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Editor's Note

Welcome to the October 2018 issue of the Gazette.

In anticipation of 11th November we have a strong commemorative theme to this month's issue, as you may have guessed from the cover. We start with the second of the two articles from 14 year old Cameron Sharp (p11) about local residents who gave their lives WW1 and the following piece jumps to WWII with Des Donohoe recounting his memories of life in Selsdon at that time (p15). We hope to have further recollections from Des in the coming months. Another memoir, from David Talbot, the son of a BBC War Correspondent, covers the early post-war years (p23).

A number of folks who attended the Friends of Selsdon Wood Open Day on 9th September asked if I would publish the results of the photo competition in the Gazette - your wish is my command (p25)! Littleheath Woods also features this month with a piece from Ian Leggatt on its origins (p31) and in Nature Notes (p32) Ted Forsyth tells us about a memorable visit to Sheppey.

We have four letters this month (p42): one about the Old Selsdonians' Football Team, one a reminder to users of Selsdon Woods and the two follow ups to Adrian Gate's letter in the September issue about the new recycling bins. This issue is also raised in the regular Councillors' Notes section.

Those of you who read the piece in the September issue about the Croydon Cat Killer might be interested in this article from the Guardian reporting the police findings that all the kills and mutilations were made by foxes. <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/sep/20/croydon-cat-killer-unmasked-after-three-year-investigation> There is still much local scepticism about this conclusion, however, and an on-line petition has been set up

asking the police to reopen the case - see <https://www.change.org/p/metropolitan-police-croydon-cat-killer?>

Finally, a Selsdon resident has reported that in early September she found a lady's wrist watch in Selsdon High Street. If you have lost it please get in touch with me by email or telephone and I will put you in contact with the finder.

No room for a crossword this month, sorry, but the September solution is on p51.

Regards,

Heather

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SHOULD BE WITH THE EDITOR NO LATER THAN
20TH OCTOBER 

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SRA NEWS

Last month's Gazette saw an exceptionally well-written and interesting article by Cameron Sharp which linked Selsdon with the 100 year anniversary of the end of WW1. Let's hope it is the first of many for this young "reporter".

Bins

This is the hot topic in the borough. Many of you are finding the bins too large for your needs and/or your front gardens. You can contact the Waste and Recycling Team at the council and arrange a site visit to your property for an assessment. Croydon residents featured on BBC London News in September with their complaints but no doubt the bins are here to stay!

Christmas Lights 2018

Switch on by Father Christmas will be on Friday 23rd November at 5pm. Bring the family for the best lights in the borough. We look

forward to seeing you all there!

We will be outside Sainsbury's on Saturday 25th November from 9am -1pm rattling our tins for the lights donations without which we could not continue with the display each year.

Committee

John Waddington has been a committee member for several years but has recently decided to take "early retirement". We will miss him but this does give someone out there the opportunity to come forward and join us. Anyone interested can ring me or any committee member to have a chat.

Thanks go to John – no more missing evening Palace home games!

Be aware

We have recently heard of local residents being door-stepped (in this case houses which have obviously had newish roofs) saying there's a 'fault' with the tiles and they offer to inspect the roof. Never take up any 'door-step' offers like this without fully checking it out. We have informed our local police and hopefully this will encourage them to move on.

Gazette Online

In the coming months we plan to put the Gazette on our SRA website: <https://selsdon-residents.co.uk>. Hopefully this will be available in October but keep checking!

Sheila Childs, SRA Chair

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COUNCILLORS' NOTES

New Recycling Bins

During September we have received many complaints about bins.

The Council is trying to increase recycling rates by replacing the old crates that were used for paper and bottles, with wheeled bins. Now households have three large wheeled bins (four if they use the garden waste recycling service) and the bins take up a great deal

of space. This has caused issues for some households who simply don't have the room to store them.

Other issues with the roll-out have been:

- New bins not delivered
- Missed collections
- Too long between collections (some roads have had to wait 3 weeks for general waste collections)
- Can't get through on the Council helpline to report issues
- Problems with assisted collections.

It is hoped things will have settled down by early October, but if you are still experiencing difficulties please get in touch with one of us.

Planning Meeting

There was a meeting of the Planning Sub-Committee on 13th September and the planning application for 129-131 Addington Road was decided at this meeting. There was strong opposition from local residents as the development includes a balcony that directly overlooks the gardens of neighbours on Foxearth Road. Despite the opposition of residents and Cllr Robert Ward who spoke against the development, it was given the go-ahead. It is disappointing that the Planning Committee has once again ignored the views of local residents and their elected representatives.

Selsdon Shopping Parade

As your local councillors we are continuing to encourage the Council to support our local shops. During August, Cllr Pollard and Cllr Ward met with Croydon's Director of Place to find out what can be done to help local businesses and encourage people to use the shops. Cllr Pollard met with the Council's Director of Culture to see if more can be done to bring events/markets to the shopping area.

As a result of these meetings, the Council is arranging a breakfast meeting for businesses in October/November, to provide advice and guidance. Your councillors now have regular meetings with the Council's District Centre team to keep up the momentum. Whilst there have been no significant developments yet, you can be sure

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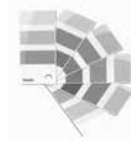
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18/03933/HSE – 117 Croham Valley Road, South Croydon, CR2
7RE - Demolition of garage, erection of two storey side/rear
extension, single storey rear and front extensions, associated
alterations

18/02142/HSE – 2 Ballards Way, South Croydon, CR2 7JL -
Erection of a single storey detached garage to the side of the house

18/014136/HSE – 26 Ingham Road, South Croydon, CR2 8LT -
Demolition of existing lean-to and erection of a single storey side/
rear extension, patio and internal alterations

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LOCAL HISTORY AND WORLD WAR 1 (Part 2)



Last month I told you about Walter Eldred from Addington who died in Belgium in WW1. Below his name on the Addington memorial is Captain Christopher Gerard Goshen. Christopher was born in 1881 and 10 years older than Walter but they may have known one another as Addington was a small rural community (population about 630). Like Walter he was one of the first volunteers. Unlike Walter there is a lot of information about Christopher on the internet (see photo) because of his links to the most influential families and respected institutions in the country at that time.

Christopher lived at Stones Farm known now as the **Heathfield Estate**. Christopher's father was one of last serving members of the East India Company and therefore probably well known to the family of its former Director, George Smith, who lived in nearby **Selsdon Park**. Christopher's father Henry leased their family home in Addington from his brother Charles and extensively remodelled it. Christopher's uncle Charles Hermann Goschen was Lord Lieutenant of the City of London, a Director of the Bank of England. In 1872 Christopher's uncle Charles and his family built a mansion on the **Ballards Estate** (which included Old Ballards, Ballards Farm, and Bramley Bank.) One of Christopher's other uncles was a prominent politician and a Viscount.

Addington is where Christopher and his older brother Arthur, born only a year apart, were baptised and grew up (though they both went to Eton) and the family also had a house in London where their older brother (Sir) Harry Goschen was born.

Christopher graduated from Balliol College, Oxford in 1903. Initially he worked as a Lawyer then after a few years entered the Stock Exchange becoming a 'Member' in 1910. He joined the family banking firm in that year and then at the outbreak of war obtained a commission in the Grenadier Guards and went to the Front shortly before Christmas, 1914. During the months that followed he took part in some of the most arduous operations in the Ypres Salient and elsewhere. Soon after he was promoted to a captaincy in the 4th Battalion. Captains are normally made second-in-command of a sub-unit of up to 120 soldiers. They are key players in the planning and decision-making process, with tactical responsibility for operations on the ground as well as equipment maintenance, logistic support and manpower. Christopher was twice wounded. According to the memorial book in the London Stock Exchange, on the second occasion he was so anxious to get back to the Front that he refused the sick leave that was offered to him. He re-joined his regiment on 24 September 1916 and was killed on the following day while leading his men in a very severe action during the battle of the Somme.

His Commanding Officer wrote: *"Chris's loss to the regiment is indeed a great one. He was loved by his brother officers and esteemed and respected by his men. He has done extremely well and I have rarely seen a man who took hold of the hearts of all with whom he was associated like he did. His place amongst us will not easily be filled."* A fellow officer concludes a letter about him by saying *"he was one of the best and truest of English gentlemen, was so straight and an example to the younger ones."*

Christopher's grave is in France, at the Guards Cemetery, Lesboeuifs, grave IX.A.3. Christopher has a memorial plaque at St Mary's Church in Addington, a stained glass window as well as his name on the war memorial. His brother Arthur survived the war. The death of Christopher's uncle Charles in 1915 followed shortly by Christopher's death in 1916 probably lead to the decision of the Goschen family to move away from the area in 1919 and break up the Estates. In the 1920s, Charles's mansion and immediate grounds was donated to the trustees of the Warehousemen,

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Both Walter and Christopher were men with lives cut short. As we reach the Centenary of the First World War we should remember them.

Cameron Sharp (aged 14)

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SELSDON THROUGH THE EYES OF A WAR BABY (1939 – 1945)

We entered the war in September 1939. Two weeks later I was born at Purley Hospital and so can claim to be a genuine "war baby". After a few days I was taken home to live, until 1963, at Abbey Rd in Selsdon.

I am not sure of the date, but sometime in late 1944 or early '45 I started school at Selsdon Primary. An important part of my early learning took place in the school's air raid shelters. This was due to the regular phut-phut as doodlebugs flew overhead. So my earliest memories span all but two weeks of war time Selsdon.

For Selsdoners, the war began on the evening of 15th August 1940. Or to be more correct, not on the 15th but over. This fateful day was right at the beginning of the Battle of Britain when the Luftwaffe mounted a surprise attack on Croydon Airport. The noise of bombs exploding, anti-aircraft guns and the ensuing melée of German bombers and their protective support fighters being chased and machine gunned by R.A.F fighters, brought Selsdoners out into their gardens to view this exciting and noisy spectacle in the sky above.

Of course I did not see this, being only about 10 months old, but I have heard the story many times from my Mum and others who did.

So what are my earliest memories? For me it was the latter part of the Blitz which ended in June 1941. Due to heavy losses the Luftwaffe changed their tactics from day-time to night-time raids. My earliest memories are of being brought downstairs from my cot, wrapped in a blanket, to fall asleep hiding under the stairs until the “All Clear” siren sounded. This spot, the cupboard under the stairs, being the advised, safest place to shelter if you did not have a proper air raid shelter, which we did not. So many nights were spent in this routine with the four of us, Mum, Dad, me and my elder brother in this cramped small space. And of course not forgetting the gas masks with which we were all issued!

There is one occasion which I can specifically date to the Blitz, when I would have been only about 18 months old. This is due to an entry in a record of bombs dropped during the Blitz. This bomb is recorded at <http://bombsight.org/bombs/20779>.

It was a high explosive bomb which fell in what we children called the “back fields” because they were at the back of the houses in Greville Ave. These fields are now built over as part of the Ashen



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This bomb was dropped during a night raid and the blast showered me and my cot with glass as the bedroom windows were blown in. Our back door was blown off its hinges and the front door burst its locks from the force of the blast. Fortunately there were no injuries to me or anyone else!

My knowledge of the bombing raids was then restricted to the local area within walking distance. It is only now by seeing the location of bombs which fell in and around Selsdon (see <http://bombsight.org/explore/greater-london/croydon/selsdon-and-ballards/>) that I can realise how bad it was.

I can for example remember on one occasion, going to the shops in Selsdon with my mother, to find that an incendiary bomb had



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left a burnt out shell at the bottom of Kingsway Avenue. The day before it had been a house! And there was a short cut to the shops by going over a bomb site in Sundale Avenue (previously a row of terraced houses) into Dulverton Road, and then along the footpath into the Addington Road by where Aldi now is. And when I grew older my friends and I used to go out and explore the gardens and ruins of several local bomb sites. These became our adventure play grounds.

Life to some extent was then dominated by two things – air raids and shopping. Let me start with air raids. I have already mentioned that we did not have an air raid shelter, but both our next door neighbours did. On our right was the Penson family who had an above ground, brick built shelter protected by sand bags. Mr Penson was away serving in the RAF. Down the hill on our left, were the Blagdens who had the more common, Anderson shelter. These were of corrugated iron sheet construction, buried in the ground. Mr Blagden was away serving in the army. Next door to the Blagdens was the Smith family. Mr Smith was in the Royal Navy and the last dad to come home after the war ended. My Dad served in the First World War so was too old for military service. Instead he was on a roster to do night time fire watch from the top of his office building in London. Very important during the Blitz.

Not everyone had a shelter and there were public shelters dotted about Selsdon, but most households did. So it was not a problem for us to find shelter during daylight hours, when as a child I was in any case, often out playing with friends. My house backed on to Selsdon Recreation Ground, or “the rec” as we all knew it. There was a purpose built Air Raid Wardens Post here and next to it an air raid siren. The post was manned 24 hrs a day to sound the alarm and respond to injury/damage as a result of any bombing incidents. Another important job for them was to patrol the streets at night to check and to rigidly enforce the blackout. We had thick blackout paper fixed with drawing pins to the window frames. The slightest chink of light brought a knock on the door and dire warnings from our local Air Raid Warden!



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Also in the Rec was a purpose built public air raid shelter. The vestiges of this can still probably be seen. It is (or was) the long grassy bank by where the post-war swings and see-saw were later installed. The long, underground shelter had entrances at each end, and an emergency escape hatch in the centre of the tunnel. The hatch was reached via iron rungs set in a vertical shaft.

The first time that I actually saw a doodlebug was from this shelter. It was a sunny summer's day and I was playing in the woods in the rec when the siren went off, so we did not have far to run. Soon after, the phut-phut indicated that the V1 had (safely for us) passed over. One of the men went to the shelter entrance and shouted that he could see the small, winged missile continuing on towards London. I rushed out of the shelter to see my first sight of a flying bomb!

This bomb shelter had another important role to play for us young children. It was our Aladdin's cave! When not being occupied for its intended use, it was a long, pitch-black tunnel. We kids would feel our way through from one end to the other. And as we grew older and taller, we could climb up the rungs and out through the escape hatch. The underground shelter continued to serve this purpose for some years after the war ended. It was a huge loss when the entrances and central exit were concreted over.

Also gone is the sound of the warning sirens and their "all clear". After the war these fell silent but were brought back into use during the cold war. They were planned to be used to advise us of a nuclear strike, and/or an ensuing windblown cloud of nuclear radiation. We again heard the familiar wail when the sirens were tested out. It may seem

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strange but when the sirens finally fell silent, I really missed the haunting sound of the siren and the all clear. They say that a picture is better than a thousand words, and words cannot adequately describe the haunting sound of the war-time siren. If you want to see what this period of my young life was like and hear the sound of a siren see http://www.bbc.co.uk/schoolradio/subjects/history/ww2clips/sounds/air_raid_siren

The arrival of the flying bombs in June 1944 coincided with an even more historic event – the D-Day landings! Unbeknown to me then, I was seeing small bits of the complex jigsaw that was being put together. There was increased air activity. Huge waves of bombers flying over, heading south to pound Northern France, support fighters, attack fighters, and of course troop movements. The latter were more evident as they were close by, only feet away. Long columns of army lorries, armoured cars, jeeps, field guns and much more as they noisily trundled up the Addington Road whilst we were on our almost daily shopping trips. This was part of the build-up of troops who were shortly to set sail for the beaches of Normandy.

Those were exciting times. More war time memories next month.

Des Donohoe

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St John's Garden Room Project Receives Funding Boost

Residents of Selsdon are celebrating following confirmation of a grant from Viridor Credits Environmental Company towards the construction of a Garden Room overlooking the Garden of Remembrance at St John's Church



This ambitious project will provide a pleasant, quality built, modern and fully accessible facility to meet local needs within the whole community. The room will be sited on the south western side of the church overlooking the Garden of Remembrance and will be easily accessible directly from the main church building but can also be closed off as a separate space with an external door from the garden. There will also be improved access into and around the whole church building. The room will accommodate around 20 people comfortably and provide a purpose-built refreshment hub and fully accessible toilet facilities including a baby changing area. The project will be community focused for the use of groups and individuals within the Selsdon area in addition to church groups. The award from Viridor Credits towards the cost of construction of the Garden Room will enable groundworks and structural work to be planned.

Reverend Jenny Rowley, Rector of St John's, said "I am delighted that Viridor Credits have awarded a grant towards the building of the Garden Room and would like to express my thanks for their support for this important community focused facility which will be of real value to the people of Selsdon both now and in years to come"

WE LIVED IN UPPER SELSDON ROAD

The four of us moved South from Lancashire after the war. Our house in Upper Selsdon Road was a fairly ordinary between-the-wars semi with a long narrow garden - probably typical of other semis in the road. In the garden was an air raid shelter, not actually an 'Anderson', but more substantial, being built with breeze blocks, and by the time we arrived nicely covered with grass and other vegetation. Mind you, it was jolly cold inside - no fun if families had had to use it much. For a while we used it to store the apples that grew on our trees.

My father, Godfrey Talbot, was a former BBC War Correspondent, who used to commute in our small Ford Car JP 2255 each day for a while to Broadcasting House: in those days he could do it in under an hour! After the war he became the Official Court Correspondent, going round the world with the Royal Family, firstly on the 'Gothic' and then the 'Britannia'. This meant that he did not spend much time at home in Selsdon.

Until 1949 I wasn't there much either, because when the family moved from Wigan I was left behind at a spartan boarding school, Trearddur House on the tip of Anglesey. Eventually joining them in Selsdon in 1954, I went to Whitgift. Some people still referred to it as 'Whitgift Grammar' in those days to differentiate it from 'Whitgift Middle', which was supposed to be inferior, but probably wasn't, as apart from the splendid Haling Park site the Whitgift I attended was sadly lacking in facilities!

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permanently from 1949 to 1954 were my mother, a talented amateur artist when she had time, and baby brother, Richard, who had arrived earlier in 1945 in Wigan, where my mother and I spent most of the war. Sadly, Richard died prematurely aged only 29 of cancer. He was following my father into BBC Journalism, and who knows, had he lived, our dynasty might even have rivalled the Dimblebys.

My mother showed great initiative - when my father was working in New York for a few weeks, she went and bought an excellent detached house in Onslow Gardens in Sanderstead. I commuted by 403 bus for my last term at Whitgift and then, the inevitable in those days – National Service.

David Talbot

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This year there were 19 entrants who submitted over 100 photographs. From these, a shortlist of 48 were selected and printed for display on the FSW Open Day on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018 when the public were invited to participate in a secret ballot to select the winners. Over 80 visitors voted and the winners are:

**First Prize £50 - Time Machine by David Pinkney**

**Second Prize £20 - Meadow Flight by Philip Murray-Pearce**

**Third Prize Equal £10 - Peacock Butterfly by Tony Flecchia  
& Jet in the Bluebells by Lee Butcher**

Cash prizes were donated by an anonymous benefactor - to whom sincere thanks! (Both of the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize winners donated their winnings to the FSW.)

The winning photograph – Time Machine is shown below. Runners up and the other shortlisted photos can be seen on the Photo Competition page of the FSW website <http://www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk/photo-competition.php>





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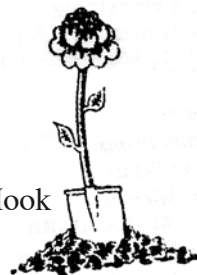
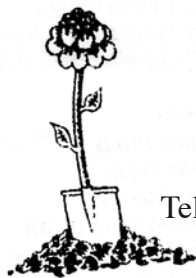
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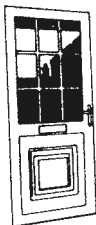
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## **LITTLEHEATH WOODS - THE BEGINNINGS.**

The area we know today as Littleheath Woods once comprised several adjoining fields and woodlands. Roques map of 1762 indicates two pieces of woodland which approximate to Littleheath and Foxearth Woods and with agricultural land surrounding. The Ordnance Survey map of 1897 notes Littleheath Wood, Foxearth Wood, Gee Wood and Queenhill Shaw with a field where we now have Gruttendens. The fields we now know as Clears Croft and Fallen Oak Field were much larger.

Fast forward to the late 1920s and Costains the builders have constructed much of Selsdon Garden Village. The houses in Littleheath and Foxearth Roads have already consumed some of Littleheath and Gee Woods. Littleheath and Farley Road houses have been built on much of the original Clears Croft field. The rest of the woodland looks ripe for similar development and there is already a road width gap between some new houses in Foxearth Road presumably to enable further development into Littleheath Woods.

Enter a public spirited group called 'The Croydon and District Commons and Footpaths Preservation Society' who, on learning of the proposal to build further houses, proposed "the acquisition of Littleheath, Foxearth and Gee Woods together with the wooded valley intervening and a portion of the adjoining parkland". Croydon Council Town Planning supported the proposal pointing out that "the rapid building development in the area made the acquisition of the land essential for the preservation of the amenities and for the recreation of the people". It was agreed that the woods should be purchased, subject to suitable terms, one third of the monies to be raised from public subscription, one third from Croydon Council and one third from the Urban District of Coulsdon and Purley in which 33 acres lay. The canny councillors agreed to fund their one third shares only if the public subscription could raise their one third: the sum of £1,900. Malcolm Sharpe who was the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Commons and Footpaths Society was instrumental in galvanising public support and notable contributors to the fund were Mr R Costain Esq., (£25), Mr and Mrs R F A Riesco, (£100)

and the Croham Heights and Selsdon District Residents, (£51) and the Croham Heights and Selsdon District Residents Association (5 Guineas). The major public subscription, some £700, came from The Metropolitan Public Gardens Association. And the rest, as they say, is history.

Do come and enjoy Littleheath Woods, a precious piece of greenery in the middle of suburbia. Having escaped one potential housing development who knows what the current housing pressures may bring?

*Ian Leggatt*

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## **NATURE NOTES**

### **A MEMORABLE VISIT TO SHEPPEY**

A number of years ago at the end of October, David Malins and I decided to spend a day birding on the Isle of Sheppey and began by aiming towards the woods around Warden Point where incoming migrants often occur. We soon found ourselves examining a large flock of Goldcrests and were able to detect one Firecrest. A walk along a path found a Little Owl perched on a tree on the other side of a field and on a nearby telephone wire we identified an Alexandrine Parakeet, the larger relative of the Ring-necked Parakeet. On chatting to a group of birders we learned that a Rough-legged Buzzard had recently arrived on the marsh near Capel Fleet and as that was on our proposed itinerary we immediately returned to the main road and sought the turning pointing to Harty Ferry.

Along the narrow road, which rose gradually, we flushed several coveys of Red-legged Partridge before reaching the point where the road dropped away towards Capel Fleet and the marshes beyond. We were soon rolling down the hill and past the fleet, aiming to join a group of birders parked along the roadside, and flushing dozens

of Grey Partridge as we went. No one was actually looking at the Rough-legged Buzzard but it had been seen in the area so we started scanning. A Marsh Harrier was soon visible. A ringtail Hen Harrier flew across the reeds and disappeared. A couple of Snipe flew over. Two high-flying birds turned out to be Marsh Harriers, joined briefly by a Sparrowhawk. Someone found what looked like a large bird perched on a long line of hay bales so we wandered along the road to get a better look. It was the Buzzard. It shortly decided to indulge in some activity and took off to do a fly-past, turning in the sky to show off all its field marks then stopping in a textbook-perfect hover.

Having satisfied ourselves we decided to have lunch at Shellness, stopping briefly to scan the calm sea without having any success in finding birds. At Shellness we trudged along the footpath and at the shingle bank stopped to examine nearby waders. There were Redshanks and Turnstones but a smaller dark wader in a sleeping position drew my attention. After examining it for some time we convinced ourselves we had found the Shellness Purple Sandpiper. Lunch in the hot sun on a windless day watching a calm sea produced little on the sea to attract our attention but there was the roosting flock of waders – Oystercatchers, Bar-tailed Godwits, Ringed Plovers, Dunlin and Sanderling, joined by a flurry of Knot. A small group of Brent Geese grunted contentedly as they swam close to the shore. A walk out to the point did not produce the hoped-for Snow Buntings but there were Skylarks, Linnets and Greenfinch flocks. The retreating tide was rapidly exposing a bay of mud covered by many waders.

On returning to the car we decided to end the day back at Capel Fleet where before long I had spotted a distant Merlin, identifiable by the fluttering flight as it tried to catch a Pipit. Scanning closer I found a Peregrine streaking low across the nearby field, until it suddenly shot up into the air as it was mobbed by a male Hen Harrier. Another birder drew our attention to a Merlin crossing the road behind us. The Rough-legged Buzzard flew from the north side of the road apparently pursued by a high-flying Short-eared Owl which broke off its imagined pursuit to drop down to ground level where we were able to watch it quartering the ground.



As we walked towards another group of birders a Merlin appeared over the road in front of us, momentarily pursuing a Skylark before continuing across the field. We were soon watching a Hen Harrier being mobbed by Crows then saw another Merlin in pursuit of a Pipit. This falcon dropped down to rest in a field where it was examined in telescopes for a long time before it took off again to chase another Pipit. It came to rest again on a telephone pole before once again racing off across the fields. A second Short-eared Owl appeared on our side of the road while the other bird still investigated the other side.

David and I then drove a short distance in the direction of Harty Ferry, hoping to see the Buzzard again. We found 16 Red-legged Partridge in a field and David drew my attention to a large bird perched at the end of a distant hedge. We assumed it was the Buzzard and pointed it out to a car load of birders. We started on our way back and disturbed several Pheasants and a small covey of Grey Partridge which slowly walked off the road into the base of a nearby hedge. As we pulled away from them we saw a large bird at the side of the road. We managed to get within a hundred feet of a feeding Rough-legged Buzzard which had obviously killed a rabbit. Other birders approaching us disturbed the feeding bird which fluttered a short distance into the ploughed field, so we continued our journey home after a marvellous day.

***Ted Forsyth***

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For further information or to make an appointment contact Alan 0777 2022 156

### **Information about the club**

We are very proud to be the oldest club in the UK, the original club being formed in 1749. We have the best facilities in Surrey and we hold all levels of matches from casual and friendly up to national competitions. Our fixture list is in excess of 150 matches a year, both home and away.

Our social section run a variety of events throughout the year; dances, quizzes, race nights, theatre and holiday trips. We also enter a team in the local darts league, hold regular bridge sessions, and have a full size snooker table. This year we have opened a croquet green.

We have disabled facilities and are hosts to the local multiple sclerosis society who socialise at the club each month. Our bar and

restaurant facilities can be hired for parties, wedding receptions, company team building days etc.

The running of the club is entirely voluntary and we are a registered charity. We are passionate that bowls is a wonderful way to keep healthy in safe and familiar surroundings and company. It has been proved that bowls improves general health and helps to strengthen the immune system. All members of the community can enjoy bowls and lead a healthier lifestyle.

Book a “taster session” or ring for more information. Or COME ALONG ON OUR OPEN DAY ON 21<sup>st</sup> October.

Local bus routes service the club, 119, 405 and 455. We also have two large free car parks.

Croydon Bowling and Sports Club, 10 Nottingham Rd.  
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Or by phone from the CSO Hon Ticket Secretary: 020 8680 2639

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## **SELSDON SOCIAL CLUB**

We meet on the second Monday of the month at 8pm in St John's Church Hall.

We are a very friendly group and all are welcome.

Our meetings include:

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For more information contact Jill on 07957 627783 or at [jkcharity@outlook.com](mailto:jkcharity@outlook.com)

[www.cantilenasingerscroydon.org.uk](http://www.cantilenasingerscroydon.org.uk)

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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](mailto:stagg435@btinternet.com)

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### **SELSDON FLOWER CLUB**

We are a small friendly club who meet on certain Wednesday afternoons at 2 pm at the rear of St. John the Divine Church, Selsdon. Subscription £15 per annum (£7.50 half year). We have demonstrations, workshops and practices. All abilities welcome.

24<sup>th</sup> October - Demonstration - Christine Milburn

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

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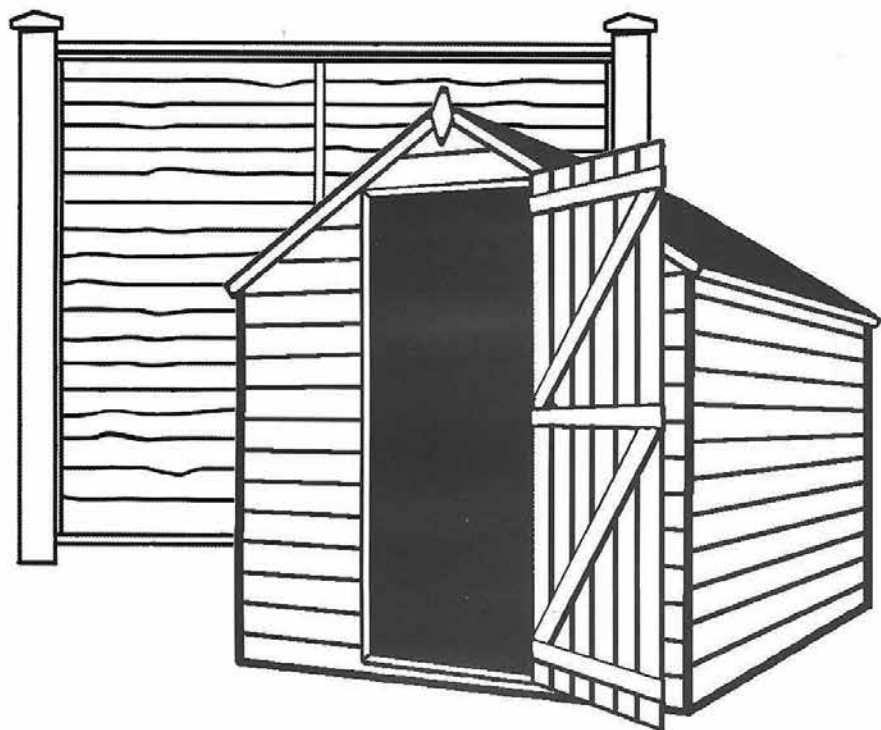
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Linda Collins is a lecturer for The Historic Royal Palaces and the National Trust and a free-lance speaker for Tate Modern and the National Gallery of Art. She is also an independent lecturer and a member of the Association of Art Historians.

Coffee is served between 9.30 - 10.15am. Your first visit will be **FREE**. Please register as a guest when you arrive.

For more information of our full programme of events please ring Sue Davenport on 020 8660 9122 or visit our website: [www.theartsocietysanderstead.org.uk](http://www.theartsocietysanderstead.org.uk)

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### **FRIENDS OF SELSDON WOOD**

**EVENTS & GUIDED WALKS of DISCOVERY** - All our walks are slow and easy – lasting around 2 hours starting from Selsdon Wood car park, Old Farleigh Road

**November - Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> 1pm - Autumn Leaves with the Friends**

**WORK DAYS** - General maintenance –meeting in Selsdon Wood car park on **Sundays at 10am. Our next workdays are on October 28<sup>th</sup> and November 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**MEMBERS' MEETINGS** - *All are welcome to come along. Meetings start at 8pm at The Forum, Forestdale. Our next meeting is on Monday November 26<sup>th</sup>.*

*To make enquiries or to check the above, see the Walks and*

Workday pages of the website [www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk](http://www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk)

Or phone 020-8657 0423 or e-mail: [selsdonwood@gmail.com](mailto:selsdonwood@gmail.com)

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## **ST JOHN'S CHURCH, SELSDON**

**Art and Spirituality Evening by Rev Canon Charles Pickstone**

**Sunday 28th October at 6pm** in St John's Church Hall, Upper Selsdon Road, South Croydon, CR2 8DD

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## **THE SELSDON AFTERNOON TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD**

We meet on the third Friday of the month in the hall at St. John The Divine in Selsdon, between 1.30pm and 4.00pm.

**October 19th:- Mrs. Lanyan** will be speaking about "Prinny, Royal Scandals" and afterwards there will be a Drama Group presentation.

**November 16th:- Our Birthday Party** and as well as cake and wine, Mr. Peter Thompson is saying, "You, The Jury".

These two talks are open to non-members. Visitors are welcome, but December is oversubscribed and limited to members only, due to a sizeable waiting list.

**December 2nd:- Our Christmas Party.** This is closed to non-members.

***Jenny Turvill***

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## **THE RSPB CROYDON LOCAL GROUP**

**Monthly Illustrated Wildlife Talks in South Croydon**

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For more information contact John Davis on 020-8640 4578 or see

[www.rspb.org.uk/groups/croydon](http://www.rspb.org.uk/groups/croydon)

**Note: on request we give illustrated bird talks to local organisations.**

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## **SHARED READING**

The beauty of hearing great words spoken aloud is something we can all value. Whilst recorded books and radio are very convenient for this there is something special about hearing something ‘live’ and being able to engage with others to share our response.

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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](mailto:bryonylittlefair@thereader.org.uk) or on 07812 238375

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# **EVENTS, EXHIBITIONS & ACTIVITIES AT** **SELSDON LIBRARY**

## **Weekly Activities**

Storytime for 0-5 Years, 10.30 – 11.00 Tuesday. Stories with crafts and colouring. Admission free. No booking required.

Crafternoon 5-11 year olds, 2:00-3:00pm Saturday. Craft in the Library. Admission free. No booking required.

Rhymetime for 0-18 months. Friday and Saturday 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.

Employability Program, Mondays 10.00am – 3.00pm. Vision Trust are running free employability sessions at Selsdon Library for those ages 19+ to help enhance your skills, confidence and build your job prospects. Admission free. Booking required.

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**

Halloween Storytime and craft session, **Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup> of October at 10:30-11:00am**. For Under 5s. Fragoline is good as gold, but at bedtime she's a different child.....Join us at Selsdon Library to find out what she gets up to. Admission: Free. No Booking required.

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The Amber Maze, author talk by Christopher Bowden. Monday the **19<sup>th</sup> of November at 2:00-3:00pm**. For Adults. A key found down the side of an antique chair sets Hugh Mullion on a search that unlocks the secrets of the troubled life of a forgotten artist, not least the secret of The Amber Maze whose sinister and enduring influence tainted that life to the end. Moving from Edwardian Oxfordshire to 1960s Camden Town to the Mayfair art world of the present day, this affecting story explores an artist's inspiration and motivation and the possibility of second chances and eventual recognition after many years of neglect. Admission free. Booking required.

### ***Selsdon Library***

E-mail: [Selsdonlibrary@croydon.gov.uk](mailto: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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## **SEPTEMBER'S CROSSWORD SOLUTION**

**Crossword No XC257107 - Gazette Ref: 055**

### **ACROSS**

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### **DOWN**

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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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**25<sup>th</sup> August**

**Dear Editor,**

It was very interesting to read about the Old Selsdonians Football Team in the July Issue of the Selsdon Gazette.

In 1950 as a 13 year old, I moved to Selsdon with my family to a Council House in Heathfield Vale on the Monks Hill Estate. During the years following I grew to know Selsdon and in the early 1950's, at about aged 17/18, I joined the team and played a few matches on the right wing (as it was called in those days). I think I was a body to make up the numbers when the team was short of players, but I enjoyed the games I did play.

I well remember that after a Saturday match, the lads met up in the local pub which I think was called The Stag or The Good Companion, not sure as at 81 years old now my little grey cells appear to be retiring. We met up to have a drink to either celebrate a good game or drown our sorrows after a lose. That happened quite a lot as the team was not that successful. I, being underage, was smuggled in to have an orange juice.

Then in October 1955 I was called up for National Service and served my time in the Royal Air Force in Air Traffic Control. On leaving the RAF I returned to Selsdon and in 1960 got married to a lovely New Addington girl Sylvia and lived in New Addington. In 1981 we moved back to Selsdon buying my current home in

Addington Road. Sylvia passed away in July 2014 after 54 years of a wonderful married life here.

Regards

***Alan Walton***

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**25<sup>th</sup> August**

**Dear Editor,**

I would like to offer two reminders for users of Selsdon Woods:

Can cyclists remember that when they ride through Selsdon Wood it's no different from being on a road - basically give way to walkers and dogs. If you have to slow down or stop so be it! Safety must take precedence.

Dog walkers please bring poo bags regardless of the size of your dog. Leaving poo on paths or just off them is not the sort of behaviour expected by many other dog owners. Just remember that your dog could eat other faeces and become ill so if you care about your dog, bag up the poo and dispose of it in the dog waste bins provided.

**George Georgiou**

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**18<sup>th</sup> September**

**Dear Editor,**

I fully sympathise with Adrian Gates re his letter in the September issue. I object to the fact that these bins have been supplied without any survey being carried out. The Croydon Council were pleased to announce that 200,000 bins would be issued throughout the borough. What they failed to mention is that the cost with distribution is in the region of £5,000.000 - could even be higher.

In our immediate vicinity there are 18 houses, 10 of which are occupied by retired or single people, including myself. Supplying extra and larger bins is not going to increase recycling since the existing system is adequate in my case and that of many others. I recycle everything that is possible and probably to an extreme. One

lady pointed out that it would take her 3 months to fill the paper bin.

On the 16th July I requested that they collect the two bins and replace one with a 140 ltr bin for plastics etc for the reason that we cannot accommodate them. We do not want them on display in the front garden, but can probably find space for another 140 ltr bin in the garage; I would like to retain the blue box for paper which is adequate. I was told that a person would be along to survey the situation. My mind boggles how they are going to conjure up space, a wheelie bin won't fit into the space occupied by a box, the back garden is out of the question as access through the garage is too congested, it houses a car and is my place of work.

I sent an e-mail to them as advised in their brochure on the 6 September and so far have had no response. My guess is that there is an underlying reason for these extra bins and that is to extend the period of rubbish collection and maybe restrict the use of the recycling depots. Let us hope I am wrong.

Yours sincerely

**An Ardent Recycler**

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**22<sup>nd</sup> September**

**Dear Heather,**

I am in full agreement with Adrian Gates (September edition) concerning the problem for many of us which the new Croydon recycling bins have caused. Quite apart from the unsightly picture they paint of the neighbourhood where residents have no convenient place to store them there is also the problem of managing them. I have no convenient space for 4 bins. I already have one for green waste and 3 more is too much. I have asked Croydon council to remove the new blue bin (paper waste) because I cannot manipulate it (my wife and I are both in our mid-80's). Croydon tells me that I am obliged to have it and to use it. I am still waiting for Croydon to provide the legal requirement to do so and will challenge it. This is autocratic nonsense.

**Barry C**

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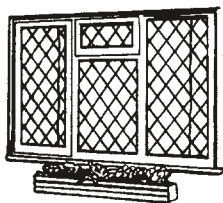
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CHURCHES

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
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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
Selsdon Art Group	Mrs S Hooper	07973 412952
Selsdon Bridge Club	Tony Cherrett	01883 730304
Selsdon Camera Club	Roy Stansbury	8657 5131
Selsdon Community Hall	Tim Potter (Centre Manager)	8657 4300
Selsdon Afternoon Townswomen's Guild	Elizabeth Veasey	8657 1092
Selsdon Floral Club	Sheila Last	8651 1005
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+ VAT

PROACE Comfort Medium

£174 +VAT per month*
(Contract Hire)

£1,044 initial rental
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Models shown are Hilux Double Cab Invinible Diesel 2.4 £24,922.50 exVAT and PROACE 1.6D panel van Compact base £18,660+VAT. Prices exclude metallic paint at £454.17 exVAT. *Business users only. Initial rental and VAT applies. Available on new sales of models shown when ordered and proposed for finance between 15th December 2016 and 31st March 2017 and registered and financed by 30th June 2017 through Toyota Financial Services on Toyota Contract Hire. Advertised rentals are based on a 3 year non maintained contract at 8,000 miles per annum with an initial rental of £1,626+VAT for Hilux and £1,044+VAT for PROACE. Metallic or pearlescent paint are not included. Excess mileage charges apply. Other finance offers are available but cannot be used in conjunction with these offers. At participating Toyota Centres. Toyota Centres are independent of Toyota Financial Services. Terms and conditions apply. Indemnities may be required. Finance subject to status to over 18s only. Toyota Financial Services (UK) PLC. Registered Office: Great Burgh, Burgh Heath, Epsom, KT18 5UZ. Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. 5 year/100,000 mile manufacturer warranty subject to terms and conditions.

Hilux Double Cab Invinible Diesel 2.4 Manual. Official Fuel Consumption Figures in mpg (l/100km): Urban 34.4 (8.2), Extra Urban 44.8 (6.3), Combined 40.4 (7.0). CO₂ Emissions 185g/km. PROACE 1.6D panel van Compact Base Manual. Official Fuel Consumption Figures in mpg (l/100km): Urban 47.1 (6.0), Extra Urban 54.3 (5.2), Combined 51.4 (5.5). CO₂ Emissions 144g/km. The mpg figures quoted are sourced from official EU regulated test results. These are provided for comparability purposes and may not reflect your actual driving experience.