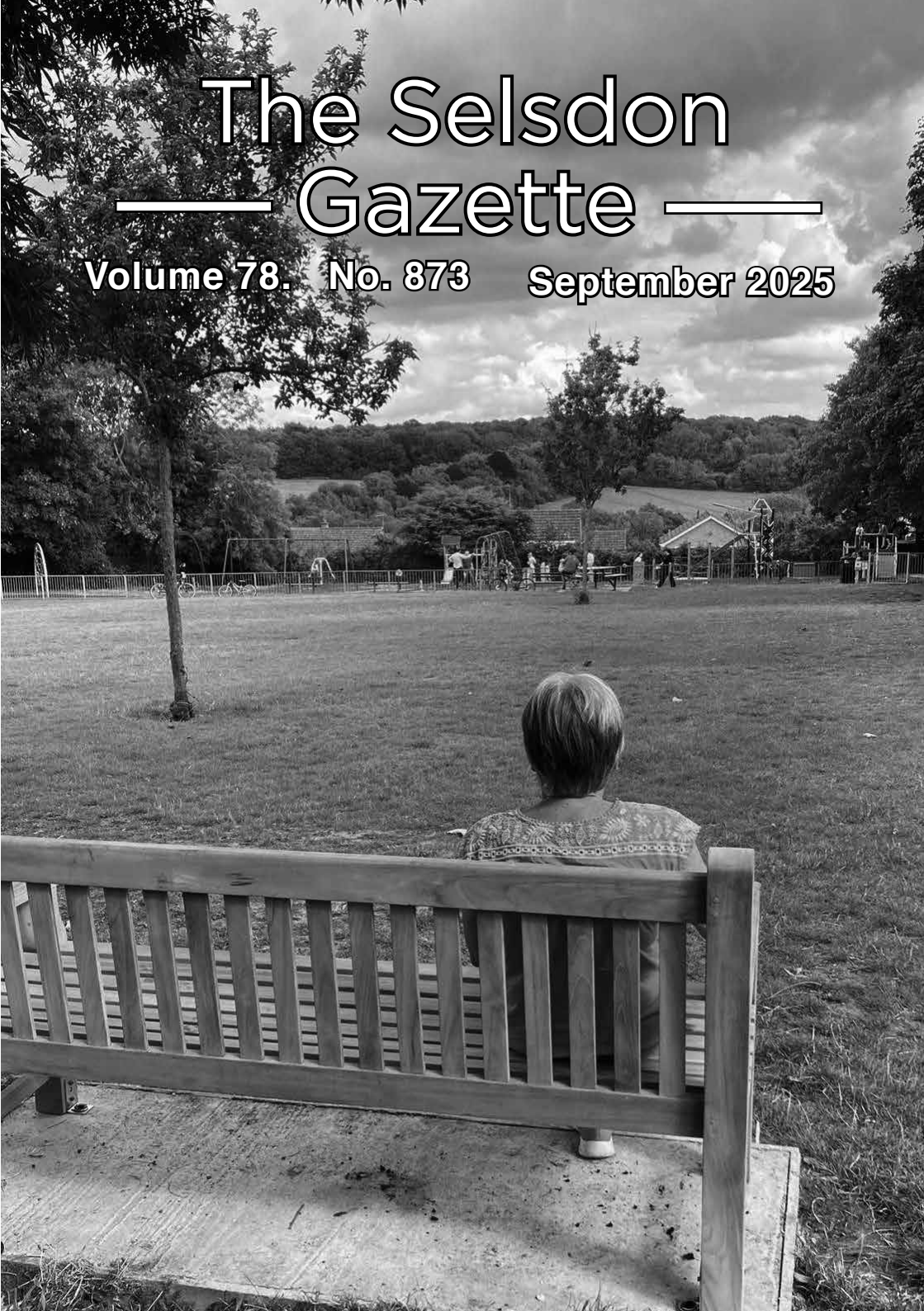


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Editor's Note

Welcome back after our Summer break. I am pleased to announce that, at long last, we have found a new Advertising Manager for the Gazette. His name is Roger Shannon and you can contact him with any advertising queries using rogershannonreselsdongazette8@gmail.com. Please remember to ask any tradespeople who you might employ to consider advertising in the Gazette. It is delivered to 4000 homes in the Selsdon area and our rates are very competitive..

The cover photo this month shows the SRA Chair, Sheila, enjoying the view of the Bird Sanctuary from the newly installed SRA Centenary bench in Selsdon Recreation Park. It has been wonderful to see so many people using the bench during this hot summer. Another event celebrating the 100th year of the SRA comes to a close at the end of September. To enter the 'Grow the Largest Vegetable' Competition, remember to take a photo of your vegetable alongside a ruler or on the scales and email it to me at selsdongazettesra@gmail.com together with your name and the vital statistics of your bumper vegetable, either length or weight.

This month's gazette is a mixed bag. Ian Leggatt continues his timeline for Selsdon, Janet Sharp advises us to get our life administration organised and our Sanderstead Horticultural friends advise us how to protect our gardens from extreme weather conditions. It was great to hear the recollections from a Selsdon Treasure, Daphne, who was a 'lollypop' lady in Selsdon for over 40 years. We say goodbye and happy retirement to Mr and Mrs Dry Clean, Rashmi and Sheila, after 36 years on our High Street but we welcome Kinjal, who has taken over the business. Ted, in his Nature Notes, helps us identify trees and bushes without the use of an app and Mary Gill's poem follows a similar theme, warning about the loss of local dialects with wider use of AI.

✎ SUBMISSIONS FOR THE OCTOBER 2025 EDITION
SHOULD BE WITH THE EDITOR NO LATER THAN
20TH SEPTEMBER - PREFERABLY BEFORE! ✎

The quiz this month tests your knowledge of British scientists as it is British Science week in September.

I always welcome your 'letters to the editor' and we have a good mix this month. Please keep these coming. I am looking forward to my email box (selsdongazettesra@gmail.com) being full after the summer break with all your bumper vegetable entries, letters, photos, etc.

Chris Jones

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SRA NEWS 'n' VIEWS



Elm Park Farm

West Fisher Winery are taking over this site and hope to have it open next year. Their website states that 'The move from the Old Stables, Clacket Lane is set for spring to early summer next year. We acknowledge that there is a lot of work to do, but Elm Farm will be a bigger and better

location with lots of places just around the corner, or even opposite.'

We can all look forward to a glass of their finest (red or white or rose??) next summer.

Sainsburys' Foyer Noticeboards

The Selsdon Community Hub will be replacing all the noticeboards in the foyer in the coming months to brighten up the area. Please check our board for forthcoming events and news.

SRA September Community Fair

I do hope lots of you got a chance to visit us at our tent on 7th September. Thanks to all who were able to help, especially to Peter Underwood who took over the task this year from Linda Morris, who did so successfully for many years.

Bench

The bench to celebrate our 100th year was installed in Selsdon Recreation Ground over the summer and is being well used. If you haven't tried it out yet take a walk, sit and enjoy the view across to Selsdon Woods.



SRA Selsdon Heritage Walks

The SRA held a few walks along the High Street which proved to be very informative. Following their success, we hope to organise one or two more, so look out for dates in the gazette or on our website or Facebook.

Autumn Litter Pick around Selsdon High Street

Please do not forget the next litter pick on Saturday 27 September, 9.45am meet at Selsdon Triangle.

Subs Envelopes

These have been flowing in but it's never too late to donate either online by bank transfer at Selsdon Residents Association A/c No 40336343 Sort Code 20-24-61, or set up a standing order to save you time next year. Envelopes can still be delivered to anyone on the list or a member of the committee listed in the gazette. Please use your address as the reference. Many thanks to everyone who has already done so.

Hoping you all had a great summer.

Sheila Childs
Chair



100th Year of the Selsdon Residents' Association

GROW THE LARGEST VEGETABLE COMPETITION

Selsdon was originally known as 'Selsdon Garden Village', so what better way to celebrate its centenary than to run a vegetable growing competition.

You have until the end of September to grow the vegetable of your choice. Once it has reached its maximum size, take a photo of it alongside a ruler and send its dimensions, weight and a photo to Chris Jones at selsdongazettesra@gmail.com Do not forget to take those photos as your fruit or vegetable ripens - 'you've got to be in it, to win it!'



Selsdon Residents' Association AUTUMN CLEAN UP

Saturday 27 September 9.45am - Noon

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



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COUNCILLORS' NOTES FROM ANDY STRANACK

EVENTS IN PARKS – HOW THE COUNCIL MAKES SURE THEY ARE SAFE

We are fortunate in Croydon to have one of the greenest Boroughs in London with over 120 green and open spaces. Some parks are used to provide pitches for sports teams, others are areas of amazing natural beauty and other parks, with good public transport links, are used to host events. These events often take place in the summer months and we spread them across the Borough so no park hosts more than 2 or 3 major events a year.

When a promoter contacts the Council to organise an event they are directed to one of the major parks. In Selsdon, Addington Park is identified as one of these event parks. Once an event has been booked it can take up to 48 weeks to organise the event. For large events a Safety and Advisory Group (SAG) is formed; this consists of licensing and events officers, the police and other emergency services working with the organisers to arrange licences for music and the sale of alcohol, agreeing time restrictions, risk assessments, security arrangements and an extensive travel plan for the event. The event, alongside all the supporting documents need to be agreed by the SAG before any event is given the green light. For more information on how the Council organises events in parks please see <https://www.croydon.gov.uk/libraries-leisure-and-culture/parks-and-open-spaces/parks-and-playgrounds/park-hire>

UPDATE ON THE BIRCH HOTEL

As your local Councillors, we regularly have to deal with rumours that the Birch Hotel site is full of asylum seekers or squatters. We can assure you that there is no truth to these rumours. As your local Councillors, we visit the site on a regular basis and have good relationships with security staff at the venue. We are clear that the site is currently not being used by anyone other than security staff. The administrators who currently control the site, are still working on plans to sell the site to an established operator to secure the historic buildings' future.

NEW COMPLIANCE TEAM TO TACKLE THE 'BROKEN WINDOW' EFFECT

A new compliance team has recently been introduced across the Borough. The new team will be street based and will act on local intelligence and data to tackle fly tipping hot spots, deal with abandoned vehicles and tackle anti-social behaviour. They will also check that street licences and waste management arrangements are being complied with and that waste is cleared from private land. They will act to educate residents and

businesses, but will also have the power to issue fixed penalty notices and Community Protection Notices.

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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Andy.stranack@croydon.gov.uk

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

25/01163/FUL - 188 - 190 Addington Road South Croydon CR2 8LB

Erection of a two storey rear extension at lower ground and ground floor levels.

25/02338/FUL - 198 - 200 Addington Road South Croydon CR2 8LD

Erection of an additional storey at first-floor level to the rear of the building to provide two self-contained residential flats, provision of associated car parking, cycle and refuse storage, and all related works.

25/02545/HSE - 45 Albatross Gardens South Croydon CR2 8QW

Erection of a first floor side extension, including front and rear dormers, and alterations to the front porch roof.

25/02378/FUL - 131 Benhurst Gardens South Croydon CR2 8NZ

Demolition of existing garage structure and erection of a single-storey 1-bed-2-person detached dwelling within the garden of 131 Benhurst Gardens, provision of associated car parking, cycle and refuse stores, and hard and soft landscaping. Replacement parking space to the front of the existing dwelling with new vehicular crossover.

25/02588/HSE - 5 Moir Close South Croydon CR2 0LQ

Erection of a single storey rear extension.

*(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))*

MP Natasha Irons' Report

Member of Parliament for Croydon East

Dear Selsdon,

July marked one year since the general election, and it was an opportunity to reflect on some of the work we have done together and what is happening in Croydon East. Such as:

- TFL receiving the money it needs for a brand-new tram fleet for Croydon in the spending review.
- Funding to increase capacity for more GP appointments at Addington Medical Practice and Ashburton Park Medical Centre.
- The expansion of free school meals to all pupils living in households receiving Universal Credit.
- Work on the New Addington Community Diagnostic Centre going ahead.

Before the summer recess, I had the pleasure of highlighting the incredible achievement of pupils and staff at Croydon High School for Girls in The House of Commons. Thanks to the pioneering work of the 'Astrogazers' team, the school is on track to become the first all-girls school in the world to design, build and launch a CubeSat into space following their successful live flight test. A massive congratulations to everyone involved in this incredible project!

Earlier this year, I attended a Forestdale and Selsdon School council meeting with pupils and teachers from local primary schools. They raised serious concerns about unsafe driving in the area and wanted to see measures put in place. I wrote to Croydon Council on behalf of the schools, requesting a road safety review and urging the introduction of a zebra crossing to help deter dangerous driving.

Children and school staff should feel safe traveling to and from school, so I've launched a local campaign calling on Croydon Council to meet with the Selsdon Schools' Council to hear their concerns, to review traffic on Featherbed Lane at the end of the school day to see the issue firsthand and install measures that make it safer for pedestrians. Please scan the QR code below to sign the petition:



My team and I have also received a large volume of complaints from residents about Pear Tree Farm. I'm working closely with the Environment Agency to take action. They have advised that the more reports they receive from residents, the easier it is to escalate enforcement and allocate resources. If you are worried about excessive waste, dust or fires on the site, please contact the Environment Agency directly. Call 0800 80 70 60 or email incident_communication_service@environment-agency.gov.uk. I will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates.

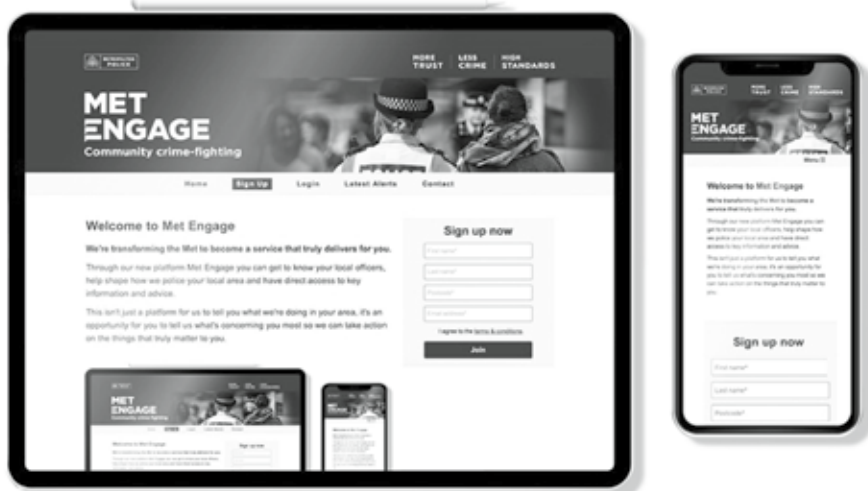
If you'd like to book an appointment at one of my advice surgeries or wish to raise any issues, please get in touch at natasha.ironson@parliament.uk or call 020 8191 2482 (leave a voicemail and we'll get back to you).

Best wishes,
Natasha

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Update from our Local Police

This month has been yet another busy, but productive month for the team, from conducting regular patrols in hot spot locations requested by community members, to knocking on doors to advertise out new platform, MET ENGAGE (see below). The team has also been carrying out regular crime prevention stalls and street drop-ins to engage with the community and to create a police presence around hot spot areas.



We have been pleased by the response, so far, to the introduction of the new communications system called MET ENGAGE. This is a Met wide



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Officers have been conducting house to house visits to make residents aware of this and to help them to sign up to this free and easy to use service. It has been very rewarding for officers meeting residents and discussing their local areas. If you have not signed up to this platform and would like to or would like more information, please go to metengage.co.uk.

Officers were also involved in the policing of Soaked Pineapple X Sandz which took place at Addington Park in collaboration with private security and volunteers. A large quantity of drugs were seized during the security search as people entered the festival.

The team have been carrying out arrest enquires, one of which resulted in an arrest of a suspect through having to knock the door down to gain entry to the property as the suspect was refusing to open the door to officers.

PC Williams

Contacting the Police

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

Emergencies – 999, Non-emergency crime - 101

All phone numbers for each individual team are no longer used. Residents should use the following email addresses:

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Good Time for Gardening – September

How to garden with extremes of weather ... possibly the opposite of 'A good time for gardening'!

Extremes of wind, rain, snow, frost and sun are battering the world more than ever and sometimes it may seem an uphill battle to enjoy your outside space, but there are things you can do to weatherproof your garden.



Heavy downpours

Plants need rain, but we are experiencing more frequent and heavier downpours, leading to flooded lawns and soggy ground. The water displaces air from the spaces between soil particles and plant roots can literally drown, unless they are adapted to growing in waterlogged conditions. Waterlogging is common on poorly drained soil or when heavy soil is compacted. You may need to provide more support for plants during heavy downpours, and cut back soggy plants if they risk damaging surrounding plants. Take note of where water collects in your garden and plan how to remedy with drainage or move plants to other locations.

The power of the wind

Wind doesn't just affect coastal gardens, the same problem can affect exposed gardens, roof tops, balconies, or any areas with a wind tunnel, such as a side alley. Wind can strip leaves and soil of moisture.



Wind can break branches and even whole trunks, which can cause further damage as they fall. Greenhouses and other glass is at risk from flying objects and these objects can end up in next door's garden, so take care to check which items in your garden could be blown around or away, storing them inside a shed or the home when needed. Think about where you will store items before you purchase them. Plants whose natural habitat is by the sea or on a mountain top, have adapted to cope with these extreme conditions. Take inspiration from these types of location, and adapt them for your garden.

Jack Frost's about

Frost is the worst enemy of many plants, causing death and destruction. Prolonged periods of frost can cause lasting damage that weaken a plant beyond recovery, and often catches gardeners unaware. If frost is forecast

move pots near the walls of your home to borrow some warmth. A soft, fibrous, translucent material laid over or around plants hastening their growth and protecting them against weather and pests can help. Heavier grades of fleece give about 2°C of protection from frost. It is usually used without supporting hoops. Also, beware of frosts after a warm spell, which can shock a plant enough to kill it, forewarned is forearmed.

Sanderstead Horticultural Society – AUTUMN SHOW – Saturday 20th September from 2pm at All Saints Church Hall, Onslow Gardens, Sanderstead

Frederick, Cedric and Sunflower Sid – information originally from the RHS www.sandersteadhs.org

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THE FRIENDS OF LITTLEHEATH WOODS WOODLAND WALK

This year the Friends of Littleheath Woods are celebrating their 30th birthday and are offering 2 guided walks on Saturday 20th September for you to come and discover or rediscover Selsdon's secret woodland.

Start: Littleheath Rd steps opposite Queenhill Rd
Time: 10am and 2pm
Duration: 1½ to 2 hours



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SRA Selsdon Heritage Walks

On a very wet Saturday 19 July, members of the SRA Committee led three walks through Selsdon highlighting the development of Selsdon from a large house on the hill and a farm nearby, to a popular housing estate with a thriving high street and surrounded by some wonderful green spaces. Despite the poor weather, residents turned up for their walks in their waterproofs to learn about the architecture and history of Selsdon Garden Village over its 100 years in existence. We hope to run some more of these walks in the future, but hope for better weather.



Some of the residents on the afternoon, drier, walk, outside the Victorian cottages which housed the workers for the original farm.

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The Sanderstead Plantation

I am writing this in the sweltering early summer heat, however, the Plantation provides a welcome, fresher space, with its continuous canopy. The lack of rain to date is a concern to all, and, if it continues the trees will be under considerable stress, causing limbs to drop without warning. On a brighter note, we planted the 100 mixed forest and understorey 1 year old whips in early spring where previous trees were felled, as considered dangerous. The whips were duly staked, this is so we can find and release them when the inevitable bramble takes over. They were provided, courtesy of the Mayor of London, as part of a 'greening' policy.

The group recently held a tree walk within the 21 acre site, identifying various trees. There are a few Turkey Oak specimens, noted for their hairy acorn cups. These may have been planted for ornamental reasons as the timber has no commercial value apart from possibly firewood. Nearby is a Holm Oak (*Quercus Ilex*), an evergreen oak, the leaves slightly resemble a holly, as the name 'Ilex' would suggest. These, and other identifiable trees such as White Poplar and English Lime are possibly some 200 years old, not to mention Oaks and Sweet Chestnuts of considerable age. These, we believe, could have been planted by the Wigsells. a prominent



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family in Sanderstead from the 1700s onwards until 1919, residing at Sanderstead Court, until it burnt down. Their land thereabouts, extended to the Plantation and from a 1762 map the site appears to have been unwooded with enclosures. It may have been found unsuitable as arable, being high and facing cold north winds, and so planted as a shelter belt and resource for the Court.



Some of the Partners taking a well- earned break.

The stalwart band of volunteers (The Partners) meet every Wednesday morning throughout the year, weather permitting, maintaining our plantings, some 2700 so far. I would mention, however, this has been over a 25 year period! We also keep the paths open for easier access. We do hope you will visit this woodland of Special Conservation Importance (Grade 1), if you have not already done so, and enjoy the extensive views as far as the Chilterns and, of course, London on a clear day.

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Farewell and Thank you
From Rashmi and Sheila, Mr Dry Clean

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We are stepping back, but will be around during the transition to help things run smoothly.

We'd love to catch up - Pop inside the shop and Kinjal can share our contact details if you'd like to chat and reminisce.

With full hearts and deep appreciation, we say goodbye – and thank you for being such an important part of our story.

With Love and best wishes, Rashmi and Sheila

Local Guided Walks in Selsdon

- **Saturday 20 September at 10am & 2pm – A Woodland Walk**

Friends of Littleheath Woods, meet at Littelheath Road steps opposite Queenhill Road



- **Saturday 25th October at 10am - Fungus Hunt - led by the Friends**

Friends of Selsdon Wood, meet at the Old Farleigh Road Car Park

- **A Saturday in October - Autumn Fruits & Fungi – led by Jane McLauchlin**

Participants to be limited to 15 number. Attendance will be managed by 'Eventbrite' .

See FOLW website.

Friends of Littleheath Woods, meet at junction of Queenhill/Littleheath Roads

- **Saturday 15th November at 1pm - Autumn/Winter Tree Appreciation - led by the Friends**

Friends of Selsdon Wood, meet at the Old Farleigh Road Car Park

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Selsdon – A Brief Timeline – Part 2

We saw in the April 2023 Gazette that Selsdon is surrounded by Churches which have a rich and ancient heritage. A look again at Speed's map of 1610 shows the villages of Farleigh, Addington, Warlingham, Woldingham and Chelsham with their Churches.



St Mary the Blessed at Addington and St Mary's at Farleigh date to 1080AD.

All Saints at Sanderstead, All Saints at Warlingham and St Leonard's at Chelsham date back to the 13th Century.

Selsdon, or any precursor name, is not shown on the map.

These villages which are now overshadowed by the scale of modern Selsdon must have had thriving populations to warrant the fine churches and to pay for their construction, upkeep and the 'Living' of the clergy.

Despite Speed's omission of Selsdon from his mapping it is evident that there was earlier occupation in the area. Local History Records reveal activity going back thousands of years:

Mesolithic (8,000 – 3,000BCE)

A flint axe head was found in Shirley. A late Mesolithic Settlement has been found on the top of Croham Hurst.

Neolithic (3,000 – 1,800 BCE)

A flint arrowhead was found at Addington.

Bronze Age (1,800 – 1,000 BCE)

A hoard of Axe and Spear Heads were discovered in 1914 on the site of Addington Golf Course. A site of a Round Barrow is situated on the top of Croham Hurst.

Iron Age:

The route of the current Upper Selsdon Road ran through what is now The Selsdon Park Hotel and connected with Old Farleigh Road near to where Cosy Cottage now is and on to the Sussex Weald via Farleigh and Titsey. A hoard of coins was found in New Addington and one coin in Courtwood Lane. Late Iron Age Cremation Burials (12 – 15) dated to 1st C BCE have been found on the site of Farleigh Court Golf Course

Romano / British (43AD – 410AD):

4 Romano British settlements have been recorded locally, one in Kingswood, one at Sanderstead Court, one at Atwood School and one at Farleigh Court Golf Course. The route of a Roman Road is still preserved as a trackway through the eastern side of New Addington.

Anglo-Saxon (410AD to 1066AD)

During this period, the Manor of Croydon was acquired by the Holy See of Canterbury. The Manor was leased to Ealdorman Alfred and, in his will of 892, he bequeathed some lands, including 'Selesdune', to his wife and daughter. In 964 the Manor of Sanderstead which included Selsdon, was gifted by the then owner, Queen Aethelflaed, to the Benedictine Abbey of St Peter's at Winchester to provide a living and income to the monks at St Peter's.

Medieval

The Domesday Book of 1086/7 does not record Selsdon as such and there is confusion over whether Selsdon was included in the entry for Sanderstead or Croydon. It is recorded that St Peter's of Winchester held Sanderstead and Archbishop Lanfranc of Canterbury held Croydon. Documents of 1193 and 1283 refer to Selsdon and relate to free work that was to be provided to the Lord of the Manor by his tenants. Selsdon appears to have been considered part of the Manor of Croydon. In 1247 two Knights Templar had a legal dispute over lands in Addington and Selsdon. A Surrey taxation document of 1332 records that 12 persons living in the 'Villata de Selsdone' were to be charged the sum of 17s 3d.



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15th Century

Upper Selsdon Road was previously just Selsdon Road but before that, it was known as 'Breechfield Lane' and, in the 15th Century, it was described as "Waye going towards Sellesdun". The Archbishop of Canterbury ordered a survey of the lands which Canterbury held in order to check the amount of rent which leaseholders should be paying. The lands which we know as modern Selsdon were farmed by a few families but the 800+ acres recorded would have required more labour than the families could provide without tenant farmers or labourers.

16th Century

1565 - Parish Registers from Sanderstead record the names of people living in Selsdon marrying, giving birth, being christened and dying. The Kempe, Ownstead and Christian families are predominant. The Ownsteads buried two servants, Winifred Nicholson in 1592 and Richard Wells in 1599. A Court of the time recorded misdemeanours carried out in Selsdon: in 1584 John Woodstock was fined 2d for not keeping his fence in a suitable state of repair; in 1595 Thomas Stinte was also fined 2d for a similar offence.

17th Century

John Ownstead died (1600) and the estate was bought by Harman Atwood. The Sanderstead Parish Register records several entries for the Lucas Family in that century:

1632 – Robert Lucas of Sellesden was fined 12d for herding his sheep across the Lords Common;

1639 - Walter and Susan Lucas had a daughter, Mary, baptised 30/9/1639 and son Robert baptised 24/11/1642. Susan died shortly after, perhaps from the birth, and was buried at Sanderstead Church, 12/12/1642;

1649 – John Daniels was convicted of stealing sheep from Robert Lucas;

1679 - Richard and Susan Lucas had a daughter, Elizabeth, baptised 30/12/1679, another child, unnamed, was baptised in 1682 and son, William, baptised 20/9/1687.

18th Century

Around 1700 Selsdon Farm, the precursor to The Selsdon Park Hotel, is leased from the Atwoods by the Bowyer family. The farmhouse then passes through several hands until, in 1775 Thomas Lane made additions to remodel it in a mansion style by appointing an Architect to redesign the facade.

19th Century

1804 - William Coles set about improving the mansion and separating the farming element.

1809 – Coles had built Selsdon New (Park) Farm (on the site of our Aldi supermarket) together with 6 pairs of semi-detached cottages and two detached houses along Addington Road. Numbers 240 / 242 survive today.

1810 - Coles was declared bankrupt and the 'Freehold Mansion....newly

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A map by Moll of 1724 shows the hamlet of Selsdon while Rocque's more detailed map, here, of 1762 records Selsdon Farm (just above 'Sanderfted').

built farmhouse....cottages, together with 900 acres' was bought by the Banker, George Smith and, on his death passed to his daughter, Mabel Greville, nee Smith.

1890 - William Stevens purchases the Mansion. Lands to the north of Addington Road are bought by Charles Goschen who already owned Ballards and Heathfield

1899 – Stevens dies and the Mansion, woods and farmland are purchased by a wealthy brewer, Wickham Noakes.

20th Century

1901 - Census records the population of Selsdon at 149.

21st Century

2021 – Census records the population of Selsdon as approximately 20,000*

Ian Leggatt August 2025

Sources:

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It is impossible to accurately compare the population numbers over the two centuries. Current census records are based on the Electoral Ward system. The Wards of Selsdon and Addington Village plus Selsdon Vale and Forestdale incorporate most of what we know as 'Selsdon' but with the addition of areas outside our Selsdon: The Selsdon Residents' Association delivers the Gazette to approximately 4,000 households, some of which are in Sanderstead Ward.

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More Recollections of Selsdon, this time by Daphne or 'Lollypop'

I originally lived in Foxearth Road, opposite the school entrance. My husband and I moved to Norfolk for his job, but my heart was always in Selsdon and so, we moved back to Farley Road, no. 26 and I still own this house.



I had my daughter, Jackie, whilst in Norfolk. When we came back to Selsdon she was primary school age, and she went to Littleheath School at 66 Farley Road. It was a lovely little private school which was held in the house.

Selsdon started as a little village. I fondly remember some of the shops: Monty the Bakers, with his fabulous bread and cakes; Buckingham's, in which the Post Office was housed and Mrs Buckingham stocked haberdashery and clothes; the two fishmongers, the butchers, the Co-op, Sainsbury's, Tudor Library, the Village Club, and the Selsdon Garage, to name but a few. There was also the Barbers with the red and white pole outside run by Mr Hewitt and the shoe shop where I bought my daughter's school shoes. Obviously, the only remaining original shops are Tudor Library and the Village Club.

I wanted a little job whilst Jackie was at school, but I also wanted to be home during the school holidays. I became School Crossing Patrol at the Selsdon Junction, before the traffic lights were installed. I did this job for about 40 years, and became affectionately known as 'Lollypop'. Croydon High School appreciated my being there and I am now classed as ex-staff

and I became a member of their Ivy Link and I have regularly attended events at the school.

Unfortunately, I had a fall in Queenhill Road at the beginning of April this year. I was in Croydon University Hospital for 7 weeks due to complications. The end result is that I am now unable to walk, or even stand independently. My daughter had to find a Nursing Home for me. I have always been a fiercely independent lady who lived on my own until my fall. I am, however, happy in my new environment, Tudor House Nursing Home. Several Selsdon people have visited me, which is lovely.

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Life Admin

Do you feel you need some help to organise your life? If so, creating a personalised list of essential what to do and when (for different time periods) can be very helpful. You can find lots of templates online. Here is a suggestion of some annual tasks to consider.

Health

- Schedule annual check-ups. Dentist, medication reviews, other preventative care such as hearing and eye checks, vaccinations (for you, your family and your pets)
- More regularly (monthly?) check skin for lumps, texture and colour changes, altered moles, etc.
- Review your own health and happiness and make positive plans



Home

- Boiler service
- Inspect roof, clear gutters and drains (and chimney if appropriate)
- Check house (every surface and space) for pests, e.g. insects, animals
- Make home repairs where necessary
- Declutter and organise storage spaces
- Deep clean – carpets, external paths, oven, mattress/duvets/pillows, etc.
- Check battery on smoke and carbon monoxide alarms
- External space – trim back any plant overgrowth, clean and treat any external furniture, woodwork

Vehicle

- Car service, tax, mot, insurance. Oil levels, tyre tread.

Finances

- Ensure all paperwork is filed correctly and accessible
- Prepare and file tax data as necessary
- Review and update all insurances – home, health, life, travel
- Review savings and loans – can you get a better rate?
- Review pension – are you saving enough?
- Make/update your annual budget – assess your goals and spending plans
- Review all current subscriptions/memberships



Other

- Update/renew important documents – e.g. passports, licences, wills
- Plan some outings/trips
- Update your calendar/planner with dates for life admin tasks, for birthdays and anniversaries, planned reunions/parties/phone catch-ups
- Take a day to review your work, where you spend your time, your relationships
- Review personal development – learning and skills

Janet Sharp

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Quiz about British Scientists

The British Science Festival takes place at Liverpool this year from 10 - 14 September, so here is a quiz to test your knowledge of some of our most famous scientists.



1. While working at the University of Cambridge's Cavendish Laboratory, Francis Crick and James Watson discovered the structure of DNA took what form?
2. What was the title of the 1859 work by Charles Darwin in which he set out his theory of evolution by natural selection?
3. What did Sir Alexander Fleming discover greatly reduced the severity of many diseases including those caused by staphylococci and streptococci bacteria?
4. Sir Tim Berners-Lee is a British scientist who invented what when he made a hypertext transfer protocol communication using the internet?

5. Which scientist is known for his 'law of universal gravitation' and his three 'laws of motion'?
6. Edward Jenner created the first vaccine in 1796 after noticing that milkmaids who had caught the less virulent cowpox were granted immunity from which, far more serious, disease?
7. John Harrison invented the marine chronometer, a very accurate clock for use on ships at sea. What did this invention enable sailors to accurately measure for the first time?
8. Name the Stephen Hawking book which appeared on the British Sunday Times best-seller list for a record 237 weeks?
9. Which British mathematician and computer scientist, who died of cyanide poisoning, is often considered to be the father of artificial intelligence?
10. This mathematician was a pioneer in computer programming language in the 19th century and created the first algorithm. What was her name?

Answers after the Nature NotesTop of Form

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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.

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What advice could you offer this Selsdon resident with noisy workmen next door?

Dear Editor,

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I have recently retired but I'm not able to enjoy the sunshine in the garden due to the noise from the builders employed by my neighbours. I'm not talking about the normal sounds of building work – drilling and hammering. I can cope with that! I'm talking about loud music and yelling obscenities at random moments. It's something I've never experienced before!



They play their music up very loud so that they can sing along to it while their drills are going. It's as though they are in the living room with me! And when there is a moment's silence the swearing begins. I'm probably considered a prude but I don't like the 'f' word or the 'c' word. It's been going on for 5 weeks!

I have considered going round and asking them to stop but I'll admit to feeling intimidated.

So, what do I do? Sit and suffer?

I know lots of people will advise me to speak to the neighbours but I don't want to be judged as a 'Karen' (this is apparently someone who complains on social media). I wonder if others feel helpless when they feel the need to complain about something that they are entirely justified in being annoyed about.

Regards

Name and address supplied

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One Selsdon resident says her house has been lived in by the same family for 100 years. Can anyone else match this?

Dear Editor,

You have asked for pictures to celebrate Selsdon's (Croham Heights) 100th birthday. I have attached for you the photographs I have from the opening of Croham Heights in 1926.

My grandfather bought my house in Rylandes Road new in 1926, my parents then owned the house and now I live here. (I was in fact born in the house). Although there are probably a few residents that have lived in

Selsdon longer than me (60 years), is there a family that have owned the same house for 100 years and still live there? That would be interesting to find out.



This arch, shown here for the opening ceremony of Croham Heights, was in Queenhill Road Playspace.

Kind Regards, Penelope

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Here we have news of another free library

Hi Selsdon Gazette,

I was wondering if you could say a word about the Little Free Library I set up outside my drive at 272 Addington Road (opposite Selsdon Primary School) in your next Gazette.

I built it to encourage the Selsdon Community to read, share and swap books and talk about books by also following the Instagram account @cr2_bookswa

Thanks!

Christelle Wilmot

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News from a resident enjoying a Friends of Selsdon Wood Walk.

Dear Editor,

Just to say the Summer Wild Flowers Walk in Selsdon Wood on 22nd June was lovely and very informative. We were very lucky and saw lots of Marbled White butterflies too (see photo).



We put some of our lawn to meadow last year and have been very lucky in that it has taken quite well already. We've had hay rattle, clover, ox eye daisies, toadflax and lots of grasses, knapweed, meadow vetchling, birds' foot trefoil, cats' ear, ragged Robin and yarrow come up. Because of that we have had a Marbled White on the grasses for several days and loads of Gatekeepers, day moths, and two types of grasshoppers. One of the ox eye daisies was smothered in black fly until the 7 ladybirds arrived- in a very short space of time the black fly were gone! Did you

know a group of ladybirds is called a loveliness? There were loads in our garden. Our next door neighbour found one! If you plant/provide the conditions they will come and it's really exciting to see what comes next.

Chris Alexander

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Here our regular contributor, Jessica Blake, considers her gardening plans for next year.

The View from a Summer Garden



The sun is blazing down on my brown patchy lawn, squirrels are digging all over the place and planting their nuts for their winter supply of food, and soon I will start chopping down the flowers that are starting to die back at the end of this season. In fact, it all looks marvellous considering how dry the weather has been. Gosh, we could get tanned in our own garden or local park this summer.

It is so peaceful as I write this, even the birds seem to have returned to their shady nests, all except the green parakeets, who never appear to build a nest and that might be a reason why we have gone from large flocks of green parakeets, to two or three flying together at any one time. I did think if the parakeets watched other birds nest building, they might try to copy them, but no, I think that is not happening.

After a rather itchy start to the summer, I have learned to keep a tube of anti-histamine cream in my bathroom cupboard to counteract the very thirsty horseflies, who are flying from a local stable to bite our bodies where they can and have a nice, refreshing swig of human blood, after long days of feeling compelled by nature to torment horses and cows by swarming around on them and irritating the poor creatures.

My preparation for our garden for next spring, apart from purchasing some daffodil bulbs, will be to drag out a book from my office shelves and see what flowers are recommended for dry conditions. Of course, that might well make it a wet summer next year, if I have planted that type



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of flower, so I think I will hedge my bets, and plant a half wet type and half dry type of garden. Should I do that in patches, or alternatively one dry loving and one wet loving plant next to each other, working on the assumption that as the one type dies off, the other type will bloom and have more space to grow bigger?

Well, here is my sunhat. Must now get started on today's plan of action.

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Poetry Corner

This month, Mary Gill cautions us about the potential loss of local dialects.

ACCENTS

Accents are the melodies of everyday speech,
the rhymes and the rhythms of our roots.
But now bland uniformity threatens to leach
all the character – see how it mutes
the subtle gradation of tone that you hear
as you travel through counties and states.
Drab homogenisation is costing us dear,
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our whimsical accents and our singular brogues,
serendipitous tunes each employs.
Could we all speak like chat-bots as their power grows
and the music is drained from our voice?



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Here Ted helps us identify trees and bushes without our smart phones.

Nature Notes from Ted Forsyth – Identifying Trees and Bushes

There are many mobile phone apps to aid in the identification of birds, plants, fungi, etc, but there is much joy in wandering without the encumbrance of technology (allowing for some form of camera) to allow your eyes and ears to detect details you might otherwise miss.

Trees and bushes are present throughout the year so you might need to identify them at any season.

LEAF. Conifers have modified leaves in the form of bunches of thin needles to reduce moisture loss when growing in extremely cold winter conditions. The leaves are evergreen, apart from Larch, and are retained through the winter. Holly and Laurel are among a few tree or bush species which have thick waxy leaves which allow them to survive winter conditions. Most of the remaining trees and bushes are deciduous and lose their leaves in the autumn. Leaf shape is important for ID but the arrangement is also important in separating leaves which might look similar. Horse Chestnut has distinctive leaves which grow out from a point like fingers extending from the palm of a hand, while Rowan and Ash produce leaflets which are attached on opposite sides of a twig.



TWIG. Winter twigs can be identified by the positioning of the buds. A single black terminal bud on the twig immediately suggests Ash. Other species have brown or green buds, some of which will be single while others can have multiple terminal buds. Horse Chestnut has very sticky brown buds. The buds might appear as opposite pairs on the twig, or might be singles at intervals along the twig.

FLOWER. Some arrangements of flowers are distinctive. A Blackthorn hedge in spring will be a glorious display of masses of white flowers. Hawthorn, whether as a hedge or individual tree, produces a similar display but some weeks later. The flowers of Elder form large plate-like arrangements – and they also have a strong sweet smell. A mature Horse Chestnut has flowers in short vertical columns of white but some with deep pink flowers indicate they are of hybrid origin. Some trees are dioecious, with male and female flowers on separate trees – Holly is an example. On a tree like the Hawthorn the male and female flowers can appear on the same branch. While many flowers are pollinated by insects, the catkins of trees like Hazel produce enormous quantities of pollen which are dispersed by the action of wind, producing clouds of pollen wafting in the breeze in spring.



FRUIT. Seeds of some trees and bushes are encased in a berry. Common Dogwood and Wild Privet both produce small black berries. Rowan, Wild Cherry, Hawthorn and others have berries which are various shades of

red. Wayfaring Tree can display berries of green and red at the same time and on the same bunch. The most distinctive berry is that of the Spindle which is bright pink on the outside but opens to display an equally bright orange seed, making the bush visible and recognisable from quite a distance. The maple group – Sycamore, Norway Maple and Field Maple – all produce seeds with two attached wings. Ash has dense bunches of “keys” which are thin containers of the seed. These bunches often remain attached to the branch of the tree during winter and provide food for birds such as Bullfinches. As the name suggests, conifers hold their seeds in cones of various types with the exception of the Yew which has its own arrangement. The deciduous Alder also has its seeds in a type of cone.

BARK. The trunk of a mature tree is covered in a more or less distinctive bark which in many cases will be enough to identify the species. Just as young smooth-skinned humans grow into gnarly wrinklies, so do tree barks change as they grow. A young growing tip of a Spindle branch is smooth and bright green in colour but given time to develop it becomes brownish and develops ridges along the branch. A Sweet Chestnut tree has a bark which is grooved but the grooves tend to spiral round the trunk. A Sweet Chestnut which fell in Selsdon Wood still had enough root cover to keep it alive so the fallen

trunk began new vertical branches like a collection of trunks – they were all smooth with no sign of grooves.



On the Friends of Selsdon Wood website look at Wildlife/Flora/Trees & Shrubs to see Heather's articles about all the species found in the woods. Useful information can be found on web searches for “Winter Twigs”, and “Tree And Flower Identification Guide”.

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10. Ada Lovelace

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We were delighted to welcome Mayor **Jason Perry** to the Contact office, together with Sanderstead Cllr Yvette Hopley on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025. The Mayor toured our space, met our amazing staff, Volunteers and Chairlady. He heard some of the powerful stories behind the work we do, from assisting callers to the office with a variety of issues (Mon-Fri 10am to 3pm), to supporting people through tough times.

Mayor Perry shared kind words about our mission, saying, "Seeing how you help our older residents stay connected, healthy, and valued is truly moving. This is community spirit at its finest."

Of course, we couldn't let the day pass without a few smiles and photos! The visit was a wonderful reminder that when our community leaders and local charities work hand in hand, we can make an even bigger difference together. Thank you, Mayor Perry, for taking the time to see our work in action and for your continued support.

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The show will be performed in the Sanderstead United Reformed Church Hall at the bottom of Sanderstead Hill on **Thursday, Friday and Saturday 6th, 7th, and 8th November at 7.45 pm with a matinee on Saturday 8th at 2.30pm**. Tickets cost £10 and will go on sale on **Monday 22nd September**.

For information on how to buy tickets or to join The Parlour Players go to the website [www.parlourplayers.co.uk](http://www.parlourplayers.co.uk) or contact the Box Office direct via [boxoffice@parlourplayers.co.uk](mailto:boxoffice@parlourplayers.co.uk) or on 020 8657 2632.

# Sanderstead Local History Group

We usually hold our meetings in the Small Hall at All Saints Church, Onslow Gardens, Sanderstead, CR2 9AB. They are on the last Wednesday of each month usually, excluding August and December. The meetings start promptly at 2.00 pm so please be seated by then. Doors open at 1.45 pm. We make a small charge to cover the cost of hiring the hall and providing tea and biscuits after the meeting.

## Future Programme

**24th September:** Chaldon Court: A Medieval Mystery? Dated to 1366, what is known and unknown about this building next to the church in Chaldon, by Madeline Hutchins

**29th October:** Pacitti - Ice Cream. How a family from Italy came to Croydon as organ grinders and founded the Premier Ice Cream Co. by Richard Pacitti

**26th November:** Fickleshole -an ancient manor and the inception of the White Bear Public House - The history of both from earlier times by Joyce Hoad

Please note that due to unforeseen circumstances the SLHG web site can't be updated and its email address is locked. Correspondence or enquiries can be sent to [joycehead@virginmedia.com](mailto:joycehead@virginmedia.com)

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## What's up Next ?

**Hobby Fair** – 13<sup>th</sup> September - St John's Community Hall

Once again, we invite local groups & organisations to come along & promote what they do and to sign up new members. So don't miss out, come along on the day, have a cuppa, and meet new folks & new hobbies.

**Sanderstead Community Day** – 27<sup>th</sup> September 11am – 4.30pm – Sanderstead Recreation Ground

Fantastic variety of stalls, food & drink, entertainment. Don't miss out, come along & enjoy the day. To book a stall please email [sandersteadcommunityday2023@gmail.com](mailto:sandersteadcommunityday2023@gmail.com)

**Craft Fair** – 15<sup>th</sup> November - All Saints Church Hall, Sanderstead  
Come along & enjoy the variety of stalls & crafts, & have a cuppa & a burger or some cake.

**Please get in touch – 07774 186792**

**[Secretary@rotarysandersteadandselsdon.com](mailto:Secretary@rotarysandersteadandselsdon.com)**

# SELSDON AFTERNOON TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD



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

After a short business meeting, we are pleased to welcome speakers. At our meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup> John Fox will talk about Music Halls and Variety and on October 17<sup>th</sup> there will be a presentation by our own Drama Group. Following this there is time for tea and a chat!

There are groups for Handicrafts, Rummikub, Knit and Natter that take place during the month in members' homes, or you might like to join a trip to the Theatre or an organised Outing.

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After a three month break, we will start again this year on 1 September 2025. Why not come and give it a try? We are a friendly bunch. There is no audition and we are looking for all voices. If you like to sing, we would love to meet you. Come and give your voice a workout. Singing may also improve your memory and lung capacity, relieve stress, make you feel happy and make new friends.

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