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Editor's Note

Welcome to the March 2019 issue of the Gazette. As I write this in mid-February it feels as though spring has sprung but the cover photo reminds us that in March last year we had a visit from the "Beast from the East". I think many of us will be hoping that we do not get another this year.

We start this month with an extension to the usual SRA News 'n' Views about the Council's poor street services (p9). Then, after the usual message from the Councillors, we have a piece from local MP, Chris Philp (15), followed by an obituary for Colleen Hiatt, long term resident of Selsdon, who died last December (p20).

There is a memoir and two dramatic photographs inspired by the December piece in the series Through the Eyes of a War Baby about the bombing of Ingham Road (p24) and this is followed by the next in the series from Des looking at Selsdon's Winter Wonderland (p25).

I'm delighted to report that, after a couple of months' absence, Roundabout is back (p29) ☺ We then have a further update from Geoff Forsdyke about the money he has raised by recycling unwanted jewellery etc (p31). Do please get in touch with him if you have items to donate.

Nature Notes this month tells us about parasitic and saprophytic plants - a rare one of which has recently been spotted in Selsdon Wood (p33). And we end with a response on behalf of the Friends of Selsdon Wood to the planning application for building in Quail Gardens (p34).

Amongst the correspondence (p51) is a response to Adrian Gates' article in the December Gazette on electric cars. Tony has a much more up-to-date model and a much more positive view. Still on the subject of cars we have a query about a 1934 Rolls Royce. Do get in touch if you can help. There is also a response to the piece in the February issue about street cleaning and comment on the proposed pedestrian crossing at the junction of Farley and Croham Valley Roads. We are all aware of the pressure the NHS is under at present and the final letter provides a case study of a typical experience.

Finally apologies to puzzlers for the lack of crossword (no room) and Rebecca whose Chalk Parties advert was printed in February without the final 4 lines which gave all the contact details. This has been corrected this month.

Regards,

Heather

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SHOULD BE WITH THE EDITOR NO LATER THAN
20TH MARCH 🦋

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SRA NEWS 'n' VIEWS

Depending on when this Gazette is delivered, we hope to see/have seen you at the AGM on 13th March. It is one of the few chances we have to meet with you and hear your views of things that matter to Selsdon. We are hoping that attendance will be better this year than recently.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our 88 deliverers who turn out 11 months a year to freely drop the Gazette into your letter box. No mean feat to manage all this (plus the 8 local distributors) which is carried out so ably by Wendy Mikiel, our Distribution Manager. Heartfelt thanks to you all! Sadly each year we lose some of these essential helpers for one reason or another and it is never easy to find replacements. This can mean the remaining deliverers and distributors see their rounds grow, just so we can be sure everyone gets the Gazette in a reasonable time. Please consider if you could perhaps help by sharing a delivery or distribution round with someone else or filling a gap when we do lose someone. If you feel you cannot commit to helping regularly for 11 months, then we are always grateful to have a list of those who will stand in to cover holidays, illness or vacancies on a temporary basis.

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We are approaching the time of year when we need to review the addresses of those residents who are willing to have their letterbox listed as a drop-off point for our brown subscription envelopes during the summer. Inevitably, some people move away and forget to tell us or the new resident, so they are then surprised when the money starts plopping through their door! Please do let us know before mid-May if you don't want your address listed for this purpose any more – or if you feel you could actually be added to the service as, hopefully, more drop-off points will encourage more subscriptions!

There was news at the AGM of our Christmas lights, flower displays and planning proposals – the main topics that keep the committee busy during the year. We have just been hit by a bombshell regarding the lights: unexpectedly, we were advised that, in future, we would have to have the catenary wires routinely inspected, allegedly to meet insurance and H&S requirements. We are checking this out but, if true, there could be about a 30-50% increase in the lighting costs on top of the renewal costs of the catenary wires this year that we already knew about. With the dwindling numbers of traders each year, the support we get is unlikely to go far in covering the overall future costs. The SRA committee is keen for our lights tradition to continue so we are doing our best to keep costs down and choose a lighting display for the coming years (we are due for a new set of lights and contractual term now) that will still keep us 'on the map'. How long we will be able to continue is, of course, open to question and subject to other demands on our finances.

We decided that the cost of the floral displays, with thankfully only a small increase by our supplier this year, should continue to be borne largely again this year by the SRA as very few traders support us in that project. We hope you will all appreciate these attempts to brighten the shopping area.

The SRA has always kept an eye on planning proposals that affect the area. Can I remind you that all Selsdon residents can now peruse the planning list themselves to see the state of play of local applications directly via <http://www.localplanningapps.co.uk/croydon/sra/anupdate/listofapps.html>.

Currently, we are keeping a watch on the progress of the applications for the changes behind the shops to convert the car and lawn mower repairers to a row of terraced houses and for the increased number of houses now requested to be built in Quail Gardens. Bearing in mind the present political views on the need for increased provision of housing in all areas, we are mindful of how we can perhaps best approach these (and other) applications for developments. Being guided by our councillors as well as the views of the local community, we feel it is possibly a matter of keeping any proposals within reasonable bounds rather than necessarily seeking total refusal of them all. I believe there will be other comments elsewhere in this Gazette about the proposed Quail Gardens development but suggest that, if you object, then please do contact the Council as directed on their website to lodge a formal objection – or the old-fashioned way, by a written letter to the Planning Department at the Town Hall (Bernard Wetherill House).

The Selsdon Garage site is still under active consideration by the owners and the Council apparently. However, there are now some changes (additions) to the plans we had all felt were most suitable for the site but which the council chose to refuse. As before, watch this space - literally! Last but not least – for those of you who fancy a breakfast treat, I hear that Wetherspools has applied to open for the early breakfasters amongst you (from 8am). Enjoy! Also, they want to stay open until midnight on Fridays and Saturdays for those who prefer their local socialising at that end of the day. Enjoy?

Linda Morris, Vice Chairman - SRA

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It has become clear to the SRA that Croydon Council are unable to deliver the sort of services that we have come to expect with regard to street cleaning and upkeep of roads and pavements, to name only two areas of concern. The SRA, and our local councillors, have attempted to get the council to clean our streets and pavements more regularly and to carry out repairs to road surfaces where potholes and sunken manhole covers and gully gratings are the norm. The Council is currently focusing on reactive works whereby inspectors will tour the borough and prioritise spending their scant resources on a 'worst-first' basis so that 'limited funds are directed at sites with the greatest need'. A recent request by the SRA to the Director of Streets to consider the extremely poor condition of the Farley Road carriageway from Queenhill Road down to Croham Valley Road resulted in a visit by a Highways Inspector who noted 'whilst there where (sic) visible localised deterioration of the carriageway surface, the defects seen did not trigger the intervention criteria and therefore were not considered actionable defects'.

What can all we do to get the Council to step in and carry out the services which one may think one's Council Tax should pay for? Faced with a reactive approach to street cleaning why not raise the profile of your pile of dead leaves blocking the gutter with a call to Croydon Council Streets Team on 020 8726 7100 or the Environmental Team on 020 8726 6200. You could make your complaint about the pothole you have just damaged your vehicles wheel in by registering with 'My Account' on the Council website and reporting it there. Perhaps the coolest method would be to download the 'Don't Mess with Croydon' app to your smartphone and photograph the offending subject and send your report direct to the Council. The topics that can be dealt with in this manner are: Abandoned Vehicle, Dead Animal, Dog Fouling, Drug-related Litter, Empty Property, Fly-posting, Fly-tipping on Public Land, Graffiti, Loose or Damaged Pavements, Potholes or Damage to Roads, Problems with Skips, Road Surface Drainage Problems, Streets - issues with benches, bollards, signs, Streets – new or relocation of street litter bins, Streets – overflowing street litter bins, Tree or high hedge obstruction on public land, Waste on private property.

Sad to say, for the foreseeable future we are unlikely to get the sort of service from our Council that we did, say, ten years ago. They will only be taking action where we, the public, make a fuss. Over to you, dear

Residents of Selsdon. (You may have your own thoughts about how this increasingly digital form of communication disenfranchises those without or unable to access the internet.)

Ian Leggatt, For the SRA

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COUNCILLORS' NOTES

PLAYGROUNDS

Over the last year we have received a number of requests for improvements to the playgrounds in Selsdon, and two playgrounds are in particular need of attention – the one in Selsdon Recreation Ground and the one in Addington Park. Cllr Pollard recently met with a senior officer at the Council and was advised that funding has been secured to refurbish the playground in Addington Park. This is excellent news but at the moment no funds have been secured to refurbish the one in Selsdon Rec. We have asked the Council to try and secure funds for the Selsdon Rec playground and will let you know if this is successful.

The plan is to consult with residents later this year to find out views on the proposals for the playground in Addington Park.

PARKS UPDATE

In recent years, the Council has undergone a number of reorganisations and this has resulted in some confusion when it comes to responsibility for Croydon's parks. At a recent meeting with the Council, the extent of this became clear when it was explained to Cllr Pollard that there are different departments in the Council responsible for these areas in relation to parks:

- Healthy living (encouraging people to use the parks as part of a healthy lifestyle)
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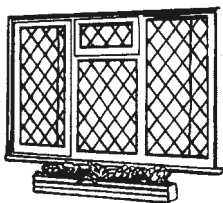
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The Council has finally recognised that this is an issue and have arranged meetings between the relevant departments to establish a 'matrix of roles and responsibilities'. Let's hope this helps to keep our lovely parks in good shape for years to come.

SELSDON HIGH STREET / THE 'GARAGE' 230 ADDINGTON ROAD

We are frequently asked what is happening with the 'garage' site next to Aldi. It is an eyesore and needs to be redeveloped.

Planning permission has already been given for it to be redeveloped to have 26 flats and retail space on the ground floor, so why has work not started?

This was a question that the Selsdon Councillors wanted to ask the developers, so a meeting was arranged to find out why nothing is happening. A member of the Council's Planning Department was also present.

The developer said the problem is that the planning permission with 26 flats, with four of these being affordable housing, is not financially viable. (It is Council policy that a minimum of 15% of properties in a development should be affordable). The developer said they would make a significant loss if they redeveloped the site in the current economic climate. Their view is the development would only be viable if they could have more flats and if the requirement to include affordable housing was removed.

As local councillors, not property development experts, we can't judge whether viability is really the issue here, but it would be reasonable to think that the developer would have developed the site by now if it could make a profit. The site was purchased in 1996 and the developer seems pretty keen to complete the project.

The current planning permission for the garage site was given before the new Local Plan came into force so there might be scope for a development with more flats. This would inevitably mean a bigger building and this is a compromise that residents might be prepared to consider if the site is to be redeveloped.

At the end of the meeting it was agreed that the developer would meet with the Planning Department to review the options available and see if there is a way that the project can be moved forward.

Just to be clear, as your elected representatives, the Selsdon Councillors will always act in the best interests of the residents of Selsdon. We will not take the side of a property developer. However, in order to try and move this forward we felt it appropriate to meet with the developer and try to establish why nothing is happening. If a revised planning application is submitted to the Council, we will seek your views before deciding whether we will support it.

Meet Your Councillors

The Selsdon Team of Councillors will be holding surgeries in the Selsdon Centre (next to Sainsbury's) on the first Saturday of the month from 10am – 11.15am (except August). If you have any issues you wish to discuss with your councillor please come to the surgery or get in touch by email:

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19/00478/HSE – 5 Chestnut Grove, South Croydon, CR2 7LL - Erection of a two storey side extension and two rear roof dormers (part retrospective application)

19/00101/HSE – 7 Ferns Close, South Croydon, CR2 8RG - Erection of a single storey rear/side extension (retrospective)

19/00365/HSE – 55 Selsdon Park Road, South Croydon, CR2 8JF - Proposed vehicular crossover (dropped kerb) to front of property with hard standing area

19/00309/LP – 117 Croham Valley Road, South Croydon, CR2 7RE - Erection of replacement front porch

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BUILD MORE HOMES ON BROWNFIELD SITES

The Council's planning committee is currently granting 95% of applications that are put before it. As a result, applications that are unpopular with residents, or are not in keeping with the area, are waved through.

The Council plans to build 10,000 more homes in suburban areas by 2036. To achieve this, the council intends to build blocks of flats in traditionally quiet areas. It will require knocking down existing houses and building on green land. I strongly oppose this. On 11th February I spoke at City Hall to make my opposition to the Council's plans clear.

It is not that I oppose building new homes. London needs new homes. Building more homes will help young people into homeownership. It will prevent first time buyers from being priced out of the market and is vital to solving London's housing crisis.

However, building blocks of flats by destroying family homes in areas that have always had a quiet or suburban character is not the answer. Across the south of the borough, the council is granting permissions to knock down 4-5 bedroom houses, to build blocks of around 9 flats. This creates buildings that are out of character with the area around them, as well as a sudden spike in population.

A sudden increase in the number of people living in an area creates a strain on local infrastructure; including roads, schools and GP surgeries. The necessary infrastructure improvements are not being made. For example, the proposed 17 storey skyscraper in Purley would provide just 20 new parking spaces for 220 new flats. There is already a shortage of parking in the south of the borough. Building blocks of flats with inadequate parking spaces will only exacerbate the problem.

New buildings should be appropriate to the area and only built on suitable sites. The Council's own Local Plan states that planning permission should only be granted for buildings that fit the character of the area. In the south of the borough most homes are 4-5 bedroom family homes. Homes like these are important for young families and should not be destroyed.

The Council is only focusing on hitting its target through blocks of flats. As a result, the Council is failing to meet its target of 30% family homes (ie homes with two bedrooms or more), as only 19% of new homes have

more than two bedrooms.

The Council should be prioritising building flats on brownfield sites, near existing tall buildings. Tall buildings and tower blocks already exist in Croydon town centre, and I support building them there – not on field or in the suburbs.

I will be launching a Brownfield First campaign on this issue in the near future. There are many buildings that are unused in Croydon town centre. These should be a priority – either repurposed or rebuilt as flats.

More widely, Sadiq Khan as Mayor of London should bring forward large scale schemes on brownfield sites. Previous mishaps during his time as Mayor have caused schemes at Old Oak Common and the Meridian site in Enfield to fail – which could have provided around 16,000 homes.

The town centre already has the necessary infrastructure and amenities for new residents. Its excellent transport links makes it perfect for young professionals just starting on the property ladder. Building more large blocks of flats in Croydon town centre is therefore appropriate, and will protect our green spaces.

Buildings like the old Royal Mail building next to East Croydon station are derelict, and you could build hundreds of flats on that site. The council would then have no reason to destroy houses in suburban areas, which are much-needed for families.

One way to make planning decisions more accountable would be to have “area planning committees” where councillors from a local area sit on the planning committee for smaller applications in that area, rather than having councillors from a distant part of Croydon deciding applications in Selsdon.

A focus on Brownfield First will allow the borough to meet its housing demand and preserve the historic character of our neighbourhoods.



Chris Philp - Member of Parliament for Croydon South

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Colleen Hiett, moved from New Addington to Selsdon almost 50 years ago with her husband and three sons. They settled in Dulverton Road but sadly Colleen lost her husband and soul mate, Ivan, who passed away over 30 years ago.



Colleen was well known and loved by everyone who knew her. She spent many years as a cook at some of the local schools where she formed lasting friendships with work colleagues, teachers, and pupils.

A very large crowd attended Colleen's funeral mass, at St Columba's Catholic Church, Selsdon, on 20th December 2018, with committal afterwards at Greenlawn Memorial Park. She had passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving sons and family, on the 5th December at St Christopher's Hospice Sydenham, where she had spent the previous three days.

Colleen was well known in the village where she used to frequent the local shops on a regular basis until her health started to fail a few years ago. She loved to talk to the shop keepers and neighbours she met on her journeys. Colleen was closely linked to the Saint Vincent De Paul Society (SVP) from St Columba's Church and Contact, from the Selsdon Centre. She was always very grateful for the help and support they provided and appreciative of their great work in the community.

Colleen will be forever missed, by everyone who knew her. Her love was unconditional, her generosity unrivalled and her faith undoubted. May She Rest in Peace.

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INGHAM ROAD BOMBING 1944

In his wartime memories featured in the December issue of the Gazette, Des Donohoe mentioned the V1 rocket that fell in Ingham Road in July/August 1944. This bomb destroyed my parents' house - the semi on the right in the photo. This was number 21 (changed to 41 after renumbering in the 60s).



I don't know if anyone was killed or injured, my parents never really talked about it - but the two semi-detached houses to the right of ours were also destroyed and the site remained a bombsite well into the fifties when the houses were rebuilt to another design, differing from the other houses in the road which were built in 1938/39.

As kids we played on the bombsite and inside the houses when they were eventually being built - no health and safety then!

The V1 struck in the morning a few weeks after the birth of my older sister, Mary Relph, as she is now, so it must have been in July or August 1944. My mother had been in the habit of putting my sister in her pram in the back garden but for some reason or other she hadn't done so that morning otherwise, on hearing the engine cut out on the bomb, she would have rushed out to protect



her firstborn. As it was she had time to get herself and my sister into the Morrison shelter underneath the dining table in the downstairs backroom - the one on the right as you look at this rear view photograph. So it is possibly only by a bit of luck that I am here to tell you the story! My Dad had the shock of coming home and seeing the destruction without knowing about the event and not knowing if my mother and sister were still alive!

They were evacuated first to Sanderstead and then to Swindon for at least a few months.

If there is anyone out there who reads the Selsdon Gazette who remembers me or my family do please get in touch. I remember a great deal about my upbringing in Selsdon which I remember with affection. I was born in 1948 and lived in the rebuilt house until 1967 when I left for university and the wider world - finally settling near Dumfries in Scotland.

Phil Munton *philmunton48@sky.com*

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SELSDON'S WINTER WONDERLAND!

In March last year we had the Beast from the East (see cover photograph), but that was not a patch on the winter of 1947, reputed to be the worst on record. However I cannot remember much about it, other than there was a lot of snow!

My main recollection was that one of my friends, Norman Bray, who lived a few doors down from me in Abbey Rd, had impetigo. Why I should remember that, I've no idea. Anyway impetigo is very contagious and so children should be kept away from school. Norman had been stuck at home for a couple of weeks or so, and for a treat and to relieve his boredom, his dad took him up to Selsdon Rec to see the snow.

It just so happened that I was already in the Rec building an igloo and tunnel through the snow, to get into it. The snow was about three feet deep. As you might expect, Norman wanted to help me, so he did, and we had a great time playing in the snow. Just in case you should ask, no I did not catch impetigo. No doubt the infectious part of his illness had by then passed.

I don't know if it is imagination or climate change, but we seemed to get more snow back in the 1940 and early 50s. Living on Abbey Rd, which is quite a long hill, it was the hill of choice for the local kids to go sledging. For much of this period petrol rationing was in force, and even when de-restricted, few people had cars. So a) it was safe to sledge on the road, and b) the roads were not then gritted. So the snow lasted much longer. Everyone who had a sledge, had one made from scrap bits of timber,

perhaps with a bit of old brass curtain rail for runners. I was the exception! My very best friend was Antony Lennell who lived in Greville Avenue at the top of Abbey Road. Antony's eldest brother, Harry, worked as a bell boy at Selsdon Park Hotel. Guests there were the very wealthy - people who could afford to go on Swiss skiing holidays. One such guest gave Harry a beautiful sledge that had been brought back from Switzerland. Luckily for me, the Lennells were just about to emigrate, or to be a bit more accurate, return to their dad's homeland – Eire! The important bit was that Harry's/ Antony's mum gave me the sledge. It was like a racing car against cart horses in our winter sports!

Whilst we kids loved the snow, it was not so much fun for the grown-ups. My Dad, like most local dads, worked in London. As I have already mentioned, roads were not gritted in the 1940s. If it was a lightish snow fall, the weight of a bus full of passengers was enough to provide grip and the driver could ease the No. 64 bus all the way up Farley Road to Selsdon. With heavy falls of snow, the bus would not be able to make it past Brent Road, where the steepest bit of Farley Road begins.

You car drivers of today will probably not be fully aware of these variations in gradient, but when I went to school on my bike I got to know (and still remember) every little change when the road went up, especially that last bit of Farley Road!

Snow! So my Dad would leave at 6 in the morning to walk to wherever the bus might be able to reach, and get home about 8, having walked in deep snow for the last couple of miles.

And there was poor Emily. Emily was the aged carthorse who every day, sun, rain or snow, had to pull the heavily-laden Express Dairy milk float up Abbey Road, Ingham Road and several other hills in Selsdon. No wellie boots

for hard working Emily, but she did have $3\frac{1}{4}$ inch iron studs screwed into her horse shoes for added grip. I used to help the milkman, and on one occasion saw Emily stumble on thick ice and fall onto her front knees.





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Poor, poor, Emily, in a later year she fell when going down the steep Ingham Rd, broke a leg and had to be put down. It was only today, via a chance contact who used to live in Ingham Road , that I heard this sad bit of news. And just writing about it has brought tears to my eyes. Poor, poor, Emily.

Going into the 1950s, and more road traffic which caused the snow to melt much quicker, our Cresta Run moved from Abbey Road to the very steep last 150 yards of Ingham Road. Too steep for cars to even attempt in icy conditions. And even better still was Littleheath Woods at the top of Ingham Road. Dodging our way between the trees, this became for us older boys, our slalom course.

I still, after 70 years, have a pronounced scar from a sledging incident in those woods. Slaloming in thick snow, between some chestnut coppicing, I nicked a bit sticking up from a coppiced stump. This took a lump out of my thigh. Fortunately it was so cold that it had a numbing effect and it did not bleed very much. I was thus able to limp home and get it dressed without any real trauma.

Those days were real fun and didn't cost a penny, unlike the fortune of a skiing trip to the Alps!

Des Donohoe

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ROUNDABOUT

Welcome Back or Goodbye Old Friends

The imminent return of an old friend has been announced. Following a two-year closure and extensive refurbishment, the Fairfield Halls are planned to re-open in September. The concert hall and adjoining theatre have been greatly missed.

A Croydon Council spokesman was reported to claim that the new entertainment facility will be regarded as “the daughter” of the London South Bank Festival Hall. I would suggest that it always was. Indeed, the Fairfield Concert Hall was regarded to have superior acoustics compared to the original Festival Hall on the South Bank. Before the advent of giant

venues, such as the O2 Arena, the Fairfield hosted some memorable events after it opened in the early sixties. When working in Croydon, I recall beetling up the road to attend a many a Tuesday lunchtime concert (1.05 to 1.55 pm) to witness world-class performers.

It was my privilege to know Alderman Dippie, who was a prime mover of the Fairfield project. The recruitment of the first manager, Tom Piper (who had managed the Colston Hall at Bristol), ensured the recognition of the Fairfield Hall as a first class venue. We await welcoming back an old friend.

Another welcome is extended to the new A & E at Mayday University Hospital. Completed later than planned and over budget it may well be, but the finished facility is impressive. The previous curtained cubicles have been replaced by fully-equipped treatment rooms. Speaking recently to a medico who had worked shift there, she was fulsome in her praise. Previously, it had been difficult or nigh impossible to ensure privacy for patients undergoing treatment.

Bouquets are also due to the “Hub” medical facility at Purley Hospital. This enables walk-in treatment, which saves many of our residents south of the Borough a crawl through North Croydon traffic to Mayday.

It is Goodbye to another old friend. We live in an age of technological and social change. One effect is that we lose much which is familiar or well-regarded (more about this in a later issue).

The latest casualty is the Yellow Pages Directory which used to crash on our doorsteps each year. I still have one of those tomes about five years old which is kept as a museum piece. It is of A4 size and nigh on a thousand pages long. It contains a staggering assortment of goods and services on offer, ranging from Acupuncture to Zoos. Each edition was backed up by television commercials hosted by a refined old gent named L.P. Hartley. Although perhaps more convenient, trawling through the internet will surely not be so satisfying an exploration.

When it fluttered through our letterboxes last year, The Final Edition was but a shadow of its former self, octavo in size and only 136 pages long. So goodbye, old friend; it was a pleasure doing business with you.

Blooming Again. It is St. Valentine’s Day in mid-February and the sun is blazing from a clear sky. Overnight, a swathe of colourful crocus have

appeared outside my kitchen window.

Friend Sellis appears. "Lovely crocuses!" he exclaims. I suggest that the plural may be "croci"?

"Nah," retorts Sellis, "That's a ball game played with hoops and mallets!"

Toodleoo!

Carousel

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RECYCLING FOR GOOD CAUSES

Just a line to thank the Gazette for advertising my recycling efforts to find a cure for Parkinson's disease. There has been a good response to your advertising and I can report that last year Parkinson's UK, in addition to the £125.23 reported in last November's issue of the Gazette, received a further cheque for £34.84 from my December recycling, So last year's total is over £150.

I sent off a sack full in January as well but have not been told how much this has raised as yet.

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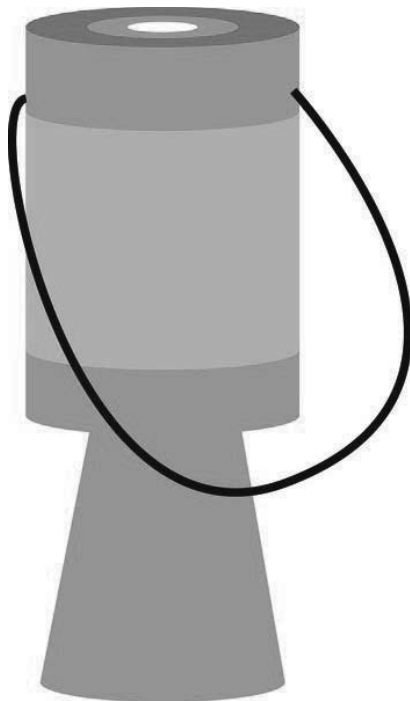
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NATURE NOTES

PARASITIC & SAPROPHYTIC PLANTS

Most plants get their energy from two main sources. Their roots draw in nutrients and water from the soil, with some additional complications from a mutually beneficial relationship with underground fungi, and their leaves make use of chlorophyll to convert the energy in sunlight using photosynthesis. The presence of chlorophyll is indicated by the green colour of the leaves.

Some plants have dispensed with the need for chlorophyll and therefore do not get involved in photosynthesis, as a result they tend to show brownish or yellowish colouration. Energy comes in via the roots but not just by extracting it from the soil but also because the roots are attached to some other particular plant or fungal species which provide the main source of nutrients without getting any benefit in return. Those that get their energy from other living plants or fungi are parasites and those that feed on dead and decaying organic matter are saprophytes.

Yellow Rattle is a plant which is widespread in suitable habitats but its relative the Greater Yellow Rattle is much rarer with a concentration in Yorkshire and in the London area. In Croydon Greater Yellow Rattle is very common, being widespread in the fields of Selsdon Wood for example. Both species get some nutrients directly from the soil but the roots also attach themselves to the roots of grasses and have a noticeable effect in reducing the growth of the grasses. They are thus classed as semi-parasitic. Hay made from a field containing Rattles has less food value so farmers prefer not to have Rattles in their fields.

Bird's Nest Orchid might have a little chlorophyll as its early growth has a greenish tinge but its later colouring is basically brown and since it prefers to grow in shady places there is no chance of photosynthesis. It is usually described as a saprophyte which means it gets its energy from decaying organic matter but this orchid does this indirectly by parasitising a fungus which in turn gets some of its energy from a tree. The fungus and the tree have a mutual relationship (see last month's article) but the orchid does not give anything back.

Yellow Birdsnest (see photograph) is not an orchid. The birdsnest part of the name relates to the tangled root system which is supposed to resemble a bird's nest. This species parasitises a fungus to get its energy supply. A single specimen was discovered in Selsdon Wood this winter

and is the first recorded in the wood since 1900! A few years ago large numbers of this yellow plant were found in High Elms in Bromley.

Toothwort is another leafless plant which appears to be covered in scales which have a pinkish tinge. It parasitizes the roots of Hazel. There is one known clump in Selsdon Wood.



Broomrapes: A glance at the appropriate page in a flower field guide will show that there are many Broomrapes, all basically brownish in colour and to my mind looking like rather weedy Hyacinth flowers which have turned brown. One species is the Knapweed Broomrape which is a parasite on Knapweed. This and other species appear in the Howell Hill reserve in Sutton.

These plant species show that chlorophyll is not essential for some plants to thrive but also suggest that if a niche is available something will evolve to occupy it.

Ted Forsyth

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RESPONSE ON BEHALF OF THE FRIENDS OF SELSDON WOOD TO THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IN QUAIL GARDENS

It should be noted that the FSW has no official status re the wood, which is owned by the National Trust and managed by the LB Croydon. The FSW are simply a volunteer group which supports the borough in this work.

Environmental Impact

Although the wood is large, the local environmental impact could be substantial. The building of so many houses in that small piece of land, on what was a rough paddock with a pond would impoverish the environment for local wildlife. There are several badger setts adjacent to the Vale Border boundary path which would suffer major disturbance.



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The building work would doubtless damage trees and shrubs many of which have roots that spread widely because of the nature of the subsoil. There is also a danger that some of the older and larger trees along the boundary would be cut down by the developers to prevent deep shading of the properties.

Buffer Zone

When Selsdon Wood was bought for the community and donated to the National Trust in 1936 a protected buffer zone was set up to prevent building within 100 feet of the wood. This zone has Green Belt status. This is why, when Wates built the Forestdale estate in the late 60s, the houses in Markfield adjoining the wood were unique for Forestdale in having 100 ft long gardens which must not be built on and the Cascades were given the wide lawned area. Brookscroft properties were originally sold with a covenant to protect the buffer zone - "No buildings to be erected on the strip of land adjoining the northern boundary of Selsdon Wood, to be retained as an amenity area, or within 70 feet of the eastern boundary of Selsdon Wood."

I do not know of the present legal status of this covenant but there is little doubt that it was considered an important barrier at the time that it was established and in subsequent property sales. There is a danger that this proposed development would set a precedent for building in the whole buffer zone.

The Bungalow

The bungalow at the end of Yew Tree Way lies in the buffer zone. This is probably because it pre-existed the establishment of the zone. It does, however, serve to show its importance. With broken down fences and a back yard full of junk and litter this bungalow presents a significant eyesore to users of Selsdon Wood and of the London Loop and Vanguard Way which pass alongside. There is a danger that any other properties adjoining the wood could follow suit.

Heather Govier, Chair FSW

Editor's Note - In my capacity as Chair of the FSW, I was contacted by the Council Planning Officer on 14th February and invited to send our response to the planned development of 15 houses in Quail Gardens which adjoins the wood. I consulted with all the committee members and compiled this report which summarises the views of us all. This was submitted to the Council on 18th February.

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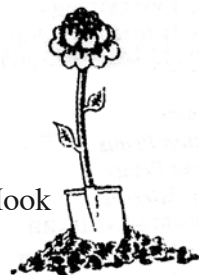
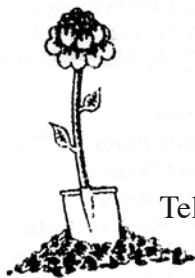
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WHAT'S ON

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

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LITTLEHEATH WOODS WALK

'Spring Flowers', Saturday April 20th 2019

Join the Friends of Littleheath Woods as we search for the first flowers of the year. We will see how the changing climate is affecting the timing of the flowers.

Meet at 10am at the junction of Queenhill and Littleheath Roads.

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SELSDON PRIMARY SCHOOL WARTIME REUNION – 2019. DATE CHANGE.

Please note that this popular event will now be held at the Farleigh Golf Club on **Wednesday, 16th October 2019**. Details will follow in due course.

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JUBILATE CHOIR

30th March 2019 – Jubilate Choir Spring Concert

Join us at 7.30 pm at St Matthew's Church, Chichester Road, Croydon CR0 5NQ for an inspiring evening of modern Easter music, including

Paul Carr: Stabat Mater and Ubi Caritas.

Tickets: Adults £12, Children (under 16) £3. at the door.

www.jubilatechoir.co.uk

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SOUL SYMPHONY CHOIR

Soul Symphony's next concert will be on **Saturday 6th April**, from 6:30 at St John the Divine in Upper Selsdon Road.

For ticket information please use: <https://soulsymphonyspring.eventbrite.co.uk/>

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EXHIBITION AND SALE OF PICTURES BY LOCAL ARTISTS

Charity Registration No 221124

Saturday 16th March 2019 10.00am – 4.30pm

United Reformed Church Hall, Sanderstead Hill (403 bus route)
For an opportunity to admire the talents of local artists and purchase original works for yourself or as gifts at very reasonable prices, do put this date in your diary. Now in its 44th year, the exhibition is always a lively event with a wide variety of colourful art to enjoy, both framed and unframed, from beautiful animal studies to romantic landscapes and lovely local scenes. Around 50 artists' work will be on display and 20% of all profits go towards the Society's work with disadvantaged children. There will also be a homemade cakes and preserves stall, plus tea and coffee to enjoy and a chance to win a raffle prize. Drop in morning or afternoon if you have the chance. We'd love to see you.

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SELSDON CENTRE BOOK CLUB

If you like reading, and discussing what you have read, why not come along to our book club? We are a small group and members suggest a 'book of the month' (from classics to contemporary, plays to poetry) which we discuss, followed by tea/coffee and biscuits.

We meet on the third Thursday of the month in the Selsdon Centre at 2.45 pm, and there is free parking in Sainsbury's car park. New members are always welcome. The cost is £3.50 for each session or by subscription.

Forthcoming meetings are on **March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, November 21** (None in December)

If you would like to know more please contact Maureen on 020 8651 2336 or. email: stagg435@btinternet.com

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THE HOLISTIC VOICE - 30-31 March

A fun, informative and inspiring weekend course organised by Selsdon resident Cyrilla Rowsell. If you enjoy singing and would like to develop your skills and understanding, go to the Courses page of www.thephoenixcollective.co.uk for more information, including how to book online. The course takes place at Royal Russell School on 30th-31st March and includes a concert by the award-winning London Adventist Chorale.

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FRIENDS OF SELSDON WOOD

Sat 6th April 2pm - 'Spring Walk' with the Friends - All our walks are slow and easy – a meander rather than a hike! Meeting in Selsdon Wood car park, Old Farleigh Road, at time shown. Why not join us for about 2 hours?

WORK DAYS - *Habitat management and general maintenance – helping to improve our wood! You work for as long as suits you and choose jobs to suit your strengths. Tools are provided but please bring food and drink if you feel you need them. **We do need more help and would welcome your assistance.** Meeting in Selsdon Wood car park on Sundays at 10am.*

Our next workdays are on March 31st and April 7th

MEMBERS' MEETINGS - *All are welcome to come along – we would value your opinion. If you are interested in the future of Selsdon Wood, we need your views. Members' meetings are generally on the last Monday of each alternate month – except where this is a Bank Holiday. All meetings start promptly at 8pm at The Forum, Forestdale. **Our next meeting is our AGM on Monday March 25th***

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

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Our amazing volunteers help us run the kitchen and serve food and hot drinks as well as driving our minibus and acting as minibus escorts to assist our clients in and out of their homes.

If you know of an elderly person in the area who may like to join us for lunch or if you are interested in volunteering for a couple of hours per week, please do give us a call or pop in and see us!

We look forward to welcoming you at the Centre soon!

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SANDERSTEAD LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Forthcoming talks:

March 27th - The History of the White Bear Public House, and Ficklehole Farm, Chelsham owned by the Alwen family - by Joyce Hoad

April 24 - Shirley Windmill and the Alwen family - by Chris Harman

Hope to see you in 2019.

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

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SELSDON FLOWER CLUB

We are a small friendly club who meet on certain Wednesday afternoons at 2 pm at the rear of St. John the Divine Church, Selsdon. Subscription £15 per annum (£7.50 half year). We have demonstrations, workshops and practices.

20 March **Demonstration - Jean Patterson**

10 April **Practice - Easter/Spring Arrangement**

24 April **Workshop - Eve Johnson**

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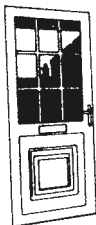
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THE RSPB CROYDON LOCAL GROUP

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Monday April 8th 2019: “Peru - World Champion Bird Spotter”

Gary Prescott, the Biking Birder, has cycled to all the RSPB and WWT reserves, in order to get funds for the RSPB, and to raise money for children of The Manu Rainforest in Peru. He has now been cycling in Peru aiming to become the World Champion Bird Spotter. Did he do it?

Monday May 13th 2019: “Behind the Scenes at Kew”. **Peter Gasson** currently leads a team at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, which gives him a wonderful in depth knowledge of what goes on at this world famous institution – like housing the world’s biggest dung-heap! But it’s the world of wood that will be our main focus, with some breath-taking macro lens and microscopic images to share.

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

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

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THE ARTS SOCIETY SANDERSTEAD

Tuesday 26th March 2019, 10.30 - 11.45am

Sanderstead United Reform Church Hall, Sanderstead Hill CR2 0HB (next to Sanderstead Library, parking in surrounding roads, 403 Bus Route)

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Coffee is served from 9.30 - 10.15am

Please register when you arrive. There will be small fee of £5

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

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EVENTS, EXHIBITIONS & ACTIVITIES AT SELSDON LIBRARY

Weekly Activities

Storytime for 0-5 Years, 10.30 – 11.00 Tuesday. Stories with crafts. Admission free. No booking required.

Rhymetime for 0-18 months. Fridays and Saturdays at 10.30-11.00am. Songs and rhymes for babies, toddlers and their families. Admission free. No booking required.

Adult Crochet Group, every Thursday 2:00-4:00pm. Work on your latest project, share skills, and catch up with friends. Admission free. No booking required.

Chess Mates, Adults, every Friday 2:30pm. Come along for a game of chess at Selsdon Library. New players of any level are welcome. Admission free. Booking required.

Digital Zone. Please ask a member of staff for details. Come along and learn basic IT skills to help with your online shopping, filling out online forms for your blue badge, recycling bin and travel cards and setting up your own email account. Admission free. Booking required.

Monthly Activities

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

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Heather Govier, Editor

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1st February 2019

Hi Heather

It was disappointing to read a rather negative article on e-cars in the Gazette. They've only been around for about eight years so that four year old example is no longer representative. The Renault Zoe then only had a small 22 kWh shorter lived battery with the range reported, not adequate for such as the reported Reading journey without using the public charging network with its acknowledged failings.

The speed of change means today's e-cars are already very different. My 2018 Nissan Leaf for example with a 40 kWh battery having an 8 year warranty life and 160 mile Summer range, well over double that old Zoe's. That's Reading and back with 40 miles to spare and I've completed a 162 mile journey with some to spare. This year's are even better, the 2019 e-plus version of my model due in July has a 63 kWh battery giving 230 miles and there are already three other makes on the market with that range or better. Obviously the most suited people are those whose round trips are within the range like me, almost never having to use public charge points, and that's the great majority of drivers with these increased ranges.

It's these changes that have brought waiting lists and record sales of 15,000 e-cars last year; I waited six months for mine. But we are still behind in this country. For example, in Norway over half of all new car registrations are electric cars and in Denmark owners actually make money off their electricity bills by selling back the battery content on days they don't use it. They charge at cheap night rates and sell back at day rates when the current demand is high. The Chademo charge connector on mine and some others is a two way system, so that can knock off up to two pounds each day from electricity bills each day the car not used if the suppliers adopt the system.

Regards,

Tony Flecchia

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6th February

We have just acquired a 1934 Rolls-Royce which was ordered by A D Sanderson of Selsdon Park Hotel. Would you have any old photos of him with the car or any newspaper articles that mention the car?

Thanks.

Sue Jones - real car co <mailto:Sue@realcar.co.uk>

Editor's Note - If anyone has any knowledge of A D Sanderson or of the car do please contact Sue directly and also let me know.

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8th February

Dear Heather,

Reading the article on street cleaning in the February issue of the Selsdon Gazette, I would like to make a comment.

Whilst of course I agree we need the streets to be kept clean and free from unhealthy rubbish, I do wonder though, who creates the rubbish in the first place. If we were all more vigilant in our own behaviour regarding this nuisance perhaps it would help the situation. It does not take much effort to place rubbish in a bin, or better still take your own rubbish home and dispose of it in your own bin.

Just a thought,

Susan Gifford

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14th February

Dear Heather,

I thank you for all your work re the SG .

I can add a comment about the proposed pedestrian crossing at the junction of Farley and Croham Valley Road. My parents moved here in 1947. I believe there was a crossing then at the same position; my memory may not be 100% as I was only a lad but there was certainly a zebra crossing soon after. Unfortunately the mother of one of my school friends got knocked down either on or near the crossing by a car travelling towards Selsdon. I mention this because it was fairly near the Farley Road junction. Often vehicles pull in to Farley Road from Croham Valley without paying attention to see if there is a bus at the stop, thus causing traffic to

come on the wrong side to pass the bus. There was such an accident a few years ago when this occurred. Fortunately nobody lost their life but traffic was at a standstill in Farley Road for a long period.

My second comment is about the new A&E dept at CUH. Unfortunately I had to make use of this new A&E in the early hours of last Wednesday the 6th February. As it was a non-urgent case I telephoned the help line on 111. My wife had become ill with terrible pain and was unable to walk. The telephone medical response was immediate, followed by several calls as an ambulance was not available. The team arrived 5 hours later and she was admitted to CUH at 7.45. I got to the hospital at 11am. My wife was on a bed in the reception area as were two or three others, All 28 of the newly built side rooms were occupied. At about 2.00 pm she was moved into one of these side rooms and eventually got moved into an intensive care ward an hour later. I am just sorry that despite all this money being invested in such a marvellous unit it is still not large enough to cope with demand. I must add that the medical care my wife has received from her time of admittance has been first class by all the staff.

A Husband.

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ST JOHN'S SELSDON GARDEN ROOM UNDER WAY!

We are delighted to report that work is well under way on the building of the new Garden Room! Work started in December 2018 and is expected to be finished at the end of May 2019. This has only been possible due to the fundraising support from the whole community and generous funding from Viridor Credits, Garfield Weston Foundation, Allchurches Trust and the City of London Corporation's charitable funder, City Bridge Trust.

This ambitious project will provide a pleasant, quality built, modern and fully accessible facility to meet local needs within the whole community. The room will be sited on the south western side of the church overlooking the Garden of Remembrance and will be easily accessible directly from the main church building but can also be closed off as a separate space with an external door from the garden. There will also be improved access into and around the whole church building. The room will accommodate around 20 people comfortably and provide a purpose-built refreshment hub and fully accessible toilet facilities including a baby changing area. The project is community focused for the use of groups and individuals within the Selsdon area in addition to church groups.

Reverend Jenny Rowley, Rector of St John's, said "We are very grateful to the local community for their support in fundraising activities and also to Viridor Credits, Garfield Weston Foundation, Allchurches Trust and the City of London Corporation's charitable funder, City Bridge Trust for awarding grants towards the Garden Room project - we would like to express our thanks for their support for this important community focused facility which will be of real value to the people of Selsdon both now and in years to come"

If you would like more information about the project or how to get involved, please contact Jenny at jennyrowley@waitrose.com



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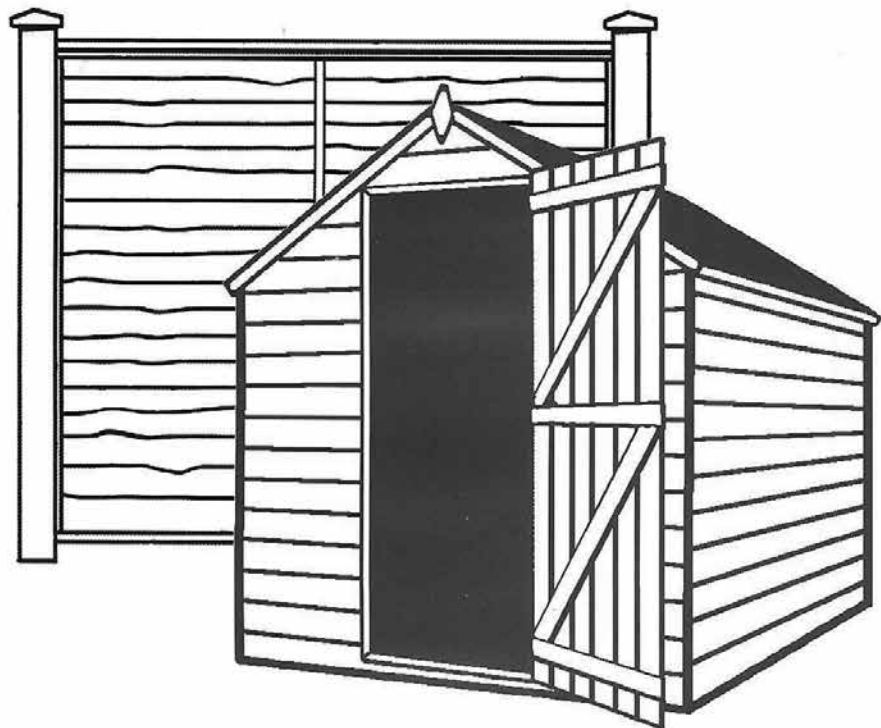
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St John's Dramatic Society	Caryl Rapps	8651 1326
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Sanderstead Plantation Partners	Michael Lishmund	020 8651 2760
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