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Editor's Note

Welcome to the November edition of the Selsdon Gazette which is jam packed with events happening in the run up to Christmas. I took the liberty of using a photo of Selsdon's Christmas Lights from last year as the cover for this month's Gazette, as they will be the same as the ones used this year! Well, we are being advised to recycle and reuse!

My thanks to Robert Mitchell for sending me his photo of the lights, much more successful than my attempt. Please look through your photos taken out and about in the Seldon area throughout this year and send me (selsdongazettesra@gmail.com) any which could be used as a cover photo.

In the next two months we have Father Christmas's visit to Selsdon high street to meet our young residents and the Christmas Market for all ages to enjoy. The SRA fund the lights completely with your much appreciated donations and they have made a contribution to the Christmas Market start-up costs as they feel that these are events where the community gets together to enjoy themselves and help local businesses.

Selsdon is buzzing with activities put on by local clubs, churches and charities. In this edition I have reports from a new local choir which survived lockdown, a thriving tennis club, a flower club and a wood working opportunity for men and women not too far away. We hear about friendships made when volunteering and opportunities to volunteer with the local Rotary Club and Contact. If there are any more Clubs which would like a mention please get in contact.

Also included this month we have a poem from Mary Gill celebrating the television, we learn about birdsong in Ted's Nature Notes, a focus on thistles in our gardening feature and Ian Leggatt takes us around Selsdon to highlight our many listed buildings and walls. There is our usual quiz, this time testing your knowledge of London.

I hope that you enjoy your read.

Keep safe

Chris Jones

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SHOULD BE WITH THE EDITOR NO LATER THAN
20TH NOVEMBER - PREFERABLY BEFORE! ☞

SRA NEWS 'n' VIEWS

Christmas is coming!

By the time you read this, you will probably have already seen that the Christmas lights are on again, brightening the shopping area. The SRA decided that they would be on in advance of Santa's visit this year so that, hopefully, the traders benefit for longer from you using the local shops. We hope the majority of you will have seen the advance publicity and so did not miss his ride down the road on 19th November (in the sleigh provided by the Sanderstead and Selsdon Rotary Club) and took the children to meet him at the SRA grotto near Iceland - a fitting location! If you are reading this before the 19th – then, no excuse for missing the fun!

Gazette deliveries

Following on from Wendy's plea for help with delivering the Gazette, can I please second that and also apologise for the odd occasion when your Gazette arrives later in the month rather than the middle we aim for. All our 'staff' are volunteers and delivering the Gazette takes an hour or so (depending on the size of their round, how quickly they get their bundle from their distributor and how speedily they then get around). It is no secret that a large number of our volunteers are 'pensioners' so may not be as nimble as they were when they first volunteered, some more than 30 years ago. Other non-pensioner deliverers might be delayed by other commitments during some months. The load could be eased if we had more volunteers, even if only those willing to stand in if a regular cannot deliver close to mid-month sometimes.

Please think carefully if you could step in - tell Wendy (wmikiel@hotmail.com) if you could be a new 'regular' or an 'understudy' for a deliverer who is away or ill. All such offers would be gratefully received. We very much appreciate the work done by all our volunteers - but we just wish more people would come forward to help out, too!

Politics - or not!

The SRA has always had a strong ethos of being a non-political organisation. As such it sees its job to inform you about what is happening in our area that could affect you, for good or ill, depending on your take on the issues involved. We rarely advocate how you should vote or claim to demonstrate your views, as we want everyone to take full advantage of the democratic processes available to register their individual comments. We highlight planning matters, local consultations and initiatives that you might want to consider, supporting or objecting to. We try to keep an eye on other topics in social media as well, in case we feel they should be brought to the attention of a wider audience - not everyone tweets or reads NextDoor! We hope you find this approach beneficial.

However, we are always interested to hear your views. Please do contact us via the SRA email address or write a note to anyone on the committee. We would, in particular, welcome the views of some of the 'newer' Selsdon residents together with those of the 'old lags!'. We have our AGM next Spring and want to generate a few new topics for discussion then. Maybe we would thus get an idea of who might wish to bring some fresh ideas to the committee and start to 'learn the ropes' before all the current members decide it is time for them to retire as age and/or other things take their toll.

Linda Morris, Vice Chairman, SRA

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COUNCILLORS' NOTES

SELSDON CHRISTMAS MARKET
*****SATURDAY 27th NOVEMBER 1-5pm*****

Following the cancellation of Councillor ward budgets, due to the bankruptcy of the Council, it looked like the Selsdon Christmas market might not be able to go ahead due to lack of funds.

Local residents, businesses and other organisations were contacted to see if they could support the event, and we are pleased to confirm that the second Selsdon Market will be going ahead. Over £2,000 has been pledged and this will cover the costs of road closures, licences etc.

Local businesses have been quick to book their place at the market and

all 15 pitches are now spoken for.

All that remains is to put the date in your diary and come and support the stall holders who will have some tempting Christmas gifts and other merchandise. You will also be able to listen to the Selsdon Christmas Choir and meet Father Christmas!

The first Christmas market in 2019 was a great success and we are delighted this event can take place for a second time. Let's hope it becomes a regular annual event in Selsdon!

Many thanks to everyone who has had a part in making this happen.

WARNING: CAR THEFT IN THE SELSDON AREA

There has been a rash of high value cars being stolen in the Selsdon area. Please beware.

A high value car on the drive is targeted and the key is accessed via a computer. The thief needs to get close to the keys to do this, so it is advised that keys are not kept close to the front door. One option is to keep them in a security pouch. Locking an outer door at night helps too. There is more advice on this, and other ways your car can be stolen on the Metropolitan Police website.

DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED MAYOR

The result of last month's Referendum in Croydon was that over 80% of residents voted for Croydon to have a Directly Elected Mayor, who will be accountable to all residents. Every ward in the borough chose to back this move, which just shows the sense of betrayal that Croydon residents feel about the way the Council has been run by the current Labour administration.

We would like to thank everybody who played their part in this referendum - especially local Residents' Associations - who have worked so hard for such a long time to achieve this result. Thanks also to all of you who turned up to vote and made your voice heard, even if you chose not to support a Mayor. Engaging in democracy and having these debates makes our community better.

In light of such a landslide victory for the Mayoral system, it has been very sad to see how the failing Council in Croydon did its very best to avoid holding this referendum. Despite taking the Borough into bankruptcy, the Labour Councillors who currently run the Council were desperate to prevent local residents having their say - despite tens of thousands of you signing the petition for the referendum to be held. And when

the Government eventually forced them to hold the referendum, they campaigned to protect the status quo which has brought misery to so many.

Following the emphatic support for a Directly Elected Mayor, you will have the opportunity to vote for the new Mayor in May next year. The election will be held on the same day as the elections for local councillors.

SELSDON VOLUNTEERS

It was a pleasure to thank the hundreds of volunteers who stepped up to help fellow residents survive when COVID19 first struck in March 2020.

The Thank You event took place at Farleigh Golf Course Club House on Friday 24th September. It was an opportunity for many of the volunteers who had helped out, to meet face to face for the first time.

During the first lockdown Cllr Andy Stranack and Jaz Potter pulled together community groups, supermarkets, local businesses and individual volunteers to serve vulnerable residents across the Selsdon Community.

In total the Selsdon COVID 19 Support Group provided: -

- Over 400 Emergency Food Bags
- More than 2000 weekly ready meals (delivered by volunteers and the local Fire Brigade)
- A network of street champions helping neighbours in every road in Selsdon
- In excess of 5000 'befriending' telephone calls to elderly and vulnerable Selsdon Residents
- A weekly 'Zoom' Quiz to keep the community entertained

The groups involved in this heroic effort included: -

- Selsdon Contact – Registered Charity – 47 years working in the Selsdon Community
- Croydon Jubilee Church, Selsdon Baptist Church, St John the Divine, St Columba's and St. Francis Church
- Selsdon and Sanderstead Rotary Club
- Selsdon Residents Association
- Croydon High School
- Businesses – Vintage 62, Sainsbury, Aldi, 3 Gents Event Catering and Bashford Butchers
- GP Surgeries – Queenhill, Selsdon Park and Farley Road Medical Practices

In thanking all the volunteers Andy said: -

“The Selsdon community shone a light to the rest of Croydon, demonstrating what could be achieved when a community comes together to help serve those in the community who are less fortunate and require a loving helping hand.”

PURLEY POOL CLOSURE

Purley Pool is the local swimming pool for most Selsdon residents and it is once again under threat of closure. Local councillors are running a campaign to try and save the pool following the announcement by Croydon's Labour-run Council, of its possible closure on Friday 8th October - the day after the Croydon Mayor referendum. More information can be found here: [Save Purley Pool! I Croydon Conservatives](#)

SALE OF SELSDON PARK HOTEL

We have heard rumours that Selsdon Park Hotel is up for sale. There is concern about the future of this important local landmark estate, and the jobs of the people who work there. We will do what we can to find out exactly what is happening and keep you posted.

CONTACT YOUR COUNCILLORS

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

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

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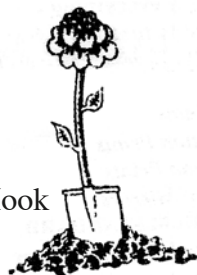
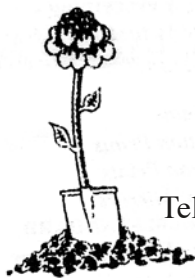
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Removal of single storey side extension and garage and erection of new two-storey side extension to provide kitchen and living room on ground floor and two extra bedrooms at the first floor

21/03341/HSE – 82 Arundel Avenue, CR2 8BE

Erection of a single-storey rear extension and extension to the existing patio area.

21/04473/HSE – 8 Riesco Drive, CR0 5RS

Erection of three storey side extension

21/04274/HSE – 8 Riesco Drive, CR0 5RS

Alterations, erection of two storey rear extension; dormer extension in rear roofslope and single storey front extension

21/04617/HSE – 105 Selsdon Park Road, CR2 8JJ

Erection of dormer extension on rear of main roofslope incorporating a Juliet balcony. Installation of two rooflights onto front roofslope, and associated alterations

21/03285/HSE – 153 Selsdon Park Road CR2 8JJ

Demolition of existing garage. Erection of a single storey rear extension and two storey side extension. Proposed hip to gable roof extension with rear dormer roof extension and front porch extensions

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

MP Chris Philp's Report

Member of Parliament for Croydon South



Council failing on bin collections

A number of residents have contacted me about repeatedly missed waste collections. This is not only recycling & household waste, but also the green waste subscription service which, disappointingly, the Council is not issuing refunds for. Their response that these failed collections are due to the HGV driver shortage is the last in a long line of excuses - for too long the council has been completely inadequate in ensuring our waste is collected frequently and on time. Even when residents report failed collections, they often won't receive a response - many cannot get through to Croydon's own phone number. It is unacceptable that Croydon Council is providing an abysmal standard of service while levying one of the highest council tax rates in the country. Letting waste pile up lets vermin thrive and causes unhygienic conditions. I am therefore calling on Croydon Council to urgently engage with Veolia as part of the South London Waste Partnership to get our bin collections back on track.

I will continue to monitor this closely. If you are having difficulties with your collections and the councils is not listening, then please do not hesitate to contact me via chris.philp.mp@parliament.uk.

DEMOC: Landslide Victory

Just under 59,000 people voted in this month's referendum to move to a Directly Elected Mayor in Croydon. Every single ward voted for a change with the "Yes" campaign securing a 60+ point lead. This was a landslide victory on a scale never seen before in Croydon elections.

I would like to thank the Residents' groups and campaigners who through their hard work made this decisive win possible. It was a pleasure and privilege to work alongside and support them. Thank you to everyone who voted (for whichever option) because it is important to participate and make your voice heard.

I hope that the Council will now start to listen closely to the concerns of residents, especially on planning and street maintenance. If you would like to send me your views on these kinds of issues, please do fill in this one-minute survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/chrisautumn>

More Police Officers on our Streets

I am delighted that Croydon town centre will be getting 25 extra police officers as part of the 20,000 extra police officers being recruited by the Government. A more visible police presence will deter violent crime and keep our streets safe. The announcement of extra officers for our area comes just months after the Government launched the Beating Crime Plan alongside the Safer Streets Fund to fund better street-lighting and CCTV.

Chris Philp

Member of Parliament, Croydon South: 020 7219 8026

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Reports from the Selsdon and Forestdale Police Ward

Our local Police Community Support Officer, Jack Killian,
has sent us this report.

The Selsdon Vale and Forestdale Police Ward welcomed PS James Edwards to the team and he is the new Sergeant. He brings a wealth of experience to the ward and all the team are looking forward to working with him.

For a lot of August, the team were abstracted from the ward due to many different reasons most notably with Wireless Festival in Crystal Palace Park and the Extinction Rebellion protests in Central London. Whilst in Thornton Heath PC De Meneses arrested a male who failed to stop and was chased into an address. The male has been charged with failing to stop, driving not in accordance with his license, no insurance, attempted burglary and possession of cannabis.

Reports of a male living out of his car in Pixton Way were received, so the team went down to carry out a welfare check. PC Bashford-Jones and PCSO Killian visited the male who appeared very drunk and smelled strongly of alcohol. The engine of the car was warm and the male admitted that he had driven the car earlier in the day. The male was breathalysed and blew 117 on the roadside and 73 whilst in custody, (the legal limit is 35 micrograms of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath). The male was subsequently arrested for drunk whilst in charge of a motor vehicle.

A dumped moped on Newlands Woods was reported to the team. Officers did checks on the vehicle and it came back as stolen. The owner had already been paid out by their insurance company. Whilst waiting for recovery for the stolen moped, a blue moped broke down in front of the officers. PC Bashford-Jones went over to speak to the rider and try to give a helping hand; whilst speaking to the rider it transpired that they had only just bought the vehicle. They didn't have insurance for the moped and they didn't have the right driver's license to drive the vehicle. The moped was seized and the rider was given a fine.

An email to the team from a resident who stated a vehicle outside their address on Byron Road hadn't moved for over 4 weeks and felt it may have been dumped. Checks were done on the vehicle which showed the vehicle as stolen. The vehicle was stolen from Dulverton Road. The team contacted the owner who had already been paid out by their insurance, so it was just a case of getting the vehicle recovered to the Charlton car pound.

The team are patrolling roads around schools at pick up and drop off time now schools are back. At the moment these are focussed on Courtwood Lane Primary School's parking and speeding issues but the team will be looking at visiting other primary schools/other areas as they are aware that the issues aren't specifically just in Courtwood Lane.

Recently the team conducted a Saturday patrol targeting shop lifters and Anti-Social Behaviour along the High Street. Although no-one was caught it was good to know the shopkeepers felt reassured. It will also become more of regular occurrence in the coming weeks and months, targeting different days and times.

Jack Killian 7114SN

Police Community Support Officer

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SELSDON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – IMPORTANT NOTICE

Unfortunately, it is not possible for Father Christmas to switch on the Christmas Lights in Selsdon this year but he will be visiting us on Friday 19 November to check that the lights are all working. He will be meeting the children at his usual grotto outside Iceland at about 5pm on Friday 19 November.



As usual there will be songs and music outside The Village Club from about 4pm.

See posters and Facebook etc. for further details.

Do come along and join in!

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Local Listings

We are probably aware of our stately homes and their grading as Listed Buildings, either Grade 1 or Grade 2. Statutory listed buildings are considered to be nationally important because of their history or architecture. Listed building consent is required to do work to one of these buildings. Details of all listed buildings in England are contained in the National Heritage List for England (NHLE), which is administered by Historic England. There are currently 168 statutory listed buildings in Croydon. The listing is not confined to a building only. Within the 168 statutory listed buildings in Croydon are a smattering of Coal Tax posts and Gate Posts, Walls and Brick Piers. The listing covers the whole building, including:

- the exterior of the listed building
- the interior of the listed building
- its fixtures and fittings
- attached structures, buildings and extensions
- buildings or structures on land attached to the building (its curtilage)

In our locality we have, amongst others, Selsdon Court in Addington Road, Grade 2, and the Church of St Mary, Grade 1, in Addington Village. If a building is listed as Grade I, this is **because the site is of exceptional national, architectural or historical importance**.

There is also a more relaxed listing of buildings or structures of importance: A Croydon Local List. The Local List is a list of buildings and

structures within Croydon considered to have special local architectural or historic interest by the public and the Council. To be included on the Local List, a building or structure must meet two of the following criteria:

- authenticity
- architectural significance
- historical significance
- technical significance
- townscape value

In our locality we have numerous buildings, and a wall, Locally Listed. Some examples are:



66 Addington Road,
the Lodge to Selsdon
Park Hotel {De Vere
Estate} which dates to
the early 1800's:

128 Addington Road:
Entrance Lodge to
Selsdon Park Hotel {De
Vere Estate} which dates
to the early 1800's:



230 Addington Road : Baileys Garage, dates to 1937/ 1938 and is now the subject of a planning application for demolition and redevelopment.



240 and 242 Addington Road: Pair of semi-detached Cottages, built around 1809 as worker accommodation for Selsdon Park Farm / Selsdon House.

Cosy Corner, 2 Kingswood Way, corner of Old Farleigh Road, dates to some time before 1867.



Flint Wall (opposite 84-122) Old Farleigh Road, built as a boundary wall to the Selsdon Park Estate around 1847.



While Statutory Listed buildings require specific building consent for development work, including alterations, no such stringent measures apply to Locally Listed buildings however, the council are supposed to take the building's historic and architectural character into account in planning application decisions.

Buildings or structures can be proposed to the Council for Local Listing. Can you think of anything in Selsdon you would suggest to be Locally Listed? I'll start with the Clock and Railings on the Triangle. Over to you.....

Ian Leggatt

Images sourced from Google Maps

Dates obtained from 'Selsdon and Croham, Living History Local Guide No 6', available to view at your local library.

Local and Statutory Listed Building information from Croydon Council website

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CHRISTMAS COVER COMPETITION

for Selsdon's primary and nursery school children

Deadline 10am on Monday 15 November



The SRA are looking forward to seeing all the entries for their annual competition for local children to design the Christmas cover for the December Selsdon Gazette.

The entries had to be drawn or painted, A4 sized with a Christmas theme. Once finished the entries had to be posted in the letter boxes of either KIBA, 119 Addington Road or Co-Op Funeral Care, 178 Addington Road with the name, address, date of birth and school of the artist on the back of the entry.

The winning entry will be used as a cover for the December Gazette and the winner and runner –up will both receive a voucher.

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A Good Time for Gardening – November



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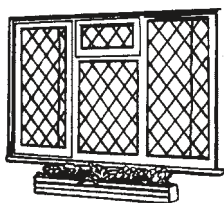
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collecting bag completely emptied. Shears and secateurs should be thoroughly cleaned and oiled to give them some protection throughout the Winter months.

There's no need to go mad moving leaves from the soil as the worms will pull them into the ground. It's best to clear them from paths and patios as they can form a slippery layer. The lawn won't like too many leaves on it as they stop the light getting through.

If you have space for a few seeds, then sowing broad beans in deep trays should give you an early crop and the plants should be robust, strong plants when the black fly arrives next year.

Garlic likes a period of chilly weather so November is a good time to plant it. Individual cloves need to be planted 15 cm apart and the rows 30 cm apart. Garlic can also be grown in pots.



November is the time to remove any weak or dead growth and any crossing branches in apple and pear trees. Shorten this year's growth by a third, to a bud facing in the direction you want the tree to grow.

Tulips enjoy cool, moist conditions, so this is the ideal time of year to plant them. They need to be planted 3 times the depth of the bulb and point uppermost.



The 30th of November is St Andrew's day, the patron saint of Scotland, whose emblem is a thistle. Thistles are defined as both a flower and a weed many varieties produce a pretty purple or blue head but the plant's prickly stem and branches win most of the attention. The meaning of the flower is associated with aggressiveness, pain, protection and pride.

Throughout history many cultures have adopted the flower as a positive emblem. It is the national flower of Scotland. The reason for this can be traced back to a battle fought in the 15th century against the Normans. The Scottish army was warned of an imminent attack by the yelps of the soldiers as they were stabbed by the sharp prickles on the battle field. The flower is stitched on to the Scotland rugby shirts to stand for fierceness and bravery.

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Do you know London?



With the covid restrictions lifting, businesses in London are encouraging people to visit the capital city, but how well do you know London?

1. 'The Mall', runs from Trafalgar Square, all the way to which London Landmark?
2. At which London landmark can 'Traitor's Gate' be found?
3. In which Museum can the 'Rosetta Stone' be viewed?
4. How many London Boroughs are there?
5. Which two landmarks were built in London to celebrate entering the 2000s?
6. How many lines does the current Underground system have?
7. What is London's Theatre district generally known as?
8. Which London Railway station acts as the main hub for the Euro Star?
9. Which Underground line is depicted in GREEN on the Underground map?
10. What is London's tallest building?
11. Which London Landmark was built between 1675 and 1710 by Christopher Wren?
12. Where is Poets' Corner found?
13. Which world famous Art Museum is sited in Trafalgar Square?

Answers after Nature Notes

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'Forest Bathing' in Littleheath Woods

Following on from Cathy Logan's excellent article about Forest Bathing in last month's Gazette, did you know you can "Bathe" in Littleheath Woods every Tuesday, weather permitting?

The Friends of Littleheath Woods carry out practical conservation work

in Littleheath Woods every Tuesday morning, from about 9.30am to 1pm (although you can come or go as you please). Tools and training are provided, as are baked potatoes in the winter, always in sight of or under the shelter of ancient trees and woodland. We use tools which our ancestors would recognise and practise ancient techniques such as hazel coppicing, all of which will help you connect with the woodland. We can help you recognise trees and plants and provide a close relationship with nature. If you would like to join the Friends in caring for Littleheath Woods or just want to indulge in a little exercise and immerse yourself in nature, then please give me a ring (020 8651 4914) and I will let you know where we will be on a Tuesday and what we will be doing.

Chris Hyde

Friends of Littleheath Woods

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Christmas is coming - Dates for your Diary



17th November 2021-Xmas outing to Polhill Garden Centre.

1st December 2021- Mince Pies/Tea event in the Croydon Jubilee Coffee shop area.

7th December 2021 -Christmas Coffee morning in the lounge of Selsdon Baptist church.

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THE REWARDS OF VOLUNTEERING



I spent my first night in my new home in Selsdon in September 2019. The previous 10 months since my retirement had been spent doing up a place suitable for me to downsize into - my children had all flown the nest and were settled in places of their own and the family home in East Croydon was too big for me to rattle about in on my own.

From the beginning I had wanted to become part of the Selsdon community. My immediate neighbours were fantastically welcoming. While the building works were going on at the new place, many people stopped

by for a friendly chat as I attempted to clear the overgrown front garden. In no time my next-door neighbour had invited me in for a coffee even though I was in my site boots.

In January 2020, I invited people from the street in for some post-Christmas drinks. They were so friendly both to each other and to me. In no time we were exchanging further invitations for gatherings and drinks. I was very pleased to have moved into such an inclusive neighbourhood.

Then COVID happened. All hopes of socialising were dashed. I couldn't even see my own children. Like everyone else, I was limited to one hour of outdoor exercise a day and a trip to the supermarket or pharmacy.

By chance, I saw on social media a call from Selsdon Contact for 'Street Champions'. I was hesitant for two reasons – Firstly the word 'Champion' seemed a bit hard to live up to and secondly, I wasn't sure if my age, according to the somewhat nebulous government guidelines, put me in the category of people who should be assisted, or people who should offer assistance?

Anyway, it gave me an opportunity to get out and meet people so I put my name down and before long was delivering my batch of cards – imprinted with my details and carefully anti-covid Dettol wiped - to each address in my allotted streets.

The response was not overwhelming. A few people contacted me to pick up prescriptions for them. On behalf of the excellent Selsdon Contact, I delivered support bags of food and hand-made masks to a few residents. It gave me a reason to go out and led to some lovely doorstep conversations.

However, as far as I was concerned, the best reward of my volunteering was a particular friendship. Although many people already had friends and family picking up shopping, or had the ability to arrange internet deliveries, one particular neighbour had neither, and because of her age and her medical history had been instructed to shield. I soon slipped into a regular routine of delivering her weekly shop. As soon as we were allowed, I started to enjoy sitting in her immaculately maintained garden and picking up gardening tips. The tales of her childhood and younger life were inciteful and entertaining. As the lockdowns eased, we have been able to share shopping trips and meals out together. She has met my family who agree that she is great and latterly she has become as supporting to me as I am to her.

As one of the street champions, I was invited to the thank you party held in September at the Farleigh Golf Club. It seemed so right to be able to invite my newly acquired friend as my guest. We ate, we drank, we danced and had a fantastic night out – the first in a very long time.

So, my thanks go to Jaz Potter, firstly for her great work in organising the Street Champions and secondly for a fantastic party.

Jenny Bradley, Selsdon Gazette Treasurer



Services at St John's Church



Sun 28th November 6.00pm Advent Carol Service
Sat 4th December 11.00am -2.00pm Christmas Market
Sunday 5th December 6.00pm Christmas Concert
Sunday 12th December 10.00am Christingle Service
Sunday 19th December 6.00pm 9 Lessons and Carols
Mon 20th December 7.00pm Quiet Service
Fri 24th December 4.00pm Crib Service, 11.30pm Midnight Mass
Sat 25th December 10.00am Christmas Day
Sun 26th December 8.00am and 10.00am Boxing Day Service

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Walking together through grief

A group held at Selsdon Baptist Church, Addington Road.

This group is open to all and is suitable for anyone who has suffered loss of any kind.

There will be a special service on 21st December called the Longest Night service, a quiet and reflective service for those who find the Christmas season difficult.



For more information and to book a place please call Dawn on 07718 189033 or Jane on 07561 869620
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News from St Columba's Church, Queenhill Road



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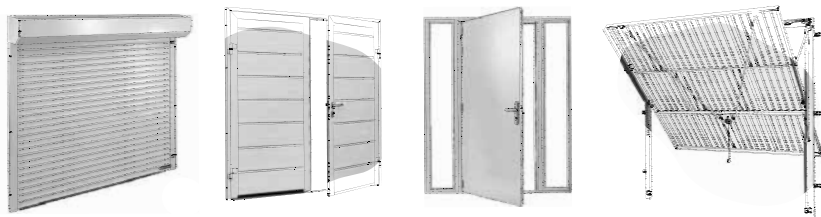
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to consult the Catholic Church about the issues facing it today. Every parish in the world will be engaging in this initiative, with Catholics being asked to identify what they see as the problems and opportunities. Those will all then be collated and discussed at a Bishops' Synod in Rome in 2023. This is a first for the Catholic Church.

For further details have a look at our website (and newsletter therein) for details -- www.stcolumbaschurchselsdon.uk *Deacon Philip*

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Get Your Flu Vaccine



One easy way to protect yourself is to get the flu jab, which is offered free of charge on the NHS to people who are at risk. This is to help protect them against catching flu and developing serious complications. Some local pharmacies even offer a walk-in service.

The flu vaccine is given to people who:

- Are 50 and over (including those who'll be 50 by 31 March 2022)
- Have certain health conditions
- Are pregnant
- Are in a long-stay residential care
- Receive a carer's allowance, or are the main carer for an older or disabled person who may be at risk if you get sick
- Live with someone who is at high risk from coronavirus (on the NHS shielded patient list)
- Frontline health or social care workers

Flu vaccination is important because:

- If you are at higher risk from coronavirus, you are also more at risk of problems from flu
- If you get flu and coronavirus at the same time, research shows you are more likely to be seriously ill
- It will help to reduce pressure on the NHS and social care staff who may be dealing with corona virus

If you're eligible for the flu vaccine on the NHS, you'll be offered one that's most effective for you, depending on your age:

- Adults aged 18-64 – there are different types, including low-egg and egg-free ones

- Adults aged 65 and over – the most common one contains an extra ingredient to help your immune system make a stronger response to the vaccine

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Giving Back!

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There were brother and sister, father and daughter, mother and son, mother and daughter and others playing great matches at the club Championship Finals on Saturday 11.09.21. It was a great day for tennis with the spectators enjoying a first-class bar-b-que.

The athleticism of the young triumphed, with last year's champion Christopher Cooper winning against Chris Garrard. His sister, Grace Cooper took the title for the fourth time, overcoming Jane Swale in the singles. The Men's doubles saw Chris Cooper and Rick Lamb defeat Geoff Littlewood and Jason Hojem, whilst Grace Cooper and Ania Bascombe won against Frances and Karen Cullen. In the mixed doubles Christopher and Grace beat Ania and Simon Bascombe in a very exciting 3 setter.

We are a very friendly family club and our excellent coach George Cooper takes several sessions for the various ages' groups of Juniors on a Saturday morning.

Should any ladies have been inspired to take up tennis having watched Emma Raducanu's recent triumph please come and join us as there is always room for more ladies in our sport. Good exercise in the fresh air with friendly company, it is a great way to keep fit.

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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.

Following the letters from Mrs Cullen about her problems with her missed bulky waste collection, I received a similar letter from another resident.

Dear Editor,

This episode happened a bit earlier than the time referred to in letter from Mrs Cullen. I paid my £52 pounds and had a large chair near my gate. I couldn't put it out on the pavement as there is a 64 bus-stop outside and it would have constricted the pavement but as I was disabled, they were meant to check inside the gate. It didn't get picked up. I phoned it in and was told by man to go through the procedure again. I wasn't impressed as that would have meant spending another £52 to get the request in!!! If I remember correctly the man put the phone down on me when I pointed out that I wasn't prepared to pay again. Eventually I spoke to someone

who understood where I was coming from and the chair disappeared. What a rigmarole!

Name and address supplied

Now further news from Mrs Cullen about her missed bulky waste collection.

Mrs Cullen has just emailed me to let me know that she thinks that her refund for a missed bulky waste collection (microwave, small table and printer) is a step closer. The Council had sent her a photo of the outside of her house on the day that the waste was to be collected and claimed that the items were not presented. Mrs Cullen was able to point out that the microwave was on top of her wheelie bin and the table and printer were in the other bin. If the collectors were unsure what to pick up they just had to ring her doorbell as she was in all day. I really do hope this gets resolved for Mrs Cullen very soon.

Dear Editor,

(We have another episode from Jessica, this time about the change of the month from October to November.

When Autumn comes the long, light summer nights are replaced with cold dark evenings. The red, gold and brown leaves float downwards from the autumnal trees and make a great crunchy carpet underfoot. It isn't quite so great when they all need sweeping up again but trying to think positively, perhaps they can go on the compost heap and help fertilise next year's, or more likely the following year's, growth of new plants, when the leaves have rotted down. The crops have now been harvested and the winter crop is planted or seeded for next year.

In the Middle Ages All Saints Day, November 1st, was known in the Catholic Church as All Hallows Day, celebrating the Saints and martyrs and other extra good lives, known and unknown, through Christian history.

The evening before is All Hallows Eve, gradually shortened to Halloween. In Pagan times it was called Samhain, but around 1,200 years ago was appropriated by the early Catholic Church, and is now for sinners to repent. By the way today, for many people, Halloween is about evil spirits and ghosts, but still falls on October 31st. Some people in the past became worried about ghosts in the dark, and so wore masks when they went out on



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that night so ghosts wouldn't recognise them and would leave them alone, so this is one of the reasons some people wear masks today at Halloween. November 1st is All Saints Day. When I went to school, we all celebrated All Saints Day by going to church for an hour in the morning before we returned to lessons. We had never heard of Halloween.

Anyway, children in particular seem to find Halloween very exciting but "bah humbug" do I really need to purchase a bag of sweets just to keep some children from "tricking me"? I sometimes feel like saying, "trick please" and just find out some of the tricks or mischief they can provide. If it was good, I might be more inclined to provide really nice sweets for them.

All Souls' Day - so the internet says - is a day to honour the dead and is on 2nd November. It is not the same as All Saints Day, which is the day before. So basically, it's 31st October is repenting evil. 1st November is for Saints and Martyrs and 2nd November is the day to honour the dead.

The one really good thing to come from this particular celebration, to my mind, is pumpkin pie. Made from the bits scraped from inside the pumpkin, when cutting out the face on the pumpkin before inserting the candles/lights. I like to make pumpkin 'pie' as an open tart and freeze it until Boxing Day, it making a tasty alternative to mince pies. Pumpkin can be turned into soup or muffins too. So, some good has come out of an old tradition.

Jessica Blake

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Poetry Corner

May Gill has discovered that Sunday 21 November is World Television Day so has written a very amusing poem celebrating the television during the ages.

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When I was small and fat and monochrome,
I was frequently the centre of the home.
They only lived for when I came on air,
And when I did, each one would grab a chair,
Then gaze, entranced, until my screen had cleared
And the little dot completely disappeared.

I got so much attention in those days,
 They fondled me in oh so many ways.
 By loving hands, I was controlled -
 Adjust my horizontal hold.
 Move the aerial a tad,
 When the ghosting got too bad.
 Adored that tender human touch
 That showed they loved me very much.



A wider screen; a slimmer build
 More air time – conversation killed.
 Then I gave more variety
 As channels went from one to three.
 Colour added to my charms-
 They welcomed it with open arms.



Remote control – they fell for that-
 Slumped on sofas- growing fat.
 Me, I missed the pleasure trips
 Of knobs depressed by fingertips.

As time passed by, I multiplied.
 And it was such a source of pride;
 No longer one to every home-
 Now every chamber had its own.
 Mum watched while she cooked the tea;
 Dad watched on the lavat'ry

I colonised the messy rooms of teens,
 Who lay in bed and goggled at my screen,
 Then fell asleep, while I played on and on,
 Till a parent pulled the plug and I was gone.
 Now I'm slim and sleek and on the net,
 Wide screened, HD and smart as you can get.
 I'm sitting on the cutting edge: 3D,
 With several hundred channels: some for free.
 They buy me flash accessories,
 Like sound bars – but I still can't please.
 I only ask a little more respect,
 That surely isn't too much to expect.
 I feel abused, neglected and alone
 When they turn me on and then play with their phone.



Nature Notes from Ted Forsyth – Learning Birdsong

On television during the last eighteen months, I have frequently watched Richard Osman's light-hearted House of Games show. One of the tasks is described as Broken Karaoke which involves trying to identify popular songs when the initial letters of each word is displayed on a screen. Each successive letter is delivered to the screen with the same rhythm as the corresponding words are sung.



The relevance to learning bird song is in the word rhythm. For example, the song of the Woodpigeon could be described in words as coo-COO-coo-coocoo but a phrase in English might be a more memorable way of remembering the rhythm. Two such commonly used phrases for Woodpigeon are "Take two cows Taffy", and "My toe hurts Betty". Not all songs can be reduced to such a simple description so we have to look for other ways to describe them and what works for one person might not work for all.



Most people, perhaps subconsciously, are familiar with and can identify the sounds made by some bird species, but to go beyond that position requires conscious effort. I always suggest starting with the Robin. To anyone turning over soil in the garden this is a friendly bird which pays attention to food items turned up by

the gardener. With some individuals it is even possible to persuade them to accept mealworms from the hand. However, the Robin is a decidedly territorial species and when another Robin enters its territory a fight of some sort is almost inevitable. With continental Robins adding to our local population this means that in winter there will be a large number of territorial Robins for you to recognise as you walk through the woods. I think of the Robin as being a lazy singer who dribbles out a few notes then pauses to make sure the song is being noticed before continuing with a bit more song. Your description could be different.

There will be relatively few other species which sing in the winter and the very few Blackcaps and Chiffchaffs which you might encounter may make alarm calls but you will not hear their song. Most of our winter visitors – Siskins, Redpolls, Redwings, Fieldfares – tend to occur in flocks and the noises you hear are contact calls between members of the flock. Tits gather in winter foraging flocks along with Nuthatch, Tree Creeper and occasional Great Spotted Woodpeckers and perhaps Goldcrest, all issuing more or less squeaky contact calls.

As we progress through winter and edge towards spring more members of the choir join in. Even before Christmas, the Great Spotted Woodpecker

“sings” by drumming on branches. The small Lesser Spotted Woodpecker does so too but the drumming is all on one note and lasts 50% longer. The Green Woodpecker does not drum – it simply issues a ringing “kew, kew, kew” call which sounds like muffled laughter and gives it the alternative name of Yaffle.

The song of a Song Thrush is easily recognised. The bird repeats a musical phrase three or four times then switches to a new phrase which is repeated in turn, carrying on this process with different phrases until it works its way through its large repertoire. Mistle Thrush has a powerful song, often issued from the top of a tree and frequently in inclement weather as though it is shouting defiance at the elements. The notes are short so there is no real sustained stream of vocalisation as with many other species. Another member of the thrush family is the Blackbird and of the three species is probably the one with the most beautiful song. Watch one while it is singing and enjoy the experience.

I tend to associate both Wren and Dunnock with the Robin, perhaps because all three are small woodland birds. The Wren may be very small but its song is a powerful trilling jingle of notes much louder than you might expect from so small a bird. The Dunnock song is a much quieter warble frequently heard from a bird hidden in bushes but sometimes from a bird at the top of a tree. Chaffinch starts its song with a series of notes which sound something like

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“chih, chih, chih, chih” and end with a sudden flourish, often likened to the bowler in cricket running up to bowl then releasing the ball at the end. A singing Goldfinch includes lots of tinkling notes in a quite hurried song. Bullfinch hardly bothers with a song, giving out a few quiet “chew, chew” notes which are easily missed. Greenfinch swears at the world, issuing prolonged “dzweer” notes before possibly rising into song flight.

Great Tit song has the rhythm of “teacher, teacher”. To me the Blue Tit sounds rather like a creaking gate, beginning with “tsee, tsee, tsee” and concluding with a creaking trill. Coal Tit song is a quieter, high-pitched version of the Great Tit’s “see-too, see-too”. Long-tailed Tit’s song is seldom heard, you are more likely to hear the quiet contact call “see, see, see”. The relatively uncommon Marsh Tit often starts with “ship, ship, ship” and continues on to “shoopi, shoopi, shoopi”.

The usual noise you will hear from the Nuthatch is the “twit, twit, twit” contact call but for a brief period in spring this is extended into the spring song of the Nuthatch which is a long trill. The song of the Tree Creeper starts with high-pitched “tree, tree, tree” and ends with a flourish – often issued while the bird explores a tree trunk or branch.

Songs of summer migrants are heard for only a few months and have to be separated from the songs of resident species. The Chiffchaff’s song repeats its name – Chiffchaff, chiffchaff, chiff – and is easily separated from the Willow Warbler’s song which is a sweet musical series of descending notes ending with a distinctive flourish. The Blackcap song usually has some very clear piercing fluty notes but the similar sounding Garden Warbler has a long continuous burbling song without these fluty notes.

As you can see, looking at a written description of a song is not particularly useful. It is better either to find a bird and listen to its song or to hear a song and track down the bird so that you can associate a particular song with a particular species. You will still need your own method of remembering what you have heard.

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& Millennium Dome (O2) | 11. St Paul's Cathedral |
| 6. 11 | 12. Westminster Abbey |
| | 13. The National Gallery |

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Selsdon Afternoon Townswomen's Guild

I am so pleased to report that the Townswomen's Guild has been able to hold in person meetings over the last three months. Members at the AGM in September were entertained with a series of short sketches performed by our Drama Group, which had been originally rehearsed before lockdown!

Our meetings are held on the third Friday of every month in the large hall of St John's Church in Selsdon between 1.30 and 4.00pm and you are most welcome to join us. Outside of these meetings we have a Walking and Running Club, a Literary Group and the Drama Club. We also enjoy various outings to interesting places throughout the year.

Elizabeth Veasey

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SELSDON FLOWER CLUB

We have pleasure in announcing that our Flower Club has now started again.

We are a small friendly club who meet on certain Wednesday afternoons at 2 pm at the rear of St. John the Divine Church, Selsdon. Subscription £25 per annum. We have demonstrations, workshops and practices. All levels welcome.

10 November	Practice – Sparkle Season
24 November	Grahan Harmer – Christmas Demonstrations
8 December	Christmas Social

Please contact the Secretary, Maureen Browning on 020 8651 5821 for more details.

A Songsational Journey through Show Tunes!

Songsations began on a Tuesday evening in September 2017. I am Claire Platt, an opera singer, and West End performer. After training at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama I performed with Scottish Opera and at the Linbury Studio at the Royal Opera House and in multiple musicals such as *The Phantom of the Opera*, but around 2015 I made the switch to teaching singing. I had had the idea of starting a choir many years ago and I knew that that choir would specialise in songs from the shows. So, I bit the bullet and held my first rehearsal at St John the Divine Church Hall in Selsdon and Songsations were born.



Of course, I remember the first rehearsal only had about 3 or 4 attendees. One man and the rest women. By Christmas we had grown to about 8, but still only one man. Then disaster hit! Our one man, who had only come along to support his wife, decided to leave. It was at this point I decided the choir would become a female vocal ensemble.

Towards the end of 2017 I was starting to wonder if this choir was going to work as there just didn't seem to be any interest, however, following a conversation with a friend about social media, I realised I hadn't really embraced all that Facebook had to offer. So fast forward to January 2018 and a few social media posts in local Facebook groups later, we started the new term with double figures and between January 2018 and March 2020 we grew to a membership of 46 and added another rehearsal on Friday mornings. We performed numerous concerts and raised thousands of pounds for various charities including local ones such as Selsdon Contact. Choir life was fantastic!

But you know what's coming.....COVID hit in April 2020 and Songsations were forced to cease all face to face rehearsals and move online. It took me a couple of weeks to sort out the necessary technology and figure out how on Earth Zoom worked! But work it out I did, and I started to offer rehearsals online. This was not the same as being together in the same room, but it was a way of connecting and meeting up every week. The singers had to sing along with me but couldn't hear each other singing and I, as leader, would spend an hour talking to myself as everyone else was on mute. Worth it to see all the smiling faces looking back at me on the computer screen though. We produced Virtual Choir videos and had

quiz nights, we took part in online choir concerts with other choirs and just generally tried to stay active.

We are now back to rehearsing in person and singers join me on Tuesday evenings and/or Friday mornings. We are still socially distancing, and we sing in a very well-ventilated room. It will get a little chilly as the temperature drops but it's also necessary to keep everyone safe.

Much as we would love to organise our own Christmas concert and start raising money for good causes again, I think, after spending so much time singing only to ourselves in the comfort of our own homes, we need to ease ourselves into performing. Slow and steady wins the race as they say! In the meantime, you can catch Songsations singing Christmas songs at the Selsdon Christmas Fair on November 27th and at St John the Divine Church on December 5th as part of their Let It Snow weekend.

If you are interested in joining us, or you'd like more information, please visit the Songsations Facebook page or our website www.songsations.net or pop in and speak to Claire at St John's on a Friday morning or Tuesday evening.

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Men In Sheds, Oxted: A Creative Community



Men In Sheds, Oxted, is part of The Woodhouse Centre, a workshop where men and women participate in a variety of handicraft and woodworking activities. Members are often retirees or other adults who are not in full-time employment, and The Centre and The Shed provide a social environment where they can undertake purposeful and rewarding work.

Creation of Men's Sheds is a world-wide movement originating in Australia, aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of men. Inspired by the cliché that men like to seek solace in their garden shed or workshop, Men's Sheds are created to provide a similar environment with a difference: men (and women) coming together to work on projects together. In this way, The Shed helps to combat feelings of loneliness or isolation, often experienced by people who are retired or not

in work for a variety of reasons. The Shed is a place to share experience, skills, and ideas – which aims to encourage learning and enjoyment of woodworking and other skills. By offering the facility, and a tiny bit of structure, Sheddners can create a routine for themselves, connect with people who have similar interests, and create items they can be proud of. A further sense of achievement comes from trying something new, or creating items that members of the public wish to buy.

Our Men In Sheds is hosted in a converted garage next to The Woodhouse Centre, near the leisure centre in Oxted. It's a bright, well-lit space, carefully organised with workbenches alongside tools. The Shed is kitted out with a number of hand and power tools and equipment that are available to be used by members. Tools and materials are often donated, or purchased by donations made by the public, or funding sought from local organisations and trusts. Safety is front of mind and Sheddners help each other learn to safely use the tools and equipment on offer.

Sheddners design or create their own projects – with ideas and inspiration coming from any number of sources. We sometimes take on repair projects or specific commissions from the public (provided we have the skills and capacity to take them on), which help raise funds for the Centre. Best-sellers made in the Shed are accessories for gardens and wildlife: bird boxes, bird feeding tables, hedgehog boxes, and wooden planters. Sheddners are experimenting with new projects and ideas, putting them up for sale whenever a Market opportunity arises – including the recent Selsdon Woods Open Day. Goods are on display in The Woodhouse Centre, and can also be seen at the Oxted Country Market, held in the Centre each Friday morning 0930-1130am.

We're always keen to meet new people, and for new Sheddners to join us. We also have opportunities for volunteers who'd like to contribute to the Shed and support Sheddners using the facility and making items. If you, or someone you know, are interested – stop in one morning (daily 9-12) or call 01883 715189 or email thewoodhousecentre@gmail.com for more information.



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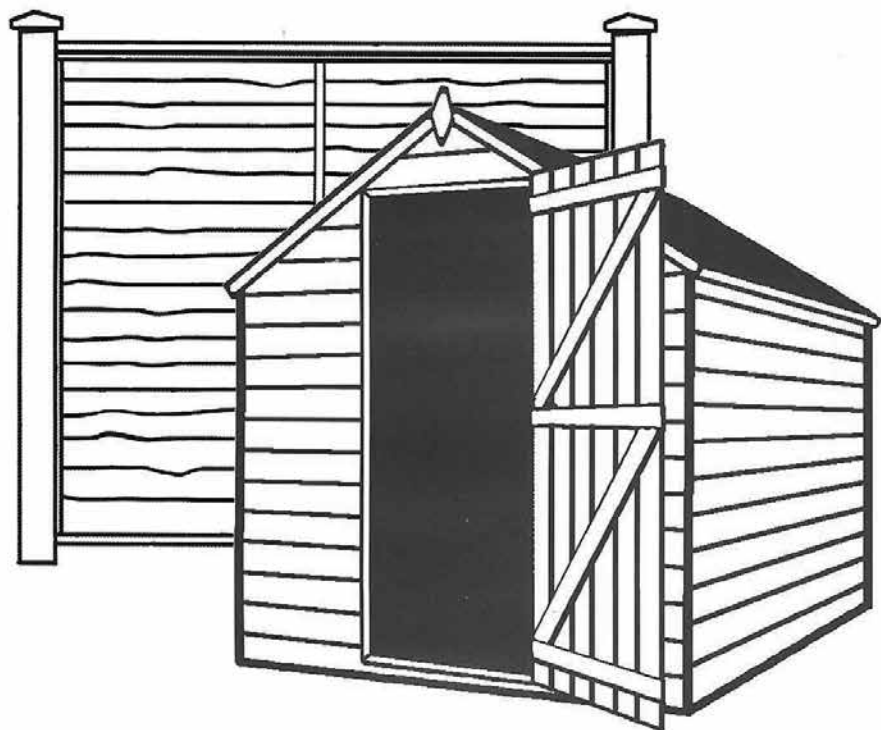
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