. We decorated the tables with pristine white cloths, pictures of our Queen through the decades and beautiful red and white roses. We hired a community theatre group to entertain everyone (Rah Rah Theatre Group) and they did a sterling job of keeping spirits high for an hour. They performed with gusto in their Union Jack outfits as they sang and danced to many a hit from the years of our lives, delighting our customers over and over, taking them back in time once more. Everyone had aching arms from the flag waving and a tired face from all the smiling! Our kitchen volunteers made and served a pretty afternoon tea using our vintage china and tiered



tea plates and a fun time was enjoyed by all. It's what life is all about ... remembering the past alongside the making of new happy memories. To be a part of our next event or to book in for a home-cooked lunch or soup call the Selsdon Centre for the Retired on 0208 651 1111 or email selsdoncentre@btinternet.com for further details.



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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.

Last month we heard from Caroline after money was taken from her bank account for 5 days' care she did not receive during October 2021. In April 2022 she heard from the Croydon Council provider, Starcare, who agreed there was an error and a refund would follow. Unfortunately, as we go to

print, 20 July, Caroline has still not had a refund or explanation as to why. So, the story continues....



We do not usually print obituaries but we have made an exception to a much loved, former shop owner on the Selsdon High Street who many may remember. This is written by her son.

Maureen Waldock

It's with a heavy and sad heart that I am writing to the Selsdon Gazette to inform everyone that my mother, Maureen Waldock, formally owner of I W Griffiths motor store passed away on the 25th May 2022, aged 81.

She ran the shop on her own for many years after my father passed away. She then retired to Devon, but 15 years ago she moved back up to the south coast to be nearer her family. Eight years ago, we found out that she had Alzheimer's and as I had promised her that she would not have to go into a care home I gave up my job two years ago to look after her. She died at home with me by her side as we looked out of her bedroom window watching the ships sail into the sunset.

I would like to thank all the people of Selsdon who supported our store throughout the years, the people she met and the friends she made. I wish everyone well and hope we can all get some happy memories from this sad news.



Here one of our readers warns about planned changes to the ULEZ zone.

Dear Editor

Talking to my neighbours and friends in other parts of London, it seems that many have not heard about the Mayor of London's proposal to extend the ULEZ zones to all London Boroughs. I therefore would like to draw people's attention to the fact that on 29th August 2023, if you do not have a car that is ULEZ compliant you will have to pay £12.50 per day to take it off your drive, drive around Selsdon or park outside your property.

Generally speaking, the ULEZ affects pre-Euro 6 diesel cars – those built before around 2016 – and pre-Euro 4 petrol cars - roughly built prior to 2006. You can use the TFL checker tool to determine your vehicle's emission standard status and find out more specific details on how you may be affected.



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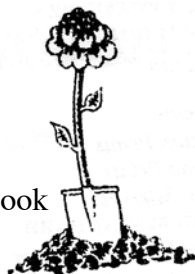
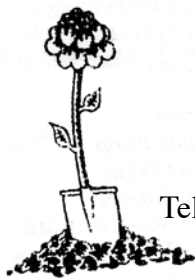
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Whether you are for or against the expansion, it is not a great time to be implementing this when we are all struggling to pay our bills and for many forced to buy a new car this will be a big expense. You can have your say on the expansion as it is currently in the consultation period, but you will have to quick as this closes on the 29th July 2022

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News and photos for the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations in Selsdon

Dear Editor,

I'm a resident of Littleheath Road. We applied for a road closure for a street party to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee on Friday 3rd June. We were delighted that the civic mayor, Councillor Alisa Flemming, and her consort paid us a visit. She took time to speak to lots of residents and made a particular effort to speak to some of our longest-serving Littleheath residents, which was very special.



Rebecca

Our regular contributor, Jessica Blake, recalls her Jubilee celebrations.

Dear Editor,

THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE

We thoroughly enjoyed celebrating the Queen's Platinum Anniversary. It was wonderful how many street parties we saw going on as we visited various people. Here on the Sunday, we had a very enjoyable, and funny afternoon in our local park. It started with a "bring your own picnic", which we enjoyed sharing and chatting with people known to us, and new people too.

After an hour of picnics, the racing commenced with a dog and owner race, where the owner ran along an enclosed track made of the orange plastic netlike materials, often seen on building and road mending sites. Racing consisted of timed races. The owner dashed off when the starter dropped their raised arm, while someone else held back their dog. Once the owner reached the end, they pivoted round to call their dog. Most dogs ran like a rocket being shot into space to join their owners, and the times for the owner's run and the time for the dog's run were combined to find the winners. Realising how dogs can behave, especially when life is too interesting to remember dog obedience lessons, surprisingly very few excited dogs failed to run the track, with only two jumping the netting, before joining their waiting owners.

Whoever had devised the other races for the afternoon, had tried hard to recreate typical 50's racing. Races were arranged in age groups and were comprised of "egg and spoon", "sack racing" and "wheelbarrow" races. The grownups raced as one group, but for the wheelbarrow racing, some preferred to be pushed in real wheelbarrows! A little cheating going on?

We all enjoyed the magician and after the magic, he released bubbles to burst. Finally, there was a "tug of war" with all ages determinedly putting hands to the rope. The fun was shared by everyone, and thank you to the organisers for such a thoughtful and happy afternoon.

There was also a Tombola and a homemade cake stand, and every race

cost £1.00 for each participant to enter. At the end of the afternoon, not only had we all had a memorable afternoon, but a substantial amount had been raised for a cancer charity.



Poetry Corner

Mary Gill celebrates the World Day of Friendship on 30 July

POSSESSED

Friendship counts for nothing when love walks through the door.
No matter how it tortures us, we always want it more.
It sets our lives in turmoil and may well break our heart,
but friendship counts for nothing, till our dreams all fall apart.
It just plays Cinderella to the ugly sister's whim.
Don't kid yourself Love's beautiful. it tears you, limb from limb.
It's friendship soothes your sorrow, it's friendship dries your tears.
But still, we all neglect it, when that monster, Love, appears.



Friendship counts for nothing, when love comes muscling in,
demanding instant action as your head begins to spin.
But when a dose of love has wrung you dry,
it's friends who will be true when lovers lie.
So, friendship counts for nothing when love is at its height,
but when it's run its course, we find that love's not worth a light.
So, friendship counts for nothing when that devil, Love's about,
but it will still be glowing, when the Love is all burned out.



Nature Notes from Ted Forsyth - Aberrations

Male Blackbirds usually have completely black plumage in which the colour is produced by the chemical melanin. Occasional individuals are seen with one or more white feathers which seem to be related to a diet which has too much artificial food (as supplied by humans). Even less frequently it is possible for the bird's plumage to be completely white when there is no melanin present. In this condition the bird is said to be of leucistic form (which simply means pale).

In Selsdon Woods, and in several other Croydon parks and woods, we have a few Grey Squirrels which are completely white. If the eyes are red, they are true albinos, otherwise the correct description is leucistic. White forms of Badger, Fox, and Roe or Fallow Deer can occur. Seasonal changes to a white version in winter is a different phenomenon and can be seen in Mountain Hares, Ptarmigan, Stoats and Weasels, which will return to the appropriate colouring in summer.

Melanin comes in different forms so it is not always associated with the presence of black colouration. In fact, the bright yellow of young chicks is caused by one form of melanin, and the reddish brown on many feathers is caused by a third kind.

With an excess of the black melanin an animal can appear completely black. One example occurs in the leopard with the all black version known as a black panther. While from a distance it appears a uniform black, closer examination in good light conditions will still show the underlying leopard spots.

The animals mentioned above as sometimes occurring as leucistic forms can also appear in melanistic guise.

Erythrism is a colour variant in which reddish colouration is emphasised, perhaps most commonly in mammals and birds whose normal colouration involves shades of brown.

Xanthochroism is a much less common aberration which involves an unusual occurrence of yellow – think of the wild Budgerigar in Australia in which the bird is usually green but with an occasional individual being completely yellow.

Some colours are related to diet. An obvious example is the Flamingo – in the wild it exhibits brilliant scarlet in part of its plumage and in captivity it has to be fed an appropriate diet if it is not to lose its bright colours. As butterflies can be seen in numbers ranging from a few hundred to several tens of thousands it is not surprising that aberrations occur sufficiently frequently so that some are given names. The Clouded Yellow butterfly is normally a vivid yellow colour but the helice variant loses a lot of this colour and in an extreme case it looks more like a white butterfly. In blue butterflies the male is normally some shade of blue but the female is brown. In some aberrations the female can appear in the colouration of a male. The large orangey-brown Silver Washed Fritillary has a valezina variant with very black markings and little colour.



Gynandromorph
Red Cardinal

An extreme aberration, which does not appear in mammals but can show up in insects, beetles and even birds, is gynandromorphism in which the complete left half of the body is one sex and the right half is the opposite sex. When the two sexes look very similar, for example Silver Washed Fritillaries, the result is not too obvious but when there are differences, as with the blue butterflies, the gynandromorph can be quite startling.



Gynandromorphism in butterflies



Answers to Harry Potter Quiz

1. James and Lily Potter
2. Number 4 Privet Drive, Little Whinging, Surrey
3. Gryffindor, Slytherin, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw
4. Platform 9 $\frac{3}{4}$
5. Werewolf
6. Seeker

7. The Whomping Willow
8. Stag
9. Molly Weasley
10. Bartemius Crouch Junior
11. Thestrals
12. "Mischief Managed"
13. Scorpius Hyperion Malfoy

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The local Scout Group, operating from the church in Huntingfield, are looking to fill some important volunteering roles to allow the Group to continue providing opportunities and activities for local young people. You don't need to be Bear Grylls to be a volunteer. You just need a few hours to spare, heaps of enthusiasm and a willingness to help out.

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Sanderstead WI is a friendly group of over 70 members who meet from 2 - 4pm on the first Wednesday of the month in the church hall of Sanderstead United Reform Church, 3 Sanderstead Hill, Croydon, CR2 0HB. We are currently welcoming new members.

Our meetings start with WI business including cascading details of courses and workshops set up by our county and national bodies. This is followed by refreshments, and then a speaker. Talks for 2022/3 include the Spitfire Women of World War 2, The Crown Jewels, The History of Croydon Airport, Spring-time in Japan, John Gent’s Postcards, Paracise, My Life as a Photographer, Setting up Your Own Orchestra, The Orpheus Centre, and The Woodland Trust. We have an annual Christmas party and this year we celebrated the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee with afternoon tea - both with entertainment. In addition, there are the following special interest groups you can join: - Gardening (maintaining the rose garden at Sanderstead Library), Scrabble, Canasta, Board Games, Book Club, Walkers and Strollers, Lunch Club, Table Tennis and Arts-n-Crafts. Special outings are also arranged. So there is something to suit all tastes!

Further details of our forthcoming activities can be found on our website <https://sandersteadwi.org> which is regularly updated and visitors are welcome to attend our meetings before deciding to join. Please follow the contact instruction on our website: sandersteadwi.org or tel. Linda Etheridge on 020 8657 6721.



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The party only happens because of our band of volunteers, all of whom thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon as well.

These events - celebration teas, outings, weekly shopping bus – all take a lot of organisation but, together with our regular contact calls to clients are a vital way of preventing isolation and loneliness.

Would you be able to spare a few hours each week to help in the office? We are a very friendly team. The work is varied - no two days are ever the same. There is a lot of telephone work and you would be helping link volunteers to clients, e.g. finding drivers to take clients to medical appointments, to collect prescriptions, volunteers for befriending, and much, much more.

Full training and support are provided and the job satisfaction is 100% and your efforts are much appreciated (just ask any of our clients). Come and help the community and have fun, too!

If you think you may be interested, please contact us on 8651 4944 or pop in to see us. We are situated on the lower ground floor of Selsdon Community Centre.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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Will My Gas Boiler Be Banned?

Most UK homes still use gas boilers to generate warmth. But, given around 30% of UK carbon emissions are created by heating buildings, is there a greener, cheaper, more efficient, and environmentally friendly way for us to stay warm through the winter?



On a cold rainy day in the middle of December, returning to a warm home or enjoying a hot shower is something many of us take for granted - but could it soon be under threat? In as much as 80% of UK Homes, this warmth is thanks to gas boilers. The challenge is that heating systems are responsible for as much as 30% of UK carbon emissions and, the most likely alternatives are currently either very expensive or, in many cases not practical. So, with a national target of reaching net-zero by 2050, we need to find a better, greener approach.

So how can we reduce the emissions from heating our homes while keeping the future options both practical and affordable?

Making our homes more efficient

Making our homes more efficient has two main steps, choosing the energy source we are going to use and making sure we get as much out of the energy source as we possibly can. The answer to the first will be a mix of Hydrogen boilers and heat pumps, both are great and have their distinctive selling points. Heat pumps are great for new builds and homes with a bit more space while Hydrogen boilers will be by far the least disruptive to our current system and should allow many flats in large town centres to keep 'traditional' combi boilers.

The bigger problem is that the UK housing stock is so diverse it's impossible to have one strategy which will suit us all. New builds are built practically airtight and let very little heat out and in while, older style properties will be the exact opposite and often have very little insulation if any at all, and the buildings are peppered with tiny cracks and holes known as adventitious ventilation which loses around 7kWh of heat an hour.

Ban on gas boilers in new builds from 2025

As we can see, designing new homes with efficiency in mind is a lot easier than retrofitting a hundred years later. Because of this the Government has banned new builds from utilising natural gas from 2023 and at the time of writing the CBI have advised that if the UK is to meet its target of net zero emissions by 2050 then no boilers burning any fossil gas should be installed in UK homes by 2035 - that's a big statement!

New builds seem to have leaned towards heat pumps and district heating using heat interface units to give individual flats greater control over their own usage.

Older homes – more of a challenge

There are roughly 27.5 million homes in Britain where things get more complicated. Retrofitting greener heating can be expensive and impractical, The Committee on Climate Change has calculated that it would cost an average of £26,000 to convert each UK home to a low-carbon heating system and that's before you consider the lack of space in many of the converted, older properties or their abysmal levels of insulation and their tendency to hold heat like a sieve holds water.

Heating by hydrogen

Hydrogen is believed by many experts to be the best retrofit option which causes the least disruption to the current way we heat our homes and allows consumers to keep the familiarity of a gas boiler and controls. When Hydrogen is burnt it only produces water, with no carbon dioxide and gas boilers will only need minor changes to run on Hydrogen, you can also mix natural gas and hydrogen together, rather than having to make a full switch.

The Verdict

While the traditional gas boiler will certainly have a role to play for some time yet, its days as top dog in the heating industry are undoubtedly numbered.

Unfortunately, when it comes to its successor there is no 'one size fits all' answer. It will take a mix of Heat Pumps, Hydrogen, and better built / better-insulated housing.

Cross-party collaboration will be needed to give industry clear guidance so installers and companies can invest in training and upskilling and all of us will need to do our part to affect small changes in our day-to-day lives.

What can you do now?

Even if you can't immediately swap to a 'green' fuel there are lots of small things you can do every day to be more efficient and reduce your Carbon footprint. These include relatively cheap fixes like low energy lightbulbs,

dual flush toilets, and using carpets or rugs over wooden floors. We can insulate our homes and fit double or triple glazed windows, we can make sure we turn off electrical appliances like TVs or Computers and take the plug out of the wall, we can fix the dripping tap and walk instead of drive. All these relatively small and easy things can add up and help reduce tons of emissions over time.

Many thanks to Lee Moloney from Heatsy Ltd for this useful article.

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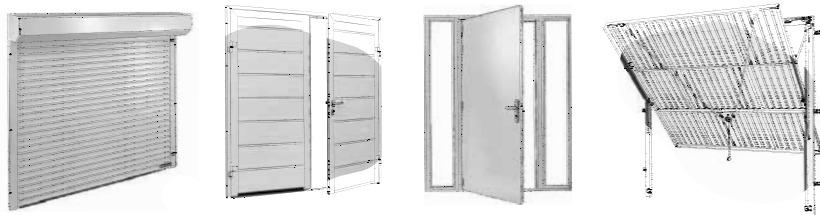
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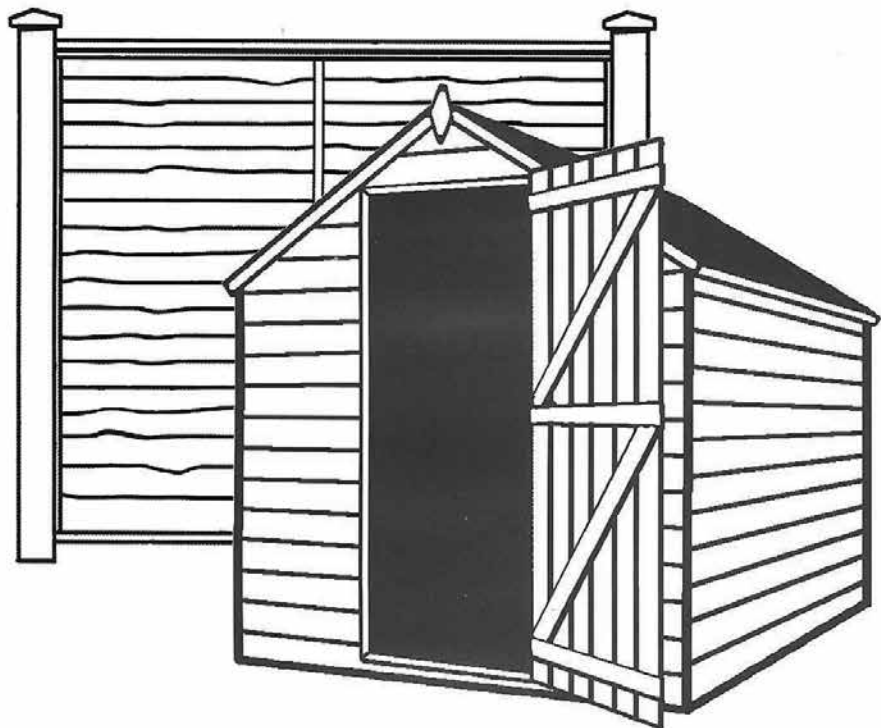
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