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Editor's Note

Welcome to the June edition of the Selsdon Gazette and I am sure that you will agree that our front cover showing the Scarecrow made by the Sanderstead Horticultural Society, certainly raises a smile! Hopefully by the time that you read this Gazette she will be on display at the Selsdon Triangle. She has not entered the competition but she will remind us to look around Selsdon for those scarecrows competing to win the SRA Cheerful Scarecrow Competition. The SRA is aiming to list the addresses of all the entries on its social media after the competition has been judged (by 6 June), so you will be able to enjoy seeing them yourselves.

I am pleased to include some articles from some of our young Selsdon residents this month with their experiences of the pandemic and the subsequent lockdowns. Covid 19 has affected the lives of all ages but hopefully we can now look forward to a more normal life. If you wish to share your recollections of the past 14 months or want to highlight how you think our lifestyles will be permanently changed by this pandemic, please send them to me (selsdongazettesra@gmail.com).

In this month's edition you will find an envelope for your subscription to the SRA and a pull-out standing order form if you wish to pay in this way. We have news of the Community Day in Selsdon Woods at the beginning of September, the history of scarecrows and you can test your football knowledge with our easy quiz to celebrate the EURO 2020 competition starting in June, with the final match being played at Wembley on 11 July - hopefully featuring the England team! Des O'Donohoe continues his bike ride along the Viking Trail, Mary Gill gives us a poem for World Music Day and Ted's Nature Notes looks at the compatibility between plants and soil.

I hope that you enjoy your read, keep safe and I do look forward to hearing from you!

Chris Jones

✎ SUBMISSIONS FOR THE JULY 2021 EDITION SHOULD
BE WITH THE EDITOR NO LATER THAN
20TH JUNE - PREFERABLY BEFORE! ✎

SRA NEWS 'n' VIEWS

Let's hope you will be reading this and enjoying our new freedoms from 21st June allowing us to enjoy our family and friends including our Community Day on Sunday 5th September and the Xmas lights event in November.

Scarecrows

The complete results of the competition will be printed in next month's Gazette and the winner will appear on the cover.

Friends of Selsdon Wood Open day and Selsdon Community Fun Afternoon

Restrictions allowing, we hope to see you at this event (further details are in this issue) but in the coming months the Friends would love to see more entries for their photographic competition sent to govierh@gmail.com. Up to 6 full images taken in the last year can be sent with your full name, address, contact details and the location of the image.

GP Hubs

There are 3 locations – East Croydon Medical Centre 59 Addiscombe Road, CR0 6SD

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Parkway Health Centre, Parkway, New Addington, CR0 0JA

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Bus Shelters

The contract for Decaux has ended at the end of April and Velo now have the contract. This means that J C Decaux are removing shelters across the borough and it may be some time before they are replaced as they

require planning permission as they will have advertising. Some still belong to TFL and these will remain in use.

Station Car Parks

The SRA has learned (from East Surrey Transport Committee) that there is a 20 minute 'grace period' at station car parks operated by APCOA that have ANPR cameras to allow for drop-offs/collections. There should be signs displayed to this effect.

Wishing you all good health

Sheila Childs, SRA Chair

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COUNCILLOR'S NOTES

SELSDON MOTORISTS GET FINED ON 'SCHOOL STREETS'

Croydon Council has introduced School Streets in some streets in Croydon where there is an entrance to a school. This means that vehicles cannot enter the street at certain times, normally between the hours of 08:00 to 09:30 and 14:00 to 16:00 on weekdays. Restrictions are only enforced during school term time.

The Council has put up signs at the entrances to these streets, but they do not stand out very well, so many residents have been caught out. Anyone who drives down one of these streets during prohibited times faces a fine of between £65 and £195.

I have recently been contacted by a resident who has been fined for driving down Haling Road which connects Selsdon Road and Brighton Road. Other nearby School Streets are around Ridgeway Primary School and Christ Church Primary School. Details of all the areas affected are on the Council website:

<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/school-streets/current-and-proposed-school-streets>

The Council has been asked to make the signs clearer so unwary residents don't get fined when they don't notice the signs.

FAIRFIELD HALLS

In the last few years, the Labour-run Council has refused to respond to questions about the cost of refurbishing Fairfield Halls. They have hidden behind the fact that the work was being carried out by a separate company, Brick by Brick. This was despite the fact that the Council effectively owns Brick by Brick. It has now become clear that the refurbishment project is going to cost £69.2m (with more costs to come!), which is more than double the original estimate of £30m.

When Fairfield Halls closed for a two-year refurbishment project on 15th July 2016, we were told the cost would be covered by funds generated from the redevelopment of the College Green area. When Fairfield Halls eventually reopened, over a year late, in 2019, we were told the cost was just over £40m.

It is astounding that the cost of the refurbishment has increased so much, even after the project was, in theory, completed. We now find, that, not only have the costs more than doubled, but Croydon Council tax-payers are going to have to foot the bill. Brick by Brick is effectively insolvent and the only way to keep it afloat, and to sell it to reduce further losses, is for the Council to take on many millions of pounds of its debt.

By taking on the debt from Brick by Brick, the Council will have even less to spend on providing services to residents. This will affect many areas including recycling, social care, education and the regeneration of our town and district centres.

As your local Councillors we are scrutinising the mistakes that were made in the management of this project, but, for now, it seems no one is taking responsibility for squandering tax payer's money in this way.

NEW DOG WASTE BIN FOR LITTLEHEATH WOODS

Cllr Pollard was contacted by residents who regularly visit Littleheath Woods, to ask if a dog waste bin could be provided at the top of Pathway no. 39C as you enter the field, at the top of Brent Rd.

Initially she received a response from the Council saying a bin could not be provided:

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However, she subsequently received this email from the Council:
“As I stated on my previous communication, we do not have any stock available, but since the bins upgrade involves the replacement of dog bins in some cases, I have reshuffled the works order and a dog bin should be available within the next couple of weeks.
I will let you know when the bin will be installed.”

Cllr Pollard is pleased the Council has re-considered and hopes the new bin is installed soon.

ELECTION RESULTS FOR CROYDON

Croydon Council has five new local councillors after by-elections were held in the borough.

Following the resignation of five former members of the council, voters in the wards of Kenley, Woodside, New Addington North, South Norwood and Park Hill & Whitgift went to the polls in May to elect a new councillor.

The following candidates were elected after receiving the most votes in their respective by-elections:

New Addington North ward – Kola Agboola (Labour). Voter turnout was 35.2%.

Woodside ward – Michael Bonello (Labour). Voter turnout was 40.9%.

Kenley ward – Ola Kolade (Conservative). Voter turnout was 47.1%.

South Norwood ward – Louis Carserides (Labour). Voter turnout was 40.2%.

Park Hill & Whitgift ward – Jade Appleton (Conservative). Voter turnout was 53.3%.

All the seats were won by the political party that previously held them, so there will be no change in the political make-up of the Council.

As well as the local by-elections, there were elections for the London Assembly and the Mayor of London. Sadiq Khan, the sitting Mayor of London, was re-elected, though his majority was significantly reduced. Cllr Steve O’Connell, the Conservative Member for the London Assembly stood down and was replaced by Cllr Neil Garratt, another Conservative, who now represents Croydon and Sutton.

INDEPENDENT REPORT ABOUT THE REGINA ROAD FLATS

Just hours after the polls closed for the elections being held in Croydon on 6th May, Croydon Labour eventually published the ARK report, (<https://democracy.croydon.gov.uk/documents/s29161/Regina%20Road%20Investigation>), commissioned to find out why residents were left in mould-ridden soaking wet flats in Regina Road, South Norwood.

The ITV News pictures viewed by millions of people in March, showed the most appalling living conditions with residents, including young children, being left to live in the most distressing, squalid accommodation.

ARK sets out its view that there was systemic failure by the Labour Council to deliver even the most basic 'core' housing services due to a lack of competence, lack of care and respect for tenants and systemic problems with dealing with tenant's complaints. Alongside this, ARK has identified a poor use of data by the Council, and notes that senior management did not know what was actually going on.

Following on from a growing list of critical independent reports received over the past six months, the Labour Council's response is to fully accept the report's findings and to establish yet another 'Improvement Board'. We question why Croydon Council needs quite so many Improvement Boards – surely delivering efficient, effective and value for money services should be a given.

Whilst this doesn't directly affect Selsdon residents, we have received complaints from Selsdon Council House tenants about the lack of repairs to their homes. I hope no one in Selsdon suffers from the appalling conditions experienced elsewhere in the borough.

You can read the full ARK report on the Council's website.

LOCAL WARD BUDGETS

We are pleased to report that the Council has reinstated the local ward budget scheme for each of Croydon's councillors being able to spend up to £2,000 on local projects, needs or priorities in their area. Community groups within the councillors' locality can apply directly to their elected representatives for the funding and councillors can allocate the money collectively or separately and have until the end of January 2022 to allocate their funds.

CONTACT YOUR COUNCILLORS

We hope to reinstate in-person councillor surgeries soon. In the meantime, 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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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

21/02322/HSE – 72 Chapel View, CR2 7LF

Erection of two storey side extension and front porch

21/02292/HSE – 113 Farley Road, CR2 7NL

Porch, two storey side extension following demolition of existing garage, single storey rear extension, loft conversion to include hip to gable roof extension, rear dormer and rooflights and external change to the appearance of the dwelling house

21/0972/HSE – 106 Littleheath Road, CR2 7SE

Alterations, erection of two storey side and single storey rear extension to form granny annexe and single storey extension to the rear of existing property with alterations at rear with new steps.

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

MP Chris Philp's Report

Member of Parliament for Croydon South



Council choosing to not re-open Purley Pool

I am currently pressing the Council into providing a full justification for putting the future of Purley Pool at risk. I know how important this pool is for residents, especially those with mobility issues and for the local school children.

The decision to keep the pool shut is totally wrong, but it is even more inexplicable given the £1 million government bailout the Council has received specifically to keep sports and leisure facilities open.

The Council cannot continue to waste money with one hand, while closing important local facilities with the other. The funding for the pool is there, the Council is choosing not to re-open it.

Thank you, NHS staff

In May, Croydon University Hospital held a 6 day walk-in clinic to vaccinate people over 40 from the Coronavirus. This is on top of the 160,000 vaccinations that the hospital has already given. Nationally we have managed to vaccinate one in three of all adults. This is down to the health workers and volunteers who have done so much during this pandemic, and I would like to thank them for everything they have done.

Chris Philp

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Please read Freddy's letter about Purley Pool in the 'Dear Editor' section.



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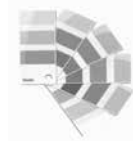
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Croydon's fostering service will be recruiting 30 new fostering households this year to help care for children in safe, healthy and happy homes. Could you be one of these families or people to help?

Croydon's borough-wide recruitment campaign is aimed at residents who have a passion for caring for young people, in particular: teenagers, sibling groups, children with disabilities and unaccompanied asylum-seeking children.

Brian Amos, fostering service manager, said: "We are looking for people from all backgrounds to step forward. We accept applications from single carers and households, those who work and those who are retired. We want to hear from people from the LGBTQ+ community, people from all faiths and all ethnic backgrounds.

The most important things we ask are that you have the time in your life to care for a young person/people, are passionate about wanting them to thrive and can say with certainty that you will be there for them."

Croydon offer 24/7 support, a dedicated supervising social worker, an experienced foster carer as a mentor and comprehensive training to prepare applicants for the role.

Brian Amos added: "Fostering isn't without its challenges. The children and young people coming into the service will need dedicated time and support to overcome some of their earlier childhood experiences.

However, there is round-the-clock support from the fostering team, other fostering families and the wider organisation...you are never on your own.” The fostering team is running regular online information events for anyone wanting to know more about the role of a foster carer, the assessment process and the support and training on offer

To register, or for any information on fostering for Croydon, please call 0300 222 2112 or email iwanttofooster@croydon.gov.uk

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Brilliant Butterflies Update

Over the last few months London Wildlife Trust's Brilliant Butterflies team have been very busy creating a variety of new butterfly havens across Selsdon and Sanderstead including in parks, school grounds, and nature reserves. New habitat has been designed in consultation with Croydon Council and local Friends of groups. Children from Greenvale Primary School enjoyed a morning planting out plants to benefit butterflies and other pollinators in Selsdon Recreation Ground and just down the road a new chalk butterfly bank was created near the car park in Selsdon Wood and planted by the Friends of Selsdon Wood. These two sites will help connect butterfly habitats created last year in Forestdale and New Addington, as well as chalk grassland restoration work on the Trust's nature reserve at Hutchinson's Bank on Featherbed Lane. To find out more about the project and ways to get involved visit <https://www.wildlondon.org.uk/brilliant-butterflies> or message the team on brilliantbutterflies@wildlondon.org.uk.



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Worried about Potholes?

If you are concerned about potholes in our roads damaging your car or your bike, we urge you to make use of the Love Clean Streets app. To report them through this app simply select Croydon as the home local authority, give the location, upload a photo and submit a report. This report will automatically get sent to the related team at Croydon Council to deal with.

Open Day (and the Selsdon Community Fun Afternoon) Sunday 5th September, 12.00 -16.00

The Friends of Selsdon Wood (FSW) have been pleased that so many people have been encouraged to discover the wood during the pandemic and we hope their interest will continue. Our work is carried out by volunteers and we welcome the support you can give to our funds by donating or subscribing specifically as a Friend. Details of how to join or donate are on our website: www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk

We are hoping the easing of the Covid-19 restrictions will continue and that we will therefore be able to hold our Open Day again as planned this year in the field by the car park and bear.

As well as having our annual Photographic competition to be judged by the visitors, we hope to welcome back the craft and charity stalls; the Woodturners and the RNLI have already booked their pitches. We would love to have some new craftspeople or hobbyists who would like to display (and sell) their creations. Please do pass this message on to anyone you know who may like to come – and perhaps to those who have not yet sold all the white elephants they found in Lockdown clear-outs and so would like to sell them at the Open Day. Please contact FSW via email to selsdonwood@gmail.com or by text to 07979 00 2547 for more information.

The Selsdon Residents' Association is very grateful to the Selsdon and Sanderstead Rotary Club for agreeing to organise the fun and games aspect of the event during the afternoon after your participation in the community BYO picnic lunch.

With the anticipated 'return to (almost) normal' by September, we are hoping the Scouts will again be able to provide hot and cold drinks and snacks to augment your picnic - and their invaluable seating.

Please put the date in your diary now – it will probably be less than three months away by the time you get this issue of the Gazette! More details of stalls etc attending will hopefully be available for the July Gazette and will also be publicised throughout the summer on our notice boards and social media etc.

*Looking forward to seeing you on the 5th September – Linda Morris pp.
FSW and SRA*

census 2021

Lisa Atik, Census Engagement Manager South Croydon, has written to thank the Gazette for its support and help with promoting the Census within the community. The response to Census 2021 has exceeded all expectations, with 97% of households across England and Wales making sure they count when it comes to local services like school places, GP surgeries and hospital beds. This is above the pre-census target of 94%, while all local authorities have seen over 90% of households respond, exceeding an 80% target.

The Office for National Statistics calls the anonymised information it releases from the Census, census outputs. It plans to release the first set of census outputs to the public in spring 2022. More detailed outputs will be published over the following year.

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University of Roehampton and Croydon University Centre expand partnership to validate undergraduate degrees

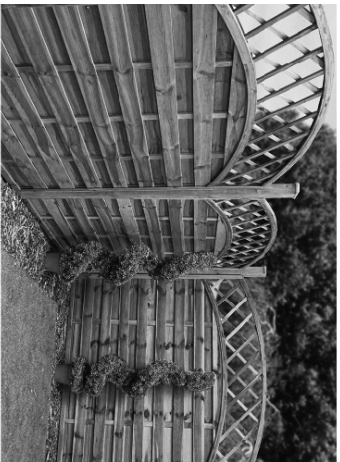
From September 2021, undergraduate degrees offered by Croydon University Centre will be validated by the University of Roehampton as part of an extended partnership agreement between the two institutions. The suite of newly-validated courses covered in this agreement include the phasing in of BA Business and Management, BA Criminology, Psychology and Social Justice, BA Early Childhood Studies, and BA Public Health and Social Care. They will be delivered by Croydon University Centre, and students will graduate with a University of Roehampton degree.

Both the University of Roehampton and Croydon University Centre have a strong commitment to widening participation in higher education. This collaboration, part of a wider strategic partnership, will support expanding access to higher education to those in the borough of Croydon and beyond, and will see both partners harness their joint expertise in developing further programmes together.



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All courses are open to applications now, for more information visit:
croydonuniversitycentre.ac.uk/undergraduate-courses/

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A Good Time for Gardening – June 2021



How long do you think scarecrows have been known about? ... Longer than you may imagine – the first scarecrows were mentioned about 3,000 years ago. They were made by the Egyptians to protect their wheat fields, especially along the River Nile.

The Greeks would fashion their scarecrows to look like Priapus, who was the son of Dionysus and Aphrodite. It was said that Priapus was very ugly. Whenever he played in the vineyards, near to where he lived, the birds would fly away and so the harvest of grapes was protected.

Japanese farmers have also used scarecrows in the past. They would hang old rags, meat and fish bones on their creations. The smell was enough to keep not only birds, but all other creatures away from their crops. There is a Japanese village that has 35 inhabitants, but over 350 scarecrows. In the oldest surviving Japanese book, (written in 712 AD), there is a scarecrow who is a deity that cannot walk but knows everything about the world.

German farmers would make wooden witches for their fields because they believed that the evil spirits of winter would be drawn into the witches' bodies. The lingering smell of humans on any clothes used would scare the birds away.

In Medieval Britain, boys were employed as bird scarers. They would wander the fields with a bag of stones to throw at the feeding birds. After the Great Plague, the population was so low that there were not enough bird scarers, so farmers started making scarecrows to put in their fields. The first usage of the word scarecrow in English novels was in 1719 by Daniel Defoe in Robinson Crusoe. Other famous literary scarecrows are in

Worzel Gummidge, Feathertop or the one in The Wizard of Oz, who was searching for a brain. DC and Marvel have villains in their comics named Scarecrow.

Machinery has attempted to take over the role of scaring the birds. Some of these attempts have included windmills, clattering tins or noise guns. Crows are adaptable and clever birds. They quickly work out that these are a trick and enter the fields to feed.

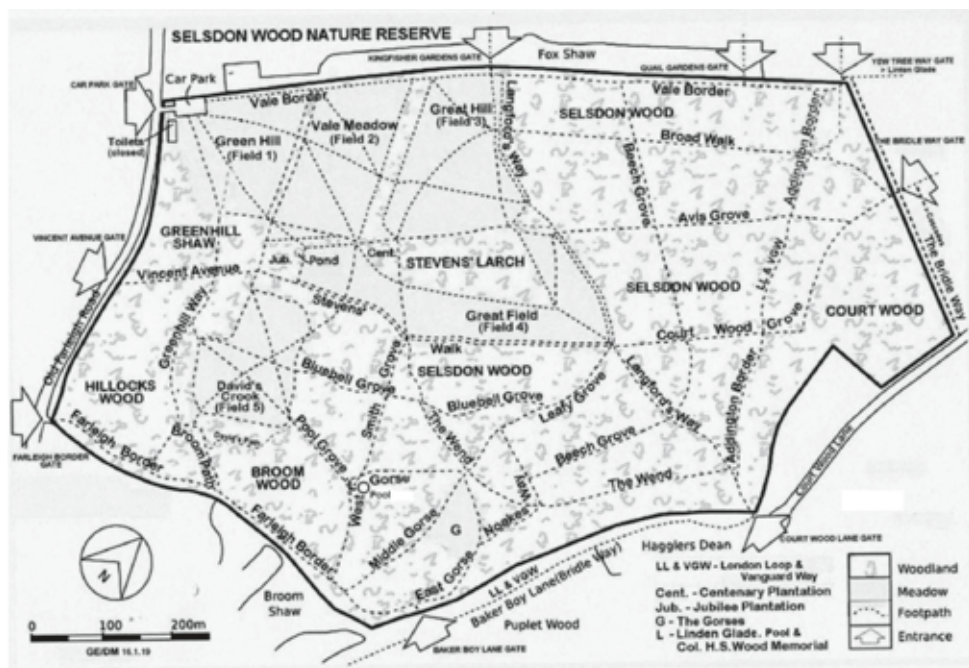


There are dozens of scarecrow festivals held in the UK each year. The world record for the largest gathering of scarecrows in one location was achieved on 7th August 2014, in Burton-upon-Trent, when 3812 scarecrows met together, presumably, along with their creators.

Frederick, Cedric and Sunflower Sid
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Have You Discovered Selsdon Wood?



Selsdon Wood is 200 acres of ancient woodland that is practically on your doorstep. Many more people have discovered it during the pandemic but if you are not one of them do come along to visit.

There are a number of entrances to the wood as shown on the map, but the main entrance and small car park is off Old Farleigh Road. The woodlands and fields are criss-crossed by a network of paths and both the London Loop and the Vanguard Way pass through. At this time of year, the fields are perfect for picnics and the woodlands cool shady places for long relaxing walks.

The Friends of Selsdon Wood

The FSW are volunteers working with Croydon Council to ensure that Selsdon Wood is maintained for the benefit of the flora and fauna, as well as for the enjoyment of the public. In normal times The Friends regularly hold informative walks, carry out sustainable conservation and restorative work and monitor wildlife. All of this has been on hold throughout the pandemic but we have great hopes that things will be under control by the summer and our planned programme for 2021 can be found on our website <http://www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk> .

For those walking unaccompanied, the Friends have produced a Guide to the Red and Green Walking Routes. These are marked by wooden posts and start at the car park. The guide may be downloaded from the Walks page of our website. Alternatively, you can access a version of the guides on your smartphone using the QR codes attached to the numbered wooden posts.

Flora

Our Ancient Semi-Natural Woodland (ASNW) is dominated by oak, beech, sweet chestnut and ash with scattered holly, field maple, cherry, yew and 35 other species. See the Trees page of the FSW website for more details. Amongst the trees and within the meadows are more than 130 different flowering plants, most of which will be coming into bloom over the next few months. Do join our Facebook page, where visitors to the wood share photographs and sightings, and see if you can be the first to spot any of the flowers. I'm afraid you have already missed the carpets of wood anemones and bluebells seen in the spring. Come back next year for those.

Fauna

The wood is also known as The Bird Sanctuary and more than 50 species of bird have been seen and photographed here. There are badgers, foxes, deer and squirrels by the hundred including our famous white squirrels. We have also recently held Bat Walks - led by our local bat enthusiast, on which more than 7 bat species have been detected.

The main Fauna, however are the invertebrates including over 100 species of butterflies and moths. Butterfly spotting is another game to play during the summer months and again please post your photographs on the Facebook page.

Photograph Competition

Since 2010 the FSW have run an annual photo competition and we would love to have your entries this year. Each entrant may submit up to 6 photographs taken in Selsdon Woods between 20th August 2020 and 19th August 2021. As usual the winners will be chosen by a secret ballot of the visitors to the FSW Open Day in September (or by online ballot should Covid regulations prevent this). Winners will receive cash prizes of £50 first, £20 second and £10 third. Winners and other shortlisted photos from previous competitions are to be found on the Photo Competition page of our website.

Please submit your photographs to our competition organiser, Heather Govier, in electronic format by email to govierh@gmail.com or via the FSW Facebook page. Please send full sized images (not reduced edits). Alternatively, you could submit prints to Heather Govier, 219 Osward, Courtwood Lane, Croydon. CR0 9HG. Please include your name, address, email address and phone number and, for each photo, a title and details of where and when taken.

Heather Govier

The SRA Committee thanks you again for your support during the last year.

We are now encouraging as many of you as possible to subscribe to the SRA (still just a minimum of £5 per household per year – a real bargain!) via an on-line payment or Standing Order again as we have no local bank branches to pay cash into now and we don't want to add to the queue in the Post Office more than necessary!

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You can also confirm you have done this by sending a message to our email address -- mail2.selsdonresidents@gmail.com – if you wish.

Any additional donations (for the Christmas lights and/or just for the general funds e.g., community help, flowers etc) will, of course, be gratefully received.

If you'd rather not make a SO, you can still make an online payment directly from your bank account to ours by using the bank details on the SO form.

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If you do not want to subscribe in either of these ways via your bank, then please deliver whatever you wish to pay us (in cash or by a cheque) via the SRA subscription envelope delivered with this Gazette (or just any spare envelope you have if you lose it – but still remember to give us your name and address on it) to the office of Selsdon Contact or the Selsdon Centre (both in the Sainsburys complex) or to any of the following committee members:

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Thank you from all the SRA committee

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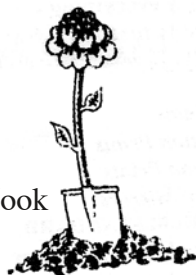
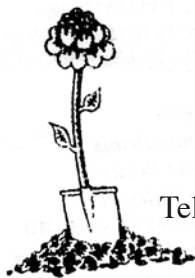
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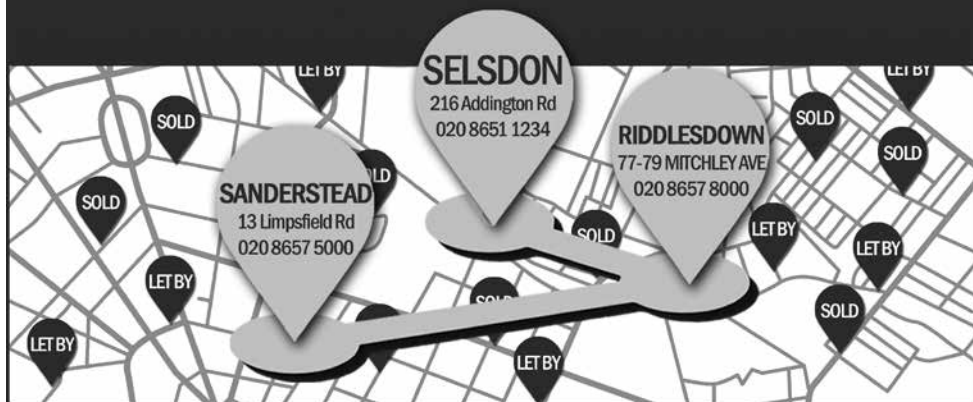
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Contact works from an office in the basement below Sainsbury's – well, perhaps basement is a bit strong – the lower ground floor! Find us via the Selsdon Hall entrance in Old Farleigh Road or the lift by Sainsbury's to Floor -1 (or down two flights of stairs).

The Contact office may be below ground level but the work of our 300 volunteers is seen throughout Selsdon.

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EURO 2020

Coronavirus has seen Euro 2020 transferred to 2021. The 16th UEFA European Championship will run from June 11 to July 11 and to celebrate the tournament's 60th birthday, 11 cities across the continent have been selected as hosts. No nation had been granted an automatic spot and 24 teams have emerged from the qualification process involving 55 teams. Wembley will take centre stage as it will host both semi-finals and the final.



The six groups are as follows:



Group A: Italy, Switzerland, Turkey, Wales
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Group C: Ukraine, Netherlands, Austria, North Macedonia
Played in Amsterdam and Bucharest

Group D: England, Croatia, Czech Republic, Scotland
Played in London and Glasgow

Group E: Spain, Poland, Sweden, Slovakia
Played in Seville and Saint Petersburg

Group F: Germany, France, Portugal, Hungary
Played in Munich and Budapest

The winners and runners-up of each group will reach the knockout stage, as well as the four best third place teams.

As a warm up for this competition try this football quiz (11 questions as there are 11 in a team!)

1. Which team has won the most FA Cup trophies?

A. Arsenal B. Manchester United C. Chelsea

2. What do the initials VAR mean in football?

A. Very Awful Reaction B. Video Assistant Referee C. Video Action Replay

3. Which trophy is contested between the Premiership and FA Cup winners?

A. Club World Cup B. Community Shield C. EFL Trophy

4. What kind of animal is on Leicester City's badge?
A. Lion B. Wolf C. Fox
5. Which Premier League team is famous for black and white stripes?
A. Newcastle United B. Everton C. Burnley
6. Which Premier League side are known as The Red Devils?
A. Arsenal B. Manchester United C. Wolves
7. How many clubs have never relegated from the Premier League?
A. 10 B. 8 C. 6
8. How many times has Brazil won the World Cup?
A. 3 B. 4 C. 5
9. Which two teams have won the UEFA European Championship three times?
A. Germany and Spain B. Portugal and Netherlands C. France and Italy
10. Cristiano Ronaldo has scored 9 goals in the UEFA European Championships. Who else has?
A. Alan Shearer B. Ole Madsen C. Michael Platini
11. There have been 8 FIFA Women's World Cup tournaments. Which nation has won the most?
A. Brazil B. USA C. Germany

Answers after Nature Notes

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## The Viking Trail and its Smugglers!

Following on from last month's Gazette, now a section of the Viking Trail route that I omitted. Leaving behind the Roman fort at Reculver, a seawall to prevent coastal erosion, now stretches away into the distance. Along this the landscape changes, with chalk cliffs rising up from the sea, interspersed with sandy bays. Now meccas for holiday makers and an ever-extending urban sprawl, during the Reign of King George IV this then desolate area provided a very profitable business opportunity on the Isle of Thanet.



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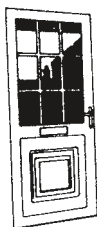
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Just before reaching Margate, the most popular of Thanet's seaside resorts, is St Mildred's Bay. In 1821 at this secluded spot, a vicious battle took place, during which a customs man was severely injured with a sabre wound to his head. This aided in the escape of the smuggling gang. But read on for more about smuggler Joss and his eventual arrest in this very same bay in 1830.



Onwards to Margate, once a working harbour. One of its regular cargoes was coal from Newcastle. But did you know that there were coal mines in Kent? The first mine in 1896, was at Dover, tunnelling out under the sea. And there were several deep mines in this part of Kent until closed down in the 1980s. So instead of coals from Newcastle being brought to Margate, the colliers were sailing out from Margate with Kentish coal!

But other valuable cargoes have been brought into Margate. For example, in 1967 a large motorboat arrived with much sought after King Edward

cigars. Unfortunately for the boat and its crew, they had been shadowed from Nieuwpoort in Belgium by a U.K Customs cutter. Upon entering Margate harbour the boat was boarded, the boat and cargo seized, and the smugglers arrested. Just like old times!

Leaving Margate, our route takes us along the cliff top route to 7 secluded bays of golden sand. The first one, Botany Bay, is famous for its chalk stacks and caves carved out by stormy seas. And not of course forgetting its long history of smuggling!

A network of tunnels and caves were used to hide the contraband. The



most famous local smuggler was Joss Snelling. So famous was he, that another of the 7 bays is named Joss Bay after him. Botany Bay is also named in memory of those days. It was here that the Customs men caught Joss and his gang. Another bloody battle took place with fists, cutlasses and boat hooks. Joss escaped but lost 15 of his men. The punishment for smuggling and resisting arrest was transportation to Australia's convict settlement at Botany Bay. Hence the naming of this bay after the local men who ended their days in Oz.

But this was not the end of smuggler Joss. Some years later, in 1830 at the age of 91, he was caught by Customs men at St Mildred's Bay, landing 61 barrels of foreign spirits. Due to his age, he got away with just a hefty fine. But so great was his local notoriety, that on a visit to Broadstairs by the young, future Queen Victoria, he was introduced to her as "Joss the famous smuggler!"

Kingsgate is another Bay that also has a connection between Royalty and villainy, but this will have to wait until next month!

***Des Donohoe*** ([des.oldselsdon@gmail.com](mailto:des.oldselsdon@gmail.com))

# Lockdown Experiences

*I have been asking readers to write to me with their recollections of the pandemic. I was glad to hear from a few Year 5 pupils at Selsdon Primary School.*

## My Lockdown

I will start by telling you about my experiences in the first lockdown. It was like all of a sudden, we were all stuck inside, only allowed to go out for things like shopping and you had to wait in a looong crocodile of a queue. It was hard at first and everyone was on about the bad things but nobody realised the good things until later on. There were quite a few good things like walking in the woods and being with your family inside. But in all honesty, it was not great being stuck inside but we had to do it for everyone around us.



People put rainbows up at their windows, clapped on Thursdays for the NHS. We had to keep 2m. We were still doing lockdown homeschool learning and it hurt my eyes to stare at the screen all day.

Now to the second lockdown, it was less staying inside. Plus, we got to do zoom homeschool which is sooo much easier. We all do wish for it to go back to normal soon.

**Ruth, 10 years old Cormorant Class**

## Lockdown

Lockdown may be full of gloom,  
But let's stay positive,  
And perhaps talk on zoom,  
Eliminate the negative.

Stuck at home make the most of it,  
Try being creative,  
Just make sure that you don't quit,  
Try find the happiness that it gives.

All birthdays and parties done on phone,  
Even school was done on zoom,  
Wishing to meet others soon,  
While being isolated in one room.



We're all wishing and hoping for better days ahead,  
We're given rules and we obey,  
While being stuck on red,  
Only dreaming that today can turn back into yesterday.

***ZN Age 11 Selsdon Primary School***

### **Coping with Covid**

How I coped with lockdown is I had a positive mind set, things I couldn't do I tried doing them at my house. I missed going to the cinemas, going to the restaurant and school and much more I felt very sad and annoyed that I couldn't go to these places like I did before. I tried being creative during the lockdowns by trying to do new things, like cooking recipes I haven't cooked before with my family and tried baking delicious things. I tried to make these situations more enjoyable for myself, you should do that too.

Some things that Selsdon Primary School did due to covid 19 is do work from home on 'zoom' and 'seesaw' I found that ok. It's not the worst but I missed seeing my best friends at school and actually being in the classroom. Last year I had to do something similar to this when I was in year 4, I was sad I missed most of my year 4 because I was looking forward to doing fun experiments and school trips and projects.



Things I did whilst stuck at home, is go for walks, bike rides, baking and cooking, playing games and lots of arts and crafts like origami drawings. I liked getting out of the house once in a while to go for walks to get fresh air. If there wasn't covid 19, I would probably have gone to 100 different places. I can't wait until things get back to normal.

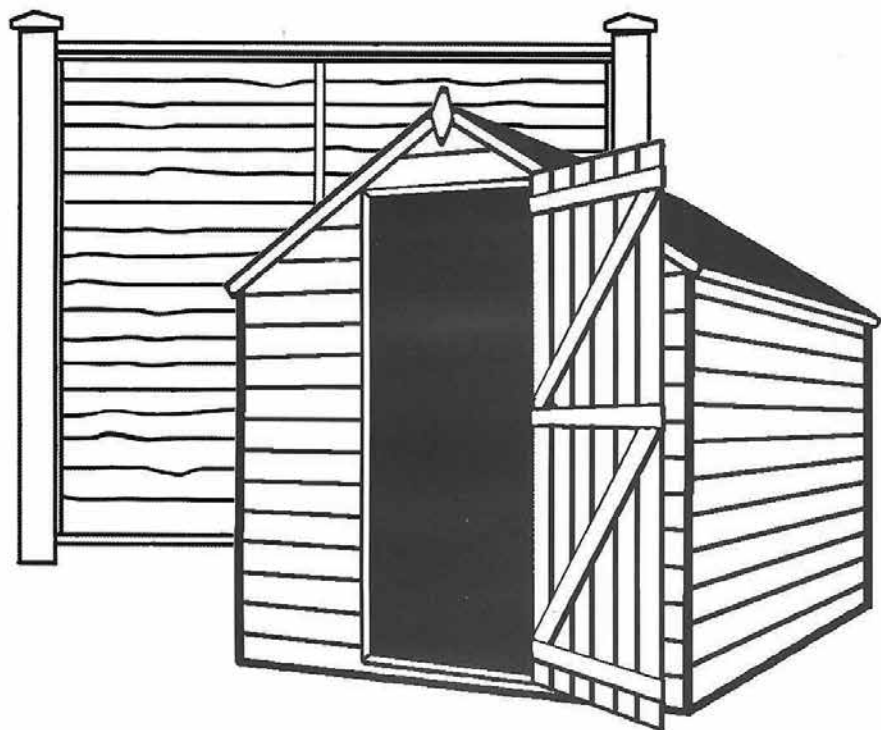
Now that I'm at school things are very different. We have different times to go to school, we use packs and can't really go into another bubble so if we have friends in another class, we can't go that close. And we do not wear our school uniform either but slowly and slowly things are getting better

Hope you liked reading this - BE POSITIVE

***Amirah, Year 5 Cormorant Class***

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Dear Editor,

Hello, my name is Freddy. I love swimming, it is my second favourite sport after football. I learnt to swim from about the age of two years old at Purley Leisure Centre; I have always swum there.

Although ever since Covid19 it has shut down and it has not reopened now. It makes me sad that I can't go to my beloved pool in Purley.

I am still able to go to a different pool in Waddon, but some people can't go to that pool. I am lucky that my Mum has a car so I can go to Waddon but for those that haven't it takes a long time to get to there as the public transport is very infrequent and the traffic is very bad.

Lots of schools who used to swim at Purley aren't able to go to Waddon. Swimming lessons can save your life.

I don't feel as happy going to Waddon because it isn't the swimming pool that I have grown up going too.

We have all tried our best to keep Purley Leisure Centre open and we are still fighting to keep it open.

Me, my Mum and lots of other people have been protesting. We all held a sign saying; "SAVE PURLEY POOL".

Croydon council have tried to close the pool before in 2010 and 2015. Every 5 years they try and shut the pool. We kept it open twice before. Hopefully we can reopen Purley Leisure Centre again.

**Freddy** (Year 5 pupil at Selsdon Primary School)



Dear Editor,

After reading this month's article it would appear that Ted Forsyth knows his birds and I wondered if he could advise us as to what to do about the sudden invasion of pigeons on our bird feeding seed. They swing on the hanging feeders, tipping them to empty the seed to the ground. They are beautiful looking and we have come to the conclusion that they are very tame, well fed and from a private aviary. We have a hedge full of sparrows (now with their babies) who rely on us. Any suggestions would be grateful.

***Pat Staples***

*The reply from Ted*

Hello Pat,

I live in Courtwood Lane and until this year I seldom saw a feral pigeon. Now I have up to half a dozen permanently lounging near the feeders all day and behaving exactly as you describe. My only solution is to chase them at every opportunity. I believe that reduced human traffic in central Croydon during last year meant less food was on the ground and this has caused a displacement of some of the birds to the outskirts. This might become a permanent situation!



*Here is one response from a reader to the news about conditions of some council tenancies in Croydon.*

Dear Editor,

As a joint landlord for a property in the borough along with my sister, we were angry to see the state of some council properties. Despite our property being run by an agent and repairs being done swiftly and no complaints from the tenant we had to register with the council and pay for an inspection. Perhaps they should get their own house in order first!

***Mrs. D.Hansford***

*Here one of our readers reminds us how postcards can be invaluable to jogging our memories.*

Dear Editor,

The following doesn't have much to do with Selsdon apart from the fact that I have lived in Farley Road since 1947 (that winter was the worst I have known). I have a 1920's picture postcard album started by my father in 1910. They were all entered back-to-back, hence the cards had to be removed to read the writing; most of the 150 cards have writing and a stamp. I have since obtained new albums whereby both writing and picture can be viewed. The earliest sea side card is dated 1916 from Eastbourne, which mentions that my father and his brother are going on Coast Guard duty from 6 to 10 pm (WW1). The information gained from this collection has enabled me to find the dates that my family moved house and to where. As a child I remember the house being converted from gas lighting to electricity but a post card tells me that this occurred in 1938, the year we moved from Dartford to Wilmington. I remember both these houses particularly the last one.

A few cards (1921) indicate that my mother worked at the Guardians Offices in Harrow Rd for 3 years. In July 1924 my father writes from the SS St Clair on his way from Berwick to Wick saying it is very rough. Every card tells a story, one of note (1926) states, 'Produced for W.J. Tassell of the post office Chiddingstone Hoath'. This was a village shop that closed in the late 1950s; the population of the Hoath was probably only 100 people.

A card (1931) from my grandparents states 'returning home on Friday on the Empress of France'. A post card in 1947 indicates the year we moved from Lee to Selsdon. After marriage in 1962 my wife and I took a flat in Banstead then returned to Selsdon a few years later. If it wasn't for these cards I wouldn't know of these details. Unfortunately, with the use of the internet as we know it today, whereby information is no longer written or posted; it is all too easy to erase the past. Perhaps there is a motto, 'Send messages buy picture post cards.'

***Denis Redrupp***

*More letters about where have the pheasants come from?*

Dear Editor

I write in response to the letter in the May issue about the Pheasant seen in Greville Avenue.

Although this one was perhaps a little lost, Pheasants are regularly seen not too far away. They are sometimes spotted in the field areas of Selsdon Wood, the most recent sighting being in early March this year. More commonly, however they can be seen in the farmer's field to the south of the wood alongside Old Farleigh Road (the field where they had planned to build the crematorium) and on the adjacent golf course.

All of these birds are wild but they could be the descendants of game birds. At the start of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century the land called Selsdon Park - which included Selsdon Wood and all the estate of the Selsdon Park Hotel was owned by Wickham Noakes, a brewer. During this period there was a grand shoot each year in November to mark Noakes' birthday and a gamekeeper, William Westall, was employed to manage the land for shooting. Around this time Ordnance Survey maps show a 'Pheasantry' (where the young birds were raised) on the estate, situated on the western side of Old Farleigh Road, probably close to where Ravenshead Close now lies.

Relics of this past are found in Selsdon Wood in the naming of many of the larger pathways as "rides" and the specific naming of Noakes Way which runs close to the eastern edge.

You can find out much more about the history of Selsdon Wood on the History page of our website <http://www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk/history.php>

Regards

**Heather Govier** (Chair FSW)

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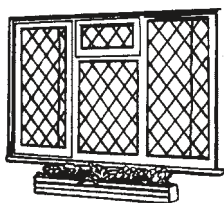
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Dear Editor,

*(We have another episode from Jessica about life under lockdown this month)*

## Opening Up Once More – A New Beginning

Well, the feeling of freedom may bring a rush of adrenaline to the head and heart, but we've also become a bit used to not going out, and in a way, it seems a little strange.

I've been very brave today and walked past people on the same piece of pavement as myself - and I wasn't even wearing a face mask! Now who would have ever considered walking along the street as an adventure until fourteen months ago? The Government tells us "Pavement Dodging" is no longer required even without a mask.

Yesterday we decided to finally go to a gardening centre, which was further away from the usual ones we visit. It was so good to drive through the countryside. It is such a beautiful sight to see all the trees in their new leaves. Leaf green is a wonderful colour and in a very few weeks it will all be deeper green and we will not really notice the leaves again until the autumn. From my own point of view, I really would not have cared if the gardening centre had been closed on our arrival, because the drive had been so enjoyable, however the garden centre could be counted as the 'icing on the cake', of our day.

Oh boy, it was really busy and beautifully stocked. Everything looked so fresh. The restaurant looked very quiet but some people were drinking coffee at the tables out in the open. Normally this restaurant is one of the reasons for going there, but this time I had taken a picnic, which we ate in the car park afterwards.

The plants all looked in great condition. There was a tremendous choice, but the reality was **the prices had doubled, since the year before**. However, when we looked round thoroughly, we found that some plants seemed to be in three different sizes and the prices for a potted shrub could be around £66.00, £33.00 and £17.00. We didn't take the largest size plants but the smallest. We know what grows well in our soil and a small plant will be much bigger in a couple of years, and it's fairly easy to take extra cuttings. Normally we would have bought pots of shrubs in pairs, but not this time. Perhaps it will make us better gardeners. Also, there was a full complement of staff, all obliging and helpful.

**Jessica Blake**

# Poetry Corner

*A poem to mark World Music Day on 21<sup>st</sup> June by Mary Gill.*

## PLAYBACK

Life has lost all flavour,  
twilight haunts the noon,  
suddenly I savour  
a long-forgotten tune.

At once, I am translated,  
back through the trials of time  
and youth is recreated  
inside this heart of mine.

The doors, once closed, are open.  
Again, I'm free to choose,  
but this time, with the Wisdom,  
that brutal time accrues.

I view the road before me,  
how wide it seemed, how clear,  
I never dreamed how balmy  
blue skies would disappear.

Transported by the music,  
I rise above despair,  
and hope, once so elusive,  
breathes in restoring air.

Alas, the song has ended  
and stolen youth away.  
And time, that was suspended,  
once more comes into play.

How arduous, how grievous  
is this reality.  
How sweet the brief release was  
when music turned the key.





## Nature Notes from Ted Forsyth – Plants and Soil

A walk around fields and woods will show that soil type varies from place to place. Where there are badgers, their diggings will display chalk or flints in one area while at another sett the soil might be earth and stones. Elsewhere there might be areas of gravel and muddy paths display the characteristics of sticky clay. Chalky soils tend towards the alkaline end of the pH scale while beneath conifers the conditions are probably more acidic.

Gardeners on chalky soils will realise that trying to grow rhododendrons, azaleas and pernettyas can be done only by providing more acidic conditions, perhaps in a specially prepared bed containing lots of peat substitute and fed with suitable chemicals. Heather (*Calluna vulgaris*) grows in the acidic upland soils and decorates the hills in a purple haze. Transferring this spectacle from moorland to a chalky garden is fraught with difficulty but some of the Heaths (*Erica* species) which tolerate less acid soil, grow quite happily in suitable lowland areas. A more extreme situation occurs where the land is permanently wet and forms a bog. Apart from pH considerations, the presence of water depletes the nutrients and the flora of such an area is quite specialised, with white-tufted Cotton Grass and the diminutive Sundew perhaps being the most obvious. The Sundew makes up for the lack of nutrients at its roots by catching and absorbing insects.



Yellow Bird's Nest



Toothwort

The North and South Downs are built upon large areas of chalk subsoil where grazing by sheep, cattle, rabbits, and deer keeps down the growth of the more rampant grasses and allows a wide range of chalk grassland plants to grow. Yellow Rattle, and in the London area Greater Yellow Rattle, can partially control the growth of grasses as both species are parasitic upon the roots of the grasses. Typical plants include several species of orchid such as Bee, Pyramidal, Common Spotted and

Bird's Nest (among others), and various Broomrapes which draw some of their nutrients from the particular plants on which they are parasitic. The blue of Field Scabious is usually visible amongst the grasses and

the short grass often has large clumps of yellow Bird's-foot Trefoil. Both are attractive to butterflies as is Marjoram which is a major component of some grassy areas.

In trying to create a comprehensive list of all the plants to be found in a particular area we need to consider the requirements of each plant. For example, within woodland, in relatively shady conditions, we can look for Early Purple Orchid, Bird's-nest Orchid, Fly Orchid, Yellow Bird's-nest and Toothwort. Early flowering woodland flowers, like Wood Anemones and Bluebells, are successful since the trees under which they grow are without leaves in early spring.

Toothwort seems to be very particular about where it grows. In Selsdon Wood there is one known clump off East Gorse growing at the base of a group of large Hazel trunks where it is parasitic upon the roots. There must be hundreds of similar potential areas for the plant, but no more evidence of Toothwort in the wood. There are old records of Bird's-nest Orchid in the wood, thought to be off the Addington Border path close to Courtwood Lane according to the last sightings. If there are any viable seeds within the soil it is possible the orchid will return. A few years ago, by the Broad Walk path not too far from the Courtwood Grove end, Yellow Bird's-nest put in an appearance after a long absence since the last record. Despite the similarity in the name, it is not an orchid, being a plant, which is thought to be parasitic on a Tricholoma fungus which itself will be drawing substance from the roots of a tree.

I do not think there have been any records of the diminutive, and easily missed spring-flowering Fly Orchid, but there have been very old records of the more flamboyant Lady Orchid. With an optimistic frame of mind and very sharp eyes perhaps someone will rediscover these species!

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### **Answers to the Football Quiz**

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| <b>1. A</b> | <b>2. B</b> | <b>3. B</b> | <b>4. C</b>  | <b>5. A</b>  | <b>6. B</b> |
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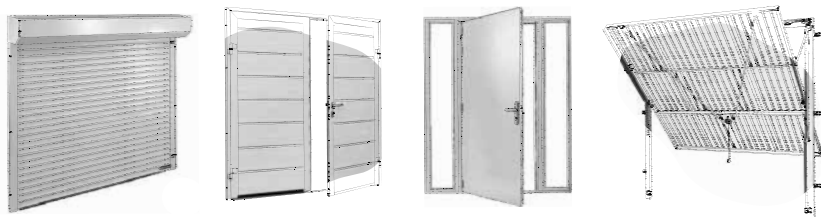
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