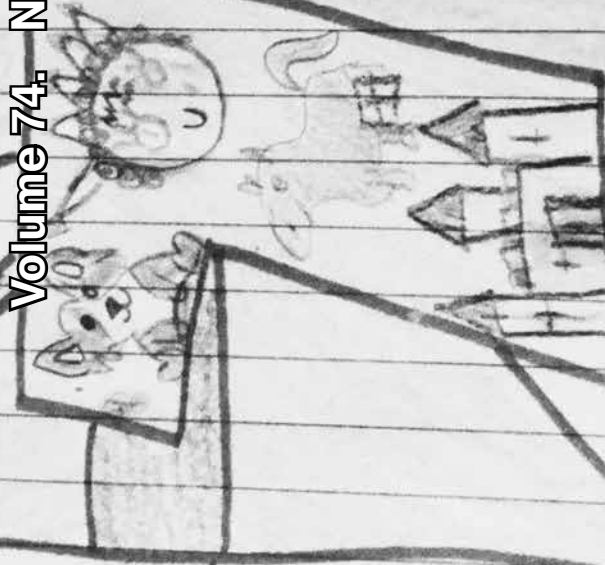
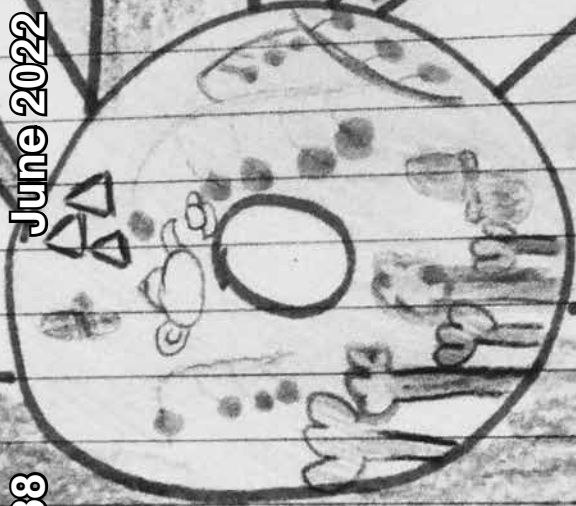


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Full details of the roads falling within each of the Selsdon wards can be found on the home page of the SRA website <http://selsdon-residents.co.uk>





## Editor's Note



Welcome to a very packed June edition of the Selsdon Gazette! There is lots from the SRA this month with its AGM now being held in July, we have an agenda, changes to its Constitution and statements from the two candidates standing for Chair of the Association. Please do try to come to the AGM on 6 July to meet the committee and tell them about issues which are affecting you. You should also find the annual subscription envelope in this Gazette. Please do not put it on a shelf to do later, rather put some money in it ready to deliver to the nearest of the listed addresses or use online banking to **Selsdon Residents Association (SRA): A/c No 40336343 Sort Code 20 - 24 - 61**, remembering to state the first line of your address as your reference. The SRA relies on your subscriptions to provide the Christmas Lights, the visit of Father Christmas, decorations for the Jubilee, flowers for the containers on the high street and much more.

Whilst I have been preparing this month's Gazette, I have been visiting some of the wonderful scarecrows people have made to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of the Queen. As we go to print, I do not know which ones are the prize winners, but I have included photos of a selection of our 'Right Royal Scarecrows'. The cover this month was drawn by seven year old Ava. Ava loves the Queen and designed it to celebrate this special Jubilee.

This month we meet our new councillor team, we have the third instalment from Janet Sharpe about the Selsdon Wood Preservation Society and the fourth 'Shopping in Selsdon' article by Ian Leggatt. We have our regular contributors: Ted Forsyth in his Nature Notes focussing on Ants and Butterflies, Mary Gill with a poem celebrating World Parent Day and our friends from the Sanderstead Horticultural Society giving us a very long list of jobs to do in the garden. We also

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20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE - PREFERABLY BEFORE! 

have some helpful advice about how to avoid car and bike thefts from our local police officers.

Finally, a plea to all ages for any photos, articles or poems about how the Jubilee was celebrated in your home or street. Please email them to me so that the July edition of the *Gazette* can show that Selsdonians know how to celebrate the occasion properly (selsdongazettesra@gmail.com).

I hope that you enjoy your read.

**Chris Jones**

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

It is so good to see normality returning to life and local groups meeting again and thriving.

Your Residents' Association will celebrate its 96<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, the same as our Queen (both still going strong!), so we put up the bunting to celebrate both reaching that grand old age. It would be great if we could see some new blood join us to continue the work started all those years ago. Please don't be shy - come to our AGM at St John's Church Hall at 8pm on the 6<sup>th</sup> July and meet us and find out more.

We are still in need of a Gazette Distribution manager and would love to hear from anyone who can help.

### **Police**

We have invited the local officers to our AGM so hopefully, shifts allowing, they will be able to attend and report about their work in the Selsdon wards. Croydon has axed 20 safety officers and they will be replaced by a private security company who work on a commission based on how many fines are given out.

Croydon Council have announced that you will no longer be able to phone them with queries about council tax which will make it difficult for many. Maybe our new councillors or Mayor could ask for it to be changed back??

### **359 Bus**

We hear that it is intended to reduce this service to every 45 mins in the Autumn. This may be something we can raise at the transport meetings we attend but will keep our eyes and ears peeled for any further updates.

## Flower Displays

We hope the flower displays on the railings will be in full bloom to match the bunting by the time you read this. The SRA is grateful to Chapel View Plants for selling us the plants at a price we couldn't refuse! If residents could take a bottle of water every time they visit the high street to give the plants a drink, that would be much appreciated.

## Subs Envelopes

This month's Gazette has the envelope for you to pay the annual subscription which stays at £5 per household. These can be dropped off at the following addresses: -

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Arthur Wilson 131 Sundale Ave,  
Sara Bashford 20 Wagtail Gardens,

You can of course drop them off at Selsdon Centre for the Retired if you are shopping at Sainsburys or at Tudor Library whilst visiting the post office or paying for your papers! Hopefully not too far a walk for anyone but details to pay by standing order or online are provided on the envelope too.

Hope to see you on 6<sup>th</sup> July for that glass of wine that Wetherspoons have donated.

Finally, thanks to our councillors for getting the Selsdon Clock mended.

**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

Selsdon residents are invited to attend this annual opportunity to meet the SRA Committee, Gazette editor, local Councillors and local Police to talk about their neighbourhood. This is our first AGM for two years due to

Covid 19 restrictions.

The agenda is attached. All of the Committee are offering to re-stand but we also have one Committee vacancy to be filled – volunteers are very welcomed. We currently have two volunteers for the Chair position. We also have a Special Resolution to agree clarifications/amendments to the SRA Rules (see below). The Annual Report for 2021 was published in the February 2022 Gazette and is available online.

The AGM lasts about an hour, with a chance for drinks and chat afterwards. We do hope you can join us and perhaps bring a neighbour. Current COVID Health and Safety Precautions will be in place.

### **SPECIAL RESOLUTION**

This is a notice of our proposal, by Special Resolution, to make changes to the SRA Rules of the Association (our Constitution). This is item 9 on the AGM agenda. This Rule change proposal is aimed at slightly modernising the Rules without negatively effecting the original intention, character or principles of the current Rules. The proposed updated Rules dated 2022 are attached.

We have also produced a detailed breakdown of the changes and this with copies of the current and proposed updated Rules will be available at the AGM and on the SRA website [selsdon-residents.co.uk](http://selsdon-residents.co.uk) or you can request them from the Secretary Janet Sharp on 0208 6516882.



### **2022 SRA AGM AGENDA**

1. **Apologies for absence** - Due to the Covid 19 crisis the SRA public AGMs (2020 and 2021) were cancelled. Reports of our activities were placed in the Gazette, on our website, local public noticeboards and social media. The SRA email was given for residents to contact with any queries or objections (there were none).
2. **Police report**
3. **Annual Reports** – 2019 report (Published Gazette March 2020), 2020 Report (Published Gazette March 2021), 2021 Report (Published January 2022 Gazette and available at this meeting)
4. **Matters arising** from the 2019, 2020 and 2021 reports.
5. **Treasurers Report** with adoption of the Accounts for 2021/22 (Printed in the March Gazette and available at the meeting)
6. **The Selsdon Gazette** - Editor Report
7. **Christmas Lights**
8. **Annual Subscription** – to resolve the cost per household for

- 2022/2023 (proposed to remain unchanged at £5)
9. **Special resolution** - proposal to amend the Rules of the Association (Resolution and Proposed Rules printed in the June Gazette, Current and Proposed Rules and breakdown of changes also available on SRA website and copies of all these documents available at the meeting)
  10. **Election of Chair**, Officers and Members of the Executive Committee for 2022/23. There are two candidates for Chair, and there is one general Committee vacancy. The position of Secretary has been advertised.
  11. **Adoption** of the Hon. Accounts Reviewer for 2022/23
  12. **Any other business**

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## **The Constitution of the Selsdon Residents' Association** (To be agreed at AGM 2022)

### **1. Name and Catchment Area**

- a) The Association is called 'The Selsdon Residents' Association' (SRA).
- b) The catchment area of the SRA shall be deemed to be that area of Selsdon within the Selsdon and Ballards Ward (SB2, SB3, SB4, SB5, SB6 excluding SB1) of the London Borough of Croydon as on April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012. See Appendix 1, SRA Membership Catchment Area.

### **2. Object:**

To promote the benefit of the residents of Selsdon without distinction of gender or of Political, Religious or other opinions by associating with the Local Authorities, Voluntary Organisations and residents in a common effort to inform and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for those residents.

### **3. Membership, Officers and Committee, Honorary Presidents and Vice Presidents**

#### **a) Membership:**

All residents 18 years of age or over in Selsdon are eligible for membership. Payment of annual subscription shall constitute membership for up to three adult members per household.

#### **b) Officers and Committee:**

1. The Committee of the Association shall consist of fourteen members, in accordance with 3a, including Offices of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer at least two Officers and four committee members, (six) to form a quorum.
2. The Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

3. The Committee shall have the power to fill any casual vacancy amongst its officers and members, but shall report its action at the next AGM thereafter.
4. The Committee shall carry out the business referred to it by AGM or Special General Meeting (SGM) and any other matters which may come before it or be initiated by it which are consistent with para 2.
5. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt members to provide specialist knowledge or expertise and such co-opted members need not be members of the Association. Co-opted members shall have no vote.
6. The Committee shall have the power to appoint sub-committees.

**c) Honorary President and Vice Presidents**

The Association shall be empowered to appoint a President and one or more Vice-Presidents in recognition of long or exemplary service to the SRA. These roles are honorary and shall confer no voting rights other than as a subscribed member.

**4. Meetings and Voting Rights:**

- a) The Committee shall meet as necessary at the discretion of the Chair and members shall receive an Agenda and Minutes not less than seven days prior to the date of the meeting.
- b) Committee meetings may be carried out via electronic means or 'in person' attendance. The Committee shall decide which method to adopt to suit particular circumstances. 'In person' meetings are to be preferred.
- c) Committee meetings shall be to discuss any matter consistent with para 2. Decisions shall be determined by a majority vote, which may be by show of hands or by ballot, at the discretion of the Chair. In the event of a tie, the Chair shall have a casting vote in addition to an ordinary vote.
- d) The Association shall hold its AGM in March or April of each year and the agenda for that meeting shall include the presentation of the most recent accounts which shall have been independently reviewed.
- e) A SGM may be called when the Committee deem desirable, or on application to the Chair and Secretary in writing signed by not less than 20 members, stating the object of the meeting and, in both cases, giving not less than 28 clear days' notice.
- f) Voting Rights at an AGM or SGM are allocated to members of the Association only, in accordance with para 3a.
- g) In extremis decisions shall be made by Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary, three to form a quorum. Such decisions shall be minuted and conveyed to the Committee via Email, text message or phone call as soon as is reasonably possible.



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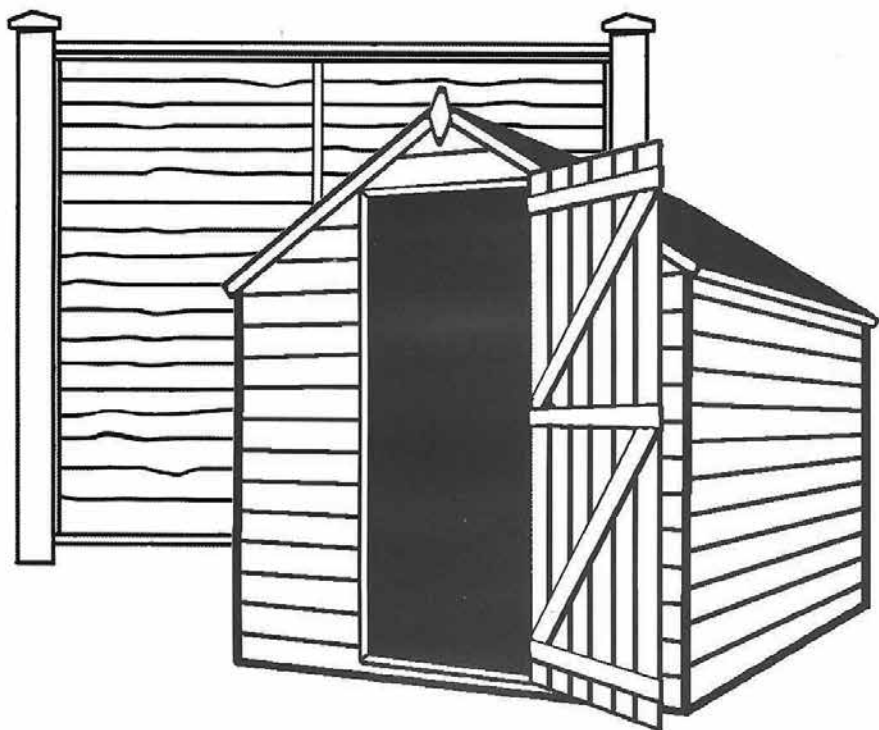
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## **5 Finance:**

- a) The financial year of the Association shall commence on 1<sup>st</sup> January each year.
- b) The annual subscription to the Association, commencing 1<sup>st</sup> June, shall be determined by resolution of the Annual General Meeting during that year. Notification of the subscription for the year shall be made in such manner as determined by the Meeting.
- c) All expenditure shall be recorded by minutes of meetings of the Committee.
- d) In furthering its object, the Association may apply its funds by assisting organisations which match the SRA objectives. Notwithstanding para 5c, the Committee may by resolution appoint a sub-committee, who shall be members of the Association, to carry out the administration and application of all or part of the said funds, subject to any directions or provisions for the appointment of new administrators, as it may think fit.
- e) The good offices of the Association may be used to promote or assist special contributions from members for charitable appeals of national or local character if deemed desirable.

## **6 Winding Up**

- a) The Association shall not be wound up except by vote of two-thirds of the members present at an AGM, or a SGM called for that purpose.
- b) Any money or property remaining after payment of debts must be given to a not-for-profit group with similar purposes to the SRA, as nominated and agreed at the meeting.

## **7 Changes to this Constitution:**

- a) No changes to this Constitution shall be made except at the AGM, or at a SGM convened for that purpose, notice of such meeting shall include the suggested change which may be subject to amendment at the meeting.
- b) No change can be made which would make the Association no longer a not-for-profit Residents Association.

## Appendix 1

### SRA Membership Catchment Area

<b>A</b> Abbey Road Abercorn Close Addington Road Albatross Gardens Ambleside Gardens Arundel Avenue Ashen Vale	<b>E</b> Elm Park Gardens Endsleigh Close	<b>L</b> Langley Road Langley Oaks Ave Lapwing Close Lichfield Way Linnet Close Littleheath Road Lynne Close	<b>R</b> Ravenshead Close Redwing Close Ridge Langley Rylandes Road
<b>B</b> Beech Way Benhurst Gardens Benhurst Close Birdwood Close Boxford Close Brent Road Bruce Drive Bullfinch Road Byron Road	<b>F</b> Farley Road Ferns Close Foxearth Road Foxearth Spur	<b>M</b> Mallard Road Mapleleaf Close Martin Close Mountwood Close	<b>S</b> Selsdon Crescent Sandpiper Road Southviews Suffield Close Sundale Avenue Swallowdale Sylvan Close
<b>C</b> Courtlands Close Cowley Close Crozier Drive Curlew Close	<b>G</b> Goldfinch Road Greville Avenue Greystone Close	<b>N</b> Nightingale Road Norfolk Avenue	<b>T</b> Teal Close The Rise Thorold Close Turnstone Close
<b>D</b> Dove Close Dulverton Road (inc. Bowyer Terrace)	<b>H</b> Hawthorn Crescent Herondale	<b>O</b> Old Farleigh Road Osprey Gardens Owl Close	<b>U</b> Upper Selsdon Rd
	<b>I</b> Ingham Close Ingham Road	<b>P</b> Peacock Gardens	<b>W</b> Wagtail Gardens Woodland Gardens Wren Close Wyncote Way
	<b>K</b> Kersey Drive Kingfisher Gardens Kingsway Avenue Kingswood Way Kittiwake Close	<b>Q</b> Quail Gardens Queenhill Road	<b>Y</b> York Road



Selsdon and Balards Ward



## **STATEMENTS FROM THE TWO CANDIDATES FOR SRA CHAIR**

### **Sheila Childs**

Although not born and bred in Selsdon, I have lived in the same house for 42 years and brought up my family here. We have always appreciated the sense of community spirit in Selsdon which many still refer to as “the village”. My children all attended Selsdon Primary School and I became involved with the PTA and chaired it for some years. I was also on the committee of Contact for 11 years and still remain a volunteer driver.

In the days when local high streets had banks, I worked in the Selsdon branch of Barclays and we worked with the Village Club to raise funds for local causes such as the Selsdon Centre and Cancer. I came into contact with lots of the local groups and when I retired, I still continued to volunteer. I have been Chair of the Selsdon Residents Association for 10 years.

At the coming AGM I am standing for Chair as I want to continue to contribute with the ongoing work that the SRA does – e.g., the annual picnic (which has now joined with the Friends of Selsdon Woods Fair), the Christmas Lights & Visit from Santa, the flowers along the High Street and the maintenance of the Selsdon Triangle area.

### **Phil Roberts**

I am Phil Roberts, born and bred in Selsdon 53 years ago and the early morning manager in Tudor Library. As part of the Sanderstead and Selsdon Rotary club one of my areas of interest is in the creation of a local community group that has central to its aim.

In this short piece I want to address Selsdon’s High St., and how do we turn Selsdon from a pass-through town as it is now and into a place of destination where people want to come to our shops and not be immediately put off by the eyesore that is the old Nationwide Building Society. We don’t have to look far to get some ideas; Purley last year had purple trees and West Wickham looks clean, friendly and welcoming.

Granted we do have flowers adorning the Huxley, the crossings planters and a few along the railings, but we have much more scope for introducing bright colours into the high street.

For example: combining events such as the Jubilee, Football or having a fun themed event such as Jasper the Rabbit that involved our retailers. Let’s inject some brightness, colour and fun into Selsdon. I will bring this, amongst other things, to the role of Chair of the SRA, the vision,

imagination, energy and the willingness to show what can be done.

If you want to know more about some of these plans and more, I simply ask that you come and see both Sheila and me at the re-scheduled AGM on **6 JULY**.

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## **COUNCILLORS' NOTES**

### **COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

The Local Council Elections were held on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022. Here are the full results for both Selsdon Wards:

#### **Selsdon Vale and Forestdale**

**Andy Stranack (CON), Badsha Quadir (CON). Turnout was 40.90%**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Number of Votes</b>
Douglas A	Green	469
Hossain A	Labour	446
Kelly G	Green	425
Quadir B	Conservative	1502
Stranack A	Conservative	1964
Whitehead R	Labour	480

#### **Selsdon and Addington Village**

**Joseph Lee (CON) and Robert Ward (CON) elected. Turnout was 41.69%**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Number of Votes</b>
Bullock B	Green	360
Bullock M	Green	263
Collins A	Labour	649
Ellis A	Labour	480
Lee J	Conservative	1771
Lishmund H	Lib Dem	513
Semadeni J	Lib Dem	254
Stiling Z	Heritage	45
Ward R	Conservative	1695

Here are the results for the first democratically elected Mayor for Croydon

Candidate	Party	First Choice Votes	% of total first choice votes	Second Choice Votes	Total Votes
Howard R	Lib Dem	9967	10.39	N/A	9967
London F	Taking the Initiative Party	5768	6.01	N/A	5768
McKenzie W	Independent	1324	1.38	N/A	1324
Palmer G	Independent	1114	1.16	N/A	1114
Pelling A	Independent	6807	7.09	N/A	6807
Perry J	Local Conservatives	33413	34.83	5199	38612
Shawcross V	Labour & Co-operative Party	31352	32.68	6671	38023
Underwood P	Green	6193	6.46	N/A	6193

Here are the results for Croydon Councillors

Party	Last Election	2022 Election
Labour	41	34
Conservative	29	33
Greens	0	2
Liberal Democrats	0	1

So, the new Directly Elected Mayor of Croydon is Jason Perry and the Council is under no overall control by any political party.

The new Directly Elected Mayor structures are currently being put in place and the Mayor has already announced a review of the local plan, to remove intensification zones, the reinstatement of the Graffiti Removal Team and securing additional extra Police Officers for New Addington. Joseph and Badsha join as new Councillors for Selsdon, but have both been working in the area for some time.

Below we provide a brief biography for each of the elected Councillors for the Selsdon area:

## **Selsdon and Addington Village**

Joseph Lee - Joseph has lived in Croydon with his wife Charlotte since 2014 and has recently moved to the Selsdon and Addington Village Ward. He is managing director of a business which was set up in 2019. Joseph has been very active in the ward and has met with a number of local businesses and organisations. He also enjoyed helping out at the 2021 Christmas Market.

Robert Ward - Robert moved with his family to Croydon in 2006. Originally from an engineering background he latterly specialised in projects to improve the safety, efficiency and quality of business services. He is an experienced decision analyst and a certified project manager.

## **Selsdon Vale and Forestdale**

Badsha Quadir - Badsha is a successful local businessman who owns the Royal Tandoori Restaurant on Selsdon High Street. Since being elected in 2010, Badsha has been a Councillor in the Purley area but is now keen to support the business community and residents in Selsdon.

Andy Stranack – Andy has been active in the Forestdale and Selsdon area for over twenty years. He previously managed the Selsdon Contact Charity. Andy is currently CEO of Ment4, a mentoring charity that helps young people in trouble across Croydon. Andy is a governor at Courtwood Primary School, an active member of both the Selsdon and Forestdale Residents' Associations and is on the leadership team of Innovation Church Forestdale.

## **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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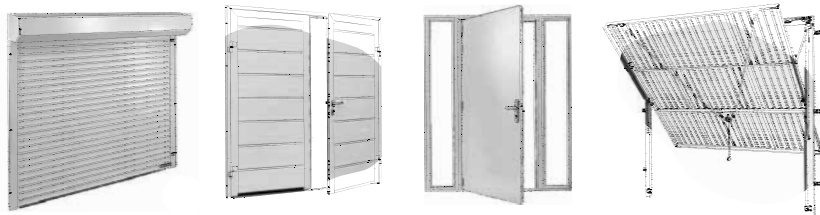
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Alterations to patio and steps

22/01756/GPDO – 77 Farley Road CR2 7NG

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22/016781/HSE 24 Littleheath Road CR2 7SA

Creation of a rear extension and Garage Conversion + Internal reconfiguration

*(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

### Working with new Mayor Jason Perry – Purley Pool and Planning Policy



On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May, residents of Croydon went to their polling stations to directly elect an Executive Mayor of Croydon for the first time in the history of the Borough. After a hard-fought campaign, Jason Perry emerged victorious – by a margin of just a few hundred votes. I would like to thank those people who supported Jason; whether you voted for him or not, I know that he will serve everyone's interests across our neighbourhood.

As Croydon South's MP, I am now working closely with the new Mayor to deliver on important issues for residents in our neighbourhood.

First is the re-opening of Purley Pool. Jason and I visited the site just five days after he was elected Mayor to inspect the facility. It is likely that some of the equipment will need to be replaced or repaired, but Council officers have already been instructed to work up re-opening plans and budgets as soon as possible.

On planning, Jason's new administration has already initiated a process to review existing planning policies. I fully support the move to overturn any damaging policies, and want to see the character of our neighbourhood and green spaces properly protected. I will be following this issue very carefully indeed. I am also pleased that Jason has already instructed the council to reinstate the graffiti removal team, which the previous council scrapped.

Aside from the Mayoral election, Croydon Council is now under No Overall Control after no single party returned enough local councillors to form a majority. This means that council committees will also likely not be controlled by a single party – the impact of which remains to be seen.

Finally, I would like to congratulate all the new councillors elected on 5<sup>th</sup> May, who I will work closely with to deliver the best for our Borough.

***Chris Philp***

Member of Parliament, Croydon South: 020 7219 8026  
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## **Report from our Local Police Wards**

Hello Residents,

Hope everyone is well. The team has a new Police Community Support Officer, Altaf Hussain. You will probably see him out and about at some point of time. Unfortunately, I and the team have been extracted for other events in Central London recently therefore you would not have seen us about.

There has been a spike in keyless car thefts not just on our ward but also in Sanderstead. This is where people stand outside your address with equipment to gain the signal from your car key. They will then programme their own blank key to start your car and drive away with it. To combat this, we are advising residents of high value vehicles to keep their keys in something metal while they are not in use. A metal box is an ideal deterrent. There has also been a few instances where individuals are trying to steal motorbikes off of residents' drives. They have been deterred by the residents and the theft was avoided. If you do own a motorbike, kindly make sure you have a lock chain on your motorbike and secure it safely or even better store it away in a garage if possible.

Finally, if you do have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us on 999 in case of an emergency or 101 if you need to enquire about something, alternatively you could e-mail the team at:  
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## **Saving Selsdon Wood – part 3**

This series of articles has been exploring the background of the core group of 5 founders of the 'Selsdon Wood Preservation Society': Mr Lawrence Chubb, Miss AM Bonus, Mr MG Sharpe, Mr EA Earl and Miss WM Hudson.

This month we hear about Mr Sharpe, Mr Earl and a local naturalist, Mr Beadell.

The group's Chairman was **Malcolm Grahame Sharpe (29/03/1868 – 10/04/1948)**. With help from free online census data, I have found that he grew up in Norwood and started his career as an electrical engineer and

by the age of 33 he was working as an architect living in South Croydon. Croydon was the location of one of the earliest railways in England, so land values in the area soared as Victorians began to see opportunities to move out from dirty and overcrowded London. Housing development in late 19th century Croydon was booming.

Croham Hurst became a very popular spot for people to visit, however, few people realised that the facility they freely enjoyed was not public property. In 1898 it became known that the Whitgift Governors wished to dispose of the area, the lower slopes were to be developed and the remainder on the top offered to the Council. This proposal would have resulted in half of the Hurst being built upon and the rest being enclosed behind a seven-foot-high fence. The people of Croydon were outraged and quickly formed a committee to fight the proposals. Malcolm Sharpe was a key player. During February 1899 a memorial signed by a thousand local people was presented to the Council. A letter appeared in one of the papers, *"We are not asking for a new pleasure ground, we only plead that what we have enjoyed for all our lifetime shall not now be taken from us."* (more info on [croydon.gov.uk](http://croydon.gov.uk))

Following a successful campaign, on the 8th February 1901 the Whitgift Foundation finally sold the whole of Croham Hurst to Croydon Corporation to ensure protection from development and access for public recreation. A pattern then emerges - Malcolm then successfully fought for the preservation of Purley Beeches (1907). By 1911 he was living in Woldingham and he was on committees to extend (again with success) the protected public access green space in South Hawke, Woldingham & Kenley Common. He then moved to Sanderstead (1 Church Way) and was key to saving Selsdon Wood (1927) and Littleheath Wood (1931). Not only that, this local hero also compiled a record of public rights of way, saving them for the future.

He was a member of the RSPB, the Commons, Open Spaces and Footpaths Society and the National Trust. All of these societies would play a key part in the preservation of Selsdon Wood, particularly the recruitment, to the founding group, of Lawrence Wensley Chubb (Secretary of the National Trust).

LORD MAYOR PLANTS TREE



A more full and fitting tribute to Malcolm can be found on our website from the 1948 Selsdon Gazette. He is described as 'tireless, modest, wise and good'. I found this photo which may have him in the background - if you can identify him or provide a better image, please let us know. (friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk)

Also found on the lease is **Mr Ernest Alfred Earl** (Gentleman). The title denotes his profession which conveyed status, it was not because he was born from the upper classes. According to a census search Ernest was born in Westminster 16/07/1874 where his father's profession is given as a baker. He somehow had the good fortune (scholarship?) to be trained as a solicitor at St John's College, Cambridge. Fellow founding member of the Selsdon Wood Preservation group, Winifred Hudson's family also had strong links to that College at that time so he may have known them. His family moved to Croydon (Chatsworth Road) sometime after 1891. The address first appearing on his father's death certificate of 1900. My guess would be that Ernest may have become involved in the saving of Croham Hurst (his legal knowledge no doubt being useful) and became known to Malcolm Sharpe at that time. He owned a Law practice at Chancery Lane, London. He is still found on the electoral roll with his Croydon address in 1924 but at some point, he moved to Reigate where he died in 1954 aged 80.

In my research into the 5 names on the Selsdon Wood Lease transfer I came across the name **Arthur M F Beadell** (23/02/1872- 24/03/1957) and he is worth mentioning. According to Brian Thomas (writing for The Bourne Society, Book 8 Village Histories Chelsham and Farleigh), Arthur was "*an early custodian of our wildlife heritage*", he came from a poor background and had to leave school early but was a talented, self-taught and committed naturalist and conservationist and a "leading light" in the struggle to save Selsdon Wood and whose advice was regularly sought by Malcolm Sharpe.

**Janet Sharp** (no relation to Malcolm!)

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## **A Good Time for Gardening – June**

Everything should be growing really well by now, despite whatever the weather has decided to do ... rain, high winds or scorching sunshine! We will all be kept busy in the garden over the next few months.

- ~ Check plants daily and water them if the soil is dry — especially newly planted fruit trees and shrubs that are still getting established.
- ~ Use blinds or apply shade paint to prevent your greenhouse from overheating. Remember to open vents and doors on warm days.
- ~ Keep on top of weeding. Your plants shouldn't have to compete for precious water, light, and nutrients.
- ~ Lift and divide clumps of snowdrops and bluebells once the leaves start to yellow.
- ~ Wait for bulb foliage to die down naturally before cutting back.
- ~ Pinch out the tips of **fuchsias** to encourage a bushy habit and more flowers.
- ~ Start to pick **sweet peas** as soon as they flower to encourage more blooms.
- ~ Dead-head your roses if they're repeat-flowering types. Otherwise, leave the seed heads on for decoration.
- ~ Dead-head and cut back **oriental poppies** after flowering. Cutting them close to ground level will stimulate new foliage.
- ~ Stake tall perennial plants to prevent wind damage.
- ~ Pinch out any side shoots from your **tomato plants**. You can pot these up to create new tomato plants. Start to feed once the first truss is setting fruit.
- ~ Harvest salad crops, and resow every 2 weeks for a constant supply of tasty leaves.
- ~ Keep an eye on your **onion and garlic**. When the leaves start to yellow and die back, they're ready to harvest.
- ~ Peg down runners on your strawberry plants to create more plants for next year. If you don't need more plants simply remove the strawberry runners completely.



- ~ Always water potted **blueberry plants** with rainwater, as the lime contained in tap water reduces the acidity of the soil over time.
- ~ If there hasn't been much rain, raise your lawn mower blades to reduce stress on the grass.
- ~ Use **water butts** as much as possible and water

- your patio perennials and baskets well in hot weather. Start to feed them with a balanced liquid fertiliser every 2 to 4 weeks.
- ~ Make small 'wells' around individual plants so that the water can soak the soil to about 25cm (10in). Merely wetting the surface wastes water, encourages weeds and can lead to surface rooting making plants more vulnerable.

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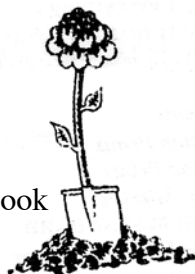
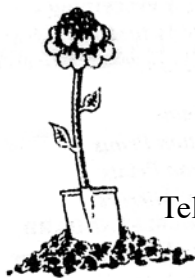
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## Shopping in Selsdon, part 4.

Stepping down the High Street on the even side we see a mix of architectural styles in the building facades above the retail frontages at ground level. Look up and you will see 1930's mock tudor and late art deco vying with 1970's minimalism.

Last month we left, in 1938, Young and Sons (Grocers) at No 190 Addington Road. The OS map below attributed to 1942 shows vacant plot 26 until No 208. Planning permission was granted in June 1939 to Marshall & Tweedy (from across the road) to build shop units in this gap. Work started late in 1939 but was soon stopped due to the commencement of WW2. The gap was waste ground throughout the war and for some considerable time thereafter.



OS Map attributed to 1942

An earlier OS map indicates several buildings on the plot of land around 1938. The pair of single storey semi-detached cottages facing on to Addington Road would have been farm workers for Selsdon Park Farm or staff cottages for the big house up the hill. The cottages would have almost certainly been clones of the last remaining Victorian staff cottages at 240 / 242 Addington Road which can still be seen, complete with ornate bargeboards at the eaves. The buildings indicated side on to Addington Road would also have been associated with the Farm or grand house but of two storeys. We saw the last remaining vestige of another of these buildings, now incorporated into Bairstow Eves, in Part 3 of this tale.



OS Map 1938

The first map attributed to 1942 clearly shows No 208 adjacent to the empty lot. 206 yet to be built. Today the block of shops with 2 storeys of accommodation over at 206 to 210 Addington Road seem to be one unit. On close inspection of the facade shows a mismatch of window openings between 206 and 208. Although appearing to be symmetrical about no. 208 the building is lopsided, no. 206 (Iceland) is a later addition.





Addington Road attributed to 1965

The photo above from 1965 clearly shows the vehicular access to the side of No 210, currently Selsdon Food & Wine. The construction date of the single storey block of 5 shops adjacent, nos. 212 to 220, is unclear but Selsdon House (Retail and Offices) which now sits above was constructed in 1974 and incorporates those shops. The building comprises some 19,000ft<sup>2</sup> of rentable space. Compare the 1965 photo above with a more recent view.



The three shops at nos. 222 – 226 are in mock tudor style and were built by C H Ridge in 1933. They show similarity to 147/149 Addington Road and no.150 up at the Triangle. At no.230 sits the now derelict and hoarded off Selsdon Garage, aka Baileys, which we discovered in part 2 of this saga. More to follow....

Here we see how the shops have changed:

Odd	1938	1955	2008	2022
192	Construction commenced 1939 but delayed due to WW2	Not built in 1955	Ghost (Hairdresser)	Ghost (Hairdresser)
194	ditto	ditto	Mr Dry Clean	Mr Dry Clean
196	ditto	ditto	P & A Jewellers	P & A Jewellers
196 B			Selsdon Food & Wine (Convenience Store)	Vape Hut
198	ditto	ditto	Alladins Cave	Alladins Cave
200	ditto	ditto	Alladins Cave	Alladins Cave
202	ditto	ditto	Jimmys Barbers	Jimmys Barbers
204	ditto	ditto	Selsdon & District Funeral Service	Selsdon & District Funeral Service
206 B	ditto	ditto	El Desperados (Mexican Restaurant)	Chicagos (Takeaway)

206	ditto	Woolworths (about to open in 55/56)	Woolworths	Iceland
208	ditto	Sainsburys (Grocers)	Day Lewis (Pharmacy)	The Chartwell Children's Cancer Trust
210	ditto	Waltons (Fruiterers)	Selsdon Food & Wine (Convenience Store)	Selsdon Food & Wine
212			Selsdon House (Offices)	Selsdon House (Offices)
212 A	ditto	Burley (Tobacconists)	Star Express	Eat Well (Cafe)
214	Unoccupied	Broomfield (Bakers)	French (Dry Cleaners)	Golden Dry Cleaners
216	Unoccupied	Seeboard Electricity Showroom	Paul Meakin (Estate Agents)	Paul Meakin (Estate Agents)
218	Unoccupied	Sparrow (Hardware)	Selsdon Pet Centre	The Sunlounger (Tanning Studio)
220	?	Tutt (Fishmonger)	Chilli Lima (Restaurant)	Dominos (Takeaway)
222	Monty's (Bakers)	Monty's (Bakers)	Zone 2 Zone (Travel Agents)	Coughlan's Bakery
224	Tudor Library (Newsagents)	Tudor Library (Newsagents)	Tudor Library (Newsagents)	Tudor Library (Newsagent)
226	Yarntons (Needlecrafts)	Needlecraft (Haberdashery)	Royal Tandoori (Indian Restaurant)	Royal Tandoori (Indian Restaurant)

To be continued....

### ***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. Any errors in transcription are mine.*

## Selsdon Centre for the Retired - How times change?

Do you remember the immortal lines from the great Beatles' track "when I get older, losing my hair, many years from now, will you still need me, will you still feed me, when I'm 64?". This song made it seem like 64 was a fine old age but today 64 is considered positively young! Also going back much further in history, men and women were extremely lucky to make it to their 64th birthdays as life was very tough all round - think of the Wild West Pioneers or just imagine struggling through a long Medieval winter perhaps. If you lived with Dinosaurs, you'd have a much shorter but perhaps a more dangerous yet exciting life! Luckily our thinking these days is that 60 is now young-at-heart again and with this in mind, we'd like to welcome you (and any other friends) to visit. You've nothing to lose and everything to gain! Why not come along to the Selsdon Centre to catch up with old mates, make new friends, watch some live music or play Bingo? We can also offer you a choice of soft drinks, a home-cooked lunch once a week (Fridays) or delicious homemade soup every Wednesday. We organise arts and crafts and Afternoon Tea events. We're always open to additional suggestions for entertainment ideas, or if you know someone who may like to give a talk or a presentation, please let us know and we can discuss. Call the office to book on 0208 651 1111 (to leave a message) or email: [Selsdon.centre@btinternet.com](mailto:Selsdon.centre@btinternet.com) for further information. Don't forget "We get by with a little help from our friends" to end with another immortal Beatles' line.

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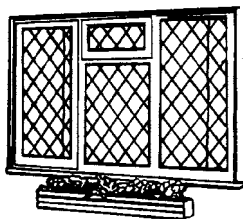
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## Glastonbury Festival Quiz



The biggest outdoor music festival in the UK is to make a triumphant comeback in 2022 after being cancelled two years in a row due to the coronavirus pandemic, but the huge music event is going ahead this year. The 2020 festival was set to be huge and packed full of surprises to mark Glastonbury's 50th anniversary. Headliners in 2022 include Billie Eilish, Paul McCartney, Kendrick Lamar and Diana Ross.

How much do you know about this world-famous festival?

1. What is the name of the Somerset farm where Glastonbury takes place?
2. The father and daughter who organise the event are Michael and Emily, but what is their surname?
3. In what year was the first festival held?
4. What famous stage was completed in 1981?
5. Approximately how many people attend the festival? 50, 000 or 100 000 or 150 000?
6. Why does the festival take a break roughly every five years?
7. Which singer is booked to play the 'legends' slot at this year's festival?

8. Who headlined the first Glastonbury festival?
9. Why was Paul McCartney issued a £1000 fine by Somerset Council after his headline set in 2004?
10. How much was the cost of a ticket for the first festival?

## Answers after Nature Notes

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*Last month we left Mrs Cullen facing a court case as she owed the Council £52.28 from her Council tax as she felt this was the refund due to her for her missed bulky waste collection. I asked her how she had got on.*

Dear Editor,

I ended up realising how depressed and worn out I was getting with the whole business. My friends were begging me to drop it, draw a line under the whole thing and move on. They very sensibly said I could end up having to pay a huge fine and I started having panic attacks. So very reluctantly I paid the Court costs of over £200.

Apparently, no-one can take a local authority to the Small Claims Court so, I decided to take Veolia to The Small Claims Court. I started to sort out my paperwork and case, but then I decided, with much bitterness against Croydon Council, to drop the whole thing.

So overall I have paid Croydon Council £52 for a service they never honoured and they never responded to all my communications e.g., my Croydon Account, emails, letters costing £3 each time to send by Signed-for Post, telephone calls. After 5 weeks of having the bulky waste on my driveway, I gave the Bin Men £20 each to get rid of it, in total £60. Finally, I

paid £200 to the Court. The injustice is disgusting.

Veolia was just as bad. I did manage to get through to Veolia twice, and they agreed I was due a refund, and then I heard nothing more even though I followed it up in writing both times.

Even my local MP and Councillors only sympathised with me and they should have sorted this out for me. I am so bitter about how Croydon Council got away with theft, lies, shoddy service and gaslighting.

So, thank you again for asking. I was very grateful for your moral support and sympathy.

Kind regards

*Mrs Cullen*



*A cautionary tale from one of our readers about checking your bank statements.*

Dear Editor,

I was discharged from hospital in July 2021 and had care provided by Star Care for six weeks and explained at length, that I no longer required care at the end of this period (13 Sept). This was eventually confirmed by email.

However, I received an invoice for £89.50 for the period 18/10/21 to 22/10/21 and so asked for an explanation of this alleged 5 days of care provision. Star Care did confirm that my care has stopped on 13 September and I did not receive any further invoices.

On 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022 I received an email to say “I can confirm an invoice was generated in error and a credit note is being processed in due course. Kindly accept our apologies for any distress and inconvenience caused by this erroneous invoice. I understand that the rest of the queries raised are being looked into via the complaints route and they will be in contact with you in due course to advise.”

At this moment I have not received either a credit note or an explanation



of the “erroneous” events. How can an invoice be raised in error for something that never took place? As agreed by London Borough of Croydon and Star Care. Who has the authority to raise an invoice in these non-existent circumstances? Who monitors these invoices to audit their validity?

I now wonder not just how many other invoices have been issued “in error”, but how many have been paid unnecessarily. Will a refund be made with a full explanation?



*Caroline Beechey*

*Our regular contributor, Jessica Blake, looks forward to the Jubilee celebrations and looks back at the Coronation 70 years ago!*

Dear Editor,

### THE QUEEN’S JUBILEE

It is so good to have street parties and shared events so that everyone in the Kingdom can celebrate the Queen’s Jubilee with friends and neighbours. Where we live there is one day designated to a Jubilee picnic in the park. It gives the time on the park gate and invites all who wish to attend, to turn up and bring a picnic. They can sit on the grass or bring chairs or a rug to sit on. There are no conditions or charges, just come, chat and enjoy. Anyone who wishes can join in with games for the children and there is even a magician for them too. What a difference a year makes!

Even more what a difference 70 years make. At the Queen’s coronation most people did not have a TV, but neighbours invited family and friends in to watch theirs and share a beer or something stronger when the appropriate moment came. All



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TVs were only in black and white; coloured TV came much later. The war had not long been over and although some rationing had gone, other rations were in place for several more years. Meat was the last to come off rationing.

70 years ago, there were also street parties and lots of public parties for the children. There was bunting and “Union Jacks” and it was all so very exciting. At schools, children were given commemorative medals.

One of the most impressive memories was of the sensational golden coach being pulled by its horses, and although it couldn't be seen in colour, it was fantastic. The commentary was given by amongst other people, Richard Dimbleby. Long ago his rich deep voice seemed so in keeping with events, and his son David Dimbleby was just a little boy. The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh waved happily at the public as the coach was drawn along. Nowadays it can be seen in the special museum at the side of Buckingham Palace, where all the Queen's coaches are kept (prior booking needed).

Spectators lined the route all along the way from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Abbey, many sleeping at least one night and probably two, on the side of the road. It would be interesting to know how many could actually see the procession going past properly, as the entire route was lined by soldiers, navy and airmen, police and by troops from all over the Commonwealth. The feeling of shared happiness and excitement must have been very great. How they managed to use the bathroom or get something to eat would be an interesting tale.

Later the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh toured the entire country. Schoolchildren were lined up outside their schools to cheer as the Royal Couple were driven past. They cheered and waved and the Royal Couple waved back smiling happily.

My hope is for the weather to be fine and sunny for the 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> June so that all those outdoor celebrations can take place.

God Bless the Queen and thank you for your long and happy and peaceful reign!

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## Poetry Corner

Mary Gill celebrates the World Day of Parents on 1 June

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### Nature Notes from Ted Forsyth Ants and Butterflies

Ants are almost ubiquitous, being present on all continents except Antarctica. Some species have fearsome reputations – Bullet Ants in South America are said to have the most painful sting (like being hit by a bullet!) – Army Ants travel in long columns containing thousands of insects and will capture and consume any living thing in their path, including even large animals which are tethered and unable to escape. The ant world has plenty of variety and at the other end of the scale are the Honey-pot Ants, some individuals of which act as storage containers by filling their spherical abdomens with nectar. In UK pine forests the Wood Ant forms large mounds, made of pine needles, which can be home to 100,000 individuals.

Butterflies in tropical areas can be large and colourful like the Birdwing Butterflies which can lead to problems caused by collectors. In the UK we certainly have some colourful species though nowhere near the size of the Birdwings. The British Swallowtail Butterfly is restricted to one small marshy area of fenland as its caterpillars require the equally restricted Milk Parsley. As climate changes it is possible that we will develop a stable



population of the related continental species of Swallowtail whose caterpillars are happy to feed on a wide range of plants. Another beautiful species was the Large Copper, which requires Water Dock and became extinct in this country in the middle of the nineteenth century mainly because of changes in habitat but not helped by the vast numbers

collected for sale. In the twentieth century an almost identical Dutch subspecies was introduced and in the nineteen-sixties I was able to see it at Woodwalton Fen just before the butterfly became extinct again.

Another extinction in the UK of the beautiful Large Blue butterfly has a happier outcome. Careful research involving the species on the continent showed that presence of the caterpillar foodplant, Wild Thyme, was not in itself sufficient but that there had to be short turf and the additional presence of red ants. A colony was established in the west country using continental specimens.

The female butterfly lays its eggs deep in the flower and the caterpillar feeds for some time until it decides to drop to the ground where it remains until discovered by an ant. The ant licks honeydew released by the caterpillar and eventually assumes it has found an ant grub which needs to be returned to the nest. It carries the caterpillar into the nest and places it with the existing grubs. The caterpillar then proceeds to gorge on the grubs. As the caterpillar has absorbed the smell of the nest it is allowed to continue until it is time to pupate.

Just as grasshoppers stridulate by rubbing parts of their bodies together so do ants and, remarkably, the pupa can make similar noises though the mechanism might be different. The pupa is treated like a queen ant throughout the winter period until the butterfly emerges in the spring. Ants then lead it out of the nest to begin the cycle all over again.

The butterfly Family Lycaenidae contains the Blues, Hairstreaks and Coppers, all of which seem to interact with ants which get nutrition from licking the honeydew from the caterpillar or pupa.

(Some of this information comes from Professor Jeremy Thomas' book *Butterflies of Britain and Ireland*. I urge anyone who has an interest in natural history to delve into this book – it is one of the most interesting natural history books I have read, full of detailed information about each species and with many personal anecdotes.)

Treating the comments about Swallowtails, Large Coppers and Large Blues as examples of attempts to increase biodiversity, it can be seen that this is no easy task. Providing the correct habitat is only the first step and there might be other essential requirements which must be supplied. Our Butterfly Bank will soon be covered in a variety of suitable food plants but it does not necessarily follow that we can expect large numbers of new butterfly species – but keep your fingers crossed!

## Answers to Glastonbury Quiz

1. Worthy Farm
2. Eavis
3. 1970
4. The Pyramid Stage
5. 150 000
6. So the site can recover from damage
7. Diana Ross
8. T Rex
9. His set went passed the curfew time.
10. £1

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## Selsdon Community Hub Launch at Selsdon Baptist Church



The Selsdon Community Hub will be launched on Tuesday 7 July from 1 - 4pm. This will be a space for local residents from the Community to share what is important to them in their lives and to build relationships in the area.

The Selsdon Community Hub takes place on a monthly basis (apart from August) at the Selsdon Baptist Church with partners from the Community and Health and Social Care teams such as Selsdon Contact and the local GP Social Prescriber. Local people and practitioners will be present to share their knowledge, where useful for Selsdon residents.

With a key focus on Health and Well-being in the Community through activities and specialist voluntary and statutory services, the Community Hub is open to all residents from Selsdon and the surrounding areas. Save the date! Come and have a cuppa and a chat.

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*James Moore, Community Facilitator at Croydon Voluntary Action*



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## Lemon Swiss Roll and Amaretti Trifle

The winning recipe has a 2-hour preparation time, a cooking time of 30 mins to 1 hour and serves 20 and can be found on [https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/lemon\\_swiss\\_roll\\_and\\_42467](https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/lemon_swiss_roll_and_42467)



**Here are the all-important Short Cuts to this Recipe!**

Use ready-made versions for most of the components and just mandarin coulis from scratch. I have been told that some supermarkets sell lemon curd Swiss rolls (2 needed)! Instead of the St Clement's jelly, use 1 packet of lemon-flavoured jelly and follow the packet instructions to make 1 pint/568ml. For the custard, use 500ml/18fl oz ready-made custard. For the biscuits, use 100g/3½oz ready-made amaretti biscuits. Instead of making the jewelled chocolate bark, you can finish this trifle by scattering over the reserved amaretti biscuits, mixed peel and 50g/1¾oz white chocolate chunks.

### **Mandarin Coulis**

To make the chunky mandarin coulis, strain two tins of mandarins, around 300g each. Discard the juice and put the fruit into a saucepan with 45g of caster sugar and heat gently until broken down. Remove from the heat. In a small bowl, slake 16g (2 sachets) of arrowroot with 2 tablespoons cold water then add to the warm mandarins. Add the juice of half a lemon and mix well before pouring into a large bowl. Strain the remaining two tins of mandarins and add the fruit to the bowl then leave to cool completely.

### **Assembly**

Slice one Swiss roll into 2.5cm/1in slices and place upright around the bottom edge of the trifle dish so the swirl is visible. Slice the other Swiss roll into thicker pieces and use these to fill the bottom of the dish, ensuring the top is roughly the same level as the slices that line the edge. Use off-cuts of sponge to fill any gaps.

Pour the lemon jelly over the Swiss roll layer and set aside in the fridge to

completely set. This will take approximately 3 hours. Once set, pour over the custard then arrange a single layer of amaretti biscuits, keeping a few back for the top. Pour over the mandarin coulis. In a large bowl, whip the double cream (600ml/20fl oz) until soft peaks form then spoon this over the coulis. Crumble over the reserved amaretti biscuits, mixed peel and white chocolate chunks.

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The information provided is, we hope, accurate, but we cannot take any responsibility for any mistakes. Any alterations should be sent to the Editor.

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