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Editor's Note

Welcome to the May edition of the Selsdon Gazette! At Easter we were blessed with fine weather and now we can all look forward to the Platinum Jubilee festivities coming up and hope for a similar forecast. Around Selsdon we should soon be able to see some 'right royal' scarecrows in gardens and the jubilee bunting provided by the SRA, will be fluttering to celebrate the Queen's record breaking seventy-year reign. Our quiz this month will test your knowledge about the Queen and her family - how well will you do?

Our cover this month was taken by a resident who spotted a peregrine falcon in her garden and managed to get within 2m of the bird with her mobile camera before it flew off. Due to the local elections to be held on 5 May we have a very short Councillors' Notes, but we make up for this with the second instalment from Janet Sharpe about the Selsdon Wood Preservation Society and the third 'Shopping in Selsdon' article by Ian Leggatt.

We have our regular contributors: Ted Forsyth in his Nature Notes debating whether brambles are saints or sinners, Mary Gill with a poem celebrating Technology Day and our friends from the Sanderstead Horticultural Society telling us which local gardens to visit this summer. We also have the local crime figures and some advice about protecting our homes against vandalism from the Metropolitan Police.

Finally, a plea to all ages for any recollections about meeting the Queen or past jubilees, any articles about how you intend to celebrate the Jubilee, any poems or photos on a royal theme. Please email them to me so that the June edition of the Gazette can celebrate the occasion properly (selsdongazettesra@gmail.com).

I hope that you enjoy your read.

Chris Jones

✎ SUBMISSIONS FOR THE JUNE 2022 EDITION SHOULD
BE WITH THE EDITOR NO LATER THAN
20TH MAY - PREFERABLY BEFORE! ✎

SRA NEWS 'n' VIEWS

Easter came in glorious sunshine and this was the first bank holiday (hopefully of many!) for several years when we could all enjoy good weather, and no lockdown, with family and friends. I hope you enjoyed it; I know I did!!

The Selsdon Clock

Some of you may have noticed that we now have two of the three clock faces working on our Selsdon clock thanks to the maintenance team sent to adjust the clock to British Summer Time. Hopefully they will return soon to sort out the third clock face.

AGM 30th March

Unfortunately, we took a very late decision to cancel our AGM as a few of our own committee had Covid and we felt it was not prudent to go ahead with the number of infections so high. Apologies if you turned up, we did go to the hall to explain to anyone who hadn't heard. So, I am still Chair for now and the new date for the AGM is Wednesday 6 July at 8pm and will be held at St John's Church Hall. Once again, we look forward to seeing you all and the good news is that the wine from Wetherspoons will still be in date!!

Elections

We will have new Councillors and a Mayor by the time this is published and is delivered and it will be interesting in the coming years to see how the Council fares under this new system.

Gazette

We are looking for a replacement for Wendy Mikiel who has been our Distribution Manager for 8 years. Once a month she takes delivery of all the gazettes (4000) from our printer and splits them up into smaller bundles so they can be collected from her by our street distributors. Without this vital first step, the Gazette cannot be delivered. Storage is needed and a very organised mind!! If anyone can help either ring myself (020 8651 2285) or contact Wendy for more details (020 8651 0470).

Sheila Childs, SRA Chair

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POSTPONED SRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 6 July 2022

Church Hall, St John the Divine, Upper Selsdon Road

Doors open 7.40pm, 8pm start.

Selsdon residents are invited to attend this annual opportunity to meet the SRA Committee, Gazette Editor, local Councillors and local Police to talk about your neighbourhood. We have one Committee vacancy to be filled this year.

The AGM lasts about an hour, with a chance for drinks and chat afterwards. Please arrive in good time for 8pm start.

We hope you can join us and perhaps bring a neighbour

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COUNCILLORS' NOTES

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

No Councillors' Notes this time as Council elections are taking place on 5th May. Cllr Helen Pollard and Cllr Stuart Millson are standing down so there will be at least two new Councillors in Selsdon. Cllr Stranack and Cllr Ward are standing for election and their details follow.

CONTACT YOUR COUNCILLORS

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

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

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

21/01629/HSE – 197 Addington Road, CR2 8LN

Single storey side/rear extension (following demolition of existing outbuilding) and alterations to existing patio and steps.

22/01161/HSE – 7 Littleheath Road, CR2 7SH

Erection of single storey rear extension

22/01450/HSE – 115 Littleheath Road, CR2 7SL

Erection of single storey rear garage extension

22/00765/GPDO – 33 Queenhill Road, CR2 8DW

Erection of a single storey rear extension projecting out 6 metres from the rear wall of the original house with a height to the eaves of 2.5 metres and a maximum overall height of 2.5 metres

22/00831/HSE – 29 The Ruffetts, CR2 7LS

Erection of single/two storey front/side/rear extension and front porch (retrospective)

22/00720/FUL - 1 Selsdon Park Road, CR2 8JE

Use of existing single storey detached outbuilding as a self-contained dwelling, with elevational alterations and associated works

21/06112/HSE – 153 Selsdon Park Road, CR 8JJ

Demolition of detached garage and proposed single storey rear, two storey side extension and front porch extensions

22/01371/FUL – 6 Suffield Close, CR2 8SZ

Demolition of single-family dwellinghouse and erection of 2x 4-bed dwellings, 3x 3-bed dwellings and 1x 2-bed dwelling (total 6 units) with associated parking, cycle and refuse storage.

22/01119/LP – 5 Mountwood Close, CR2 8RJ

Demolition and erection of detached shed

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Information about the club

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Our social section runs a variety of events throughout the year, dances, quizzes, race nights, subsidised theatre and holiday trips. We also enter a team in the local darts league, hold regular bridge sessions and have a full size Snooker Table. We hold regular games evenings where you can participate in indoor games cards etc.

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We are passionate that bowls is a wonderful way to keep healthy in safe and familiar surroundings. It has been proved that bowls improves general health and helps to strengthen the immune system. All members of the community can enjoy bowls and lead to a healthier lifestyle. We are disabled friendly.

Book a "taster session" or ring for more information. Come along to our open day 29th May 2022 between 10.00 and 16.00. Local bus routes service the club, 119, 405 and 455. We also have two large free car parks.

We look forward to welcoming you.

MP Chris Philp's Report

Member of Parliament for Croydon South



Croydon's Council leave tenants in squalor

Just over a year ago ITV News shocked us all when it revealed that Croydon council tenants in Regina Road had been left living in squalor - with leaks, mould and damp. After several years of ignoring the desperate pleas of residents, an independent report published in May last year concluded that Croydon's Council put the health and safety of residents at risk through a lack of competence and care. It is disgraceful that dozens of council tenants, including families with small children, are still living in overcrowded and dangerous accommodation in Regina Road, and are now facing a significant rent increase.

On Monday 21 March, a crowd of local people turned out at Croydon Town Hall to protest against the Council's plans to increase rent by 4.1% from April, including for residents still living in squalor in Regina Road. The rent hike has been described by Croydon's independent Housing Improvement Board, established by the Council in response to the Regina Road scandal, as an "inexplicable and inexcusable failure to follow due process."

Police Base for South of the Borough

I'm delighted that the south of the Borough now has a permanent police base. Police are now based at Purley Fire Station following a successful four-year campaign led by me and Cllr Jason Perry. This will save officers a lot of time travelling back and forwards from Croydon town centre for their shifts (which they did before) enabling them to increase the frequency of patrols and allowing them to stay closer to the local community they serve. This is the first such shared Police and Fire base in London, and we hope that it will provide a model for other Boroughs to follow.

Chris Philp

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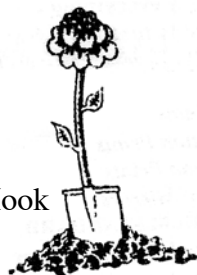
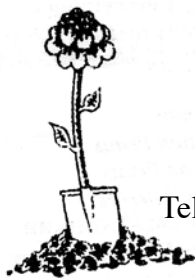
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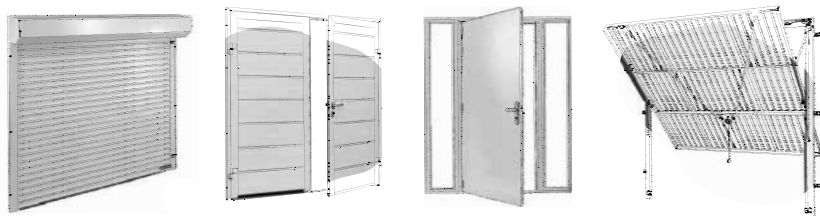
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Statistics from Local Police Wards February 2022

Here are the number of the top crimes most recently reported for our local police wards in February 2022.

| Selsdon and Addington Village | | Selsdon Vale and Forestdale | |
|-------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|
| Harassment | 8 | Vandalism | 6 |
| Violence | 5 | Theft from a motor vehicle | 6 |
| Miscellaneous violence | 4 | Shoplifting | 3 |

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

| Area | Number of Crimes per 1000 residents |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Selsdon and Addington Village | 4 |
| Selsdon Vale and Forestdale | 3 |
| Croydon Borough | 7 |
| All London Boroughs | 8 |

Vandalism is where property is maliciously destroyed or damaged - frequently without theft being involved. The Metropolitan Police has issued the following advice to safeguard our properties.

1. Keep it visible

It might feel like your house is more secure behind a high wall or fence but the fact it can't be seen from the street could make it a more tempting target. Make sure your property can be easily seen by your neighbours and the public by ensuring hedges, fences and walls at the front are no higher than one metre. That way, you're not giving an intruder anywhere to hide. Clever use of lighting can also help to keep burglars at bay. We recommend dusk-till-dawn, low-level white lighting, especially in vulnerable, low visibility areas such as the side or the rear of the property. Lights should be a minimum of three metres above ground with vandal-resistant casings.

2. Create a boundary

By doing this, you're laying out your patch, marking your territory – and anyone crossing that line uninvited or unauthorised is trespassing. You can do this in a number of ways, such as a low fence, wall, hedge,



flower bed or small bushes. Best to avoid a rockery or large stones as they can be used by vandals. And if you're having your driveway done, make it a different colour to that of the road.

3. Protect what's yours

Be sure to safeguard vulnerable points such as ground floor windows with one-metre high sharp, prickly bushes. Nature's barbed wire, can offer protection and look good too.

Security film – a clear or opaque covering that can be stuck onto windows – makes it harder to smash the glass.

White walls attract vandals with spray cans but anti-graffiti coatings that prevent paint from bonding to surfaces are great deterrents.

4. Don't make it easy for them

There's more to security than keeping gates closed and doors, windows and sheds locked.

First off, if you have a surface which anyone can sit on – like a ledge or a low wall – make sure it's not 'bottom-friendly'. For example, planters with prickly plants look nice but are a pain for anyone just hanging around or any uninvited guests. Also, secure the side and rear boundary of your property with a two-metre-high fence topped with a trellis, which is lightweight and unable to support a person. What's more, it makes an awful racket if anyone tries to use it to gain access.

5. Keep it tidy

It's a fact that rubbish attracts rubbish. If a property is messy, some people won't think twice about adding to it or simply hanging around in the area. A neat and tidy property conveys a sense of order. That's why we advise not to leave rubbish, ladders, wheelie bins or anything else that could be used for burglary or vandalism lying around.

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CROYDON SCHOOL STREET SCHEMES

Ten School Street schemes are set to return following a green light from the council's committee. Schools Streets have been brought in across the borough to encourage healthy journeys for the school run, reducing air pollution and improving safety around schools during those busy hours.



Ten of the schemes were temporarily paused due to the expiry of a traffic order on 28 February. The schemes could not be made permanent at that time as a result of Covid-19 lockdowns affecting the previous consultation period.

The ten sites are:

- Christ Church CofE Primary School
- Downsview Primary School
- Ecclesbourne Primary School
- Harris Primary Academy Haling Park
- Keston Primary School
- Harris Primary Academy Croydon
- Oasis Academy Reylands
- Ridgeway Primary School
- St Thomas Becket Catholic Primary
- St Joseph's Catholic Junior School

This decision is subject to a short period of scrutiny, and should that pass, the schemes would be back in operation by 25 April.

Following feedback from the previous consultation, the council has also decided to implement extra signage at Haling Road, Keston Ave, Montpelier Road, and Southcote Road that goes beyond legal expectations, to offer more advanced warning for drivers to avoid penalty charge notices.

A new consultation will begin on 25 April as the experimental schemes are put in place, and will provide an opportunity for the public to give feedback on the schemes. Responses can be submitted online or by writing to the council – further details will be available in the coming weeks via the council website.

The ten School Streets will return under an experimental traffic order for 18 months, and drivers should be aware that once the schemes return, the council will resume issuing penalties for driving through the restrictions during operating hours.

For those reading the Gazette on our website at the start of the month, there is still time to enter our Jubilee Scarecrow competition (see the following for details). For those who rely on the delivery of the printed Gazette we can look forward to seeing Scarecrows popping up in our area.

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LET'S MAKE SELSDON BRIGHT with a JUBILEE SCARECROW COMPETITION MAY - JUNE 2022

Please don't forget to make your scarecrow and use this competition as part of your Jubilee Celebrations to help make Selsdon look patriotic!

Please show us your support by joining in the creative fun!



Closing date for entry forms to be received is 13th May

Please set up your Scarecrows to be in time for judging 16th-21st May and display them at least until after the Jubilee weekend.

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| Please copy this entry form layout to help us sort the entries for the judges' route. Once completed please send it by email to SRAscarecrow@gmail.com If you do not have email, please deliver it to a SRA committee member or to the SRA c/o KIBA, 119 Addington Road, CR2 8LH | |

The SRA was pleased last year that some of you made the effort to make people smile with your scarecrows – and that some of them lasted well beyond the closing date for judging! This year, we have set the theme of ‘Jubilee’ so you can choose to represent any aspect of this via your scarecrow – red, white and blue, or platinum colours, the Queen (or other royalty), 70 etc. We look forward to seeing your varied and creative interpretations! The scarecrows can be any size and you can make one or a group but they must only be made using items you have at home with bought items only being allowed if from a charity shop. *Judging will take place at any time during the week 16th – 21st May with three judges touring Selsdon during that week but not necessarily together so please do not change your scarecrow during those dates!* A map will be drawn up by 1st June and publicised on our website, social media pages and the notice boards showing all the scarecrow locations and the winning entries so you all know where to go to see them. Hopefully, they will survive well into the summer so they can be enjoyed for quite some time.

Thanks from the SRA to all who take part!

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Saving Selsdon Wood – part 2

Last month I started a series to discover more about the core group of the ‘Selsdon Wood Preservation Society’ who spent over a decade fundraising to save the wood. We have heard about Alice Bonus and her extraordinary family. This month is the turn of Sir Lawrence Wensley Chubb – a lifetime environmentalist.

Sir Lawrence Wensley Chubb (21 December 1873 – 18 February 1948) - A nationally famous name and joint Secretary and Treasurer of the Selsdon Wood Preservation Society. He was an Anglo-Australian who migrated to England and in 1891 was working as an auctioneer’s clerk and living with an uncle in Southwark. Aged 22 in 1895, he became the first Secretary of the newly formed National Trust (the only paid position in the founding group) and also the Secretary of The Commons and Footpaths Preservation Society (now known as the Open Spaces Society). He was a keen ‘rambler’. These country walking clubs had been increasing in popularity since 1880 and he united the London clubs (he belonged to Epping Forest Ramblers) into a newly founded ‘London Federation’ of

Ramblers in 1905. He wrote publicly about rambling as “Pathfinder” in The Star newspaper.

In 1916 in an article to the Journal of The Royal Society of Arts entitled: *“The common lands of London - The Story of Their Preservation”* he argues that the value of commons is such that “they bring to the doors of town-dwellers a message of Nature and a sense of quiet beauty and restfulness which have become essential in these days of strain and stress” (the First World War). “Indeed, it is safe to assert that there are now few persons who cavil (a trivial objection) at the expenditure necessary for the acquisition and maintenance of open spaces, because it has come to be universally realised that a sufficiency of “open air lungs” is only less necessary to the citizen than adequate systems of sewerage, and water-supply.”

London air was incredibly polluted with ‘smog’, new railways were enabling people to move out which is why the suburbs were growing at such a rate. Indeed, the new ‘Selsdon/Croham Heights’ was being advertised to buyers as ‘above the smog line’. That housing expansion brought with it dangers of loss of the countryside.



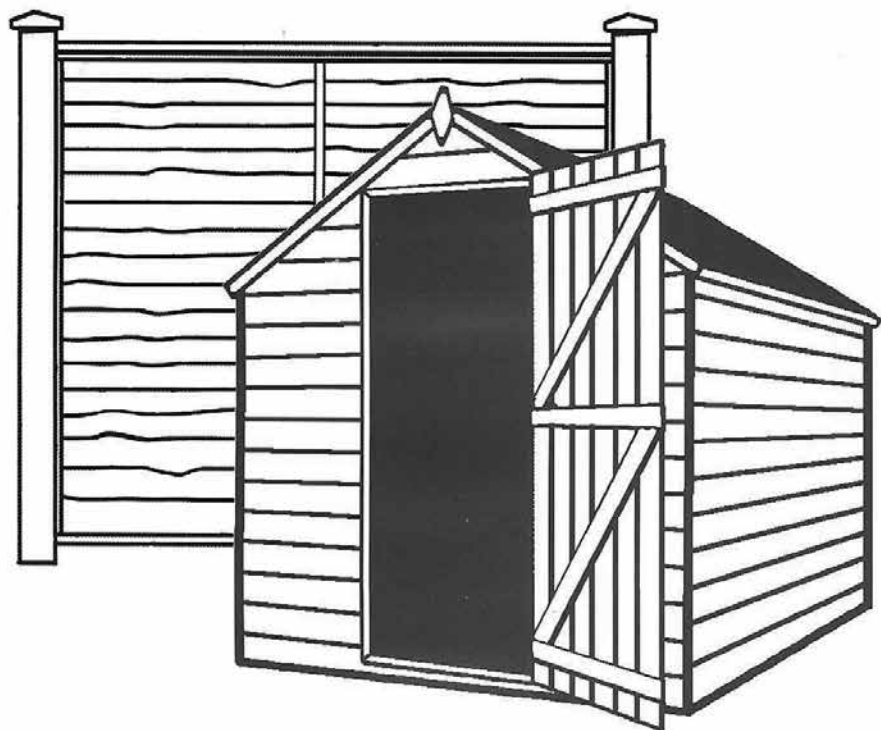
Photo from 1934, Tonbridgehistory.org.uk
(I believe Sir Lawrence is far left)

Through his many contacts in social activism, he would no doubt have been aware of the wonderful work and success of saving land from development made by Croydon’s Malcolm G Sharpe (more about him next month) which may be how he became one of the 5 “Selsdon Wood Preservation Society’ founders in 1926. This was a long running and successful campaign.

In 1928 he became involved with the new National Playing Fields association (now called Fields in Trust).

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In the 1930s' there was a growing movement to create a 'Green belt' around London in accordance to all that Sir Lawrence has been campaigning for over 3 decades. He was knighted in 1930 for his work.

However, some modern historians have raised a caveat to the many praises due Sir Lawrence. Common people had been fighting for access to walk for recreation (ramble) on private land – more particularly the large areas of heath, moorland, hill and coast 'owned' (often by enclosing 'common land') by a rich minority. The 'Right to Roam' movement had gained momentum and a Labour MP Arthur Creech-Jones proposed a bill in 1938 that would have granted ordinary people access to roam. Sadly, the 'compromises' to the bill for landowners negotiated (behind the scenes without the approval of the Rambling association), by Sir Lawrence (probably at the Government's request) actually had the opposite effect. The bill far from giving more freedom for ordinary people, created more barriers: 'trespass' would have become a criminal offence. The act was unworkable; fortunately, it never came into operation. Sir Lawrence certainly regretted his involvement when the effects became clear. The war intervened and the act was repealed by the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949. Rights of access to commons and other open country were not won however until the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, which again though limited, were better than what went before. (Open Spaces Society History www.oss.org.uk)

This is a slightly sad note to end on, but we mustn't forget the wonderful legacy of open spaces fought for and gained by his lifetime's work. No doubt you will have been enjoying the carpets of bluebells seen in recent weeks in Selsdon woods.

If you can help with more information about any of our Selsdon Wood Preservation saviours let us know. Next month Malcolm Grahame Sharpe (no relation to me), Winfred Mary Hudson and Ernest Alfred Earl and the little-known local naturalist, Arthur Beadell.

Janet Sharp



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Frederick, Cedric and Sunflower Sid

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Shopping in Selsdon, part 3.

We saw, back in December 2021 Gazette, that Selsdon had an 'Off Licence' the "Selsdon Wine Stores" back in 1939 situated at No 150 at the junction of Addington and Old Farleigh Roads. A closer look at the Francis Frith photo of 1965 clearly shows the building built in mock Tudor style standing alone at the junction.



Indeed, the Ordnance Survey map of 1955 shows a distinct gap between Nos 150 and 152 Addington Road. The date of the infill development at 150a Addington Road is unknown.



In August 1929 approval was given to build a store, Nos 152 and 154 Addington Road, for the South Suburban Co-Operative Society (Co-op). These two units have a deeper footprint than the adjoining shops down the High Street. The Co-op remained for over 50 years and is now the Sir Julian Huxley, a Wetherspoons pub. Julian Huxley, although never living in Selsdon, was a Surrey lad and a supporter of the purchase of Selsdon Wood Nature Reserve. A brilliant but somewhat troubled man he was Secretary to the London Zoological Society, a founding member of the British Trust for Ornithology, and the first Director General of the UNESCO.



Soon after, in 1933 the row of shops with living accommodation over from No 156 to 180 were built by an A Frampton. Next door to No 180 was a Victorian Cottage which was adapted and incorporated into an Estate Agents, the office of H E King, now Bairstow Eves.



Addington Road, pre 1930s road widening, looking north.
Two storey cottage on the right. Sanctuary Tea Rooms, far left.



The old cottage dovetailed into the newer frontage can be seen from the exposed side of the alleyway between Nos 180 (Selsdon Kebab Centre) and 182 / 184.

| Even | 1939 | 1955 | 2008 | Feb 2022 |
|------|---|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 150 | Selsdon Wine Stores | Selsdon Wine Stores | Vacant | Day Lewis Pharmacy |
| 150A | | | Nationwide Building Society | Vacant |
| 152 | South Suburban Co-operative Society (Co-op) | South Suburban Co-operative Society (Co-op) | Sir Julian Huxley (Public House) | Sir Julian Huxley (Public House) |
| 154 | Ditto | Ditto | Ditto | Ditto |
| 156 | W Wyatt (Cakes) | Scotch Caterers (Cakes and Cafe) | William Hill (Bookmakers) | William Hill (Bookmakers) |
| 158 | Forbes & Co (Electrical) | Wallace (Florist) | Paynes (Estate Agency) | A S Grooming (Male Barbers) |
| 160 | Bobbies (Milliners) | Bobbies (Milliners) | Croydon Tools (Ironmongers) | A Yang Yang (Chinese Takeaway) |
| 162 | Holmes (Boots and Shoes) | Holmes (Boots and Shoes) | St Christophers (Charity) | St Christophers (Charity) |
| 164 | W Sergent (Chemist) | Aldington & Simpsons (Chemists) | Bella Vista (Restaurant) | Fireaway (Fast Pizza) |
| 166 | Vacant | Same Day Cleaners (Drycleaners) | Lorimers (Stationers) | Beautiful Colour (Nails and Spa) |

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|-----|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 168 | D Davidson (Ironmongers) | Hilliers (Hardware) | HSBC Bank | KFC (Takeaway) |
| 170 | Midland Bank | Midland Bank | HSBC Bank | Selsdon Smiles (Dentist) |
| 172 | Sanders Bros (Corn Merchants) | Adams (Animal Foods) | Blockbuster (DVD Video Rentals) | Costa (Coffee Bar) |
| 174 | P Wendon (Hairdresser) | Ottley (Ladies Hairdressers) | Abbey National Building Society | Vacant (formerly Santander) |
| 176 | Ockleford's (Butcher) | Ockleford's (Butcher) | Favorite Chicken (Takeaway) | Favorite Chicken (Takeaway) |
| 178 | Mills (Fruiterer) | Harveys (Florists & Fruiterers) | Co-op Funeral Care | Co-op Funeral Care |
| 180 | Bowyer and Sons (Dairy) | Express Dairy | Selsdon Kebab Centre (Takeaway) | Selsdon Kebab Centre (Takeaway) |
| 182 | | H E King (Estate Agents) | Bairstow Eves (Estate Agents) | Bairstow Eves (Estate Agents) |
| 184 | Henry King (House Agent) | H E King (Estate Agents) | Bairstow Eves (Estate Agents) | Bairstow Eves (Estate Agents) |
| 186 | T Burgess (Tobacconist) | E Marsh (Confectioners) | Selsdon Stationers | The Golden Ark (Micropub) |
| 188 | Barclays Bank | Barclays Bank | Barclays Bank | Vacant |
| 190 | Young & Sons (Grocers) | Branstone (TV and Radio) | Barclays Bank | Vacant |

Thanks to Ted Frith's journals, back copies of the Gazette and a walk down the High Street we can see how some shops have changed:

To be continued....

Ian Leggatt

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

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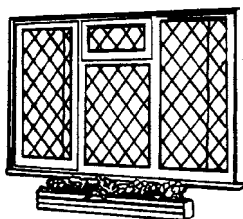
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SELSDON AFTERNOON TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD



Townswomen's Guilds have been in existence since 1929, spawned by the need for women to widen their horizons. Women have banded together, as they still do, to fight economic conditions, to raise the status of women in society, but mainly for political purposes. The original aims and objects still hold true today as TG offers women the opportunity to learn something new, develop their skills, and take an active part in the local community, not forgetting the fun and friendship to be had along the way. Although some women over the age of thirty were granted the right to vote after the First World War, the women's organisations that had been springing up during the early 20th century became more and more determined to have the same voting rights as men. To help achieve this aim, Townswomen campaigned to gain their freedom to vote through non-violent processes and respect for the law. They were an active and successful part of the suffragist movement which helped bring about the introduction of the full franchise for women in 1928.

Our local Selsdon branch of TG was formed in 1950 with over 40 ladies attending the inaugural meeting in St. John's Church Hall, and we have recently celebrated over 70 years of fun and friendship as a successful organisation. Meetings still take place in that same church hall every month, normally on the third Friday starting at 1.30 pm. and new members are very welcome. We enjoy a programme of speakers, entertainment, outings, theatre visits, and other activities. Why not give us a try? There's bound to be someone you know, or maybe you could come along with a friend or neighbour.

Sheila Plant

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Jasper, a 7ft Rabbit, Visits Selsdon

To begin with, it was just a vague seed of an idea, a thought, a pondering on a dark January night in this, our third calendar year of Covid. In a world where positive has become such a negative, here was a chance to hopefully bring a little joy into people's lives once more.

On Maundy Thursday, JASPER took his first tentative steps around the Addington Road shops, assisting Sanderstead & Selsdon Rotary club with publicity photos for their Easter Egg Hunt.



Jasper felt a little awkward at first, standing at something over 7.0ft tall from his toes to the tips of his ears but, seemingly, he was a welcome sight as people began to wave and smile.

Easter Saturday and the day of the S&S Rotary egg hunt dawned, a warm and sunny day, perhaps not so welcome when you're covered in fur!

Jasper took to the Addington Road shops once more and there seemed to be a little magic in the air as young and old alike began to smile and high

five Jasper, some wanted hugs, others photos.

Drivers beeped their horns and waved. A family's car was stuck in traffic and Jasper had an impromptu dance to their music. More happy faces!

In a direct quote following the event, Jasper commented how hot he was and how grateful he was for the carrot juice on his back thoughtfully provided by The Shah family at Tudor Library who also supplied the Creme Eggs for the Egg Hunt.

Also offering their help were the following retailers of Selsdon for which the event could not have happened without their help: Vintage 62, Oopsie Daisies, Basil Bloom, Day Lewis Chemist, Salon 7, Mind Charity Shop. Paul Meakin Estate Agent, Alladin's Cave, Planet of the Beans, St. Christopher's Charity Shop and all the other retailers who gave Jasper their moral support.

We are not too sure when Jasper will make his next appearance so keep watching for an announcement...

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Our second annual Hobby Fair will again be held at St John's Church Hall on Saturday 3rd September and we will be delighted to welcome you along. If you are part of a club or organisation and want to advertise the group then please get in touch to book a stall.

If you would like to join us to give something back to the community, then get in touch – Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/rotarycroydonsouth/> twitter.com/rotaryselsdon or Instagram
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For more details please contact our Secretary - Wendy A Parr 07774-186 792

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Selsdon Centre for the Retired

We're pleased to report that The Selsdon Centre goes from strength-to-strength since it re-opened at the end of May last year. The Centre's numbers have increased as confidence after Covid has returned. Our customers are happy to be back making new friends and catching up with those they already have. Currently, kitchen volunteer roles are now full but we still need more drivers and escorts (to accompany the drivers and customers). Please contact the office for further information or if you wish to apply, if you want to help us out for a two-hour slot once a week.



We'd like to give a huge thank you to the Ros Harding Trust for the generous donation they made to the Centre which will enable us to buy a new commercial-grade dishwasher. This will mean we can cater more quickly for a higher number, something we are looking forward to doing. If you know of any elderly, retired, lonely people who would benefit from some company, fresh prepared food, fun and games, please refer them to the Centre. We'd enjoy helping to

make them happier! The Selsdon Centre can be contacted on 0208 651 1111 (or leave a message on our Ansa phone).

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Queen's Platinum Jubilee

As the June Gazette will be delivered after the Queen's Platinum Jubilee extended Weekend here is a reminder of what is happening for this special bank holiday.

Thursday 2 June

Queen's Birthday Parade (Trooping the Colour) leaving Buckingham Palace, down The Mall to Horse Guard's Parade.

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Friday 3 June

Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's

Saturday 4 June

Derby at Epsom Downs

Platinum Party at Buckingham Palace (live concert)

Sunday 5 June

The Big Jubilee Lunch

(street parties across the country)

The Platinum Jubilee Pageant around Buckingham Palace



To mark this special occasion here is a quiz to test your royal knowledge.



Platinum Jubilee Quiz

You will be glad to hear that there are not 70 questions, rather a more modest 25 marks up for grabs!



1. In which month was the Queen born? You get an extra mark if you know the date.
2. As a toddler, Princess Elizabeth found it difficult to pronounce her name. What was she called at home instead?
3. Elizabeth was proclaimed Queen on the death of her father on February 6th 1952, in which country was she when she received the news?
4. In which month of the year did the Queen's coronation take place?
5. Who designed the dress that the Queen wore at her coronation?
6. One of the swords used in the coronation has a broken tip. What does this symbolise?
7. Name the Queen's children. One mark for each.
8. Give the first name for the Queen's eight grandchildren. One mark for each.
9. What is the name of the Queen's home in Scotland?
10. The Queen has owned more than 30 corgis, as well as dorgis and labradors. But what breed were her dogs Bisto, Oxo, Flash, Spick and Span?
11. The Queen's favourite tippie, often taken at 6pm, is a 50/50 mixture of?
12. Launer of London supply Her Majesty under the Royal Warrant with which indispensable items?
13. Which of the Queen's overseas realms has she visited most during her reign?
14. How many Prime Ministers of the UK have served under the Queen?

Answers after Nature Notes



We welcome your letters so do **please get in touch** if you have something to share with Selsdon residents.

Please remember to state your name, address, contact number and publication anonymity requirements in **all** correspondence to the Editor. Anonymity can be granted on request, but anonymously sent letters/e-mails will not be published.

I am sorry to report that Mrs Cullen's problems with her missed bulky waste collection (March '22, November '21 Gazettes) have continued.

Dear Editor,

I paid the £52.28 in July 2021 for a Bulky Waste service that was never honoured by Croydon Council. I have never received a refund. So, my council tax has always been fully paid up, except for the £52.28 which Croydon Council still owes me.

Croydon Council are now taking me to Court over this £52.28. According to Croydon Council, the costs have escalated to £203.50, and will continue to escalate.

Croydon Council has bullied me and harassed me continually for almost two years. This is a despicable way to treat an old, frail woman. I will fight this case every inch of the way, despite the enormous costs I have racked up, all the Signed-For postage I have paid, the huge amount of time I have spent trying to sort this out, and the toll this is now taking on my health.

Mrs Cullen has submitted a very comprehensive report in defence of her actions and we wish her well for her court case and hope to report a successful outcome for her.



Here we have some feedback to Ian Leggatt's recent articles about Shopping in Selsdon (May, April and March Gazettes).

Dear Editor

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from the gas showroom. We were in and out of Hubbard and Nash as we did up the house and we were able to shop for shoes in at least 2 shoe shops (may have been 3!). There were a couple of butchers and clothes shops too - didn't need to go elsewhere as it was all on the doorstep.

Happy days.

Must recommend the latest exhibition at the Fashion and Textile Museum - 150 years of the Royal School of Needlework - amazing what can be created with a needle and thread!

Last but not least a big Thank You to the committee for the splendid Christmas lights once again and all the work they do for Selsdon - I was going to thank them at the AGM but as it's been delayed thought I would do it now.

Chris Alexander



After the distressing report last month from one resident about the uprooting of saplings in Littleheath Woods, we have received this news.

Dear Editor,

A number of people have echoed the anger that "Penny – a daily dog walker" expressed in last month's Gazette at the wanton damage done to newly planted saplings in Littleheath Woods. I can confirm that all but two of the saplings have been rescued and replanted. The decision was made that they would better survive the attentions of deer rather than vandals, so will not be tubed or staked.

The Friends of Littleheath Woods would like to thank all those who have voiced sympathy and appreciation of the work we do despite numerous acts of vandalism that we have to deal with on a regular basis.

It's a great shame that not everyone realises how fortunate Selsdon is to have lovely green spaces and people willing to take care of them. It seems that certain individuals seem to take pleasure in destruction for destruction's sake.

If you would like to support the work we do, please visit our website – folw.co.uk – to find out more.

Chris Hyde, Friends of Littleheath Woods

Update on the situation re my previously sent letter – some of the new

plantings have twice more been pulled up. Although we keep replanting them, there is little hope for their survival if they never have a chance to get their roots down.



Our regular contributor, Jessica Blake, expresses her concerns about how Easter has changed in her lifetime.

Dear Editor,

EASTER TIME

Firstly, I hope you enjoyed the Easter break!

From small children, we always had an Easter Egg of some sort. It used to be quite an enjoyable feature of hollow eggs, to give them a clout with a rolling pin and then have a choice of all those yummy bits. I always saved the biggest pieces until later in the week, and gobbled down the small pieces with joy.

Easter eggs still seem to be mostly hollow, but nowadays there are often little sweets of chocolate inside the packets too. To me this seems a little sad. Sweets are unlimited nowadays, and a bar of chocolate is no substitute for a nice hollow egg. The reason we eat those eggs is that Jesus rose from the dead on “Easter” Sunday and eggs are a sign of new life.

Many years ago, when the TV began, the BBC was the only channel. Every year the BBC put on the story of the crucifixion on a Good Friday, so it wasn’t all about sweets but taught us the reason why Christians celebrate the way they do. Now of course that may not necessarily happen, so I have explained very loosely above.

Who could ever believe times have changed so much? Now families often live miles apart and rarely see one another. In fact, it is a marvel that we can sit down to go shopping and tap into a search bar on the internet: for example, you need vegan eggs, or gluten free or lactose free eggs, or whatever the intended recipient’s dietary requirements are, and two days later your loved one receives an egg, which they can enjoy without becoming ill. There is not just one egg for each requirement, but many. Indeed, there is an amazing choice.

However, like everything else, commercialism is beginning to spoil things. Now you can buy “Easter Trees”, “Easter Wreaths” for your front door, “Easter garlands” and many more decorations. So, whoa there, hold on a moment! Easter has a basic message of love, sacrifice and hope. It should never be commercialised because that way, you dilute the basic message. We do not need Easter presents. This isn’t Christmas, full of gifts. This is quietness, sadness and peacefulness; it is not a time to forget why we are celebrating by selling totally unnecessary items which have no meaning, except of course for Easter eggs! Yes, we understand why it is being done but someone isn’t giving the right message.

For me Good Friday is the time for Hot Cross Buns, which I keep hidden in the freezer, so that my husband doesn’t start eating them before Good Friday! If he ate them every day, they would no longer be a special treat, and he would be very fat by now!

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Poetry Corner

Mary Gill celebrates Technology Day on 11 May with her first poem this month.

THE APPLE OF HIS EYE

He turns me on!
An electric current
Courses through my veins.
His fingers lightly brush my skin
And I am his slave.
I reveal all that he desires of me
And much that he has no interest in.

Sometimes he speaks to me:
Peremptory commands
That I endeavour to obey.
But sometimes I misunderstand.
Then he laughs –
Mocking my shortcomings
Or abuses me for wasting time.

He has little interest in my needs.
Why should he?
He paid dearly for the privilege of owning me.

I have no inhibitions
 Whatever brings him pleasure
 I will provide.
 Amoral by nature
 I do not judge him.
 But I know I can satisfy him
 In ways his wife never can.
 Yet I do not weep or plead when he lays me aside;
 Shares me with another
 Or trades me in for a trendier model;
 My heart is unbreakable.

This is a one-way love affair
 He just uses me
 I know that
 But no wonder-
 For he is just a man
 And I am an i-pad.



Here is the second poem from Mary Gill to celebrate Paranormal Day on 3 May.

GHOSTS

(Reflections on visiting a National Trust property. I know that the great country houses and estates are monuments to unjustifiable privilege – often gained by devious means and maintained by unsavoury, even outrageous practices. But I also know, that if I had ever had the good fortune to own one – it would have broken my heart to give it up.)

Walking in the shadows of History
 along the smooth worn stones. How many shoes
 have left their mark through centuries of use?
 Yes, I am aware of ghosts around me.
 The fabric of this house has memory.
 It speaks to me of spirits who refuse
 to leave what was their home and now suffuse
 this place which witnessed joy and tragedy.
 The few who, through genetic accident,
 inherited the sumptuous domain,
 the many, toiling each demanding day
 in service of this mouldering monument.
 While every atom radiates the pain
 and guilt of one who willed it all away.



Nature Notes from Ted Forsyth

Bramble – Saint or Sinner?

Bramble is a thug! Turn your back on it and it will appear to produce a rapid growth specifically to entangle your legs. Long barbed strands extend in all directions and will eventually block paths if not controlled. The roots are strong and produce multiple stems. Cutting to ground level will reduce the problem for a short period but re-growth will soon bring back the problem. In woodland bramble is often the main component of the low vegetation and probably prevents the appearance of other plants which would improve biodiversity.

But bramble is not a single species – it is a huge group of around 300 microspecies each of which has its own characteristics. The thugs are at one end of the scale but at the other there are plants which remain relatively compact without the tendency to entrap those who venture too close.



Bramble is a saint! Its flowers are a source of pollen and nectar for several species of bees, butterflies, hoverflies and other insects. Some micromoths, in particular, lay their eggs in bramble leaves and the resulting caterpillars remain between the upper and lower surfaces of the leaves, chewing the internal material and leaving behind a visible pattern or leaf mine showing the track taken by the caterpillar. Leaf mines take different shapes which are characteristic of the insect producing them. In one the grub appears to change direction at random, leaving a track which starts very narrow but widens as the grub grows. In another the grub appears to work methodically from side to side and leaves a leaf mine in the shape of a blotch rather than a linear track. Flowering bramble is one of the best places to look for the large Silver-washed Fritillary and White Admiral butterflies. Once the attentions of insects have resulted in fertilisation of a flower the next stage of interest is the production of fruit – the blackberry. On some of the plants the fruits seem reluctant to ripen and remain largely green or red through most of the season. It is now obvious that bramble is not a single species as different plants can produce large luscious purple berries. Damaged berries have a strong sweet smell and will attract insects but, apart from marauding humans who attempt to pick the crop, many of the berries will be eaten by wildlife such as voles, wood mice, squirrels, foxes and birds, and probably slugs and snails. Inevitably, some of the fruit drops to the ground and even those which are eaten result in viable seeds being excreted in a dollop of fertiliser, possibly resulting in new plants appearing. Birds which nest on or near the ground will make use of the ground cover provided by bramble – this includes Chiffchaff, Common Whitethroat,

Dunnock, Wren, Robin and possibly Blackcap, Blackbird and Song Thrush. As a group of plants, bramble appears to be both an asset and a liability so a certain amount of judicious management is required.

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Answers to Platinum Jubilee Quiz

1. 21 April 1926
2. Lilibet
3. Kenya
4. June
5. Norman Hartnell
6. Mercy
7. Charles, Anne, Andrew and Edward
8. William, Harry, Peter, Zara, Beatrice, Eugenie, Louise and James
9. Balmoral
10. Cocker Spaniel
11. Dubonnet and gin
12. Handbags
13. Canada (22 times followed by Australia 16 times).
14. 14 (correct as we went to print!)

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Brilliant Butterflies Project Update

Many butterflies and insects are in serious trouble; the State of the UK's Butterflies 2015 report evidenced that 76% of species have declined over the last 40 years. Brilliant Butterflies was a partnership between London Wildlife Trust, the Natural History Museum and Butterfly Conservation, funded by a Dream Fund Award, thanks to players of the People's Postcode Lottery. Brilliant Butterflies has partnered with influential stakeholders and local communities to restore a nationally rare habitat, namely chalk grassland, and create new homes for butterflies and insects across nature reserves, road verges, housing estates, and parks in south Croydon, Bromley and Sutton. Although the project has formally ended, they have provided guidance and recommendations for the onward monitoring and maintenance of the new habitats created during the project.



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A variety of methods have been used to create new chalk grassland habitat including construction of banks and/or level areas with subsoil or chalk. Because many butterflies and native flowering plants have co-evolved over time and depend on each other for survival and reproduction, it is particularly important to install native flowering plants local to your geographic area. Native plants provide butterflies with the nectar or foliage they need as adults and caterpillars. So, the new chalk grassland sites are seeded with grasses (up to seven species) and wildflowers (27 species) to achieve floristic and invertebrate diversity. Wildflowers have also been planted as plug-plants to support butterfly species.

| Croydon sites | Bank type | Bank no. | Year |
|-------------------|-----------|----------|------|
| Hutchinson Bank | Chalk | 2 | 2021 |
| Hutchinson Bank | Subsoil | 1 | 2021 |
| Selsdon Rec | Subsoil | 1 | 2021 |
| Selsdon Wood | Chalk | 1 | 2021 |
| Littleheath Woods | Scrape | 1 | 2021 |
| Falconwood Meadow | Scrape | 2 | 2020 |

Sites using exposed subsoils include scrapes, soil inversions and subsoil banks. These use the principle of removing high nutrients found in topsoil, and exposing low nutrient subsoils to help establish diverse plant communities. This prevents more vigorous plants species from dominating, allows space for germination and limits vigorous growth making maintenance more straightforward. They are also more free-draining, benefitting some of the desired vegetation.

Volunteers should monitor grass and wildflower growth during the summer as this will determine when the grassland habitat will need cutting. Once percentage grass cover reaches 50% this indicates that nutrient levels are rising and wildflower abundance is declining and cutting and raking off is therefore required to reduce nutrient levels. The use of low nutrient soils means some sites, particularly where chalk has been used, may not require any cutting for five years or more.

It is anticipated that some butterflies will start colonising new habitat the year after its completion starting with widespread species such as meadow brown and common blue. The nationally rare small blue would be expected to colonise in subsequent years particularly where there are

colonies nearby. The peak flight period around the start of June is a good time to check for this butterfly. Caterpillar (larval) food plants such as birds foot trefoil (common blue) and kidney vetch (small blue) are essential to support breeding populations.

We can help support butterflies in our own gardens by leaving uncultivated garden areas including nettles and cuckoo flower, while planting native shrubs like buckthorn and hawthorn. Also, we can leave grass uncut in winter to help caterpillars and then provide butterfly-plants like poppies and buddleia.

CJ

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Did You Know?

On 29 January 2022 there were 8 changes to the Highway Code. One of them dealt with the way motorist should leave their vehicles.

The code recommends a new technique when leaving vehicles. It's sometimes called the 'Dutch Reach'.

Where people driving or passengers in a vehicle are able to do so, they should open the door using their hand on the opposite side to the door they are opening. For example, using their left hand to open a door on their right-hand side.

This will make them turn their head to look over their shoulder behind them. They're then less likely to cause injury to:

- people cycling or riding a motorcycle passing on the road
- people on the pavement



Protect Our Green Spaces

Selsdon is fortunate in that it has many green spaces which are protected in varying degrees by designation whether as Green Belt, Site of Nature Conservation Importance, Metropolitan Open Land, Other Undesignated Open Space or even Archaeological Priority Area.

All of these sites and designations can be found by searching on the Council website for Croydon Local Plan, Policies Map, South. Or see this table:

| <u>Selsdon Area Green Space</u> | <u>Protection</u> | <u>Notes</u> | <u>Landowner</u> | <u>Friends Group</u> |
|--|-------------------------|--|------------------|----------------------|
| Selsdon Wood | SNCI, MGB, APA | Includes Fox Shaw buffer zone, (owned by CC) | NT | FoSW |
| Littleheath Woods | SNCI, MGB | | CC | FoLW |
| Edgecombe Playground | MOL | | CC | |
| Selsdon Recreation Ground | OIGP | | CC | |
| Croham Hurst Golf Course | MOL, APA | Areas of woodland are SNCI | WF | |
| Croham Hurst | SSSI, SNCI, MOL, APA, G | | CC | FoCH |
| Foxearth Spinney | | No formal protection but it is believed protected under covenant. | CC | |
| Hawthorn Crescent, Green | | No formal protection but it is believed protected under covenant. | CC | |
| Queenhill Road Playspace | MOL | Incorporates the Tennis Club area and is contiguous with Golf Course. Believed protected under covenant. | CC | |
| Ashen Grove | SNCI, OIGP | Includes parts of Forestdale and the Bridleway (not TW ownership) | TW | |
| Land between Kingswood Way and including Beech Way | MGB, APA | | Not Known (MC?) | |
| Kingswood Shaw, Mossy Hill Shaw, Beeches Shaw and Wells Shaw | MGB, SNCI, APA | | Not Known (MC?) | |
| Selsdon Park Estate | MGB, LLHPG | | Birch | |

Key:

Designation of Protection

| | |
|-------|---|
| SNCI | Site of Nature Conservation Importance |
| SSSI | Site of Special Scientific Interest |
| MGB | Metropolitan Green Belt |
| MOL | Metropolitan Open Land |
| APA | Archeological Priority Area |
| OIGP | Other Important Green Space (see note below) |
| LLHPG | Locally Listed Historic Parks and Gardens |
| G | Regionally Important Geological and Geomorphological Site |

Source: Croydon Council Local Plan Review, Policies Map, December 2021, North and South.

Note: There is some discrepancy between the designation for minor Open Spaces: One Council source refers to 'Other Undesignated Open Space', another refers to 'Other Important Green Space'. Clarification sought.

'Friends of' Group

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|------|------------------------------|
| FoSW | Friends of Selsdon Wood |
| FoLW | Friends of Littleheath Woods |
| FoCH | Friends of Croham Hurst |

Landowner:

| | |
|----|----------------------|
| CC | Croydon Council |
| WF | Whitgift Foundation |
| NT | National Trust |
| MC | Merton College?- TBC |
| TW | Taylor Wimpey |

Our Council is in the process of borrowing a further £50m from the Government in order to balance the books. This money is being provided with the proviso that Croydon Council has an 'Asset Sale' to refund the loan. We are seeing green spaces and their assets contained therein across the Borough being sold off, sometimes to the highest bidder, sometimes for expediency. Do we value our green spaces enough to protect them?

To be able to demonstrate that a green space is used and loved is a powerful tool to prevent it ending up in a firesale of assets. To have a 'Friends Of' group looking after a site is one such way to demonstrate that the asset is in community use. We have Friends groups associated with Selsdon Wood and Littleheath Woods, why not a Friends of Selsdon Rec or Friends of Queenhill Road Playspace (add name to suit location)?

What do you, dear readers, think? And would you be prepared to help form a 'Friends of' group to help protect a precious green space in Selsdon?

Ian Leggatt

Chair, Friends of Littleheath Woods

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Most soft plastic packaging can be recycled

Soft/flexible plastics are not commonly collected by local councils for recycling and often thrown away however did you know that from 2021 large supermarket chains (e.g., Sainsburys, Tesco, Iceland, Co-op etc) have extended their recycling to include this?

They don't just collect and recycle shopping bags anymore. **Nearly all plastic wrapping and bags are accepted**, from both wet and dry goods including peelable lids, crisp packets, clingfilm, pouches, sachets even bubble wrap - see your preferred store website. (Please remember that compostable and biodegradable bags are not designed to be recycled and if they enter the recycling system can potentially cause quality issues in the recycled material.)

Just rinse (if dirty), scrunch and return. My landfill waste bin is much emptier as a result!

What do they do with it? Each store will have their own policy e.g., Tesco has committed to find the best possible use for it, bring it back into its supply chain wherever possible, keep it out of landfill and oversee the whole process to minimise the environmental impact.

Obviously, manufacturers avoiding unnecessary and excessive packaging in the first place would still be the best option!

Items that still cannot be recycled currently are foam, disposable gloves and masks.

Janet Sharp

P.S take care when returning your soft plastics on a windy day!



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<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/selsdonchristmaslights>

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| St John the Divine (Church of England) | Parish Office | 8657 2343 |
| Selsdon Baptist | Office | 8651 4308 |
| St Columba's (Roman Catholic) | | 8657 3747 |
| St Francis (Church of England) | Monks Hill | 8657 7864 |
| Croydon Jubilee Church | Office | 8651 2807 |
| Upper Selsdon Road Hall (Christian meeting place) | | 8657 2417 |
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| Croydon University Hospital (formerly Mayday Hospital, 24/7) | | 8401 3000 |
| New Addington Minor Injuries Unit (Mon-Fri 14:00-22:00/Sat-Sun 12:00-22:00) | | 8251 7225 |
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| Croydon Natural History & Scientific Society | Brian Lancaster | 8668 6909 |
| Croydon Recorded Music Society | Liz Brereton | 8656 7382 |
| Croydon Voluntary Association for the Blind | | 8668 2486 |
| Cruse Bereavement Care Helpline | | 8916 0855 |
| Friends of Littleheath Woods | Ian Leggatt | 8651 1140 |
| Friends of Selsdon Wood | see website: www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk | |
| Rainbows, Brownies, Guides & Senior Section | | |
| Girlguiding UK: http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get_involved.aspx | | 0800 169 5901 |
| Parkinson's UK Croydon & District | Jacky Green | 01737 355487 |
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| Rotary Sanderstead and Selsdon | Wendy A Parr | 07774 186792 |
| Probus Club of Croydon South | John Barker | 8657 2093 |
| St John's Dramatic Society | Caryl Rapps | 8651 1326 |
| St John's Wives | Jane Guglielmi | 8657 6672 |
| Sanderstead Plantation Partners | Michael Lishmund | 020 8651 2760 |
| 1 st Selsdon & Addington Scout Group: | Website: www.1stselsdon.org.uk | |
| Beaver Colony (6-8yrs) | Maddie Dunn | 07703 531652 |
| Cub Pack (8-10yrs) | Louise Baker | 07737 404668 |
| Scouts Troop (10-14yrs) | Douglas Gordon | 07514 651711 |
| Croham Valley Explorers | Anthony Woodin | 020 8651 3780 |
| 2 nd Selsdon & Addington Scout Group: | Website: www.2ndSandAScoutGroup.org.uk | |
| Selsdon Art Group | Mrs F Hooper | 07973 412952 |
| Selsdon Bridge Club | Tony Cherrett | 01883 730304 |
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