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Editor's Note

Welcome to the November edition of the Gazette and I make no apologies for including many events, happening in our area leading up to the Christmas holidays. The first of these is the switch-on of the new Christmas lights along our high street on Friday 28 November at 5pm with Father Christmas making an appearance in his sleigh and wanting to meet as many children as possible in his grotto outside Iceland. The SRA are also running two competitions at the moment: the 'Design the Gazette Christmas Cover' competition for primary school children; and the 'Design the 100th Anniversary of the SRA Gazette Cover' competition for all ages. Details of both competitions are in this Gazette, so get your paint brushes out! We also have details from the Sanderstead and Selsdon Rotary about the dates for Father Christmas's visits to the roads in Selsdon during early December.

The cover photo this month shows the winning vegetable in the SRA's 'Grow the largest Vegetable' competition. Details of other bumper vegetables grown are in this Gazette. There is also a report about the Autumn SRA Litter Pick carried out in late September. I was pleased to hear from a young scout about encouraging others to join our local scout packs as scouts or leaders, and I also carry a report about the annual 'Ark-Toberfest' held by our very own Golden Ark this October. Sadly, we have a tribute to local conservationist, Matthew Frith, who tragically died too young, recently.

In this month's gazette, Ian Leggatt concludes his account of St John the Divine, Ted Forsyth considers the plumage of birds, our Gardening Tips gives us a long list of jobs to complete before winter comes, and Mary Gill gives us a poem about how refreshing rainfall can be. We have a special feature examining the current law about the use of E-scooters on our pavements and roads, and this month's quiz tests your knowledge of trees to celebrate National Tree Week in November.

As always, please keep your photos, letters, poems and articles coming in. Tell me what you think of the new Christmas Lights. This magazine is for Selsdon, so it is good to hear about things affecting local residents. (selsdongazettesra@gmail.com)

Chris Jones

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

SRA NEWS 'n' VIEWS



As our 100th year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have voluntarily contributed their time and effort to help make it a success. I will not name names specifically in case I omit anyone, but we are very grateful to all those who helped with

the research for the historical displays, the displays themselves, the guided walks, 'gardening' of the railing troughs, planters and the Selsdon Community Garden - including the spreading of a large load of wood chips around some new plants there. Celebrations will continue into 2026 – watch for details on Facebook, our website, the Gazette, etc.

Over Wintering of the SRA's Geraniums

Talking of volunteers, it is now the time for me to ask again for help in trying to keep our geraniums from the planters and troughs over the winter, so perhaps we will not have to buy quite so many, next year. We do not hold anyone responsible if the plants don't survive but, if you do have a frost-free place where you could try to keep a few for us, it would very helpful – there are only so many I can fit on my window sill! They need hardly any attention during the winter, so you don't need to be a skilled gardener; just pick off leaves as they die back and give them a little water once every 4- 6 weeks, until they show signs of regrowth in the spring. A spare corner in a sunny greenhouse, conservatory or porch - or a window sill in a fairly cool room is the only space you need. Please let me know (use 07979 002547, but by text, so I don't delete it as an unknown caller!) if you can take on a few for me.

Christmas Lights and Switch-On Event

The SRA are hoping to round off our centenary year with a new set of Selsdon Christmas lights. They, the electricity and the switch-on event are not funded by the council but only by the SRA funds, augmented by your donations and those from some of our traders. We appreciate everyone's

support but we do usually have a shortfall, so please be as generous as you can when you see a collecting tin or when paying your subs and/or donation. Or you can donate by registering to support Selsdon Christmas Lights on Easyfunding - without paying a penny! They simply pay a small proportion to us, of what you spend with a lot of different online traders including Sainsburys, M&S, John Lewis, Tui, and many others. The pennies do soon make a tidy sum, so please sign up!

The lights will be switched on as usual by Father Christmas as he checks out Selsdon (courtesy of a sleigh loaned by the Sanderstead and Selsdon Rotary Club) to find out if all the children are well behaved before his big delivery night! Anyway, do come along to give him a cheer on Friday 28th November at 5pm and to meet him afterwards. Greenvale Primary School Choir will be singing outside the Village Club from about 4.40pm.

News in the Selsdon Area

Away from SRA activities, we always try to keep an eye on what is happening in our area.

As I write, we have again reported the failed traffic lights to TfL and to our MP in the hope they will be repaired more quickly than last time. The SRA also attend the East Surrey Transport Committee on your behalf and are constantly raising the issues of the 433 buses being turned around short of East Croydon or Selsdon Vale, and the illogical diversions of buses in the Selsdon, Sanderstead & Purley areas, so we hope things might improve. Lastly, to make a change from questions about Birch (we have again been assured there are no asylum seekers there and no plans to house them there), we see that there are plans for Wetherspoons to open a pub at Coombe Lodge. It seems it is due to open on 10th December. We do not know if it is to include a Wetherspoons hotel too which could be why they are opening a pub in a location with no immediate access to public transport to get home. As long as it is an extra location and not instead of our Wetherspoons!

Linda Morris, Vice Chair, SRA

COUNCILLORS' NOTES FROM JOSEPH LEE

SELSDON PARK ROAD RESURFACING

Residents have welcomed the recent resurfacing on Selsdon Park Road, part of Croydon Council's £12.5 million Highways Investment Programme approved in 2024.

The works, which took place near Nos. 191–213 earlier this year, were aimed at improving the road surface and reducing wear and tear. The smoother surface has already made a noticeable difference for local drivers.

ABANDONED VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT

Mayor Perry has taken a firm, no-nonsense stance on abandoned, untaxed and unroadworthy vehicles that blight neighbourhoods across Croydon. His zero-tolerance approach has seen the council issue Community Protection Notices, deployed CCTV, and carry out the rapid removal and destruction of vehicles left for long periods on public roads. For example, in Thornton Heath, vehicles that were unregistered, without MOTs, and blocking parking spaces were removed and destroyed after prior warnings went unheeded. The goal, he says, is to 'restore pride in Croydon's streets' and make sure residents aren't left dealing with rusting cars, blocked parking and antisocial behaviour in their own neighbourhoods.

NEW BUSINESS OPENING ON THE HIGH STREET

We welcome a new business to the High Street, where Dawat Indian & Pakistani Restaurant and Takeaway is preparing to open its doors. Dawat, which already operates several successful branches across London, is known for its authentic Indian cuisine, elegant interiors and warm service. The Selsdon branch is currently being fitted out and is expected to open very soon – a welcome addition that's sure to spice up the local dining scene.

A warm welcome in advance to Dawat and best wishes for their upcoming launch. It's great to see new businesses choosing Selsdon as their next home.

CLEARING HISTORIC FINANCIAL BACKLOG

For the first time in years, Croydon Council's accounts have been officially approved. This is an important step in fixing the financial problems the council faced in the past. When the previous Labour administration was in charge, Croydon got into serious financial trouble and even went bankrupt – the only council in London to do so. Large amounts of money were lost on failed projects such as Brick by Brick, and the council's accounts couldn't be signed off for several years.

Since Jason Perry became Mayor in 2022, the council has been working to sort out its finances, rebuild trust and ensure everything is properly managed. Getting the accounts signed off shows that real progress has been made and that Croydon is finally back on track.



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BLITZ CLEAN OF SELSDON HIGH STREET

Cleaner Croydon blitz clean coming to Selsdon this November. As part of Mayor Perry's ongoing commitment to improving the borough's environment, Croydon Council is carrying out a series of 'blitz cleans' under the Cleaner Croydon campaign to help restore pride in our community.

We are pleased to confirm that Selsdon will be included in the programme, with the clean-up scheduled to take place in November. We look forward to seeing the positive impact this initiative will have on our local area.

CONTACT YOUR COUNCILLORS

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

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Robert.ward@croydon.gov.uk

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25/03118/ADV - Two digital 75-inch LCD display screens, one on each side of the Street Hub unit.

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25/02345/HSE - Erection of a detached open fronted double garage in front garden.

Greenvale Primary School, Sandpiper Road South Croydon CR2 8PR

25/02355/FUL - Demolition of the existing 2 prefabricated classrooms to the north of the main school building and the erection of a two storey building to the south to accommodate four classrooms

10 Upper Selsdon Road South Croydon CR2 8DE

25/03066/GPDO - Erection of a single storey rear extension which projects

out from the rear wall of the original house by 4 metres, with an eaves' height of 2.65 metres and a maximum roof height of 3 metres.
25/03065/LP - Erection of a hip to gable roof extension, dormer extension in the rear roof slope and roof lights in the front roof slope

*Remember that you can use this website to view planning applications
[http://www.localplanningapps.co.uk/croydon/sra/anupdate/planning table.html](http://www.localplanningapps.co.uk/croydon/sra/anupdate/planning%20table.html)*

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MP Natasha Irons' Report

Member of Parliament for Croydon East

Dear Selsdon,

Lloyds Bank has announced plans to close its New Addington branch on 14 January 2026. This decision follows the closures of Santander on North End and NatWest on Lower Addiscombe Road and in the Whitgift Centre. As some of you will know, when I pushed for a banking hub in Selsdon last year to improve access to banking services, LINK – the independent organisation that assesses cash access – stated that one wasn't needed because there was a bank in New Addington. But now, that very bank is being shut.

The assessment carried out by LINK was incomplete. It was stopped at stage two after LINK identified nearby cashpoints. However, they did not assess the impact on residents with disabilities, elderly people, small business owners or the time it takes for Selsdon and New Addington residents to travel into Croydon town centre.

It is unacceptable that such an important decision has been taken by Lloyds without a proper impact assessment. That's why I have appealed to LINK, asking them to redo their assessment and recommend that New Addington gets a banking hub. I have also met with Lloyds Bank to raise my concerns and will be meeting with LINK shortly. I'll keep you updated on the outcome of my campaign.

Residents have also been in touch about the Selsdon Garage site on Addington Road. In April, Croydon Council confirmed plans to demolish the existing garage and build a six-storey development with 35 flats and a ground-floor commercial unit. My office was informed that work would begin in August, but this has not yet happened. I have written to the developers for an update and will share details as soon as I receive a response.

I'm pleased to announce that Croydon will benefit from the Government's Inactivity Trailblazer scheme, which will provide targeted support to help more people into work. Unlike traditional employment programmes, this scheme gives local areas the power to design solutions that tackle the root causes of economic inactivity, such as poor mental health, low skills and social isolation.

Support on offer will include help with CV preparation, employer engagement to create job opportunities, mental health and confidence-building support, and initiatives linked to local growth plans.

This is fantastic news for Croydon. It means more people will receive the tailored support they need to rebuild confidence and find meaningful work – especially young people looking to take their first steps into employment.

By the time this column goes to print, I will have hosted my Selsdon coffee morning at Forestdale Forum. I hold these events regularly across the constituency to give residents the chance to speak with me face to face about their local concerns and priorities.

If you couldn't make it this time but would like to attend a future coffee morning, please email natasha.ironson@parliament.uk. You can also sign up for my monthly email updates by scanning the QR code below.



See you next month,
Natasha

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- New Deliverer needed from January 2026 for Norfolk Avenue. This is a round of 55 copies for 1-63 (odd numbers) and 2-42 (even numbers).
- Temporary Distributor needed for February & March 2026. This involves dropping off delivery rounds to 7 houses in York Road, Greville Avenue & Abbey Road.



Please contact Chris Jones selsdongazettesra@gmail.com if you can help.



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**Greet and meet Father Christmas at the
Selsdon Christmas Lights switch on
Friday 28 November at 5pm**



**Festive songs from Greenvale Primary
School outside the Village Club from
4.40pm**

**Seasonal refreshments from Selsdon
Baptist Church and local cafes**

**Welcome Father Christmas at about 5pm when the
SRA lights display comes on as he drives down the
road on his sleigh. Father Christmas is provided by the
Sanderstead and Selsdon Rotarians. Come and meet
him afterwards at his grotto by Iceland.**



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Your artwork can have any Christmas theme, but it has to be your own work, nothing downloaded.

The orientation can be portrait or landscape but please remember to leave a space for the Selsdon Gazette title or have a full page design that would allow the title to be printed over it and not spoil your picture.

The winning entry will be the colour cover for the December Gazette, whilst the runner up will appear on the back cover. There will be prizes for the winner and the runner up.

Remember you've got to be in it, to win it!



Update from our Local Police

This month the team have been working proactively to carry out hot spot area patrols, tackle anti-social behaviour and to maintain and increase community engagement. Part of this programme has involved working with John Ruskin College, with officers carrying out a knife arch in the morning

between the times students would be arriving at school. This resulted in a quantity of drugs being seized and an offensive weapon being seized as well as one arrest of an individual. Officers have also worked with John Ruskin to tackle theft from the Esso petrol garage, where two individuals were bought in for voluntary interviews. Students have been advised to not enter the Esso petrol garage by their head teacher.

The officers were made aware by a local resident on Met engage about a moped that had been left in a suspicious location for a couple of days. Officers went to look for the moped and discovered it to be stolen. The registered keeper was contacted who came and collected their moped. This was a very good outcome for both the officers and the registered keeper.

While on mobile patrol, officers came across a car parked on a road that appeared abandoned due to the condition that the car was left in. After checks were done on the vehicle it became apparent that the vehicle had no registered keeper and was on false plates. Due to no report being made that the car had been stolen, we got in contact with the council who came to recover and move the vehicle. During these patrols officers have also carried out positive stop and searches of hot spot areas for Anti-social behaviour. This has resulted in drugs being seized and taken off the streets and suitable outcomes have been issued to the individuals involved.

Officers have also worked alongside the Dog Section Unit to carry out a warrant on an address suspected to have a banned breed of dog living there. This warrant resulted in one dog being seized as it was a banned breed.



Officers are still holding different events such as street briefings and 'Cuppa with a Copper' Events. These are all advertised on Met Engage, they happen monthly and we would love to meet you, so please come along to these to meet your local policing team. We are hand delivering letters to individual streets, but everyone is invited to attend these events. We hope these letters will make the invitation more personal to encourage residents to come along. Details of these events can be found on the Met Police website for each ward as well as Met Engage. These are a brilliant chance for residents to meet their local officers and to raise any concerns they may have.

Best wishes,
PC Summer Ross

Contacting the Police

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

Emergencies – 999, Non-emergency crime - 101

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

Residents should use the following email addresses which have been recently updated:

Selsdon & Addington Village:

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Selsdon Vale & Forestdale:

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Good Time for Gardening – November

It's getting colder and wetter as we draw into November. Trees are putting on their autumn displays and winter stems start to come into their own. Here are a list of jobs for you.

- Insulate your outdoor containers from frosts. Use hessian or bubble wrap held in place with garden twine.
- Prevent containers becoming waterlogged by raising them off the ground for the winter using bricks or 'pot feet'.
- Encourage hungry birds into your garden by investing in bird baths and bird feeders.
- Protect roses from wind-rock by pruning them by one-third to half their height. This will stop them swaying in strong wind and prevent roots coming loose in the soil.
- Remove fallen leaves from around the base of any rose bushes which suffered from blackspot or rust this summer, to reduce the chance of reinfection next year.
- Keep planting onion, shallot, and garlic sets. Dig over heavy soils adding organic matter before planting.
- Place a scaffold plank on the ground along the main access route into your plot. This allows access but prevents the soil compacting as you walk across it.
- Stake top-heavy brassica and leafy green plants. Draw up some soil around the base of their stem to prevent wind from rocking the plant and causing damage to the roots.
- Check over your summer harvest of onions and garlic, removing any



rotting bulbs immediately. Try using onion bags to improve air flow around the bulbs.

- Check stored potatoes and remove any that are rotting. Use hessian sacks to store your potatoes to allow the crop to breathe.
- Plant out currant plants as bare roots this month, while they're in their dormant state. Plant bare root raspberry plants now for a delicious home-grown crop.
- Tidy up your strawberry plants, cutting off any dead leaves and removing runners.
- Prune apple and pear trees anytime between now and February. Don't prune your plum trees now as they will be susceptible to the silver leaf fungus - wait until midsummer.
- Remove the top netting from fruit cages as heavy snow in winter will make it sag.
- Aerate your lawn now before winter sets in. Either use a lawn aerator or simply insert a garden fork at regular intervals and lean it back slightly to let air in.
- Continue to clear fallen leaves off the lawn to keep it healthy using a light rake.
- Edge the lawn. This is easier to do in the winter months once beds are clear. Lawn edging creates a neat and tidy appearance and makes maintenance easier throughout the year.
- Reuse spent compost from annual container displays as a mulch on your garden beds and borders.
- Sweep up debris and fallen leaves from paths and beds to prevent fungal spores, slugs and snails from overwintering.
- Lift and relocate plants if you need to when they are dormant.



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Red Dots Before the Eyes in Littleheath Woods

Observant visitors to the woods will notice that some of the trees along the western stretch of the Vanguard Way are now supporting red dots. This is in preparation for the creation of a second ride following the success of the one created between the two fields a couple of years ago. Rides are linear, open corridors of access through a woodland, created to allow sunlight to reach the ground and provide pathways for walking or vehicle use. The forestry team is expected to start work here over this coming winter.

Rides are an extremely important addition to woodlands, greatly enriching and increasing biodiversity. Look out for more information on rides in the next Gazette edition.

Chris Hyde, FOLW Work Party Co-Ordinator

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SRA Autumn Clean Up Saturday 27 September

The sun shone brightly for our last community litter pick of the year. 29 happy helpers, including the 9th Selsdon Brownies, the SRA Committee and our regular core of wonderful residents all collected a picker and sack and set off to see what Selsdon had to offer in the way of litter.



Only 1 gas canister this time, but 3 individual gardening gloves, crisp packets, tissues, food boxes, plastic bottles, etc. On the whole, the feeling was that the litter was less than on previous occasions and in part it was thought this might be due to the sterling band of Selsdon Street Champions (if you would like to know

more about improving the environment in your local area, please contact champions@croydon.gov.uk) together with a growing awareness of how much nicer Selsdon is without the litter.

Thank you to everyone who has helped in making Selsdon a cleaner place to live and thank you to the Sir Julian Huxley, as always, for our well-earned complimentary hot drink at the close of the pick. Always appreciated.

Su Yates

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Friends of Selsdon Wood
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Saturday 15th November at 1pm - Autumn/Winter Tree Appreciation

- led by the Friends of Selsdon Wood

Meet at the Old Farleigh Road Car Park



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St John the Divine, WW2 Bombing, continued

In last month's piece we saw that Ted Frith records that the bombs which caused severe damage to St John the Divine Church on 26th October 1940 were High Explosive (HE) Oil Bombs. However, oil bombs used

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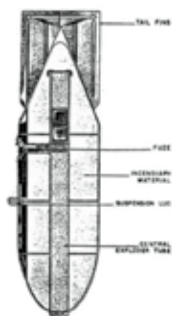
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in the first Blitz were only charged with sufficient HE, in the form of TNT (Trinitrotoluene), to ignite the petrol / benzene mix.

A High Explosive Oil Bomb (Flammenbombe)



The diagram shows a large incendiary bomb used by the Germans, known as the Flam 500 (Flammenbombe) There was also a 250kg version.

The Flam 500 was about 1.8m long with a diameter of 0.5m, containing over 150kg of flammable material, an oil incendiary mixture of 30% benzene, 70% petroleum, with a TNT bursting charge.

These bombs were made of relatively thin material so did not tend to penetrate deep into the ground but broke up on impact. Failure was relatively common and the liquid contents would spill without igniting. Due to poor reliability, they were infrequently used after 1940.



St John the Divine
from Google Street View



Detail of damage to St John the Divine
from photo in Croydon Library Archives

There is some confusion around whether the contemporary report of two HE oil bombs is correct. The image, above right, is of blast damage to the Church and, moreover, the nearby Hall is reported as being destroyed in the attack. The Flammenbombe was designed to burst on impact and the report of oil being washed away down the road indicates that not all the flammable liquid ignited. At this time in the Blitz the Nazis were combining High Explosive and Oil bombs in their nighttime raids:

On the night of 20th September 1940 Bennetts Avenue and Langland Gardens in Shirley received 1 HE Bomb and 1 Oil Bomb.

On the night of 22nd September 1940 Coombe Farm received 1 HE Bomb and 1 Oil Bomb.

On the night of 5th October, 1940, the Selsdon Park Road area received 2 HE Bombs and 1 Oil Bomb. It therefore seems likely that 'our' flammenbomben were accompanied by 'conventional' high explosive bombs and the damage to our Church and Hall was caused by them, not incendiary oil bombs.

Sir Arthur Harris, wartime Head of Bomber Command, wrote after the war: "In the early days of bombing, our notion, like that of the Germans, was to spread an attack out over the whole night, thereby wearing down the morale of the civilian population. The result was, of course, that an efficient fire brigade could tackle a single load of incendiaries, put them out, and wait in comfort for the next to come along; they might also be able to take shelter when a few high explosives bombs were dropping. But it was observed that when the Germans did get an effective concentration, then our fire brigades had a hard time; if a rain of incendiaries is mixed with high explosives bombs there is a temptation for the fireman to keep his head down."

Ian Leggatt

Again, I am indebted to the journals of Ted Frith for the germ of this article. Research into the type of incendiary bombs which were dropped by the Nazis in the Blitz made me query whether the contemporary account was correct. My further investigation leaves me convinced that St John the Divine, on the night of 26th October 1940, took hits of High Explosive and at least one Oil Bomb.

*The details of the Germans Oil Bomb are from the excellent **Bombs Away UXO** website. The detailed information regarding local hits of HE bombs combined with Oil Bombs is from the Facebook site 'Croydon at War' which is a highly detailed source of information relating to the impact on Croydon, Military and Civilian, during both World Wars.*

The contemporary report reproduced in last month's article, states that the bombing took place 'exactly 5 years after the new church had been consecrated'. However, the Church was consecrated on 17th October 1936. The foundation stone was dedicated on 26th October 1936, 5 years prior to the bombing.

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SALES CONSULTANT

Steve is a local resident and started his career in Estate Agency in the early 1980's and has extensive experience in residential and commercial sales and lettings.



Kim Mitchell-Gears
DIRECTORS PA
& OFFICE MANAGER

Kim has a passion for property and has a wealth of knowledge in the property market having worked in every aspect of property for in excess of 20 years.



Bernadette Atkinson
TEAM ADMINISTRATOR /
OFFICE CO-ORDINATOR

Bernadette has had a career as a PA in corporate law and investment management in London. Bernadette has always been interested in property, having worked in real estate law and is an avid viewer of property shows.



Hayley Rozario
SALES CO-ORDINATOR

Hayley brings a wealth of experience in customer service, organisation, and attention to detail. Now diving into a field she's genuinely passionate about, Hayley has found her stride in property. Born with a natural knack for working with people.



Lucy Barretto
SALES PROGRESSOR

Lucy commenced her career in property 4 years ago with a keen interest in property. Lucy enjoys sale progression in trying to succeed with every challenge that may unfold throughout the moving process.



Fiona Martin
NEGOTIATOR &
HOME VIEWER

Fiona grew up locally and has a strong customer service background. In particular, in relocations and residential lettings.



Amy Peto
SALES NEGOTIATOR

Amy has always had an interest in property and people. Amy brings with her immense enthusiasm, attention to detail, is methodical and always goes above and beyond whenever possible.



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Local people.
Local knowledge

We recently learned about the death of one of the distinguished sons of Selsdon, Mathew Frith, on 14th August, a sad loss at only 64 years old from a brain tumour. Here Pam Holden pays tribute to him.

MATHEW FRITH, Urban Nature Conservationist

Mathew was the first son of Ted and Margaret Frith of Queenhill Road. Ted, SRA secretary for many years, wrote numerous articles on the history of Selsdon. Mathew also contributed with interesting nature notes.

From his cub-scouting days in Selsdon, Mathew showed a wide knowledge of insects and plants and impressed his young friends and scouters when searching with his butterfly net on cub holidays. Later he discovered a Busy Lizzie during his expedition to Highland Cameroon which bears his name, *Impatiens frithii*.

During his life Mathew championed the preservation of valuable sites, such as Hutchinsons's Bank, a narrow 35-acre strip in Addington famed for its high diversity of butterflies and moths and a rich selection of chalk-loving plants, Woodberry Wetlands in Hackney, and his beloved Croham Hurst where he roamed as a child with his siblings, Penny and Toby. In 2023 he received an MBE for services to the natural environment.



Here are the words from his colleagues at the London Wildlife Trust.

It is with the deepest sadness that we share the news that our dear friend and colleague, Mathew Frith (Director of Research), has passed away after a long illness. Mathew was, in many ways, the heart and soul of

London Wildlife Trust. His passion for nature, his commitment to London's wild spaces, and his unwavering belief in the power of community have shaped the Trust into what it is today.

For decades, Mathew championed the idea that London's wildlife and people are inseparable. His leadership and insight have guided countless nature conservation and recovery projects in London and inspired new generations of conservationists. Whether it was creating wetlands like Woodberry, protecting woodlands like Sydenham Hill, or speaking up for urban nature in the face of immense challenges, Mathew approached everything with humility, courage, and a rare generosity of spirit. Beyond his extraordinary professional achievements, Mathew had the gift of making everyone feel valued, listened to, and supported. His warmth, humour, kindness and occasionally grumpiness (mainly at computers) will be remembered so fondly by all who had the privilege of knowing and working alongside him. We are taking time as an organisation to remember Mathew properly and to honour his legacy. We will share details soon about how we will honour Mathew's life, and please do share your own memories of Mathew with us. Mathew's vision and dedication to London's nature recovery will live on in the work we all do for the wild places he loved, for the forgotten corners of London and for the people he inspired.

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The SRA has had several enquiries about the legal use of e-scooters in Selsdon, so I did some research and found this information from the Metropolitan Police.

E-SCOOTERS AND THE LAW

What is the law on e-scooters?

Currently in the UK, you can legally buy an e-scooter, but you cannot ride it on a public road, cycle lane or pavement. The only place it can be used is on private land.

The reason for this is that e-scooters are treated as motor vehicles by the Department of Transport and are subject to the same legal requirement as other vehicles, such as MOT, licensing, tax and insurance. Because they don't always have number plates, signalling ability or visible rear lights, they cannot be used legally on the roads.





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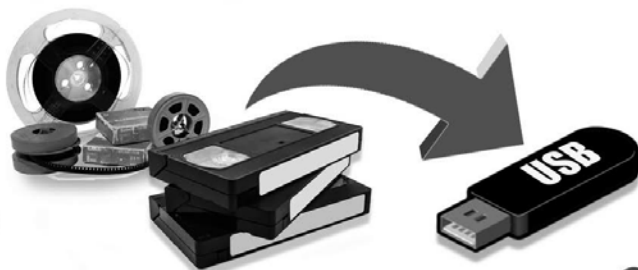
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What happens if I am stopped by the police?

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- A Fixed Penalty Notice for no insurance, with a £300 fine and six penalty points
- A Fixed Penalty Notice for no driving licence, up to £100 and three-six penalty points.

Other offences which may result in penalties include riding on the footpath, using a mobile phone, riding through red lights and drink drive offences. There are some trial areas in the UK where hire e-scooters are available. In the UK, to legally use a hired e-scooter in trial areas, you must hold a valid driving licence (full or provisional with category Q), be over 16, and have insurance (provided by the rental company). E-scooters can be used on the road (excluding motorways) and in cycle lanes, but not on pavements. You also need to follow the safety and rider guidance from the operator, which includes:

- a maximum speed limit often around 15.5 mph, and some areas may have slower “go-slow” zones.
- solo riding. E-scooters are not designed for two people, so riding with a passenger is not permitted.
- no intoxication. You must not be under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or any other substance that could impair your ability to ride safely
- protective equipment. While not always legally required, wearing a helmet is strongly recommended, especially at the recommended maximum speed.

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SRA Grow the Largest Vegetable Competition



The winner of the Selsdon Residents' Association 'Grow the Largest Vegetable Competition' was Pauline Whitfield with her heirloom Italian 'Zucchetta Tromba d'Albenga'. This is also known as “Trombetta” or “Tromboncino”. Zucchetta are long and curved, with a bulb at the end. If picked when young (6-10 inches), you can cook them like courgettes or if you let them get larger you can roast them like a squash. The skin hardens up some as they get larger. They vine like a pumpkin, so have to be given plenty of space. Pauline's weighed in at 3.25kg (7lb 2.4oz) with a length of 127cm (50 inches). Well done!



I must also congratulate our other entries which reached impressive sizes considering the dry summer. To mention a few outstanding vegetables:

Chris's 14cm diameter aubergine

Ian's 28.5cm runner beans

Jan & Geoff's 43.2cm courgette

Jackie's 30cm cucumber

Shirley's 12cm diameter, mass 367g, tomato.



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Quiz about Trees

The week from 22nd to 30th November is National Tree Week, so here is a quiz to test your knowledge about trees.

1. Which trees are a traditional feature of churchyards?
2. Which tree's leaves are the symbol of The National Trust?
3. The bark of which tree is also known as "nature's aspirin"?
4. Can you name the only country named after a tree?
5. What common name is given to eucalyptus trees because of the way many exude sap from any break in their bark?
6. What is dendrochronology?
7. In which county is England's largest forest?
8. Which football team is nicknamed the Cherries, after their stadium was built on a cherry tree orchard?
9. Which popular garden tree has yellow pea-flowers which are sometimes called golden chain or golden rain?
10. What type of 20 metre tall Christmas tree is normally donated by Norway for Trafalgar Square?



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Remember you've got to be in it, to win it!



Ark-Toberfest 2025

Maria and Matt of the Golden Ark on Selsdon High Street held their annual 'Ark-Toberfest' from Thursday 16th – Sunday 19th October.

There were 10 casks of beers and 5 ciders from far and wide, and different types and strengths on offer. Don't you just love the names of the beers?

- Elusive Brewery – 'Level up 33' (5.0%) an American red from Wokingham, Berkshire

- Tatton Brewery – ‘Blonde’ (4.0%), a blonde ale from Knutsford, Cheshire
- A collaboration of Buxton Brewery, New Bristol Brewery & Loughran Brewers Select - ‘Peaks and Portways’ (4.8%), a steam beer from Buxton, Derbyshire
- Anarchy Brewery – ‘Boot Boys’ (5.0%), a brown ale from Newcastle Tyne & Wear
- Bragdy Dwy Afon Brewery – ‘Stowt’ (4.3%), a welsh stout from Llanbadarn, Ceredigion
- Colbier Brewery – ‘Minor’ (3.2%), a mild from Bootle, Merseyside
- Nightjar Brewery – ‘Wallace & Comet’ (4.0%), a session pale from Mytholmroyd, West Yorkshire



- Elephant School Brewery – ‘Mango Unchained’ (7.2%), an IPA from Brentwood, Essex
- Blue Coastal – ‘Sea’s the Day’ (4.3%), best bitter from Bude, Cornwall
- Titsey Brewery – Green with Ernest (3.7%), a green hop beer from Tatsfield, Surrey
- Newton Court Brewery – ‘Dunking Duck’ (3.4%), a fruit cider from Leominster, Herefordshire
- Ashover Brewery – ‘Oak Cask’ (7.0%), a dry cider from Ashover, Derbyshire
- Temple Brewery – ‘Henre Huffcap’ (5.7%), a perry from Beaminster, Dorset
- Temple Brewery – ‘Somerset Redstreak’ (6.5%), a dry cider from Beaminster, Dorset
- Snails Bank Brewery – ‘Apple Hog’ (4.5%), a medium cider from Pencombe, Herefordshire

We can all look forward to Ark-Toberfest 2026!



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

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

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I received this letter in favour of cutting the grass in our local parks.

Dear Editor

I am aware there are many opinions about whether or not to cut grass and generally I enjoy it being left to grow.

However, living so close to Selsdon Recreation Ground it was clear that when the grass was left uncut for long periods there were very few people visiting. With the exception of the many dog walkers of course!

This year with the grass being kept shorter, families have returned with their picnics, people are sitting around in groups chatting and children are playing and kicking footballs. It's very heartwarming to see the recreation ground being enjoyed by everyone.

Name and address supplied.

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Here a local resident raises a safety issue along the high street

Dear Editor,

I don't know who's idea it was to put down pavement stickers with the "Love Selsdon" logo but this morning I slipped on one of these and twisted my knee. Fortunately, apart from a grazed hand that was the only damage, but it did occur to me that people with walking disabilities, particularly the elderly and infirmed, would likely suffer worst if the same were to happen to them.

Could I suggest that either they are removed or some warning notice is put in the next addition of the Selsdon Gazette.

Name and Address supplied

I raised this issue with our Councillors.

Councillor Robert Ward believes that they were put down after the COVID lockdowns to encourage residents to shop locally again. Hopefully, they will be removed after our High Street receives its cleaning blitz in November. In the meantime, take care.

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Poetry Corner

After a hot, dry summer Mary Gill considers the importance of rain.

REFRESHED

Suddenly - rain falls - as the compassionate sky
spills its tears onto the parched land.

A shrivelled world feels its prayers finally answered -
the cracked dirt can scarcely take it in.

Wilted flowers flirt – aroused by the moisture.

Dry, dying plants offer silent thanks.

Fawn lawns stretch out in anticipation
as the long-promised rain finally arrives.

Dusty drops of water trickle from the gutters.

Rain drops - like silver coins -tumble from the slate grey sky while the sun
hides behind the cloud-borne resurrection.

Dragon-flies dance above the small garden pond,
mirroring the skipping splashes on its surface.

As the forecast forewarned - thunderous storms are brewing -
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Here Ted considers our feathered friends.

Nature Notes from Ted Forsyth – Plumage

Feathers are temporary structures which need to be replaced from time to time. During a walk in the woods, you might find a long brown flight feather discarded by a moulting pheasant, then a few moments later be entranced by the brilliant blue pattern on a small feather from a jay. Recent discoveries, particularly in China, show that some dinosaurs grew colourful feathers on their bodies, perhaps used in aggressive displays between males and as an attraction to the opposite sex. It was only much later that dinosaur feathers had anything to do with flight.

The wing of a bird is not rigid like that of a glider but is jointed and allows flexibility – it is, after all, the bird's hand and arm. With something like 10,000 species of bird on the planet it is to be expected that there is much variety in how the wings are used.



Birds are never as heavy as they look since their bones are largely hollow. A large bird like a vulture will spend much of its time in the air soaring and gliding from one thermal or up draught to another, so its weight will be supported on relatively stiff wings. A species like a peregrine can also soar and glide as

it searches for a target, but once it has picked out its victim it moves into high speed flapping flight which might end in a spectacular stoop or dive at a remarkable speed. Sparrowhawks and goshawks can also “drop out of the sky” but as they are largely woodland birds their wing and feather structure allows them to fly rapidly through a forest in pursuit of prey. A kestrel, on the other hand, prefers to view its prey by hovering in the air, usually with the help of a breeze. Some terns also hover before plunging to collect their food. A tawny owl is a perch and wait predator which will watch or listen for signs of movement before pouncing on the prey item which could be a vole, wood mouse, beetle, earthworm or frog depending on the local territory. A barn owl hunts by patrolling in flight over vegetation and has a feather structure including “powder down” feathers which allows it to fly silently – the prey cannot hear it coming and the owl can listen for the squeaks of potential prey.



There are some bird species which do not fly – ostriches, kiwis and penguin for example. Penguins have wings which are more like flippers, being covered in modified feathers, and could be said to “fly” when moving underwater. Kiwi's feathers are so modified that they resemble hairs,

which is convenient for a bird which breeds in holes in the ground and which wanders around amongst vegetation.

The plumage of a small bird is often colourful (chaffinch, bullfinch) to advertise its presence to neighbours or prospective mates, while another may be relatively drab (wren, chiffchaff) to hide it from predators.

Dippers hunt by swimming, walking and “flying” underwater so need plumage which is relatively waterproof. Cormorants also hunt while beneath the water surface but can often be seen perched somewhere with open wings as they wait for their plumage to dry.

In the various tropical parts of the world there is a dazzling array of coloured plumages and birds with long tails which are often used in mating displays – but that will have to be a story for another time.

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Answers to the Quiz about Trees

1. Yews (*Taxus baccata*)
2. Oak
3. Willow
4. Brazil
5. Gum trees
6. Calculating a tree's age by counting its rings
7. Northumberland
8. Bournemouth
9. Laburnum
10. Norway Spruce

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Scouts is a worldwide youth movement that helps young people learn important life skills through fun outdoor adventures. There's something for everyone, whether it be cooking, hiking, water sports, theatre, writing or first aid.

For parents, Scouts is a clear win. Studies show that children who are in association with scouts become confident,

respectful and responsible as Scouts teaches them to be disciplined, with the added bonus of learning skills taught nowhere else.

Scouting is for everyone aged 4 and over. The general running time for scouts themselves is between the ages of 4 and 18, but after 18 it doesn't have to be over. You can become an unpaid volunteer, helping out in a troop, even progressing to being a leader. Additionally, you can even make a career out of it, managing districts and going to the corporate side of the World Scout Association.

For kids themselves, Scouts is a place for great experiences. A younger child may enjoy their first sleepover with their troop in tents indoors, while a cub will start to learn basic first aid skills and go on their first hike. Older kids will explore multi-day hiking expeditions all throughout the countryside, even travelling to different countries in national and worldwide events such as the World Scout Jamboree (a gathering attended by around 30,000 scouts of various ages from all over the world). Scouts "learn by doing", which means firsthand experiences are a guaranteed part of the journey. With over 200 different badges to earn, there's something for everyone.

Scout troops often collaborate with local governments and charities, offering children (and volunteering adults!) the chance to give back to their

community in the form of litter picking at a local park, making sandwiches for the less fortunate (through a charity) or helping out/ hosting a fundraiser for a cause or charity.

Adults and parents can get a chance to join in the fun by volunteering to become one of the leaders at a troop, going on adventures.
Scouts say:

“It’s really fun and I love how everyone is so supportive and teamwork is really good at scouts” -Emilia, a scout from the “28th Croydon” troop.

So, pick up that rucksack, and slide on your hiking boots and join the Scout movement. It’s more than a club; it’s a way of life that sculpts you to become the best version of yourself while embracing what makes you YOU.

By Mishka Gandhi

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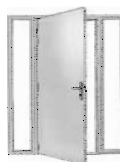
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Christmas Lights Switch-on

We are proud to be attending the Lights switch-on on Fri 28th November and will have lots of Christmas goodies and some handmade Christmas cards available to buy. We look forward to seeing you all and to meeting Santa!

Entertainment

Baseless Fabric Opera came to sing at the Clubhouse and gave us all a marvellous hour of wonderful singing and piano accompaniment by this amazing duo. We would thoroughly recommend them and will be asking them to return again next year. On that note, if any musicians or small groups would be interested in coming to entertain our clients, we'd be pleased to hear from you to discuss your music style and how it might fit in with our plans. Tel: 0208 651 1111 or email: office@selsdoncentre.org

Don't forget that our regular lunch club is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays - please come and join us for refreshments, a delicious home-cooked lunch, activities and great interaction with your peers.

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Craft Fair – 15th November 11am - 3pm - All Saints Church Hall, Sanderstead
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Christmas is coming – with Santa on his rounds



Santa comes to Selsdon High Street for the switching on of the SRA's Christmas lights on Friday 28th November at 5pm.

Santa will begin his rounds from Tuesday 2nd until Friday 19th December visiting Selsdon, Sanderstead & Hamsey Green, and outside the shops on Elmfield Way on Christmas Eve.

2024 Christmas Routes in Selsdon

Thursday 4 December Bird Sanctuary

Sandpiper Road, Nightingale Road, Bullfinch Road, Martin Close, Mallard Road, Kingfisher Gardens, Goldfinch Road, Kittiwake Close and Quail Gardens.

Friday 5 December Norfolk Avenue Area

Norfolk Avenue, Ridge Langley, Arundel Avenue, Crozier Drive.

Monday 8 December Byron Road Area

Byron Road, Queenhill Road, Rylandes Road, Foxearth Road, Littleheath Road.

Wednesday 10 December Kersey Drive Area

Kersey Drive and Closes on the way down the hill, some of Benhurst Gardens, Sundale Avenue and Elmpark Gardens.

Thursday 11 December Sundale Avenue Area

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