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Editor's Note

Welcome to the July 2019 issue of the Gazette.

We begin with an announcement of the long awaited reopening of the Fairfield Halls. We follow this with a report on the last two speakers to address the Townswomen's Guild.

Then our regular history slot starts with a another look back - at Queenhill Road - and a comparison with the way it looks today. In the latest chapter of his views of Selsdon Through the Eyes of a War Baby, Des recalls learning the 3Rs and Ray Rowsell offers some D-Day Snapshots.



Jessica Blake ponders on what a difference a day makes and Falconwood Golf Club report on the success of their charity day. In Nature Notes this month Ted Forsyth tells us about an amateur naturalist of the 18th Century and urges us all to get involved in observing and recording the natural world. Finally, in a brief Roundabout, Carousel salutes the past owners of the Tudor Library.

Ingham Road features again in the letters section with a message from a war-time resident and amazingly we have two separate letters all the way from Australia!! There is also more about the dogs at the Selsdon Park Hotel and an update on Geoff Forsdyke's charity donations.

Regards,

Heather

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 **THERE IS NO AUGUST ISSUE**
SUBMISSIONS FOR THE SEPTEMBER 2019 EDITION SHOULD
BE WITH THE EDITOR NO LATER THAN 20TH AUGUST 

SRA NEWS 'n' VIEWS

A mixed bag - Selsdon Community Picnic/FSW Open Day, Christmas lights, NHR and Local Green Spaces

I have been asked by Tricia Underwood, the Chairman of the Rotary Club of Sanderstead & Selsdon, which serves South Croydon, to introduce the club to the Selsdon residents. She tells me that they facilitate the travels of Father Christmas around the houses so the children can catch a glimpse of him and hear some seasonal songs in advance of his busy delivery night. The club's other work is perhaps less visible and, possibly, even unknown to the wider community: they liaise with the Selsdon Centre and Contact to learn of those who need some assistance and companionship. They arrange days out for seniors and other local people in need, provide Christmas hampers and have paid for the Selsdon Centre's TV licence from their funds. They are currently negotiating with Sainsbury's and Waitrose to fit a defibrillator on their external walls for emergency use by the general public.

They are now joining with the SRA to help with our two main annual events – the Community Picnic and Fun afternoon (Sunday 8th September 12 - 4pm) and the Christmas Lights switch-on (Friday 22nd November at 5pm).

The Rotarians will be taking over from me the issuing of the sacks, 'eggs and spoons', holding the start and finish tapes for the races and perhaps also providing some other fun things to do alongside the other games organised by the Scouts at the Fun event. This year it is being combined with the Annual FSW Open Day, which will be keeping me busy then so I am particularly grateful for the new source of help. The FSW part of the dual event will have the usual mix of stalls of interest, crafts and bargains plus woodland themed activities, a storytime for children and a guided walk suitable for all ages. It is hoped there will be a dog show this year too but details of this (and times of the walk and storytime etc) are not currently available, so please look out nearer the time for posters on our notice boards as there will not be another Gazette before the event.

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More details of the Christmas lights event will be in the Autumn News'n'Views.

Referring back to the theme of community in Selsdon, some Selsdon residents were able to revive this in late May when a group of eight ladies met together for a 'catch-up' about 35 years after the last meeting of the local National Housewives' Register group. Yes, we didn't mind being called 'housewives' then – but had formed the group to talk about things other than children and domestic problems! We remembered one meeting was held in 1984 and discussed how near to the novel we had come. It seemed to us at our recent meeting that the social, technical and economic changes in our lives since the inception of NHR were still quite mind-boggling. We would all love to make contact with anyone who was part of the group but who missed this first reunion. Do please contact me via the SRA email (please use NHR as the subject to help differentiate this readily from other emails). We will then let you know if and when we have another get-together. Perhaps you have some old photos you could scan and send via the email too? I don't think we are planning to do anything on a regular basis as we all still seem to have various family responsibilities plus all the other interests we have cultivated over the years. Nevertheless, we would like to hear news from everyone and perhaps meet once in a while.

Finally, just to let you know that the SRA has responded to a request from the Council's Spatial Planning team which is now reviewing the local open space aspect of the Croydon Plan. The team has launched a public consultation asking residents and local organisations to provide more evidence to identify any local green space that is felt to be of value to their community (whether as a breathing space, a recreational place or just somewhere green between the houses) and to make a plea for their designation as a

Local Green Space in the Plan so they can be retained as they are now and not developed.

The Council's criteria for a green space gaining Local Green Space designation in the Croydon Plan are that it is reasonably close to the community that uses it, that it is demonstrably special to the local community and that it perhaps holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife and that it is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.

I am sure we can all think of somewhere like that around here e.g. Foxearth Spinney, Ashen Grove, Hawthorn Crescent and Abbey Road grass areas etc. The deadline for this information to be received by the Council is 15th July so, if you do get this Gazette in time and haven't yet submitted any comments via https://getinvolved.croydon.gov.uk/kms/dmart.aspx?strTab=ConsultationTimeline&PageType=item&filter_SurveyId=571 then I urge you to do so immediately as every response is valuable!

Linda Morris, Vice Chairman, SRA

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Make sure your address and the amount you are paying is clearly shown on the outside so we can add you to the paid-up list. Our 'price' is held again this year – we believe it is still excellent value at only £3 per household subscription, plus any extra donation you care to give towards the Christmas lights.

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| 9 Ambleside Gardens | 23, 71 Kingswood Way | 24 Southviews |
| 95, 106 Arundale Avenue | 8 Kittiwake Close | 171 Sundale Avenue |
| 96, 125 Benhurst Gardens | 6 Langley Oaks Vale | 11 Swallowdale |
| 21 Birdwood Close | 10 Lapwing Close | 10 Sylvan Close |
| 9 Brent Road | 26, 29 Littleheath Road | 7 Teal Close |
| 29 Byron Road | 1 Mallard Road | 5 Turnstone Close |
| 12 Courtlands Close | 1 Martin Close | 28 Upper Selsdon Road |
| 6 Cowley Close | 5, 14 Mountwood Close | 20 Wagtail Gardens |
| 4 Crozier Drive | 3 Nightingale Road | 9b, 32 Woodland Gardens |
| 10, 20 Dulverton Road | 43 Norfolk Avenue | 3 Wyncote Way |
| 4 Elm Park Gardens | 3, 25 Peacock Gardens | |
| 5 Ferns Close | 17 Redwing Close | |

We are very grateful to the residents at all these addresses who have previously agreed to pass on to us the envelopes you drop into them. We have once again taken the liberty of assuming their ongoing support. However, if any now wish to be removed from the list, please let us know before the copy deadline of 20th August for the next Gazette so the deletion can be organised in time to catch that issue. We also apologise if anyone has moved into one of these addresses in the past year and was not warned this community duty comes with the house! Please do let us know, though, if you do not wish to carry on with it and we will remove the address from the list!

Iris Jones, SRA Treasurer and all the SRA Committee

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COUNCILLORS' NOTES

SELSDON'S GREEN SPACES UNDER THREAT

Croydon Council is proposing to build on green space in Selsdon. They will be transferring a number of sites to the Council's wholly-owned subsidiary company Brick By Brick. The plans were approved by the Labour Council on 10th June and they include building the following number of houses/flats on these sites:

Freelands Avenue green space – 10 units

Corner of Shepherd's Way green space – 7 units

Farnborough Avenue green space – 15 units

Tedder Road garages – 4 units

Heather Way Garages/Car Park – 4 units

Foxearth Road green space - 18 units

Croham Valley Road (adj no.124) - 7 units

Hawthorn Crescent – 7 units

It is recognised that Croydon needs more homes however building on the precious green space on Monks Hill and Selsdon is not appropriate. Especially when they are not building on derelict sites around the borough like Edgecombe on Monks Hill.



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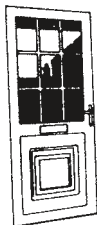
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As your local Councillors we will do everything we can to resist these inappropriate developments.

LITTER PICK

We were delighted to join a happy group of volunteers for a litter pick that had been organised by Selsdon Baptist Church on 15th June. It was all very professionally arranged and Selsdon certainly looked a lot tidier afterwards.

Here are Helen, Andy and Stuart about to set off (Robert had already gone to litter pick on Monks Hill).



LOCAL PLAN REVIEW – PROTECTING PARKS

It is ironic that at the same time as proposing to build houses on green spaces as outlined above, Croydon is also undertaking a Partial Review of the Croydon Local Plan. This is the framework used when decisions are made by Croydon Council about planning applications.

Local Green Space designation is an extra layer of protection against development for parks and green spaces.

For an area to be identified as a Local Green Space, it has to meet the following criteria from the National Planning Policy Framework:

- it's reasonably close to the community it services;
- demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and
- local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.

In 2016, as part of the preparation of the Local Plan, the Council tried to gain this extra layer of protection for all of Croydon's parks and green spaces that met the criteria. All were put forward, however, none of them were granted the Local Green Space designation as the Planning Inspector felt there was not enough local evidence to prove how these spaces were special/important to local communities, or that they hold any particular local significance.



You can get involved by completing the survey 'Local Plan Partial Review - Call for Evidence on Local Green Spaces' in the 'Get Involved' section of the Council's website. Select one of the green spaces and tell the Council how you use it and why it is important to you. The Council has highlighted three spaces in Selsdon as shown on the map with the asterisks.

You can also suggest new areas that you think should have this protection.

We will work with residents associations to try and get this added protection for our green spaces.

The closing date for providing this information is 22 July 2019.

Meet Your Councillors

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

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

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS June 2019

19/02599 – 67 Chapel View, South Croydon, CR2 7LJ - Retention of alteration to add levels and create patio and steps

19/02430/FUL 3C Selsdon Parade, Addington Road, South Croydon, CR2 8L -Alterations. Erection of a single storey side/rear extension for use as storage and installation of a new shop front

19/01803/HSE – 6 Copse View, South Croydon, CR2 8HH -

Construction of single storey side and rear extension

19/02373/HSE – 75 Chapel View, South Croydon, CR2 7LJ -
Retention of alterations to ground levels and boundary fencing

19/02002/HSE – 142 Croham Valley Road, South Croydon, CR2
7RA - Erection of single storey rear and side extension. Loft
conversion including rear dormer.

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THE REOPENING OF THE FAIRFIELD HALLS

September 16th 2019 will mark the end of what has seemingly been a very long journey for the Fairfield Halls. The venue will re-open following extensive refurbishment and will offer up South London's largest arts centre to the borough of Croydon and beyond.

Sympathetically refurbished to its original 1962 splendour, the venue will offer the perfect cultural experience from 10am until midnight daily. The community will be welcomed in to an open and bright new space, The Arnhem Foyer. A full program of free events are planned for the foyer; a series of lunchtime concerts, "audience with..." interviews (Ian Dale of LBC interviews Janet Street Porter, John Snow and Jenni Murray in the first season), community choir, children's music and movement classes, children's band concerts and professional exhibitions (Windrush by Jim Grover Sept-Jan). Where there used to be offices overlooking the foyer there are now the original mezzanines. These mezzanines have been named after the old Davis and Empire theatres and offer a real vantage point. The Sun Lounge sees the original chandeliers replicated and rehung. With a two story drop they add a sense of style to what is now a fully fitted bar and lounge area with seating for over 100.

Across the venue there is a collection of pianos from Sevenoaks Hurstwood Farm, Phoenix Pianos. These fine instruments will have pride of place in the foyer, the new Fairfield Lounge (a customer priority and member only space located on the fourth floor where you can enjoy a private bar, restroom, table service, complimentary

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drink and nibbles on arrival and the opportunity to retreat from the hustle and bustle pre-show, interval and until midnight post show) and of course the Phoenix Concert Hall. The venue will be teaching the next generation of concert pianists in the Phoenix Piano Academy and for children aged 4-6 the Yamaha Music School will start its first term in November.

A delightful pre-show dining experience awaits in what was the second floor Maple room. The Terrace Bistro now opens up to a private roof terrace which will be stunning in warmer months but will also offer an abundance of light in to the space all year round. The Terrace Bistro is a purpose-built restaurant space. What was the Fairfield Room is now the Arthur Davison Suite and the old Ashcroft Room becomes the Yamaha Suite. Neither space have bars within them any more, making them large spaces ideal for receptions and meetings.

The car park beneath the venue is now linked to the main lift on the College Green side of the building, making access a lot easier. The lifts now stop at the upper foyer area so the old single wheelchair lift is no longer needed thankfully! Additional accessible toilets are located on all floors and a changing space has been added to the upper foyer. The car park will be operated by Q Parks and will open in late 2019.

What will the programme bring when we open, I hear you ask? Well, a lot... the Ashcroft Playhouse (re-named to give it a new life; Dame Peggy was a formidable actress and we wanted to recognise that with a focus on new theatre and musicals) will host some of the finest pieces of theatre on offer in the UK from companies such as Hull Truck, Theatre Royal York, Queens Theatre Hornchurch and New Wolsey Theatre Ipswich. Live broadcast cinema will also have its home in the Ashcroft so you can enjoy the RSC, National Theatre, Bolshoi Ballet and many other great events from the comfort of Croydon. The Phoenix Concert Hall will play host to amateur orchestras, choirs and school groups from across London and the Surrey/Kent borders. Our resident orchestra, The London Mozart Players and our orchestra

in partnership, The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, present their own inimitable seasons. Other highlights from the first season include the BBC Symphony Orchestra, English Chamber Orchestra and the Chavorenge Children's Choir with members of the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra. Top name comedy and live music will be spread across the season and Christmas sees the pantomime move to the Phoenix Concert Hall with the hit musical ONCE sitting down in the Ashcroft Playhouse for three weeks ahead of its UK tour.

Ticket prices across the venue start at £15. The Fairfield Fifteen price band will be released as soon as shows go on sale. **Sign up to receive weekly on sale alerts from our first brochure (released end of June 2019) at fairfield.co.uk**

Dates for your diary

- Monday September 16 – open house, come and have a look around!
- Tuesday September 17 - our first lunchtime concert in the foyer. All foyer events are free and open to all
- Wednesday September 18 - we are thrilled to present the first concert back in the Phoenix Concert Hall, the LMP 70th Anniversary Gala Concert

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SELSDON AFTERNOON TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

I am starting this month's article with a short quotation from the Spring issue of 'Townswoman', the magazine of the Townswomen's Guilds, because it will remind you of who we are. "Townswomen's Guilds was born 90 years ago in 1929. Since then, we have been bringing fun and friendship to thousands, and speaking out on issues our members care about. Not part of TG? We'd love you to join us" and the Selsdon Afternoon Guild meets at St John's Church Hall on the third Friday of the month at 1.30pm.

Our speaker in April was Angela Young, who gave us an excellent and very moving talk on 'The Able Seaman and Titanic'. The title should perhaps also have included the Aristocrat, as Angela's great grandmother, the Countess of Rothes, known as Noel, was also on board the fated ship, and the two of them met to become lifelong friends. The Titanic was described as 'unsinkable', so when it hit an iceberg in April 1912 there was no panic. But it took some time for the captain to sense the damage and put out an alarm and then it was realised there were only 16 lifeboats. Able Seaman Thomas Jones was responsible for number 8 lifeboat in which Noel found herself and he realised that she knew something about boats and put her at the tiller. He concentrated on rowing away from the liner in case of a suction wave, but it was nearly 8 hours before they realised there was another boat near them. The Carpathia had received their message just 4 minutes before the Marconi room was closed for the night, but the full horror of this terrible accident will probably never be known as many survivors could not speak about it.

Our May speaker could not have been more different, as he was accompanied by a beautiful golden Labrador called Star. His name was Paul Harmon and he was representing 'Guide Dogs for the Blind'. He had lost his sight very suddenly 20 years ago and had existed for 10 years trying to cope with a white stick when a friend suggested getting a guide dog. His first dog was called Spencer, but unfortunately he had to be retired for health reasons and he had had Star for only 16 weeks - but the bond between them was already strong. Suitable dogs go first to 'puppy walkers' who begin their initial training and keep them until they are 13 months old. Then they go for advanced training, which is hard work, when they learn to wear a harness and obey specific commands. Paul feels immensely privileged to have Star and said "One must trust the dog, for he or she is the brains!" Guide Dogs for the Blind was started in 1931 and has no Government funding, relying entirely on charity donations.

By the time you read this we shall have had our June meeting, which was a party to celebrate 90 years of Townswomen's Guilds so I shall write more about this in my next article in October.

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The houses in Queenhill Road were built by Messrs Costains in the late 20's and the area was marketed as 'Croham Heights'. The air at our rarified altitude was said to be better for one's health than the pollution of London. This photo would have been taken from the junction of Queenhill and Littleheath Roads, looking south. In the middle distance can be seen the junction with Rylandes Road and then Farley Road. In the far distance is, I think, Mountwood with Sanderstead Plantation behind. Note the timber fences on the left hand side and the low brick walls with concrete posts and chains to the right. The houses were left with plain render or pebble dashing to the bays and upper storey. No bright paintwork other than the white window frames. Incidentally the roof tiles were French.

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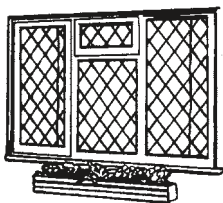
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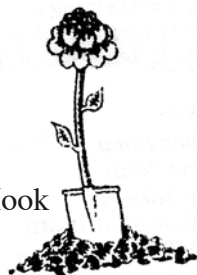
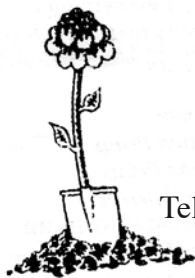
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Nothing survives now of the timber fences but look closely down the right hand side of Queenhill and one will still see remnants of the low brickwork walls composed of one or two courses surmounted with a course of bricks on edge.



The best example is outside the Queenhill Road Medical Practice (above right) where the original brick walls and concrete posts survive.

Ian Leggatt

SELSDON SCHOOL DAYS 1944 TO 1951 – THE THREE RS

In earlier chapters of my memories, I have already written about my very first year at Selsdon School in 1944, and lessons in the air raid shelters whilst flying bombs flew over, or on occasions fell, on Selsdon. Also my second year, playing truant and being punished by Miss Smith in what must have been Class E. So I will continue, starting with Miss Smith who left an indelible mark on my first days at school.

Bear in mind that I am going back some 70 years, so some memories are now a bit dim and I might have got some of the teachers' rolls mixed up.

Like all schools, the day started with the Register. Next we filed out for Assembly in the school hall which doubled as the school gym. This hall was also where we had our inspections by the visiting school nurse, to check the health and nutrition of us children. Could we balance on a beam; did we have nits in our hair; were we being properly fed and cared for by our parents; did we show any indication of T.B. And worst of all, did we need a visit to the school dentist!

The morning assembly was led from the school stage by, was it Nutty Almond the Head Mistress, or perhaps the Deputy Head, either Miss Mead or Mrs Beach?

I obviously didn't pay much attention at school because the only teachers that I have clear memories of, other than Miss Smith, were Mrs Beach (Class B) and Miss Chubb (Class C) because they shared a house in Old Farleigh Rd and I often saw them walking home from school. The only other teacher was Mr Russell who joined Selsdon School much later, when I got to Class A, for which he became the class teacher.

But where was I? Ah, yes! The Assembly.

It started with us all saying the Lord's Prayer, and ended with us all

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singing a hymn, accompanied by one of the teachers playing the piano. The most oft sung hymn was “Onward Christian Soldiers”, very appropriate as we were then still at war. However, now 70 years later in these multi-cultural times, it would probably result in the Head Teacher being arrested and charged with a hate crime!

Religious knowledge was an important part of our education in those times. And this was the first lesson when we went back into class. Each school day we were read a story, or part of a story from the Old Testament. I can clearly remember Miss Smith reading to us in my second year. In later years, as we learned to read, we children would practise by taking turns to read out loud, short sections of that day’s story. This was not easy, because the version of the Bible then in common use was written in formal church language. For example: Thou shalt not kill; For thine is the kingdom; I say unto thee, etc. There were other bits, which we, in our young innocence, did not comprehend – Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour’s wife. And, Thou shalt not commit adultery. Nowadays the children see it every week on East Enders! Times have changed.

However I found the stories of the Old Testament; such as David and Goliath; the Pharaohs, the 7 year famines and plagues of locusts; the flight from Egypt and the opening of the waters of the Red Sea and much more, to be fascinating stories. So much so, that in my adulthood I went to the library to read again this history from ancient times. However it is now written in modern English and no longer had its previous authority and authenticity. So it soon went back to the library virtually unread.

It was probably in Miss Smith’s class that we progressed from writing with a pencil to writing with a scratchy pen. Our desks had inkwells and we had blotting paper to soak up the copious ink blobs as we tried to master this new writing tool. Hence my reference above to Miss Smith having left an indelible mark on my first days at school!

Do you remember trying to write with the cheap and nasty, standard school pen? The nib would tear into the paper of the exercise book,

or bend because we were applying too much pressure. No wonder Mr Biró invented the ballpoint pen!

So that is the first 2 Rs, Reading and Riting, which only leaves Rithmetic, a subject at which we were far superior to the children of today. The reason for this is that today everything is “decimalised,” multiples of 10. So 100 pence to a £1, and 1000 grams to a Kilo, etc.



We had to learn and contend with 12d = 1 shilling, and 8 half-crowns = £1, or was it 240d = £1? No of course, it was 2 ten bob notes!



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Then there was 16 oz = 1lb and 112 lbs = 1cwt, and if that was not enough, 12 inches = 1 foot and 36ins = 1yd and 1,760yds to a mile. And that is but a fraction of the numerical quirks of the Imperial system. No wonder we were little Einsteins by the time we sat the 11+.

All this schooling was preparing us to take the scholarship exam, the 11+, in our last year of primary education. It was our gateway to a grammar school. I failed and as a result my Mum and I were called up to see Mrs Almond the Head Mistress. She advised us that the reason I had not passed was because I had flunked the intelligence test paper. No I wasn't stupid, it was because we had no training for it at school, it not being part of the curriculum. Mrs Almond recommended that we get copies of past test papers (which could be purchased) so that I could familiarise myself with the types of questions, and practise them, which I did.

This was my last year in Primary and I then moved onto Selsdon Secondary, and a year later re-sat the scholarship, and now, having mastered the type of questions posed in the Intelligence Tests, this time passed the scholarship. So thus ended my years at Selsdon School, and in 1951, the year of the Festival of Britain, I started the next chapter of my life!

Des Donohoe

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D-DAY SNAPSHOTS – 6TH JUNE 1945

A decade or so ago, the then editor of this Gazette kindly gave space for some personal recollections on Selsdon in wartime. The recent 75th anniversary of D-Day again triggered some strong memories of that time.

For those of us who have the privilege to still be alive, the recall of some of those events remain vivid and indelible. I welcome the opportunity to share some of these with you.

D-DAY SNAPSHOTS - PART ONE

The morning of Tuesday, 6th June was dull and overcast. The previous day had been stormy. In Selsdon, normal business was the order of the day. After nearly five years of war, survival was the key aim. After the trauma of Dunkirk, the fall of France, the Battle of Britain and the Blitz, as well as the capitulation of Singapore, prospects were now brighter. The Yanks were alongside, Rommel's troops had been beaten in North Africa and the Russians were making progress in the East. Italy, however, was proving to be a tough nut to crack.

Following eight months of nightly air raids from September 1940 until May 1941, we lived underground. These raids suddenly stopped on the 10th May, inexplicably. The reason became clear some weeks later when Hitler invaded Russia.

In Selsdon, community life was strong and resilient. Every vacant piece of ground was cultivated to grow fruit and vegetables. Chickens were kept in back gardens and local smallholdings thrived. I cannot recall ever feeling hungry during that time. "Grow Your Own" was the key philosophy.

A friend, Peter Stilwell, lived with his widowed mother in Sundale Avenue, directly opposite Benhurst Gardens. Peter would have been a dead ringer for Harry Potter today, with his metal-rimmed glasses and studious demeanour. His hobby was experimenting with chemicals in his bedroom. Muffled explosions would be heard coming from his room at times and he would appear with a soot-blackened face.

With an unexpected suddenness, a very heavy air raid occurred on the 10th May, three years after the last. We retreated into our very damp garden shelter. Bombs rained down. Over the years, we had developed a way of calculating how far away the bombs were by counting the gap between the whistle stopping and the explosions heard. By 4.00 a.m. the all-clear had sounded and I ventured out. Dawn was just breaking. Calculation suggested that the bombs

had fallen about 2/5ths of a mile away. My heart sank when I found Peter's house and the one adjoining as a tangled heap of wreckage. An air raid warden stood on guard. He was saddened to report that two people had been killed whilst taking refuge in their Anderson shelter.

Then, in the dull morning twilight, I was astonished to see Peter, slouching with hands in pockets. "I knew I should have given up those experiments!" he said. Sadly, we later found that the elderly couple next door, name of Sarson, had perished. They were a highly regarded couple and regular worshippers at St. John's Church.

My sister, Elsie, had been bombed out of her house in New Cross and she, with her family, were now living at the top of Kingsway Avenue. With her two young children, she had taken refuge in an indoor Morrison shelter. The explosions had brought down a pile of soot which had smothered them all. Outside, a large bomb splinter had ripped a huge chunk out of the window-sill to their garage.

This tragic and totally unexpected air-raid had shaken us all.

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In common with many of my schoolfriends, I had taken up employment in central London as Croydon was not the commercial centre it is today. My office was in the unimpressive boulevard of Kingsway, just up from Aldwych.

At that time, Central London purveyed a somewhat smoky and sooty grandeur. Not only had the stonework not been cleaned for many a year but the relentless fire-bombing and many smogs had taken their toll. The one exception was the newly opened Waterloo Bridge of which the Portland Stone facade was still pristine. Lunchtime explorations of London took place with a friend. Climbing the 200 or so steps to St. Paul's Stone Gallery, we were amazed by the surrounding scores of acres of devastation which revealed hidden basements that had not seen the light of day for centuries. In high summer, the whole area was carpeted with flowering plants

and shrubs which had sprouted from seeds that had lain dormant for centuries. St. Paul's stood proudly amid this devastation, apparently unscathed. There was further devastation around Holborn Circus but the well-loved department store of Gamage's appeared unharmed. Other areas, such as the Inns of Courts, Lincoln's Inn, appeared untouched.

Spot checks revealed that about one person in three was in a uniform. This increased to two out of three near Piccadilly Circus. These were mainly Americans who were attracted by the Stage Door Canteen. The Yanks' high quality uniforms led to some resentment from the Brits! Road transport was good and London buses excellent (there were few cars on the road!). The Underground and Tube were extremely good though the main train services were crowded.

That morning of the 6th the radio played quietly in the office which served as a bedroom for those staff on fire-watch. At 9.30a.m. the news spread that General Eisenhower was speaking, announcing the landings in Normandy. This came not as a complete surprise. Many of the women in the office had menfolk in the front-line armed services. News from them had been sparse in recent weeks. Some letters had been intercepted by the censor and blue pencil marks were apparent. Two months earlier, whilst cycling the Kentish Weald, I had come across a convoy of some two miles in length of Sherman tanks parked up between Limpsfield and Crockham Hill and manned by Americans.

By the evening of that June day, we knew that a foothold had been achieved in Normandy although details were short. At least we could relax awhile, knowing that Hitler would be too distracted to bother us with more air raids.

We could not have been more wrong.

Raymond Rowsell (to be continued.)

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WHAT A DIFFERENCE A DAY MAKES!!

As we all know, we can never predict what a day may bring, we only know what we have perhaps scribbled into a diary, but a day is worth so much more in surprises. Take yesterday, for example. It was just a normal day going through the normal chores - cleaning, ironing, having a walk, watering plants, cooking dinner etc. ... and then I turned on my e-mail and the day was a very extraordinary day indeed.

At first all I saw were the endless dreary ads and as I sighed my way down the list, deleting as I went, I almost deleted an e-mail from one daughter, which brought me back to attention pretty smartly, and then one from my brother and one from a cousin and finally there was one from my cousin's wife. It felt like Christmas to hear from so many close people and all at once - what on Earth was going on? There was even something from a woman whom I had never heard of.

Going back down the list I started with daughter and all was well, phew! Then I tried brother and wham, it had become a bright sparkling day. My sister-in-law had been short listed for a writing prize. Although we had seen her on TV at times she had never done something as amazing as this before. We were so excited for her. The day couldn't get any better than that, surely? Oh, but when things go well it can all come at once in a lovely way too. Just the reverse of bad times when the news goes from bad to worse.

My cousin's wife's a keen ancestor tracer and she had not only discovered a family tree which entwines with ours, but the woman whom I had never heard of was the person who had got in touch to tell us all about herself and her father and grandfather.

Our grandfathers had fallen out and had ceased speaking, but I had known they made up before my grandfather died and was one of the party who went to get the two elderly gents together. The others had been unaware until my cousin's wife remembered

something I had said and took her researching from there - and found the missing relatives! More importantly the woman was delighted to find she had hidden relatives and had written an e-mail telling us all about herself and saying she hoped perhaps we may meet.

Turns out we have a lot of traits and skills in common. At a time when the relatives are beginning to thin in number it is a blessing to find a welter of new ones.

If anyone reading this is considering doing some ancestor tracing of their own, you too may find a long lost relative or two. Well worth doing if you feel lonely, or just want an interesting job when sitting down.

What a difference a day makes!

Jessica Blake

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FALCONWOOD GOLF CLUB CHARITY DAY **20TH MAY 2019**

Falconwood Golf Club held its ninth annual Charity Golf Day in May 2019. The Golf Club is located at the Addington Court Golf Centre which is operated by Crown Golf.

We were very lucky this year with good golfing weather - cloudy with sunny intervals but no rain. There were 70 people, both golfers and helpers, taking part in the day's events, and it was a very successful and enjoyable day.

In total, we raised £8,000 on the day for our Captains' Charities, which this year were The Chartwell Cancer Trust Lily Pad Appeal and St. Christopher's - the money raised being shared equally between the two charities. The cheques were presented to the



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For a small Golf Club this is quite an achievement, and we are planning to hold our tenth Charity Golf Day in May 2020. We would like to thank everyone involved, including Crown Golf and our sponsors, for their continued support and generosity.

Kathryn A. Whitbread & David Whitbread



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NATURE NOTES

GILBERT WHITE

Citizen science engages thousands of amateur naturalists in collecting data which will later be analysed by professionals. For example, the British trust for Ornithology organises breeding bird surveys (and others) while Butterfly Conservation concentrates on distribution and numbers of butterfly species. There are also less formal arrangements such as the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch and the Butterfly Conservation count of butterflies in gardens.

Gilbert White was a clergyman living throughout the eighteenth century in Selborne (Hampshire) and while walking or riding in the area he made valuable observations of wildlife – he was probably one of the first amateur naturalists. His observations and speculations were recorded in a series of letters to Thomas Pennant, author of the publication British Zoology, and later to the Honourable Daines Barrington, a barrister and FRS. The letters were eventually collected in the book A Natural History of Selborne.

White identified and described the harvest mouse and its nest. He also identified the noctule bat. He first separated the three *Phylloscopus* species of bird – chiffchaff, willow warbler and wood warbler – by initially recognising that they had different songs - then by following the current tradition of shooting specimens which he then carefully described. He also shot and ate a ring ouzel.

Stone curlews and corncrakes were familiar birds but he does not mention the common curlew. Red-backed shrikes (butcher birds) and wrynecks were local breeding birds and great grey shrike was a winter visitor. Large numbers of ring ouzels were seen in autumn and again in spring but he was unsure whether they originated in the north of the country or came from the continent.

He was aware of migration – he had a brother living in Spain who saw many birds migrating to and from Africa over the Straits of Gibraltar – but many times in his letters he insists that

some swallows remain over winter in a torpid state in caves and crevices, and this at a time when the general belief was that birds that disappeared in the autumn hibernated at the bottom of ponds! In support of migration, he knew that many small birds frequently landed on ships at sea during autumn and spring periods.

Despite being an acute observer, relying on his own observations rather than hearsay, he could make mistakes. He confused a wintering grey wagtail with the yellow wagtail which does not remain in this country over winter. He was familiar with the mustelids – otter, stoat and weasel but thought there was one smaller than the weasel – it is in fact the female which is smaller than the male. He thought he had found a new species of water vole but it was a brown rat, which swims readily. The common rat in his time was the black rat and the brown rat had only just appeared in this country.

Phenology plays a significant part in his observations – recording first and last dates of arrival and departure of various birds, dates of nesting, egg-laying and fledging.

As his correspondents were learned men his letters are interspersed with frequent quotations in Greek and Latin.

His technique of careful and repeated observation forms the basis of modern natural history surveys but we now have access to facilities such as binoculars, telescopes, cameras, recordings of bird song, devices which will record and identify bats, etc.

So what are you waiting for? Get out into natural surroundings, observe, and pass on your records!

Ted Forsyth

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ROUNDAABOUT

Change (in case you have not yet noticed) is accelerating, more so in the retail shopping area. Going or gone are the days when one could spend hours trailing through our large department stores such as Alders, Grants & Debenhams (once Kennards). Many of us still remember Kennards with nostalgia, with its exotic arcade and pony rides for the kids.

Although we have all witnessed many changes in our own high street recently, one shop has retained its identity since it opened some 85 years ago. It is, of course, the newsagents known as **Tudor Library**. Started by Mr. & Mrs. Woodman in the thirties, it has retained its identity and service to the community over the years. Some residents may be puzzled about the term *library*. The shop initially ran a lending library, consisting largely of romantic novels. (Boots the chemist ran a large version at many of their stores at that time.) When the Woodmans passed away, the baton was passed on to their son-law, Mr. Jordan. He, in turn, passed the shop on to his family, Bill and David, who held the fort for some years

For nigh on 35 years the Patel family have successfully run this shop, not only as a business but also to support the local community of Selsdon.

Natubhai and Urmila Patel, on leaving India, first settled in East Africa, namely Uganda and Kenya. On emigrating to the U.K., Mrs. Patel found employment in a sub-post office in a chemist shop. Meanwhile, Mr. Patel acquired an entire range of retail activities including that of greengrocery! Thence to Selsdon for the next few decades! Although having a full-time job, son Jitesh would be seen standing in for the early weekend shift. Daughter-in-law Helena would be beavering away in the shop more often than not.

Our thanks to them all and we wish them a long and contented, well-earned retirement (from shop duties anyway!). And a warm welcome to new owners, Mr. & Mrs. Shah.

Good jokes do not normally fall from the lips of friend Sellis. Recently, a friend of his journeyed to Helsinki to visit her son. Sellis told her about the story of the alleged lost passenger who boarded the plane in London but who was never seen again. I ask Sellis what happened.

“Guess he just vanished into *Finn-Air!*” he offered.

I throw a book at him as he chortles out of the room. It misses. I have to reluctantly admit that, for Sellis, it is not a bad joke at all.

“Carousel”

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WHAT’S ON

You will find here information of events that are taking place in our area that may not have been mentioned elsewhere in the Gazette.

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SRA COMMUNITY PICNIC & FUN AFTERNOON AND FSW OPEN DAY

Sunday 8th September 12 noon – 4 p.m. in the Car Park Field, Selsdon Wood

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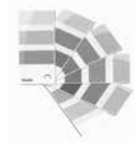
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- **Why not make it a street or inter-family challenge?**

e.g. Your neighbours v. another group or your family/friends v. others

Enjoy the FSW displays and stalls, join the walk, judge their photo competition and also a chance to drop off your SRA subscription envelope.

BUT, above all, do come and have fun!

FRIENDS OF SELSDON WOOD OPEN DAY

- **Information displays about Selsdon Wood – photo competition to judge**
- **FSW White Elephants, books and Tombola Stall**
- **FSW Children's activity stall**
- **FSW/ Children's Library Storytime for the under 7s**
- **FSW Guided Stroll through the wood**
- **Wide range of charity and craft stalls – for your early Christmas shopping**
- **Various stalls - local organisations – activities, raffles, face painting etc**
- **Fun Dog Show - tbc**
- **'Soul Symphony' stall/performance - tbc**
- **Action games organised by the Scouts**

Every one of our stall holders looks forward to your support!

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CATERHAM ART GROUP - ANNUAL EXHIBITION

Do come down to Caterham on the last weekend of July and visit our Exhibition. You can view the framed paintings and vote for your favourite, browse through the unframed paintings and prints, look at the small paintings and cards, have a cup of tea and cake, and maybe take part in the raffle. You will be made very welcome and should you wish to buy, you'll find something for every budget.

Venue: United Reformed Church, Harestone Hill, Caterham, CR3 6SX, opposite Morrison's car park.

Times: Friday 26 July, from 10 am till 5 pm, Saturday 27 July, from 10 am till 5pm, and Sunday 28 July, from 11.30 am till 4 pm.

To find out more about our monthly meetings and summer sketching outings please visit: www.caterhamartgroup.org.uk

FACEBOOK Caterham Art Group

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THE RSPB CROYDON LOCAL GROUP

Monthly Illustrated Wildlife Talks in South Croydon

Whitgift Sports Club, Croham Manor Road - off Croham Road. South Croydon, CR2 7BG. Second Monday of each month, 2pm and again at 8pm. Admission £4. Everyone is welcome, not just RSPB members. Free refreshments. A selection of RSPB goods, nuts & seeds are on sale. Parking limited on site but free in adjacent roads. 64 & 433 buses stop nearby in Croham Road.

Monday August 12th 2019: The Group's **General Meeting** (afternoon) and **AGM** (evening) will be preceded by a talk celebrating 130 years of the RSPB. **Tessa Boase** will be telling us about those women who defied convention to fight the plumage trade. Her research into that led to the writing of her book "**Mrs Pankhurst's Purple Feather**" (subtitled '**Fashion, Fury and Feminism - Women's Fight for Change**').

Monday Sept 9th 2019: “Transatlantic Travels” - Mike Mockler looks at wildlife in some of his favourite places in the Americas, among them Costa Rica, the Galapagos Islands, Jamaica, Canada and Patagonia. Birds range from glittering forest gems like the resplendent quetzal to snowy owls and Andean condors. Mammals include elephant seal, three species of sea-lion, orca, humpback whale, moose, elk, wolf and puma.

For more information contact John Davis on 020-8640 4578 or see www.rspb.org.uk/groups/croydon

Note: on request we give illustrated bird talks to local organisations.

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FRIENDS OF SELSDON WOOD

Wednesday 14th August @ 2pm - ‘Mini-Beast Hunt’ with Roger Hawkins (of interest to young children)

Meet in Selsdon Wood car park, Old Farleigh Road.

To make enquiries or to check the above, see the Walks and Workday pages of the website www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk

Or phone 020-8657 0423 or e-mail: selsdonwood@gmail.com

Selsdon Wood is owned by the National Trust and we have our own page on their website at <http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/selsdon-wood>

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SELSDON PRIMARY SCHOOL REUNION

If you, your parents or grandparents attended Selsdon Primary school between 1939-1946, we invite you to attend this year’s reunion of the ‘*Wartime Children*’. This lunchtime reunion will be held on:

Wednesday, 16 October 2019 at Farleigh Golf Club, Old Farleigh Road, Warlingham, CR6 9PE - From noon onwards – lunch to be served at 12.30pm

This annual event is becoming more popular. Starting a few years ago with just half-a-dozen or so, last year it attracted over 30 ex-pupils, despite the passing years! The last seventy years passed like a flash as fond childhood reminiscences were exchanged. A stoic generation indeed.

For those wishing to attend this year's event, a menu will be sent to you nearer the time so you can order your dining requirements beforehand.

For more information please contact Jill Maynard

Email: jill.m.maynard@gmail.com Phone: 020 8657 3858

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'HOLIDAY at HOME' AT SELSDON BAPTIST CHURCH

Once again Selsdon Baptist Church is hosting a 'Holiday at Home' for Selsdon Seniors. This year our theme is 'Wonderful Wales' and it will be held at the Church and in the Halls from Monday 29th July, on alternate days, through to Sunday 4th August.

Many Selsdon Seniors have attended over past years and it is ideal for those who cannot get away on a proper holiday. Come and enjoy being waited for morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea. There is also the opportunity if you wish, to be active with quizzes, crafts and puzzles or maybe you would prefer to simply relax.

Music will also feature in our programme this year

If you would like to attend or would like to know more, please contact the Church Office on 020 8651 4308 to apply for a booking form. Places are limited so do not delay!

We hope to see you there

The H@H Team at Selsdon Baptist Church

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July 31 - Roman Road - discovering the route from Farleigh to Beckenham - Frank Mercer

Contact Joyce Hoad (Chair) joycehead@virginmedia.com
or chris.harman@tiscali.co.uk

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SOUL SYMPHONY CHOIR

Have you seen the banners recently on display? Soul Symphony are holding a Festival event on 20th July at Emmanuel Church, South Croydon, CR2 7AF. To get tickets, go to <http://bit.ly/27obhNO> or pay at the door.

Joining the award winning Soul Symphony Choir, are the Work in Progress Quartet, the B.I.G. Choir, Harrow Community Gospel Choir, ACHIM mime group and the recently started Croydon Church Choir. For more information, go to www.soulsymphony.co.uk

Soul Symphony is a dynamic vocal ensemble based in South Croydon. The members join together each week to have fun and make amazing music. Everyone is welcome to join us and be energised by the uplifting sessions, as well as the mutual support and encouragement of this exciting community.

Please join us for our Autumn Term that starts on Tuesday 10th September, from 7.15pm at the Emmanuel Centre, Rockhampton Road, South Croydon, CR2 7AQ.

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THE ARTS SOCIETY SANDERSTEAD

Tuesday July 23rd 2019, 10.30 - 11.45am - Sanderstead
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“Nicola Moorby” - Turner versus Constable

Nicola Moorby is an independent art historian specialising in British art of the 19th and early 20th centuries. She studied at the University of York and Birkbeck College, London. She formerly worked at the Tate Britain as a curator and researcher.

Coffee is served from 9.30 - 10.15am - Please register on arrival, there will be a small fee of £5.

For more information on joining our society so that you can take full advantage of our wider programme of day visits, foreign and/or home tours, Special Interest Days and other social events please ask for details at the hall or ring

Sue Davenport 020 8660 9122

Website: www.theartssocietysanderstead.org.uk

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MUSIC EVENTS FROM THE PHOENIX COLLECTIVE - SAVE THE DATES!

- ▷ Do you write songs? Are you a singer or choir leader who would like some help arranging a piece to sing? If so, put this date in your diary! The Selsdon-based Phoenix Collective are excited to announce a visit by American a cappella expert Chris Rupp (founder of the NBC Sing-Off winners, Home Free), on Sunday 19th October 2019. Chris will be available to work with individuals or groups on aspects of song-writing and a cappella arranging. Why not give a session with him as a gift to a family or friend who is a keen musician? The sessions will take place in Selsdon, so right on your doorstep!

- ▷ Are you a primary class teacher wanting to learn how to teach music? Are you a primary music specialist looking to refresh your practice with new ideas and insights? If so, come to the 'Music in the Primary Classroom' course on 26th-27th October 2019! This is hosted by Selsdon Resident Cyrilla Rowsell (author of the Jolly Music series) and Gerard Klaassens, a creative music educator from The Netherlands. The venue for this weekend will be St John's Primary School in Shirley Church Road.

More details to follow but **SAVE THE DATES NOW!**

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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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15th May

Dear Heather

Here is the best I can remember about living in Ingham Road, Selsdon. We moved there in 1943 from York Road and lived in the second house on the left at the top of the hill - it was called Hilltop and I think the number was 36.

We were a family of 6. Father was in charge of the Home Guard Headquarters in Selsdon Road near Baileys Garage. Our mother was an air-raid warden for Ingham Road. I have three sisters - Pat, Elizabeth and Elaine. Our surname was Gosling.

Our dining room was converted into a first aid centre - luckily this was never used. My sister Pat and I used to go round with a baby pram and knock on doors to collect papers and magazines for the war effort and take them to the library to be sorted.

We were evacuated to Pudsey with our mother and returned to Selsdon for VE day in 1945 and we moved from Ingham Road in 1946/7.

Norma Brothers

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25th May

Good Afternoon from Sydney, Australia.

I wonder if you could assist with a query regarding a report on the 15th March 1941 bombing incident written by Ted Frith which I have recently discovered.

I am in the process of tracing some Mortimer family history and this report refers to an ancestor, Ethel Banfield (nee Mortimer), who was killed in the attack along with husband Richard. I believe the name of their only child who survived to be Norman R. Banfield and not Eric, as stated, so would like to investigate the source of this report in order to establish the correct name. Investigations from both the Mortimer and Banfield families have failed to clarify the name, nor what became of the child.

I would greatly appreciate your assistance in this matter, especially if you can put me in touch with somebody who has more information on this particular Selsdon bombing.

Many thanks.

Kind regards,

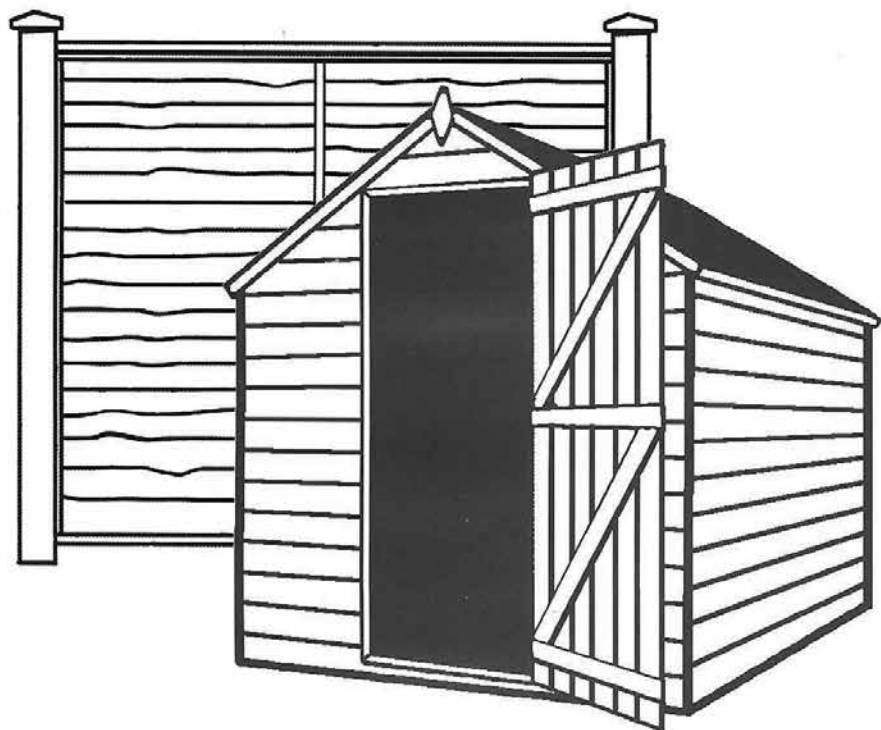
Liz Gregory (nee Mortimer) pjaelg@gmail.com

Editor's Note - The article referred to was written by Ted Frith for the Gazette some years ago but is to be found amongst the Rowsell Chronicles on the SRA website <https://selsdon-residents.co.uk/the-rowsell-chronicles.php>. If you can help please contact Liz directly and let me know.

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Roy Brady MCiphe

28th May

Good day,

I was born in June 1940 at Purley hospital and lived at 37, Abbey Road, Selsdon until May 24th 1950 when my parents, along with my older sister Pauline, emigrated to Australia. Des Donohoe, one of your recent correspondents was and still is my very best mate. Living in the same road, our families formed a tight bond as we did with many over the post-war years. Surprisingly, they are all good memories. Survival and reconstruction brought about the solidarity and strength all Brits have. At nearing 79 years of age I have strong memories of the later war and post war years. Along with my sister in 1993 we thanked Australia for all she has given us by becoming Aussie citizens. Despite this slight change, the English blood still runs proudly in my veins. I plan, god-willing, to walk up Abbey Road next year. If you tell Des, he may not believe you as I have been telling him this for years. I look forward to reading the Selsdon Gazette in the months to come.

Many thanks.

David Parr

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16th June 2016

Hello Heather and Michael Fox,

I have been following your information in recent Letters pages of the Gazette, re- the sightings by Michael of the dogs kept at Selsdon Park Hotel in the 1950s, and the later sightings by our Gazette Editor circa the 1970s.

These later sightings by Editor Heather, were described as “when they had the Labs by the fire and when I saw the paintings”.

Today I went with some family members for a Sunday Tea at the hotel. This gave me an opportunity to see if the dogs still survive, stretched out beside the fire. But being mid-summer there was of course no fire!

However one of the dogs still survives, even though the paintings that Heather saw are no longer hanging beside the fireplace.

For those dog lovers who may be better at determining the disputed breed of this one remaining dog, these photos may resolve its true heritage.

Des Donohoe.



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5th June

Just a line to let you know that your advertising and my efforts to raise funds for Parkinson's U K Research to find a cure, has generated £283.98 so far this year thanks to the generosity of folk who have turned out their drawers and cupboards and donated their "trash for cash". Please convey my sincere thanks to your readers.

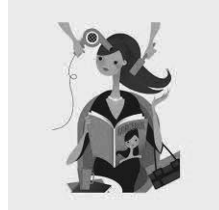
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A SELECTED LIST OF SELSDON ORGANISATIONS

The information provided is, we hope, accurate, but we cannot take any responsibility for any mistakes. Any alterations should be sent to the Editor, as well as contact details of any organisation omitted.

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| St John the Divine (Church of England) | Parish Office | 8657 2343 |
| Selsdon Baptist | Office | 8651 4308 |
| St Columba's (Roman Catholic) | | 8657 3747 |
| St Francis (Church of England) | Monks Hill | 8657 7864 |
| Croydon Jubilee Church | Office | 8651 2807 |
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| Church of Jesus Christ of LDS | Bishop Hawkins | 01883 349914 |

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| Farley Road Medical Practice | 8651 1222 |
| Queenhill Medical Practice | 8651 1141 |
| Selsdon Park Medical Practice | 8657 0067 |
| Croydon University Hospital (formerly Mayday Hospital, 24/7) | 8401 3000 |
| New Addington Minor Injuries Unit (Mon-Fri 14:00-22:00/Sat-Sun 12:00-22:00) | 8251 7225 |
| Purley War Memorial Hospital (Urgent Care Centre, 08:00-20:00, 365 days/year) | 8401 3238 |

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| Bourne Society | Roger Packham | 01883 349287 |
| Croydon Natural History & Scientific Society | Brian Lancaster | 8668 6909 |
| Croydon Recorded Music Society | Liz Brereton | 8656 7382 |
| Croydon Voluntary Association for the Blind | | 8668 2486 |
| Cruse Bereavement Care Helpline | | 8916 0855 |
| Friends of Littleheath Woods | Ian Leggatt | 8651 1140 |
| Friends of Selsdon Wood | Heather Govier | 8657 0423 |
| Rainbows, Brownies, Guides & Senior Section | | |
| Girlguiding UK: http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get_involved.aspx | | 0800 169 5901 |
| Parkinson's UK Croydon & District | Jacky Green | 01737 355487 |
| Police (Selsdon & Ballards SNT) | Beat Officer: | 8721 2464 |
| RSPB, Croydon Local Group | John Davis | 8640 4578 |
| Rotary Club of Croydon South | Wendy A Parr | 07774 186792 |
| Probus Club of Croydon South | John Barker | 8657 2093 |
| St John's Dramatic Society | Caryl Rapps | 8651 1326 |
| St John's Wives | Jane Guglielmi | 8657 6672 |
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