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Editor's Note



Welcome to the May edition and I hope that you are enjoying the lighter evenings. Gardens have certainly woken up in this sunnier weather and I trust that you have planted up your summer display in your recycled container so that you can enter our competition. This is a contest for all to enter whether you have a garden or not. Give it a go! I look forward to receiving your photos.

In this gazette is part 6 of Ian Leggatt's History of St John the Divine, Ted Forsyth provides some links for identifying the various grasses that we may come across, and we have another amusing poem this time about starting those 'Do it Yourself' projects that we all put off to this time of year.

As you settle down to read the Gazette with a cuppa and a biscuit, the quiz this month aptly tests your biscuit knowledge. There is a baker's dozen of questions for you to answer. After your cuppa you could venture out into your garden and tick off the long list of jobs given in this month's Gardening Tips to be tackled.

The longer days and warmer weather makes us think of possible days out. One resident suggests a direct bus ride from Selsdon to the ancient market town of East Grinstead with its medieval High Street, where you can discover the town's fascinating history and the people who shaped it. Closer to home, Janet Sharp tells us about the family that gave us Lloyd's Park, and we introduce you to the sport of Disc Golf which has a free course for you to try at Lloyd's Park.

As ever please send me (selsdongazettesra@gmail.com) your photos, articles, letters, poems, grumbles, concerns, etc. This magazine is for Selsdon, so it is good to hear about things affecting local residents.

Chris Jones

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BE WITH THE EDITOR NO LATER THAN
20TH MAY - PREFERABLY BEFORE! ✎



SRA NEWS 'n' VIEWS

Police “Cuppa with a Copper”

Apologies if anyone missed the last two meetings as I gave the incorrect times in last month's Gazette. They are held in the Selsdon Community Clubhouse and future dates are as follows

Tuesday 05/05/26 14.00-15.00

Tuesday 09/06/26 14.00-15.00

Tuesday 21/07/26 11.30-12.30

Do go along and meet our local team and talk to them about any concerns you have.

Covid-19

COVID-19 is more serious in older people and in people with certain underlying health conditions. For these reasons, people aged 75 years and over, those in care homes, and those aged 6 months and over with a weakened immune system are being offered a spring dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

Birch – Selsdon Park Hotel

At the time of writing we have not heard a date for completion of the sale but we are assured the new owners are near to it. They have experienced a number of break-ins and vandalism causing damage to the property so they have increased security.

Selsdon Gazette

To help fund the printing of this gazette we rely solely on paying advertisers and we are in need of a few more to help balance the books. If you know of anyone who might like to place an advert with us, please let the editor (selsdongazettesra@gmail.com) know. The gazette is delivered to 4000 homes by volunteers so reaches a lot of people.

Easter Egg Hunt

Congratulations to all those children who took part in our annual Easter Egg Hunt along our High Street with prize winners Peyton, Bea, Ethan, Emily, Grace and Anna.

Troughs and Planters

We will be preparing and planting soon and when they are done, they will need water. If anyone feels they can take a bottle of water up occasionally,

or regularly, could you let me know. Thanks

Selsdon Community Fair, Sunday 6 September

The SRA is organising the annual Selsdon Community Fair in Selsdon Wood. There are stall spaces available for local groups, charities and crafters. We don't charge stallholders so, if you would like a spot for a stall or know of a group that would be interested, please send an email to Peter Underwood at underjunk2000@hotmail.com

Transport Bus Route 433

We are still pressing ahead to help improve this service and have heard they are adding another bus to the route. Let's hope it helps. Fingers (and toes) crossed!

Sheila Childs, Chair

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Selsdon Residents' Association Gardening Competition 2026 An Upcycled Container Garden

It is that time of year when we launch the SRA Gardening Competition and this time it is open to everyone, even if you do not have a garden! As we are all being encouraged to recycle, this year we are asking you to use an object that you are thinking of throwing away to use as a container for your potted plant display.



To enter please send a photo of your upcycled container bursting with your floral display to the editor (selsdongazettesra@gmail.com) by the end of August. Make sure you include your name and address. This competition is open to all ages.

Start looking for an unusual, unwanted container and plan your planting scheme.

COUNCILLORS' NOTES FROM ANDY STRANACK

COUNCIL & MAYORAL ELECTIONS

Due to the elections on Thursday 7 May 2026, we have brief Councillors' Notes this month. Cllr Fatima Zaman is standing down so there will be at least one new councillor for the Selsdon Vale & Forestdale Ward. Full results will appear in the June Selsdon Gazette.

Final message from Andy, Fatima, Joseph and Robert.

"It has been a real privilege to serve the residents of Selsdon over the past four years. We hope that everyone has taken part in our democracy and voted on 7 May. Whatever the outcome, we wish our successors every success in the years ahead."

A BIG THANK YOU TO SELSDON'S UNSUNG HEROES

I recently attended the Selsdon Residents' Association (SRA) AGM, which focused on the fascinating history of our area — including a lovely presentation on old postcards of Selsdon.

While reflecting on what I love most about Selsdon, one thing stands out clearly: the hundreds of residents who quietly volunteer to make our community so special.

A huge thank you to:

The SRA volunteers who care for the Triangle and the plants along the High Street

The Friends Of Groups who look after our green spaces

The Churches running youth clubs and lunch clubs

The dedicated volunteers at Selsdon Contact and the Community Clubhouse

Andy Baxter and everyone involved in the regular litter picks

These are just some examples of the 100 of volunteers who work tirelessly across Selsdon.

These unsung heroes are the glue that holds our community together.

Thank you all — Selsdon is a better place because of you.

CONTACT YOUR COUNCILLORS

Councillor surgeries take place in the Jubilee café downstairs from Sainsburys. A private room is available should there be a matter which cannot be discussed in public. The timing is 10am until 11.15am on the first Saturday of the month, except January and August. We are happy to 'meet' residents online so if you have any issues you wish to discuss with



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26/00855/HSE - 108 Farley Road South Croydon CR2 7NE
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26/01078/HSE - 1 Farleigh Dean Crescent, Croydon CR0 9AD
Erection of two-storey side and rear extensions

26/00972/HSE - 11 Langley Oaks Avenue South Croydon CR2 8DL
Alterations, conversion of existing garage/shed to an ancillary granny annexe and provision of replacement windows/doors.

26/00940/HSE - 14 Norfolk Avenue South Croydon CR2 8BN
Erection of single storey rear extension. Alterations.

Remember that you can use this website to view planning applications
http://www.localplanningapps.co.uk/croydon/sra/anupdate/planning_table.html

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MP Natasha Irons' Report Member of Parliament for Croydon East

Dear Selsdon Residents,

As you may be aware, the government is currently consulting on changes to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) provision. Last week, I hosted a SEND coffee morning at Red Gates School with parents, teachers and local organisations. We discussed a range of areas such as early intervention, support in education and the proposed experts at hand service. I found the conversations highly insightful in understanding further the current challenges within the SEND system and how best I can represent the views of Croydon East. I will be writing up a report based on the feedback and sending this to the Secretary of State to ensure that voices here are represented in the coming changes. I want to thank

everyone who contributed to this event and to Melissa Hendry and Red Gates Primary for hosting. If you did not get the chance to attend and wish to share your views on this important topic, please do submit directly to the consultation before the 18th May here: <https://consult.education.gov.uk/send-strategy-division/send-reform-putting-children-and-young-people-firs/consultation/intro/> I welcome the news that Croydon will be receiving £7.6 million to support high needs children - that's an extra £2 million compared with last year. This money will help provide new places in school inclusion bases and in special schools to ensure every child receives the education that works best for them. This is on top of the £3m the government has given Croydon to develop an 'Experts at Hand' offer, so that young people can access support like speech and language therapy.

It was a pleasure to attend the Youth Careers Conference organised by Reach Society and Croydon Voluntary Action at Crystal Palace Football Club. It is common across many young people to not know what they want to do, or what opportunities are available. It was great to see the diverse range of organisations in attendance, providing so many pathways for our young people. Supporting young people in Croydon is hugely important to me. That's why I'm pleased to see the government investing £1 billion in youth employment which will support 200,000 jobs and apprenticeships, as well as businesses in creating new opportunities.

Many households have contacted me regarding the proposed changes to young people's use of social media. While social media can be a useful tool for many, I recognise for children, the current situation may not be working. The government is keen to hear from all people affected, including young people, as well as parents and carers. The consultation will be open till 26th May, please see a link to the government website here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/growing-up-in-the-online-world-a-national-consultation>

Finally, I am pushing Croydon Council to review the parking restrictions on Rylandes Road in Selsdon. Residents state there is often a build-up of parked cars, limiting ease of access. Croydon Council confirmed a draft design is being developed to include measures such as double yellow lines and formal marked parking bays. I will keep you updated if this is put forward for consultation with residents.

My casework team and I are always available to assist residents with concerns locally. If you need our help, please email us at natasha.irons.mp@parliament.uk or call 020 8191 2482 (leave a voicemail and a member of the team will get back to you).

See you next month!

Best wishes, Natasha

Update from our Local Police

Over the past month, officers have continued proactive work across Selsdon, Sanderstead and New Addington to improve safety, prevent crime and strengthen community links.

As part of ongoing road safety efforts, 28 Notices of Intended Prosecution (NIPs) were issued to motorists for speeding offences across Sanderstead and Selsdon. Speed enforcement remains a key priority, particularly in residential areas, to reduce the risk of collisions and protect all road users. Officers also carried out multiple visits to local schools and nurseries, engaging positively with students and staff around safety, policing and positive decisionmaking. These visits were very well received, with excellent engagement from pupils. In addition, officers attended a local careers event, speaking with attendees about policing and the wide range of roles available within the service.

Community engagement continues to be a priority, and “Cuppa with a Copper” is still taking place on a monthly basis. These informal sessions give residents the opportunity to speak directly with their local officers about concerns or issues in their area. Upcoming dates will be shared on Met Engage, so residents are encouraged to sign up, check regularly and attend. To support knife crime prevention, a Knife Arch operation was carried out at John Ruskin College, forming part of our proactive work where multiple stop and searches were carried out to help maintain safe environments for students and staff.

Officers have also been conducting regular patrols aimed at tackling goldrelated burglaries affecting local communities, providing reassurance to residents and acting as a visible deterrent to offending.

We would like to thank residents, schools and partners for their continued support and cooperation. Anyone with concerns, information or a desire to engage further with their local policing team is encouraged to make contact or attend one of the upcoming community engagement events.

The next ‘Cuppa with a Copper’ is Tuesday 5th May at the Selsdon Community Clubhouse from 2 - 3pm.

Best wishes, PC Williams

Contacting the Police

Please do not hesitate to contact your local police team if required:

Emergencies – 999, Non-emergency crime - 101

All phone numbers for each individual team are no longer used.

Residents should use the following email addresses:

Selsdon & Addington Village:

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Good Time for Gardening – May

May is a crucial, high-growth month in the UK garden. Focus on planting out tender bedding and vegetables (like runner beans) after the last frosts, protecting strawberries with straw, mowing lawns weekly, and watering containers regularly as temperatures rise. Keep on top of weeds by hoeing and start hardening off tender plants.

Key May Gardening Tips (UK):

Planting & Sowing:

Outdoor Sowing: Sow hardy annuals directly, including nasturtiums and sunflowers, and plant out runner beans and French beans.

Bedding Plants: Plant out tender bedding plants like petunias, fuchsias, and marigolds toward the end of the month.

Herbs: Start planting herbs like parsley, coriander, and basil.



Fruit & Vegetable Care:

Strawberries: Protect strawberry plants with straw to keep berries off the soil and deter pests.

Harvesting: Begin harvesting early lettuce, radishes, and rhubarb.

Fruit Trees: Thin out fruit on trees to ensure better quality crops and check for pests.

Flower Garden:

Supports: Install plant supports for tall perennials (e.g., peonies) before they get too large.

Deadheading: Remove faded spring bulbs and early bedding plants to encourage more flowers.

Pruning: Trim lavender and prune early-flowering shrubs like forsythia once they finish flowering.

Lawn & Maintenance:

Mowing: Increase mowing frequency to once a week, but raise the blade setting to avoid stressing the grass.

Weeding: Hoe bare soil regularly to catch weeds before they mature.

Watering: Ensure new plants and containers are well-watered as temperatures increase.

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Anthills: Ants rarely do any harm in a garden, but they can be a nuisance if they are nesting in a plant pot, where the plants inside could suffer. Ants like to be in dry environments so keep pots well-watered to reduce the chances of them targeting your pots. Dry lawns with friable soil are a favourite nesting place, so sprinkle affected areas with water to move them on. Ants do not like the scent of lavender, so plant a few in your garden as a deterrent.



Important Note: Keep an eye on weather forecasts, as late frosts can still occur in early May in some parts of the UK. Protect tender plants with fleece if necessary.

Crocus Chris in place of Frederick, Cedric and Sunflower Sid of the Sanderstead Horticultural Society, who are on holiday and her thanks go to Gardeners' World and the Thompson & Morgan website for May's Tips.

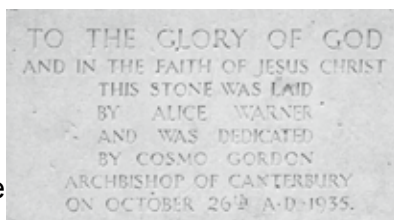
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St John the Divine, Early Days, Part 6, a Snapshot of History, The Archbishop.

Last month we explored the possibility that the enigmatic figure surveying the bomb damage in 1940, with an armband of a Chaplain in the ARP service and carrying a gas mask may have been Cyril Waynforth the then Vicar. Now a story of the Archbishop who dedicated the Foundation



Stone and officiated at the Consecration Ceremony of St John the Divine and was involved in bringing down a King. The Foundation Stone of St John the Divine which we saw in the January 2026 Gazette, was dedicated on October 26th 1935 by Cosmo Gordon Lang who was Archbishop of Canterbury. What a glorious first name. I did some digging, again with the help of Mr Google, and discovered the story of a Scottish lad who initially dedicated his life to helping the poor but eventually submitted to the trappings of luxury, was a favourite of Royalty and was intimately involved in a Constitutional Crisis at a time of great upheaval.



William Cosmo Gordon Lang was born 31st October 1864, son of a Scottish Presbyterian Minister. His given names were Cosmo Gordon Lang but he was saddled with William when he was baptised and the Minister accidentally named him after the local Laird, William Cosmo Gordon. After attending Oxford and about to become a lawyer he suddenly changed tack and joined the Anglican Church in 1890, at the age of 26. His early ministry was in the slums of Leeds and Portsmouth and he was swiftly ordained as Priest in the Church Of England in 1891. In 1898, Queen Victoria invited him to preach at her home, Osborne House, on the Isle of Wight and he became Honorary Chaplain to the Queen in 1899. Two years later he was appointed suffragan (assistant) Bishop of Stepney where he continued his work with the poor.



He became Archbishop of York in 1908. In 1923 he was awarded the Royal Victorian Chain by the then King, George V. Cosmo became friends with the Duchess of York who later became Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother and, in 1926, baptised her daughter Princess Elizabeth who later became Queen Elizabeth II in 1952 on the death of her father George VI. In 1928 Cosmo became Archbishop of Canterbury, aged 64, and his friendship with the Monarchy continued. Cosmo helped George V draft many of his Christmas Messages which were broadcast on the new-fangled 'wireless' but George died in January 1936 and his son Edward, became King Edward VIII. His

Coronation was scheduled for May 1937. This presented a problem for Cosmo. Edward was a popular figure although he was known to be having an affair with an American woman, Wallis Simpson, who had divorced one husband and was in the process of divorcing the second, Ernest Simpson. Edward was determined that he would marry Wallis but that created for the Archbishop of Canterbury a constitutional conundrum. As King, Edward was the titular head of the Church of England but the teachings of the church forbade divorced people to be married in church if their former partner was still alive. As a side issue, it was clear that Cosmo did not enjoy such a close relationship with Edward as he had with his father George. Edward is said to have remarked about Cosmo that he was “rather accustomed to the company of princes and statesmen, more interested in the pursuit of prestige and power than the abstractions of the human soul”. Perhaps it did not help that Wallis was rumoured to be a spy and that she and Edward were both considered by many in society and government to being sympathetic to Nazi Germany when, at this time, in the mid-1930s, Hitler was strengthening laws restricting the Jewish population. Cosmo Lang would have to take the King’s Oath at the Coronation Ceremony which he agonised over as a point of religious principle. He attempted to persuade the King to reconsider his actions, but the King refused to meet him. The then Prime Minister, Stanley Baldwin, was instrumental in garnering support for preventing Mrs Simpson from marrying the King. Cosmo kept close contact with the Queen Mother, Mary, the Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin, and the King’s Private Secretary in an effort to resolve the issue and on December the 11th 1936, Edward VII abdicated in favour of his brother, George VI. During the Second World War, Edward and Wallis were at first stationed with the British Military Mission to France and, after the fall of France, he was appointed Governor of the Bahamas. After the war, they spent the rest of their lives in France. Cosmo died on 5th December 1945.

William Cosmo Gordon Lang, Archbishop of Canterbury, pictured in 1937.

The mid-1930s was a turbulent time worldwide. America and much of the world was suffering an economic depression. Italy led by dictator Mussolini, invaded Abyssinia in 1935. Germany, under Hitler invaded the Rhineland in contravention of the Versailles Treaty which was agreed after WW1, Spain commenced a Civil War in July 1936 in an uprising led by General Franco. In Russia, Stalin, as General Secretary commenced a



purge of the Communist Party and around a million suspected dissenters and political opponents were executed. China was in the middle of a civil war that lasted from 1927 to 1950. Greece swung almost annually between Monarchy and Military rule.

Ian Leggatt.

Credits: Photo of the Dedication Ceremony of the Foundation Stone in 1935 from a brochure of 2011 produced by the 75th Committee of St John the Divine. National Portrait Gallery website for photos of Cosmo 1908 and 1937.

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National Biscuit Day is on 29th May this year. Try this quiz while dunking your biscuit in your cuppa.

Biscuit Quiz

1. Which company produces the original Digestive, Penguin, and Hob Nob biscuits?
2. What is the most popular biscuit in the UK for dunking?
3. Which biscuit is sometimes referred to as the “squashed fly biscuit”?
4. Which biscuit, first produced by Elkes Biscuits of Uttoxeter in 1924, are often designed with a cow and a calf on them?
5. Which biscuits were developed in the 17th century in Yorkshire for the upper classes as a light snack between full-course meals?
6. Which famous biscuit gets its name from a former European dynasty?
7. Which well-known biscuit manufacturer was founded in a terrace house in Whitaker Street, Batley in West Yorkshire in 1853 and is now known for its Rocky bar and Crunch Creams?
8. Which biscuit would you be eating if the wrapper said: “You’ve got to grin to get it in”?
9. Which biscuits produced originally by Burton’s Foods for over 50 years were named after a character from The Beano comics?
10. Which Scottish company manufactures the milk chocolate coated caramel wafer biscuit?
11. Which biscuit featured in a 1929 advert for Huntley & Palmers Biscuits using the phrase “Delightful as the town after which they are named”?
12. Which biscuit, an American sandwich cookie consisting of two wafers with a creme filling, is the best-selling cookie brand in America?



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It can be most welcome to discover some wildflowers in our gardens but the reverse, cultivated garden plants in our woodlands, are definitely not welcome.

The introduction of cultivated plants can pose a danger to the native species that flourish in our woodlands. Garden variety species can be quite thuggish, overwhelming and crowding out our native plants. Spanish Bluebells and Three Cornered Garlic are particularly invasive as well as shrubs such as Snowberry and Cotoneasters to name but a few. When we plant in the woods, we take great care to ensure that we are planting native varieties sourced from reputable suppliers.

If you have an abundance of very attractive plants in your garden, there is a temptation to share them by planting or spreading seed in wilder areas where more people may enjoy them, but please don't. At worst they may cause the demise of native flora, at best it means that volunteers have to spend time digging them out.

Everything has its place and cultivated varieties belong in gardens not woodlands.

Chris Hyde - Friends of Littleheath Woods

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Selsdon Residents' Association SPRING CLEAN UP

Saturday 16 May 9.45am – Noon

Can you please help with a 'Litter Pick' around the shopping area of Addington Road?

Meet at the Selsdon Clock where collecting equipment will be provided by the Council.



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Guided Walks

These are the FSW walk dates for the rest of the year. Selsdon Residents are very welcome to come along to appreciate the wonderful Selsdon Wood on their doorstep.

May Sunday 10th 2pm: **'Bluebells and Birds'** with the Friends

June Sunday 21st 11am: **'Summer Flowers'** with Malcolm Jennings

July Saturday 4th 11am: **'Butterflies'** with Daniel Bound

August Wednesday 12th 2pm: **'Mini-Beast Hunt'** with Roger Hawkins (for accompanied children)

September Saturday 19th 1pm: **'Autumn/Winter Trees'** with Frank Oko

October Saturday 24th 10am: **'Fungus Hunt'** with the Friends



All these walks are slow and easy – a meander rather than a hike! Meet in Selsdon Wood car park, Old Farleigh Road. Why not join the Friends for about 2 hours. They are free to everyone and there is no need to book in advance. Well behaved dogs controlled on short leads can come too! However, if you enjoy what you see when you walk in the woods, perhaps you would consider giving FSW a donation and/or paying an annual subscription of just £5 per household to help finance their work that the Council cannot budget for.

Lloyd Park (times two!)

Croydon's association with the Lloyd family starts with the Victorian businessman Frank Lloyd. In the 1890s Frank Lloyd married Helen Julia Mills, the second daughter of Robert Mills a wealthy silk manufacturer from Croydon. At that time, he was at the head of his father's publishing and newspaper empire. He bought Croydon's Coombe estate, over 250 acres, which included the lower section of the Addington Hills and the properties of Coombe Lodge, House and Farm. Frank and his wife lived at the rebuilt and very grand Coombe House. His sister Florence and brother Arthur later also married into the same family. Arthur built 'Coombe Wood' House on the estate (latterly Chateau Napoleon). His brother Herbert moved his family into Coombe farm in 1893 (he also built/adapted a large

house). (My quick internet search doesn't tell who of the Lloyd family lived at Coombe Lodge but I would guess another family member as Frank had 18 siblings!).

The arm of the Lloyd newspaper business where Frank had started his career, was in paper production and latterly Frank chose to concentrate on the Sittingbourne paper mill. He was a very successful, even a 'model' employer. He built a garden village in Kemsley, Kent to house 3500 staff from his paper mill. He also rebuilt Coombe House in Croydon where he lived for 35 years (he also had an estate in Scotland). He was a well-known orchid collector and alongside his wife, an expert on Worcester China (their collection is now in the British Museum). Prior to his death, he had made plans to transfer the large open part of the Coombe estate to become a public park/playing fields for the people of Croydon. Hence 'Lloyd Park'. Other parts of the Coombe estate were kept in the family.

Thanks to the internet we can find that Frank had prior experience of this. Croydon's 'Lloyd Park' is the second park given as a legacy and named as such. Who knew our park had an elder sister? The other 'Lloyd Park' is in Walthamstow. Frank and his younger siblings grew up in 'The Winns', a House and Farm in Essex/North East London (former childhood home of designer William Morris, known then as Water House) and where the extended Lloyd family lived for about 30 years. I would like to think that this photo might show Edward, his wife and two of his sons (including Frank) outside of their home?



Eight years after the death of Edward in 1898 Frank gave the Walthamstow house and gardens to the Council for the benefit of the local people and it was named Lloyd Park (after Edward). When the park opened two years later there were terrace gardens, a fountain, a sports pavilion and a bandstand for the public to enjoy. Presumably the remaining adjoining farmland estate remained in family hands. The house is now 'William Morris Gallery' opened in 1950 and is recently refurbished with displays, learning centre and of course a tea room! From internet research there is much to say about the originator of the Lloyd wealth - Frank's father Edward and so that shall be a separate article!

Back in Croydon it is worth noting that, (before the Lloyd's ownership) the large field which stretched between Coombe Road and Park Hill had

been open and accessible as 'common land' for over 400 hundred years before the 'Enclosures of common land' acts from the 1750s onwards. However, in 1927 the Coombe/Lloyd land was private and worth a lot of money to developers. To put this large land donation into a local context of the time – the land adjoining the Coombe Estate was Croham Hurst owned by the Whitgift Foundation. There was a three year campaign by locals from 1898 to protect the slopes of the Hurst which had been a popular visiting/ picnicking spot and the owners wanted to sell it for private development. Over a thousand people signed a petition and a mass meeting in Croydon town won the day. The 'London playing fields society' had been created in 1890 concerned about the loss of playing fields and open places for the public and World War 1 had shown how the lack of fresh air and exercise and crowded slum living had been injurious to the health and strength of the common man. By 1925 the playing fields society had become a national movement. It can only be speculated how much of this influenced Frank's decision to donate. Further in 1923 there was a large national campaign endorsed by prominent Victorians (and perhaps members of the Lloyd's local social circle) to save nearby Selsdon Wood in Croydon from development (though that was initially to become a bird sanctuary not a public park). It was not easy to raise the money by small donations – indeed it took years.

Frank's wife died in 1925 and he died two years later. Following his death, his only child - daughter Winifred Helen (1883-1952) (who had married Colonel John Reginald Garwood 1873-1948) carried out this generous wish (no doubt with her blessing) to give the Coombe parkland (over 100 acres) for free and in doing so changed the parklands name to honour him, as he had done for his father – hence "Lloyd Park' (number two!).

Janet Sharp

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Disc Golf

Have you ever wondered what is the purpose of these baskets seen in Lloyd Park?

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hole by throwing a disc from a tee pad or tee area toward the target (often a basket equipped with chains to catch the disc) and throwing again from where the previous throw came to rest, until the disc comes to rest in the target. The discs used are made with varying characteristics (putter, driver, etc.,) that allow for different flight patterns, and are chosen by the player before each shot depending on the intended flight path. Different throwing styles can also affect the flight of the discs.



In Greater London, there are only six disc golf courses so we are fortunate to have the one in Lloyd Park. The others being in Greenford, Edgware, Borehamwood, Enfield and Rickmansworth; all lying north of the Thames.

The Croydon Disc Golf Course at Lloyd Park has 18 permanent baskets, 9-hole short course, and a 15-hole time-saver course. It is free to play, with disc hire (£2 + £8 deposit) available at The Coach House Cafe. It is generally considered a fun, technical course, but it is recommended to use the UDisc App to navigate the course.



The UDisc app can be downloaded on your iPhone or android smartphone. It allows you to use GPS course maps to navigate, record and share scorecards and track statistics of your game.



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.

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Here one resident asks whether anyone has some information about a previously provided Council service.

Dear Editor,

As a keen gardener I would like to find out if Croydon Council is still producing Croypost from our green waste. It was available at the recycling depots until Covid, but has not returned. I thought it was a great soil improver and is sorely missed.

Diane Hansford

Our local historian, Ian Leggatt, is also asking for help from Selsdon residents.

Dear Editor,

I wonder if your readers could assist in a bit of Selsdon social history research. It seems that many of the Costain houses, from 1926 to the mid '30s have, or had, Apple trees, in their back gardens which are believed to date back to when the house was new or even predate the house construction. I would be grateful if any house holders whose family held their house from new or at least the very early days of Selsdon Garden Village could shed some light on the origin of such apple trees. Please contact the Editor (selsdongazettesra@gmail.com) if you have any information.

Kind Regards
Ian

The problematic 433 bus service has caused one young resident to take action.

Dear Editor,

I'm Michael a 17 year old resident of Selsdon Vale I have recently launched a petition regarding the reliability on the Bus Route 433, which has received over 50 signatures within 2 weeks & I have submitted the petition with feedback to both TFL & Mayor Perry

Kind Regards, Michael

Petition Link:

<https://www.change.org/p/demand-a-reliable-bus-service-for-selsdon-vale-forestdale>

Can you make use of a free gazebo?

Dear Editor,

The Friends of Selsdon Wood have a 6m x 3m white gazebo (with side and back windows) available for collection from Selsdon Wood if anyone wants to give it a home - for a small donation towards our 'Stones not Mud' paths project. It is showerproof so ideal for fetes, back garden summer shade area etc. The frame is an interlocking one - not pop-up - but is complete and the cover is intact.

Please email selsdonwood@gmail.com or text expressing interest - 07979 002547.

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Here our regular contributor, Jessica Blake, enjoys a trip to the seaside.

Getting Away From It All

After a fraught week, it is so relaxing to head away from the London vicinity and along to the coast. The weather is warm and sunny. It's not too warm but comfortably warm, and it is very sunny and the weather forecast is great for the coming week.

We are staying in a peaceful village by the sea and are actually able to

look straight through the front windows and out past the beach and onto the sea. As for the sea, it is reasonably tranquil but is glittering as if some giant had strolled along the top of the beach and sprinkled diamonds into the sea water, from his pocket!! I love it when it looks like that.

Across the sea a boat has moored. It has been there for some hours. I've looked through the binoculars but cannot make out if it is a Royal Naval vessel or not. There are no guns which show up, but it is not a large boat and if the guns are down closer to the deck that might be why I cannot see them. There are just a few sailing vessels floating with their sails billowing out, being blown around this bay at present.



Shortly we shall pull on our sun hats and go down to the water's edge. I feel like putting my feet into such cool water for the first time this year and having a splash around.



Yesterday we found a dead seal lying at the water's edge and I wonder if it will have been removed or if it wasn't dead but sleeping. Hard to tell without getting closer and touching it. There are notices advising people to stay away from resting seals and not to stare at them as it frightens them. So, was that seal staring at us or was he dead? Spooky to think about.

Later today we might wander into town, or go to the harbour or saunter off to the theatre, and we know there is a great Thai Restaurant a couple of miles away. We could burn off a few calories by walking more swiftly on the way home.

However I might do none of those things, but sit and read until the night fishing boats chug along and anchor up. Tomorrow we could have fish and chips for lunch which should be very fresh. And there are a lot of fields which have white sheep grazing in them and interestingly, little black lambs jumping around them, playing in the sunshine. Might just stroll back and watch the dear little lambs bouncing mischievously, while the edges of the fields are lined with blossom trees. Yes, that will be quiet and peaceful and such a happy thing to watch, especially if there is a beautiful sunset on the walk back to where we are staying. Nothing beats sunsets or sunrises for colour.

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Poetry Corner

Spring often heralds a period of cleaning and decorating so I have selected this amusing poem from Sue Hicks about the subject.

DIY



I hate to be a nuisance, I hate to be a bore,
If I see your eyes glaze over then I'll surely know the score.
Time for me to wrap up, to give your ears a rest,
If I keep on talking, your patience I will test.
I hate to be a nag, coz I know that that won't work,
It won't make you get on with that list of jobs you shirk.
I've tried gentle reminders, but they fall on deaf ears,
Your head they just sail over and sadly disappear.
I try not to raise the subject, like an elephant in the room,
I hope that one day soon you'll find your va va voom,
Leap out of bed one morning and say "today's the day,
I'm going to start that list of jobs that just won't go away.
That room needs decorating, I'll do more than buy the paint,
I know that you've been waiting with the patience of a saint."
A year ago last Easter, we went to B&Q,
And picked out for our spare room the perfect shade of blue,
It sat there in the corner, looking back at me,
It makes a lovely doorstep when I'm carrying in the tea.
It just won't work the same when the paint is on the wall,
That tin just won't be heavy enough to hold the door at all.
So, I guess I should be grateful, at least it's got a use,
But if he doesn't soon paint that room, he's going to get abuse.
I think I'll have to start it for the sake of my mental health,
Because DIY in our house, means Do-It-Your-Ruddy-Self!



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Nature Notes from Ted Forsyth – Grasses

Grasses are amongst the most important plants on the planet. Many of our foods come from grasses - Wheat, Oats, Barley and many more. Grazing animals are able to feed upon grasses for a few reasons - they are abundant and will recover after being eaten down to ground level. On the East African savannahs of Kenya and Tanzania the huge



herds of grazing animals remove vast quantities of grass, but what goes in at one end is transformed and comes out at the other end in a form which aids the regrowth, particularly as Dung Beetles bury the material to act as fertiliser where the roots can absorb the nutrients. Regrowth will begin when rain falls but this will not occur until next season and dwindling food supply forces the herds to migrate in search of new supplies. In other countries, where rainfall is not so strictly tied to the apparent movement of the sun throughout the year, this food-related migration is not necessary.

When identifying flowering plants many people simply recognise the flowering head and ignore other characteristics of the plant. However, in early spring it is easy to recognise the new leaves of Bluebells and the spotted leaves of Early Purple Orchids as they push up through the soil. With practice, many other flowering plants can be identified when only a few leaves are visible.



Identifying most grasses requires a bit more work. They are flowering plants but the flowers are much less showy, appearing roughly between May and July, with the main plant colour being some shade of green. Shape and branching structures are what separates one grass species from another. There are many botanical terms describing the different parts of a grass so we need to delve into the world of nodes, sheaths and ligules (among many other

terms).

Lizzie Harper is an artist who illustrated the grasses section in the Collins Flower Guide by David Streeter. She has produced a blog with beautiful drawings to illustrate these terms. Even if you have minimal interest in the technical aspects of grass ID it is still worth looking at what she has created. Use your browser to look for Lizzie Harper – Grass An Introduction.

Any decent flower field guide will have at least a few grasses included but there are other guides which concentrate on grasses. Lynette Merrick has produced Guide to Common Grasses as A3 sheets which fold to A4 and illustrate dozens of grasses with helpful ID details.

The Field Studies Council (FSC) have one of their cards as Guide to Common Grasses covering 20 common species (£3.99). They also publish Grasses: A Guide to Identification using Vegetative Characters (£17.99). This is a more technical view of grass ID as the relative prices might suggest. Faith Anstey has Start to identify Grasses (£7.95) covering 20 species.

For the more technically minded the classic book is a small Penguin paperback, Grasses, by C.E. Hubbard which was originally published around 1954. Each grass is illustrated on the left page, with descriptive text on the right page. A somewhat larger paperback, published for the Botanical Society of the British Isles (BSBI) is Grasses of the British Isles

by Tom Cope and Alan Gray. There appears to be more space allotted to description than in Hubbard's book. Both books include a key which should allow the grass characteristics to lead to an identification.

There are some common grasses which are easily recognised, including Cocksfoot, Wall Barley, Timothy Grass, Meadow Foxtail, Crested Dog's-tail. It might prove useful to take one of these easily recognised species and try to confirm its identity by working through the key – it will get you used to using the correct terms for the parts of the grass and create confidence in using the key for other grasses.

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Answers to the Biscuit Quiz

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2. Digestive (specifically the Chocolate Digestive)
3. Garibaldi
4. Malted milk
5. Rich tea
6. Bourbon
7. Fox's Biscuits
8. Wagon Wheels
9. Jammie Dodgers (after Roger the Dodger)
10. Tunnock's
11. Nice biscuits
12. Oreo

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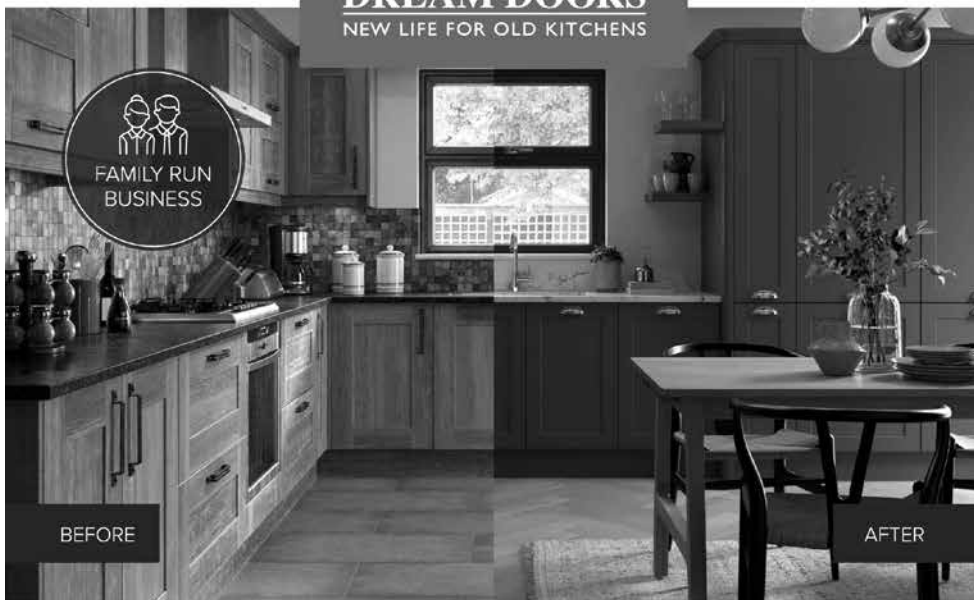
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- **Dr Bill Jasper** will talk about developments at the Practice, NHS South West London and NHS England. Also, how you can best help your doctor to look after your health.
- **Alastair Jack**, Regional Lead for London at Parkinson's UK, will talk about the work of Parkinson's UK and how the Croydon & District Branch can support Croydon residents with Parkinson's, their families and carers.
- **Anne Vigor**, Personal Independence Coordinator Team Manager at Age UK Croydon, to talk about the work of Age UK and what services they can provide for our patients.

RSVP: email: swlicb.farley.admin@nhs.net or call 0208 651 1222 to leave your details.

New Duck House for the Gruffy Pond, Sanderstead



People passing Sanderstead pond, at the top of Sanderstead Hill, may have noticed that there's freshly painted new duck house sitting proudly in position.

The green space, known as The Gruffy, has long had a place of sanctuary in the pond for ducks and coots, but the previous one had seen better days and needed replacing. The Sanderstead

Residents' Association, which this year celebrates its centenary, has supported the installation of the new duck house.

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SELSDON AFTERNOON TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

Would you like to join in our programme where we have interesting visiting speakers and many activities of interest to women? Why not come along to the Townswomen's Guild?

We meet, usually on the third Friday in each month, from 1.30 to 4.00, at The Community Hall, St. John's Church, Upper Selsdon Road, Selsdon.

On Friday 15th May we start with a short business meeting and then welcome Michael Forteach who will tell us about 'My Life in the Police'. We have groups that meet in members' homes during the month. You can enjoy taking part in handicrafts, knitting, literary group, lunch club and drama, or go on organised outings and visits to the theatre.

Do come and join us!

For more information please phone Christine Holland 02086574861

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**Selsdon
Community
Clubhouse**



The Selsdon Community Clubhouse provides a warm, welcoming space where the 60+ community can enjoy friendship, activities, and a good meal.

A Warm Welcome

A happy hello to our new Marketing and Communications Executive, Lucy. With over 10 years of marketing experience, we are pleased to welcome her to the Selsdon Community Clubhouse team. The arrival of Lucy means we'll be able to increase our marketing efforts, allowing us to let more people know about the services we offer to the community.

Performances and partnerships

Memory Tree Café with Age UK Croydon

We're excited to announce that we've started a collaboration with Age UK Croydon to provide a space for a Memory Tree Café, a welcoming place for people living with mild to moderate dementia.

We recently hosted the first Memory Tree Café at the Clubhouse and this will now be running every Thursday 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm. The café provides helpful information and support in a relaxed setting, with music, activities, great conversations, and a tea or coffee.

It costs just £3 and you can book your spot by calling Age UK Croydon: 0208 686 0066 or email: memorytreecafe@ageukcroydon.org.uk



Photograph: Clubhouse manager Liz with the Age UK Croydon team: Susan Underhill, Programmes Director, Angela Murdock, Project Officer, and Volunteer, Linda.

The Quest Primary School visit

We were recently visited by pupils from Quest Primary School. The children from their Wellbeing Pupil Parliament came and chatted with our clients and worked together on some fun quizzes. It was lovely to see the conversations and smiles between the children and the older members of our community.

We look forward to continuing our collaboration with the school, helping to build connections across generations!

Live music events at the Clubhouse

Thank you to the singer and entertainer, Barry Stevens, who recently performed at the Clubhouse in his wonderfully unique style.

Amateur ukulele group the Plinky Plonkers, will be performing a fun lunchtime gig at the Clubhouse on Wednesday 20th of May, if you would like to come along for lunch and the show, please contact the Clubhouse to get booked in.

Can you help? We're looking for raffle prizes.

Our clients love taking part in raffles and games of bingo, with all proceeds going back into the Clubhouse. We're always on the lookout for prizes to reward our winners, so if you have any suitable items at home that you're not using, we'd greatly appreciate you donating them to be used as prizes. We're looking for: bottles of wine, sweet treats like chocolates or fancy biscuits, nice-smelling items like hand creams, or anything else you think would make a suitable prize.

Please bring them into the office Mon-Fri between 9am and 4pm.

Our contact details are: Telephone: 0208 651 1111 or

email: office@selsdoncentre.org.uk

Website: www.selsdoncentre.org.uk



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8 May	Richard Mander, Organ	A graphic of a musical staff with a treble clef and several notes, positioned to the right of the first five rows of the table.
15 May	Sofia Berdnik, Piano	
22 May	Sutton High School	
29 May	Gordon Chan, Piano	
5 June	Eve Gerrard, Mezzo Soprano, & Sunny Kariyawasam, Tenor	
12 June	Simeon Walker, Piano	
19 June	Croydon High School	
26 June	Michelle Kolesnikov, Violin, & Catherine Duncan, Piano	
3 July	Grace Wexler, Soprano	



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Here one of our residents, suggests a day out via a direct bus route from Selsdon.

Discover East Grinstead's Hidden Gems on the 409 Bus Route



If you're looking for a relaxing, affordable escape, the 409 bus route from Selsdon to East Grinstead is a perfect plan. For just £3 (or free for Freedom pass holders), you'll enjoy a scenic journey through the rolling Sussex countryside, arriving in about

an hour and a half at East Grinstead, a town brimming with history and charm.

Once you step off, you'll be welcomed by a lively high street—home to independent shops, artisan cafés, and striking Tudor timber-framed buildings. History buffs will love the majestic Sackville House and nearby Sackville College, both steeped in centuries of character. And just a short walk away, the East Grinstead Museum offers a deep dive into the town's past, while St. Swithun's Church stands as a peaceful beacon of the town's spiritual history.

As a resident of Selsdon, I know how important it is to link to bustling high streets like these, helping keep them thriving for everyone. So, whether you're a local or just passing through, this bus route invites you to explore, shop, and unwind in East Grinstead. And don't miss a stop at Mad Dog Coffee Lounge—it's a must for a refreshing coffee or treat before you head back.

The 409 is more than just a route; it's an invitation to step back in time and discover East Grinstead's timeless beauty. Whether you're a resident like me or a visitor, this journey is waiting for you.

Russ Bullen

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East Grinstead Museum

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Usual opening times: Wednesday to Friday, 10am to 4pm

409 Bus Timetable as of April 2026

Monday to Friday

Selsdon Library	9.44am	10.44am	East Grinstead	3.30pm	4.32pm
East Grinstead	11.14am	12.14am	Selsdon Library	5.06pm	6.11pm

Saturday

Selsdon Library	9.44am	11.44am	East Grinstead	4.32pm
East Grinstead	11.12am	1.12pm	Selsdon Library	6.11pm

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A big **Thank You** to everyone who supported our **Quiz Night** in March, we made over £1k for charity. On behalf of all those who will benefit from your kindness, thank you so much.

We also had a super evening saying a big **Thank You** to all those who volunteered & helped with our Christmas Collections which this year made £15 000.

We had a super day working in Community Partnership with All Saints Church Sanderstead & St John Ambulance. We had two fantastic days teaching folks how to use a defib unit & give CPR, now they all know how to 'Save a Life'.

What's Next - Our Annual **Sponsored Walk** takes place on Sat 16<sup>th</sup> May, completing laps of the Sanderstead Recreation Ground, from 10am onwards. You decide the good cause of your choice, and they will benefit from 100% of your sponsorship. We just claim the gift aid for your sponsorship.

And Then –

The **Sanderstead Community Day** Sat 26<sup>th</sup> September, Sanderstead Recreation Ground, **Hobby Fair** Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September St John's Community Hall.

**Craft Fair** Sat 14<sup>th</sup> November All Saints Church Hall, Sanderstead.

If you are interested in working with Rotary in the Community, please give us a call & come along & meet us 07774 186 792, [Secretary@rotarysandersteadandselsdon.com](mailto:Secretary@rotarysandersteadandselsdon.com)

Follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/rotarycroydonsouth/>

Don't miss out.

## Warning from Local Vet



Spring is finally in the air which means rising pollen levels, but many pet owners don't realise their pets can suffer from hay fever too. The most common symptom of hay fever in dogs is itchy skin. If you notice your dog scratching more than usual, nibbling at their paws, rubbing their face along the carpet, or developing flaky, red patches of skin, it could be a sign they're reacting to pollen in the air.

*Many thanks to the Warlingham Veterinary Centre*



## SELSDON FLOWER CLUB

We have pleasure in announcing that our Flower Club is continuing with the following programme for 2026 :  
We are a small friendly club who meet on the second Wednesday afternoon of each month at 2pm at the rear of St. John the Divine Church, Selsdon. We have demonstrations, workshops and practices. All abilities welcome.



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|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| May 13          | Demo – Melanie from Kane's Florist                              |
| June 10         | Practice – "Coastal Scene" and Summer Social                    |
| July 8          | Summer Social with tea & cake and Practice – Summer Arrangement |
| August 12       | Tea and cake at Knights Garden Centre 2.30                      |
| September 9     | Practice – "Dinner by Candlelight"                              |
| October 14      | Practice – "Autumn in a Basket"                                 |
| November 11     | Demo – Graham Harman                                            |
| December 2      | Christmas Social – Arrangement of own choice                    |
| January 13 2027 | AGM – Arrangement in a candlestick                              |

If you'd like to visit us for one of our meetings or find out more, please contact our Club Secretary, Maureen Browning, on Tel no 020 8651 5821 or 07961 862791.



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| Selsdon Baptist Church               | Office        | 020 8651 4308 |
| St Columba's (Roman Catholic)        |               | 020 8657 3747 |
| St Francis (Church of England)       | Monks Hill    | 020 8657 7864 |
| Croydon Jubilee Church               | Office        | 020 8651 2807 |
| Forestdale Church, Forestdale School |               | 0777 255 9797 |
| Selsdon Christian Fellowship         |               | 020 8668 9779 |
| Church of Jesus Christ of LDS        |               | 020 8651 2211 |

## DOCTORS & EMERGENCY CARE

|                                   |  |               |
|-----------------------------------|--|---------------|
| Farley Road Medical Practice      |  | 020 8651 1222 |
| Queenhill Medical Practice        |  | 020 8651 1141 |
| Selsdon Park Medical Practice     |  | 020 8657 0067 |
| Croydon University Hospital       |  | 020 8401 3000 |
| New Addington Minor Injuries Unit |  | 020 8251 7225 |
| Purley War Memorial Hospital      |  | 020 8401 3515 |

## POLICE

Selsdon & Addington Village: SNMailbox-SelsdonandAddingtonVillageSNT@met.police.uk  
Selsdon Vale & Forestdale SNMailbox-SelsdonandForestdaleSNT@met.police.uk

## CLUBS, GROUPS & CHARITIES

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| CONTACT (Neighbourhood Care)                                            | Jasmine Singh     | 020 8651 4944                                                                                                  |
| The Selsdon Community Clubhouse                                         | Liz O'Donoghue    | 020 8651 1111                                                                                                  |
| Croydon Hearing Resource Centre                                         | Office            | 020 8686 0049                                                                                                  |
| Croydon Vision                                                          |                   | 020 8668 2486                                                                                                  |
| Cruse Bereavement Care Helpline                                         |                   | 080 8808 1677                                                                                                  |
| Friends of Littleheath Woods                                            | Ian Leggatt       | via www.folw.co.uk                                                                                             |
| Friends of Selsdon Wood                                                 |                   | <a href="http://www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk">www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk</a>                             |
| Sanderstead Plantation Partners                                         |                   | michaellishmund@gmail.com                                                                                      |
| Friends of Kingswood                                                    |                   | <a href="http://www.friendsofkingswood@hotmail.co.uk">www.friendsofkingswood@hotmail.co.uk</a>                 |
| Girlguiding (Rainbows, Brownies, Guides & Senior Section)               |                   | 0800 999 2016<br><a href="https://girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved">https://girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved</a> |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Selsdon & Addington Scout Group (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts) |                   | <a href="http://www.1stselsdonscouts.org.uk">www.1stselsdonscouts.org.uk</a>                                   |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Selsdon & Addington Scout Group                         |                   | <a href="mailto:glv@5thsandascouts.org">glv@5thsandascouts.org</a>                                             |
| Croham Valley Explorer Scout Unit                                       | Christopher Dean  | tinkerscorner@aol.com                                                                                          |
| Arts Society Croydon Area                                               | Jean Aarons       | <a href="https://tascroydonarea.org.uk">https://tascroydonarea.org.uk</a>                                      |
| Parkinson's UK Croydon & District Branch                                | Mike Bond         | 07704 413668                                                                                                   |
| Rotary Sanderstead & Selsdon                                            | Wendy Parr        | 07774 186792                                                                                                   |
| RSPB Croydon Local Group                                                | John Davis        | 020 8640 4578                                                                                                  |
| Selsdon Art Group                                                       | Fiona Hooper      | 07973 412952                                                                                                   |
| Selsdon Bridge Club                                                     | Bob Steadman      | 07545 384899                                                                                                   |
| Selsdon Centre Bridge Club                                              | Betty Borfiga     | 020 8656 4212                                                                                                  |
| Selsdon Community Hall                                                  | Cottie Campbell   | <a href="mailto:selsdonhall.info@gmail.com">selsdonhall.info@gmail.com</a>                                     |
| Selsdon Flower Club                                                     | Maureen Browning  | 020 8651 5821                                                                                                  |
| Selsdon Townswomen's Guild(pm)                                          | Christine Holland | 020 8657 4861                                                                                                  |
| Sanderstead Horticultural Society                                       |                   | <a href="http://www.sandersteadhs.org">www.sandersteadhs.org</a>                                               |
| Sanderstead Local History Group                                         |                   | <a href="mailto:sandersteadlhg@gmail.com">sandersteadlhg@gmail.com</a>                                         |
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