

A photograph of a forest path with sunlight rays filtering through the trees. The path is narrow and covered with fallen leaves and small plants. The trees are tall and dense, with sunlight creating a dappled effect on the ground.

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Editor's Note

Welcome to the November 2018 issue of the Gazette.

Our war centenary commemorative theme continues this month, starting with Jessica Blake's account of what took place at Oradour-sur-Glane in 1944 (p14). This is followed (p15) by Des Donohoe's account of his schooldays in wartime Selsdon and a report of this year's reunion of the Selsdon Primary School wartime pupils by Raymond Rowsell (p22).

David Huntly has some more news about getting to Heathrow from Selsdon (p27) and we report on a great footballing win for a team including local doctor Louis Akindele (p27).

In May this year we had an appeal from Geoff Forsdyke for unwanted items which he planned to recycle to raise money for the charity, Parkinson's UK. This month we have an update on how much has been raised and a fresh call for more of your old stuff (p30).

In Nature Notes Ted Forsyth tells us about Fungi (p38) and in Roundabout Carousel (and Sellis) give their take on the recycling bins saga (p43).

On the letters page (p58) we have a wildlife query, a follow up to last month's letter about inconsiderate users of Selsdon Woods and another letter about the bins with an intervention by Councillor Helen Pollard.

Apologies to puzzle lovers as there is no room for the crossword again this month.

A full electronic version of the Gazette is now available from the Gazette page of the SRA <https://selsdon-residents.co.uk/selsdon-gazette.php> and those of you who remember the

Croydon Country fair which was held in Selsdon Wood years ago may be interested to see the pictures of the final event in 2002 on the History of Selsdon page.

Regards,

Heather

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SRA NEWS

Gazette Delivery

The delivery of your Gazette depends totally on volunteers and we are asking for help to take delivery of the Gazette and distribute it to individual postmen and women. Some of our volunteers have been doing this for a long time and we have one or two for whom it is increasingly difficult. If you can spare two hours a month we'd love to hear from you, contact either me (details on front page of Gazette) or Wendy on 02086510470 or email wmikiel@hotmail.com

We would be always pleased if anyone could be a standby street deliverer for when our usual volunteers are either unwell or on holiday. Again contact Wendy or me. The Gazette can now be found on the SRA website (www.selsdon-residents.co.uk) from October.

The Association have paid for a website that gives us the up to date planning applications in our area and this can now be accessed by all at www.localplanningapps.co.uk/croydon/sra/anupdate/planningtable.html

I notice from that site that the nursery in Selsdon recreation ground has been granted permission.

A consultation meeting was held by the Council in the Selsdon Centre for the Retired on 15th October for the new Suburban Design Guide Supplementary Planning Guide (SPD2). This included plans for the Focused Intensification Zones (FIZ). Although Selsdon is not one of these areas we are keeping close links to other Residents' Associations that are affected e.g. Forestdale, and we will of course report anything that develops .

Bins

This has been a very hot topic in the borough these past two months. Your Councillors have been dealing with lots of enquiries. To help identify your bins and have them returned to your property the advice is to have your door number clearly marked on all the bins.

Christmas Lights

Switch-on is 5pm on Friday 24th November. See You There !!

Sheila Childs, SRA Chair

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THANK YOU FOR THE POPPIES FROM LINDA MORRIS AND THE SRA COMMITTEE

The SRA thanks all those who have contributed to our street poppy display. I was pleased to be able to send off a total of £503 (which was Gift Aided) from Selsdon to the Royal British Legion.

When I first suggested the idea, I hoped to get perhaps 10 more in addition to the 45 fixed to lamp posts and railings. Your response has surpassed my expectations – 40 in the first batch and another 24 (plus 30 for Monks Hill).

The RBL ran out of their initial supplies and we had to wait for all the extra poppies requested until they were available in late October. Requests for more kept arriving, even past the deadline dates I had given, but I hope the spares I included in the final order I sent were enough to go round.

Remember to keep your poppies when you take them down ready for next year!

Unfortunately, some of you might not read this until after Remembrance Day, depending when you get your Gazette. However, if you still wish to donate, Riddlesdown Residents Association have set up a Just Giving page. It is not just for their poppies but for anyone in Croydon who wishes to support RBL (gift aiding the donation if wished) and remember fallen friends and family. Hopefully, that page will still be active for the rest of November at least so please feel free to use it – or donate directly to the RBL.

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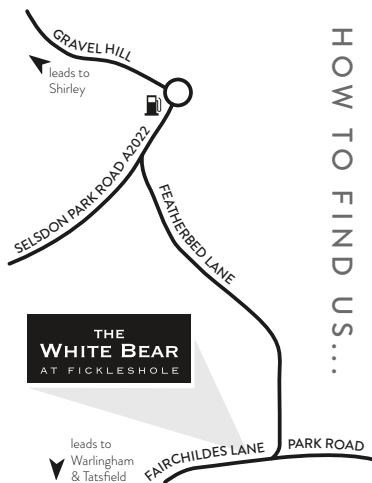
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COUNCILLORS' NOTES

Selsdon High Street Plans

Cllr Pollard has been working hard to liaise with Officers in the Council, looking at how we can get more investment and footfall onto the High Street. All four Councillors met with the regeneration team at the Council on 10th October and discussed how the Council will be assessing potential opportunities to bring more people to the area. The Council will be arranging a breakfast meeting for local businesses in the coming months.

Intensification Zone Consultation

The Council has been carrying out a consultation on its Suburban Design Guide. Once approved, this document will apply to decisions on planning applications. The proposals in the document are very worrying as it is planned to build 10,000 more homes in the suburbs. This will mean a lot of development in gardens and on green spaces, and the guide encourages the development of flats on sites where there were previously houses. The guidelines would apply to all areas in the suburbs.

The document also outlines the type of development that can be built in the intensification zone around Forestdale, on Selsdon Park Road and Gravel Hill. These areas would be subject to even bigger blocks of flats.

There was a consultation during September and October, but it was kept very low-key so not many people heard about it. The Selsdon session was on 4th October. This 'consultation' event seemed to be more about Council officers showing residents how intensification would take place in a location rather than a genuine attempt to shape policy.

We have submitted comments on the proposals and objected

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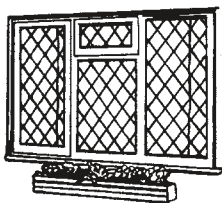
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to the fact they will fundamentally change the character of the Selsdon and other suburbs.

Selsdon Recreation Ground Playgroup

Cllr Stranack attended a planning meeting on 6th October to represent concerned residents who live around Selsdon Recreation Ground. Residents were concerned about plans to open up a playgroup in the old pavilion. The key concerns were as follows.

- Taking a small area of the park for a children's play area
- Traffic flows and problems
- Risk of anti-social behaviour
- Opening hours over the weekend

The Conservatives on the committee suggested an amendment in order to restrict hours on Saturday and not open on a Sunday. The suggestion was voted down by the Labour members. The facility will open seven days a week Mon- Fri for a 30 pupil pre-school and at weekends for children's parties/activities.

Helen, Robert, Stuart and Andy

PLANNING APPLICATIONS OCTOBER 2018

18/04768/HSE – 98 Croham Valley Road, South Croydon, CR2 7JD - Demolition of store, erection of two-storey side extension, associated alterations

18/04873/GPDO – 4A Edgecoombe, South Croydon, CR2 8AA - Erection of single-storey rear extension projecting out 5.m from the original rear building with a maximum height of 2.8metres

18/04760/LP – 13 Upper Selsdon Road, South Croydon,

CR2 8DD - Installation of roof lights on the front roofscape, erection of gable end roof extension and dormer extension in the rear roof slope

18/04761/HSE – 13 Upper Selsdon Road, South Croydon, CR2 8DD - Erection of single/two-storey front/side extension and single-storey rear extension

18/04701/LP – 4 The Ruffetts, South Croydon, CR2 7LQ - Gable build up to existing hipped roof to form loft conversion

18/04563/HSE – 2 Hoffmann Gardens, South Croydon, CR2 7GE - Alterations to the fenestration and conversion of existing garage into habitable room

18/04622/FUL – 60 Sundale Avenue, South Croydon, CR2 8RP - Alterations, erection of a single-storey rear extension

18/04204/HSE – 316 Addington Road, South Croydon, CR2 8LF - Demolition of conservatory, erection of single-storey rear extension, associated alterations

Meet Your Councillors

The Selsdon Team of Councillors will be holding surgeries in the Selsdon Centre (next to Sainsbury's) on the first Saturday of the month from 10am – 11.15am (except August).

If you have any issues you wish to discuss with your councillor please come to the surgery or get in touch by email:

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ORADOUR-SUR-GLANE

A friend suggested that as we were driving to Bordeaux we might like to visit Oradour-sur-Glane - www.oradour.org. The village is twenty kilometres from Limoges.

On June 10th 1944, the Waffen SS Unit of the Das Reich division, eliminated the entire village of Oradour-sur-Glane - 642 men, women and children.

The soldiers drove into the village, rounded up all the men and machine-gunned them, and all the women and children were locked into the church and then it was set on fire and they were burned to death. Then the soldiers burnt the village to the ground and drank 20 bottles of champagne in celebration before moving off the next day.

The French keep this entire village as a memorial and countless coach-loads of children are taken to the site. Not one child is allowed to be disrespectful and if there is any of the normal scuffling or giggles, the child is given so harsh a scolding they become very shame-faced. (We saw this for ourselves.)

Two women and five boys (probably young teenagers) escaped. The two women managed to climb through a cracked window and jumped out. One had a baby with her. The baby whimpered and both women and baby were shot by a German guard. The second woman hid behind some vegetable canes in the allotment next door after she had dragged herself there. She had been shot five times in the legs but perhaps the German thought her dead so left her.

The five boys also escaped by hiding in some rabbit hutches.

Everything has been left exactly as the community left it on that dreadful day. I vividly recall a rusting sewing machine, but what sticks out in my mind the most was a woman who

tried to save her child by pulling the pushchair into the confessional. Sadly it didn't work. How could any person listen to the screams and not want to intervene?

There is a film of the people of Oradour, on sunnier days, men and women flirting and chatting, laughing and happy, children running about and playing.

The date of the massacre was **four days after the D-Day landings**.

General De Gaulle decreed the site was to be left exactly as it was as a memorial. A new small town has been built next door to the old one.

The soldiers who carried out the massacre continued from Oradour-sur-Glane, to where the fighting was still taking place at the D-Day Landings and along the coast, and many were killed. The remainder those who took part in this atrocity were later brought to trial.

Strangely it doesn't feel macabre in the village, but peaceful. It is a reminder why power should be spread, not left in one country's or one person's hands.

Jessica Blake

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WAR TIME SCHOOL DAYS IN SELSDON 1944/45

I was told that I started school early, so it is probable that my first days at Selsdon Primary School would have been sometime in 1944. The V1 doodlebugs were certainly passing over Selsdon with some regularity. The bomb shelters for the primary school were buried in the bank at the back of the

school and above the playgrounds. There was an air raid siren outside the front of the school, so you could not miss the warning wail! But no panicked running for cover, we walked out in orderly file led by our class teachers.

Once in the shelter and settled on the long bench seats in our allotted space, the lessons continued. So it was here in the shelter that I learned my ABC and two times table. When the all clear sounded, it was back to the classroom.

Behind the shelters was a corrugated iron building which housed the school canteen. In those war time days of food shortages and strict rationing, canteen dinners must have been a godsend for our mums. Unfortunately I was a very fussy eater and whilst my older brother had canteen dinners, I hated them, especially the boiled beetroot with the Monday salad.

With the food shortages we could not leave the table or get the tasty pud, always jam tart with artificial cream (yum yum!), until we had eaten every scrap. So on most days I would sit there during the whole dinner break, obstinately looking at the plate and refusing to eat any of it.

Eventually I won the standoff and my Mum had the additional chores of coming to school each mid-morning to take me home, making my dinner and then returning me for the afternoon lessons. Virtually every school day I had egg and chips, but eggs were rationed. Where you might wonder did the eggs come from? Let me explain.

In a previous article I mentioned the “back fields”. There was a very elderly gent named Mr Hewitt who owned a smallholding in Ashen Vale. He kept some chickens but needed food for them so that they could continue to lay eggs. And the eggs were his main or probably only income. It was a government policy to provide pig bins so that all waste food: stale bread, potato peelings, food slops, etc, could be collected and fed to

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It was always rumoured (and true) that there was a lot of off-record and under-the-counter dealing going on – if you had the means to do the trade at inflated prices. There was one very poor family in Abbey Road who did not have the wherewithal to feed the hungry children and I often saw their son, who was in my class at school, rummaging through and eating stale bread from the pig bin near our house. These were hard times, very hard for some.

But I digress - back to school.

All this walking back and forth to school soon wore out our leather-soled shoes. I lived close to the school, but children were expected, and did, walk up to 3 miles to school. Over 3 miles and you could get a free bus pass, but there were very few buses and very few routes. So for most it was a case of walking. Shoes and clothes could only be bought with limited clothing coupons, so recycling was the norm. Cardboard was used as insoles to extend the life of worn out shoes, and we all wore hand-me-down clothes. My brother was three years older than me so his clothes were much too large and ill-fitting. However I do remember the pleasure of my first day at school. My Mum had bought the material (fewer coupons needed) to make my Selsdon School uniform blazer, complete with its buttons and light blue taped edging, plus some grey flannel trousers that actually fitted me. Then Cecil Ireland, Selsdon's gents' outfitters, had supplied the finishing touches – a Selsdon School cap and tie. How proud I was on my first day at school!

On another memorable sunny summer's day I was going home with my Mum for my lunchtime egg and chips, when only a few doors down from home, we heard the roar of an aircraft engine. Not unusual in wartime with three airfields close by – Kenley, Croydon and Biggin Hill - but this was

very low, skimming the roof tops. Looking up we saw a camouflaged, single engine plane with large, German insignia on fuselage and wings. We could clearly see the pilot and crewman seated behind him. The crewman was staring down at us.

“Run,” screamed my Mum, but by then the plane was roaring past us and disappearing into the distance.

Looking back, and bearing in mind that this would have been around the time of the D-Day landings, this plane was probably on a reconnaissance mission so we were in no danger. But not many of us got that close to a Luftwaffe plane at full song!

Des Donohoe

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We have already donated to "HOMELESSNESS IN CROYDON", 200 blankets, 50 duvets and sets of cutlery, which we were able to successfully bid for from Qantas Airlines.

Our future plans for 2018, include a **Race Night on NOVEMBER 17th, with a Hog Roast at Cropham Hurst Golf Club. Licensed Bar – admission £15. Sponsor a race for £100 or a horse for £10 (with prizes for sponsors of each winning horse) 6.30 for 7.00pm start. All are welcome. Details from Mike Berwick – michaelberwick344@hotmail.com**

Overall our charity collections this year will have been in excess of £12,000. So next year?

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Final details regarding our Charity Golf Day in May have yet to be finalised and we will advise further, together with the designated Charity. Details from Michael Berwick - michaelberwick344@hotmail.com

And another Jubilee Big Band Night – Friday – 14th June – Warlingham Rugby Club – with the Nigel Garrard Big Band – 7.15 for 8.00 to 10.30pm – Tickets £16 pp. Once more we will enjoy the music of Ted Heath, Count Basie, Sinatra and Ella with first class professional musicians. Contact: David C: 07889 315 854 or Cliff: 020 8651 1164.

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SELSDON PRIMARY SCHOOL WARTIME REUNION

It was about a decade ago when David Hughes journeyed from his home in the USA to his wartime scene of childhood in Selsdon. Whilst here, he gathered a group of his erstwhile school chums who met up for a reminiscent lunch. Everyone enjoyed this reunion so much that it was repeated two years later.

The task of organising what became an annual event was undertaken by Christopher Pierrepont from his rural retreat in central Wales. Much to everyone's pleasant surprise, the numbers attending increased each year, culminating in about three dozen in 2016. At that time, Christopher handed over the organising to the capable hands of Jill Maynard (née Seelig). In view of the increasing popularity of this event, Jill masterminded the change of venue to the Farleigh Golf Club. The numbers this year were slightly down. Many regulars had other commitments; a few had moved into residential homes. Others could not make the journey due to health or mobility problems. For this reason neither David Hughes nor Michael J. Fox could make the long journey this year from across the Pond. Nevertheless, they continue to be highly interested and involved in the annual proceedings.

This year, the Golf Club had reserved us their best function room (complete with lit candelabra). The general hubbub increased as reminiscences abounded and long-standing friendships of more than seventy years were renewed with much pleasure. Dr. Richard Spurring shared some interesting anecdotes about his father's surgery which was then in Endsleigh Close, off Sundale Avenue, and Pamela Pratt read her poem (see below) which powerfully evoked the memory of many outstanding teachers of that time. Their individual and collective influence is still felt today.

A vote of thanks was given to Jill for arranging the event and a flower arrangement was arranged to be delivered on her return from holiday. It was unanimously agreed by acclaim to repeat the event next year. **(The date for diaries is Wednesday, 2nd October 2019.)**

There is no doubt in my mind that the sharing of wartime stringencies and some trauma certainly cements many of these long-term friendships. After ear-wiggling throughout the proceedings, I realised that what I had attended was not just a school reunion. It was more a reunion of a rather large but united family.

Raymond Rowsell

Welcome old Selsdonians to our yearly treat

The Farleigh Golf Club is a great place to eat
Plenty of time to enjoy a drink and good food
So here we are gathered to get in the mood
To recall distant memories of yesteryear
Schooldays spent in wartime are clear
Such as the green hut for the hungry
While the new school had room for all and sundry
Mrs Penny, Miss Smith and Miss Short were at the start
Mrs Lazelle, Mrs Carr and Miss Grout took their part
Miss Fox and Miss Mead come to mind
Ruled by the Head, Nutty Almond - one of a kind
Upstairs Mr Cox, Mr Miller, the Head Mr McKay
Later Mr Hay & Mr McKay went to Riddlesdown on high.
Meanwhile life was disrupted again and again
The wail of a siren, the drone of a plane
The doodlebugs engine put fear in all
For when it stopped, they would fall
Leaving craters where houses used to be
Chaos and destruction for all to see
Meanwhile at the school lessons took place
In air-raid shelters where there was space
At the top of the steps - three in a line
Where children with gas masks spent much time
The School had to close once - 2 days in all
Every window blasted but the building stood tall
So as we enjoy ruminating and reminiscing this way
Remember to thank Jill our host for this day.

Pamela Pratt nee Green - Selsdon School 1941 - 1946

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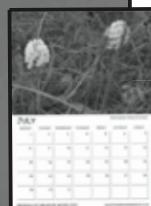
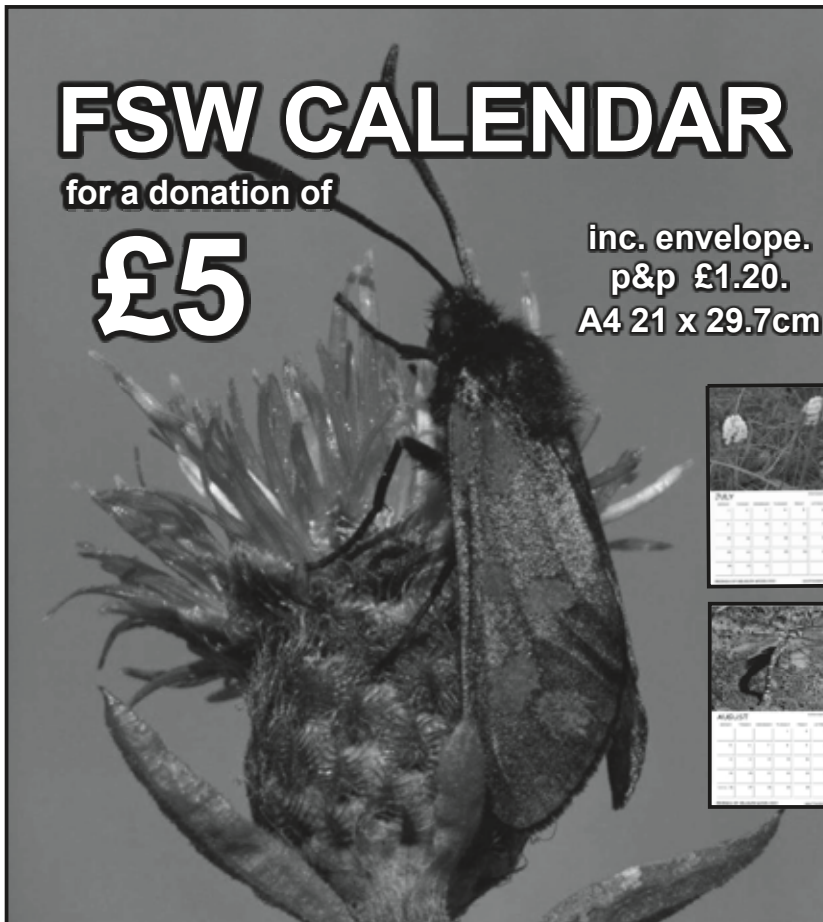
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You can get a full X26 timetable at <http://www/londonbusroutes.net/times/X26.pdf>

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David Huntley

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FOOTBALL HAS COME HOME: SELSDON DOCTOR WINS THE WORLD CUP

This was said to be the summer that England once again fell in love with the national football team. But while the England team lost out in the semi-finals of the World Cup the Great Britain Medical Football team went two steps further by winning the 'Doctors World cup' in Prague.

The world Championship of medical football teams is a yearly event in which 22 teams made up entirely of doctors from around the world compete to lift the Morell Cup. The Great

Britain squad comprised 25 players from the length and breadth of Britain, selected by two gruelling trials. It included doctors from foundation training level all the way up to consultants.

Local Farley Road Medical Practice GP, Dr Louis Akindele, has represented the side since 2010. Having lost two finals and two semi-finals this was the first time he had managed to win the competition. Selsdon local boy Dr Jamie Thoroughgood has captained the side for the last two years.

The competition began for team GB with a 4-0 victory over Ireland that was much harder fought than the score line suggests - two headed goals from Nottingham GP Jez Griffiths against the run of play in the first half swinging the match drastically. The second match was against Hungary, one of the favourites for the competition. Over a physically and tactically exhausting 80 minutes team GB won 1-0 with a late winner by Foundation doctor Guy Ansah-Palmer. The final group match against Lithuania was slightly more comfortable and GB won this 3-1 ensuring they topped the group.

The knockout stages approached and GB were drawn against Ukraine. They got off to a blistering start and led 2-0 at the end of the first half. However the Prague summer heat and skilful Ukrainian ball retention began to sap their energy. Ukraine managed to score twice to draw level and send the game to penalties.



As the tension mounted to an almost heart-stopping level throughout the shootout, Dr Louis Akindele stepped up to take the 6th penalty and, with the sangfroid of a footballing James Bond, he converted it. Goalkeeper and surgical trainee Ash Patel became the hero with the saves to send GB into the semi-finals.

Hungary had beaten Australia 1-0 in the quarterfinal. However, an appeal found that they had fielded an ineligible player, a dentist! Australia thus went through to face GB. The effects of playing four games in five days began to show on both sides but GB again won out 1-0 with a well-worked team goal leading to a goal line tap in for Foundation trainee doctor Sammy Bzeu late in the game.



The final would pit GB against hosts and favourites the Czech Republic. Having entered the competition five times, the Czechs had made the final five times and had won the tournament in the three previous years. Despite the formidable opposition, GB managed to run out 2-0 winners, superb goals from Guy Ansah-Palmer and Dave Edwards breaking the Czech resolve. The team celebrated on the pitch singing 'It's coming home' as they were drenched in champagne.

In the beautiful settings of the Palace Zofin on the banks of the Vltava river in Prague, Captain Dr Jamie Thoroughgood and Head Coach Daniel Collins were presented with the World Championship trophy. The win was celebrated through the night by the team. Two days later however the 25 doctors involved were all back in the UK and working for the NHS - forgetting their dreams of being footballers for another year at least.

Dr Louis Akindele - with a small addition by your Editor

(Photographs show Dr Akindele kissing the cup and the full team with captain Dr Thoroughgood - who works at East Surrey hospital as a general medic - in the centre holding the cup.)

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RECYCLING FOR GOOD CAUSES

I have pleasure in writing to tell you that to date this year cheques have been sent to Parkinson's UK as a result of my recycling efforts publicised in The Selsdon Gazette and the CR2 and CR6 magazines as follows:-

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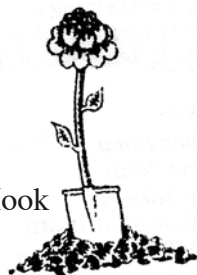
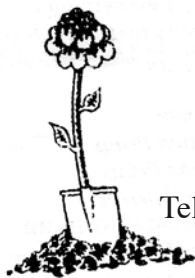
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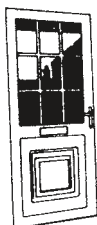
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NATURE NOTES

FUNGI IN SELSDON WOOD IN 2018

Early in the year both St George's Mushroom and Warty Amanita were found. In June we found a new fungus for Selsdon Wood – the relatively rare Oak Polypore – three specimens of which were growing on a pile of oak logs in West Gorse. During August Tony Flecchia photographed a Chicken of the Woods in Broad Walk, and another one earlier in the year was growing on a Yew tree in Court Wood. A Dryad's Saddle had returned to the usual tree stump in Stevens Walk. The strange weather this year with prolonged hot conditions and very little rain (even the thunderstorms did not last long enough to make much difference) is not really what we want to produce an abundance of fungi.

A hunt for fungi in the middle of August had some success with finds of one small Beefsteak in Noakes Way and a larger one in Langford's Way, one Shaggy Bracket low down in West Gorse and another high up on a tree in Bluebell grove, Blushing Brackets, Willow Shield, Collared Parachutes and a couple of Scarletina Boletes which had obviously provided a meal for hungry slugs. In Stevens Walk many Chicken of the Woods were found on one log.

During September Sulphur Tuft became abundant and Turkeytail and Blushing Brackets seemed to be multiplying throughout the wood. A crowd of Fairy Inkcaps occupied the base of a tree. A short fallen branch had a crop of very young (and therefore very tiny) Green Elfcup fungi. A fine display of Oyster fungi was found in Stevens Walk. Tony added Black Bulgar and Silvery Porecrust to the list while I found three young specimens of what may be a Parasol-type mushroom, plus Common Earthball and Dead Moll's Fingers. Both Sepia and Larch Boletes were found but were damaged by slugs.

With the continuing dry weather many of the softer fungi

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lasted only a few days so we approached the fungus walk in early October wondering if we would have anything to show. A visit to Littleheath, which appears to retain more moisture than does Selsdon Wood, did find a few cap-and-stem fungi in small numbers but the effect of the dry weather was shown in the absence of several species we would expect at this time of the year. However, Jane Mclauchlin, who was leading this walk, found a specimen of a tiny brown mushroom which grows inside the old husks of Sweet Chestnuts. This is usually considered to be rare but Jane suggested that was because people did not spend time looking for it. The next day was a workday in Selsdon Wood so we took the opportunity to look for the new fungus and managed to find two specimens in Bluebell Walk. Later, while planning the route for the fungus walk, I found another specimen in Greenhill Way, supporting Jane's idea that it was more common than the books suggest.

Rain finally arrived on the day of the walk, too late to have any effect so our final total of 47 species contained very few cap-and-stem fungi, though we did find a group of Ochre Brittlegills, a crowd of Shaggy Scalycaps, and towards the end of the walk added another new species for the wood – the thick black Glue Crust on a fallen twig. As rainy weather comes in we would expect more fungi to appear, perhaps waxcaps, but fungi do not have to fruit every year and their appearance is very weather dependent. There are however several species which usually fruit in winter or spring so do not stop looking!

Ted Forsyth

Editor's Note - Photographs of all these species and more can be seen on the Fungi page of the FSW website <http://www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk/funghi-etc.php>.

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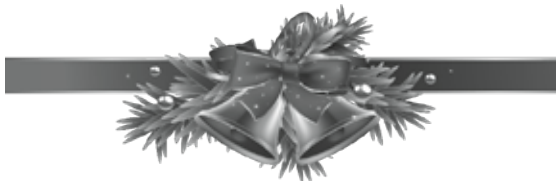
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The inauguration of the system also had problems. This was because the old and new system replicated the previous week. Thus the wrong bins were put out and this confused the bin men even more. Sellis was just one resident who failed to study a circulated information pack beforehand. Where’s Your Bin indeed.

Carousel

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4pm - Crib Service

11.30pm Midnight Mass- St John's Choir will be singing carols from 11.15pm

Tuesday 25th December 10am Christmas Communion with Carols. For all the family.

Children are encouraged to bring a small (!) present with them which they have opened already.

St John's Church, Upper Selsdon Road, South Croydon, CR2 8DD

WHAT'S ON

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

THE FORESTDALE GROUP OF GUIDES, BROWNIES AND RAINBOWS

are holding their Annual Christmas Fair at The Forestdale Forum, Pixton Way on **Sunday 25th November from 2pm to 4pm**. There will be lots of Games, Raffles and Christmas Treats.

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COMPANY CLUB welcomes lively over 45's to social events including theatre, cinema, meals out, quizzes, barbecues, walks etc.

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We follow a programme designed to develop the skills and confidence that girls need to reach their potential - as students, colleagues, parents, friends and citizens - and become the young women that they want to be.

For more information, and to register your daughter, click here <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/>.

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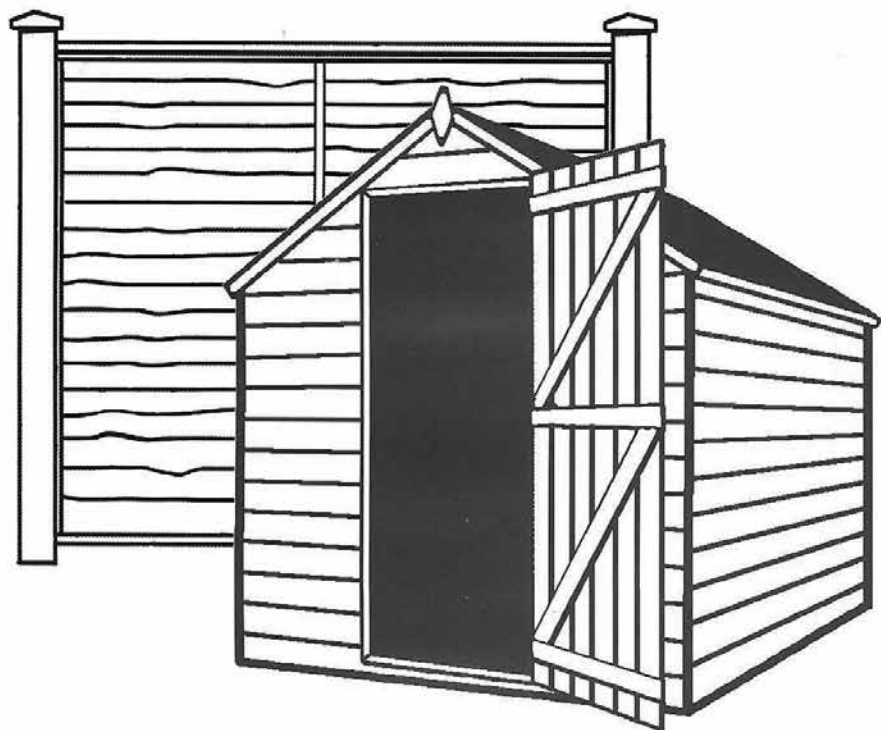
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SELSDON CENTRE BOOK CLUB

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

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

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

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THE ARTS SOCIETY SANDERSTEAD

Tuesday 27th November 2018, 10.30 - 11.45am

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For more information ring Sue Davenport on 020 8660 9122
Website: www.theartssocietysanderstead.org.uk

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THE RSPB CROYDON LOCAL GROUP

Monthly Illustrated Wildlife Talks in South Croydon

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Monday December 3rd 2018: “Birding Ecuador”. In a change to our original talk, local group member, **John Lawrence** will take us on a three-week trip from the borders of Colombia in the north to Peru in the south, traversing the “Road of Volcanoes” in search of hummingbirds and ant-pittas. **Please note that we have had to move this December talk forward by one week.**

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

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There are also interested in setting up groups elsewhere in Croydon if people would like to volunteer to lead. For more information contact bryonylittlefair@thereader.org.uk or on 07812 238375

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Rhymetime for 0-18 months. Fridays and Saturdays 10.30-11.00am.

Wiggle and Jiggle for 18 months+ Monday 11.30-12:00pm, Rhymes and singing for babies, small children and their carers. Admission free. No booking required.

Toddler and play session for under 5s. Mondays at 11:00-11:30am. Join in on our toy and games session.

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

Chess Mates, Adults, every Friday 2:00pm. Come along for a game of chess at Selsdon Library. New players of any level are welcome. Admission free. Booking required.

Monthly Activities

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

One-Off Activities

Death Café Friday 7th of December at 5-6:00. Join us for a relaxed, friendly conversation about dying, death and bereavement. Admission: Free. Booking required. Adults.

Christmas cake and coffee at Selsdon Library – 20th December 10-12:00pm. Join us at Selsdon Library for some

cake and tea to get you in the spirit of Christmas. Admission: Free. No booking required.

Selsdon Library

E-mail: Selsdonlibrary@croydon.gov.uk Tel: 020 3700 1017

For details of regular activities for children and adults in all Croydon Libraries please see: <http://www.croydon.gov.uk/leisure/libraries>

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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.

Heather Govier, Editor

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11th October - Hello Heather

A chap I know in Kersey Drive had a sparrowhawk in his front Kersey Drive garden that he videoed recently. It had eaten a pigeon in the rear garden leaving the usual spread of small feathers. Julie in AC [RSPB], who delivers our Gazette, had actually seen one attack a bird in her garden. I always thought that pigeon small feather remains were due to foxes. Our garden in recent times is almost devoid of birds and for the first time I found a half-eaten pigeon in our garden and a day later a complete dead pigeon under garden furniture. There seems to be a sparrowhawk menace around here!

I wonder whether sparrowhawks have been seen in the Nature Reserve?

Regards, Frank Kippin

Editor's Note - Please let us know of any other sightings of sparrowhawks in the area - and do send photos if you have any. Our natural history expert Ted Forsyth reports that: *"A female sparrowhawk will certainly take a woodpigeon and many of the feather piles probably come from them. A complete carcass probably suggests the bird was disturbed before it could dine! Sparrowhawks do breed in Selsdon Wood, Littleheath and Kingswood so there are plenty around to keep the pigeon population from getting too large."*

22nd October - Dear Editor

Following the recent letter in the Gazette regarding cyclists and users of Selsdon Woods, I echo his views.

I would also ask dog owners to not bag their dog waste only to hang it in trees! Whilst remembering that the woods are there for a number of users, please could we ALL be considerate to others. Please educate your children to not approach dogs they don't know - not all are aggressive but parents rarely tolerate their children being sniffed at or accidentally knocked over by a playful dog.

Last, but by no means least, if you are aware that your dog likes to 'be the boss', can 'be a bit grumpy' or dominate others, please be reminded that not everyone wants to own an aggressive dog, or for theirs to become one as a result of your dog's behaviour and it is a LEGAL responsibility for you to ensure that your dog is wearing a collar and ID tag at all times (Control of Dogs Order 1992). You might consider your dog to be of a 'family friendly' breed but all too often of late I have discovered that not to be the case. If you know your dog

will be aggressive to others it is ENTIRELY YOUR responsibility to ensure that your dog is on a lead at ALL times.

We are spoilt to have such a beautiful space on our doorstep, and most users of the woods act responsibly and there are a lot of people who travel from outside the area for this reason. Please could we ALL show consideration for others to ensure that it remains as such for all.

Thank you. Name and address withheld.

10th October - Dear Editor,

I have contacted the council regarding the lack of recycling box collection in this area as promised by the council weekly newsletter. The attached email chain shows the exchanges/responses, fairly one-sided as you will see. Would it be possible for this issue pursued as the Gazette has done with issues in the past please ? There may be residents in the local area who have no transport to get to the tip or who are elderly and also unable to get to the local tip.

Kind Regards, *Lisa Prigg*

Question to Contact the Council 5th October - My old recycling bins and my neighbours have still not been collected and they have been at the end of my drive for 2 weeks now, when will this happen?

Response from Customer Services Contact Centre 8th October - Dear Miss Prigg, Thank you for your email , apologies for the delay in response. Unfortunately , if your boxes have not been collected , you will need to take them to your local recycling centres or you will need to book a bulky waste collection to have them removed. Apologies for the inconvenience caused.

Reply 8th October - I am sorry but that is just not good enough, you sent out an email promising that they would be collected and they haven't. I didn't want to have four wheelie bins cluttering up my driveway in place of the old boxes, which I have room for indoors, so the bare minimum you

should do is keep your promises and collect the old boxes or come and collect the wheelie bins, that I don't want, so that I can carry on using the small bins. They dustmen come every week and thoughtfully leave the wheelie bins spread across my drive so that I can't drive on to it, so why can't they collect them.

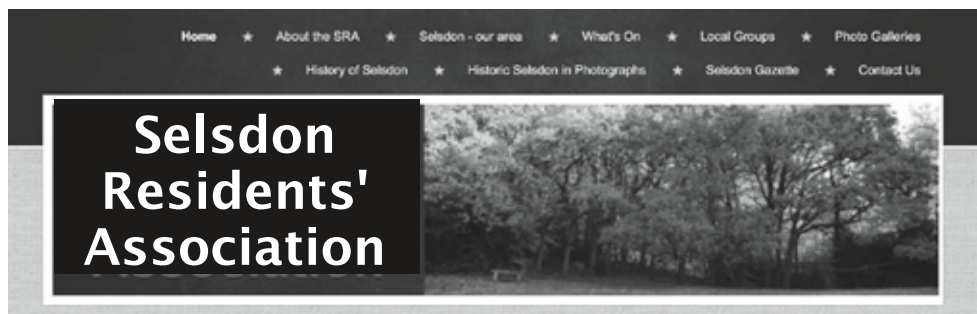
Follow up 10th October - Thank you for your non-response to my last email, I guess that you have chosen to ignore the issue raised. There are a lot of bins in my local area that are still out that you have decided not to collect, let me remind you that we all pay our council tax and have as much right to the promised council services that have not been delivered. I will now be looking at ways to pursue this matter as it is a totally unacceptable scenario that has been forced upon us by an inept council.

Editor's Note - Lisa contacted me on 10th October and I forwarded her email chain to Councillor Helen Pollard who replied as follows:

Message from Councillor Helen Pollard 10th October - Hi Heather, We have had many complaints about the new bins but this is a new one! It is disappointing that the Council thinks it is OK to promise something and then not carry it out. Even more disappointing that they then do nothing about it. They should be ensuring the contractor delivers the service that has been agreed, not just giving up on enforcement and leaving the resident to pick up the pieces. I have reported the issue to the Council and I hope they see sense and collect the bins from Miss Prigg's property. I am happy if you want to use any text from this email. If I get a response from the Council I will forward it to you. Kind regards Helen

Response from Customer Services Contact Centre 11th October - Dear Miss Prigg, Thank you for your email, apologies for the delay in response. The collection of unwanted recycling boxes is still ongoing for the next two weeks. Crews are working hard to collect them as soon as they can. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Editor's Note - Many thanks to Councillor Helen Pollard for chasing this up. The response to Cllr Pollard from Steve Isles, Director of Public Realm, on 15th October covered much the same ground as those sent to Lisa Prigg on 8th and 11th October. Sadly at the time of writing (20th October) the boxes had still not been collected.



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- **Local Groups** (clubs, churches and societies)
- **What's On** (local events in the next 2 months)
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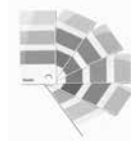
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Forestdale & Selsdon Community Church		8657 0078
St John the Divine (Church of England)	Parish Office	8657 2343
Selsdon Baptist	Office	8651 4308
St Columba's (Roman Catholic)		8657 3747
St Francis (Church of England)	Monks Hill	8657 7864
Croydon Jubilee Church	Office	8651 2807
Upper Selsdon Road Hall (Christian meeting place)		8657 2417
Church of Jesus Christ of LDS	Bishop Hawkins	01883 349914

DOCTORS, DENTISTS & EMERGENCY CARE

Farley Road Medical Practice	8651 1222
Queenhill Medical Practice	8651 1141
Selsdon Park Medical Practice	8657 0067
Croydon University Hospital (formerly Mayday Hospital, 24/7)	8401 3000
New Addington Minor Injuries Unit (Mon-Fri 14:00-22:00/Sat-Sun 12:00-22:00)	8251 7225
Purley War Memorial Hospital (Urgent Care Centre, 08:00-20:00, 365 days/year)	8401 3238

CLUBS, GROUPS & CHARITIES

CONTACT (neighbourhood care)	Andy Stranack	8651 4944
Selsdon Centre for the Retired	Craig Anderson	8651 1111
Croydon Hearing Resource Centre	Office	8686 0049
Bourne Society	Roger Packham	01883 349287
Croydon Natural History & Scientific Society	Brian Lancaster	8668 6909
Croydon Recorded Music Society	Liz Brereton	8656 7382
Croydon Voluntary Association for the Blind		8668 2486
Cruse Bereavement Care Helpline		8916 0855
Friends of Littleheath Woods	Ian Leggatt	8651 1140
Friends of Selsdon Wood	Heather Govier	8657 0423
Rainbows, Brownies, Guides & Senior Section		
Girlguiding UK: http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get_involved.aspx		0800 169 5901
Police (Selsdon & Ballards SNT)	Beat Officer:	8721 2464
RSPB, Croydon Local Group	John Davis	8640 4578
Rotary Club of Croydon South	Wendy A Parr	07774 186792
Probus Club of Croydon South	John Barker	8657 2093
St John's Dramatic Society	Caryl Rapps	8651 1326
St John's Wives	Jane Guglielmi	8657 6672
Sanderstead Plantation Partners	Michael Lishmund	020 8651 2760
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Beaver Colony (6-8yrs)	James Gordon	07855735722
Cub Pack (8-10yrs)	Louise Baker	07737 404668
Scouts Troop (10-14yrs)	Ken Jackson	07789 641112
Croham Valley Explorers	Anthony Woodin	020 8651 3780
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