

The Selsdon — Gazette —

Volume 79. No. 885

October 2026



THE SELSDON GAZETTE

Editor: selsdongazettesra@gmail.com

Website: www.selsdon-residents.co.uk

Advertising Enquiries: Chris Jones, selsdongazettesra@gmail.com

Gazette Finance Manager: Jenny Bradley, sragazettejb@gmail.com

Distribution: Enquiries to Chris Jones, selsdongazettesra@gmail.com

Copy for the Gazette should reach the Editor by 20th of each month and email attachments should be in Word or PDF format. Advertisements must reach the Advertising Manager by 15th of each month, with payment in full received by close of business that day.

There is no August Gazette.

The view expressed by contributors to the Selsdon Gazette are their own and are not necessarily those of the Editor, the Selsdon Gazette or the Selsdon Residents' Association. All letters printed as received.

The publication of advertisements in the Selsdon Gazette does not imply any warranty on the part of the Selsdon Gazette or the Selsdon Residents' Association as to the quality of services offered by the advertiser. Residents should make such enquiries as they think necessary about any provider of goods or services.

Gazette cover: The winning entry for our Upcycled Container Garden Competition by Isma.



KANE'S

Quality Florist

FLORAL DESIGNS FOR EVERY OCCASION



Bouquets • Arrangements • Events • Weddings • Funerals

Personal Attention Assured

Delivered to Croydon and surrounding areas, open 7 days

020 8656 3233 OR 020 8656 7020

www.kanesflorists-croydon.co.uk

www.kanesfloristscroydon.co.uk

Farleigh House Farm, Farleigh Common CR6 9PE



Selsdon & District Funeral Service



- Your Local Funeral Director
- Independent and Licensed Funeral Directors
- Extensive Range of Memorials
- We Serve All Denominations in Any Area
- Pre Paid Funeral Plans
- Over 50 Years Experience



FOR IMMEDIATE PERSONAL ATTENTION

PLEASE TELEPHONE: **020 8657 0030**

We provide 24 hour assistance



**Golden Leaves
Funeral Plans**

204 Addington Road
Selsdon, Surrey. CR2 8LD
www.selsdonfunerals.co.uk
info@selsdonfuneralservice.co.uk


manor gardens
TREECARE
— Est. 1981 —



020 8657 7667



07931 220044



manorgardenstrees@yahoo.co.uk



manorgardenstreecare.co.uk

All aspects of modern arboriculture
Insured and qualified

Tree Reductions

Tree Removal

Stump Removal

Woodland Management

Hedge Cutting

Site Clearance

SELSDON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

mail2.selsdonresidents@gmail.com

Committee 2026/2027

Hon. President: Pamela Holden

Chair: Sheila Childs

Vice-Chair: Martina Enwood

Secretary: Trevor Stotten

Hon. Treasurer: Iris Jones

Committee: Linda Morris

Yvonne Huber

Su Yates

Peter Underwood

Ian Leggatt

Janet Sharp

Chris Jones

Geoff Bailey

Kenneth Davis

Jane Plowden

Councillors for Selsdon & Addington Village Ward

Cllr Robert Ward Robert.ward@croydon.gov.uk 07783 152363

Cllr Joseph Lee Joseph.lee@croydon.gov.uk 07458 092567

Councillors for Selsdon Vale & Forestdale Ward

Cllr Andy Stranack Andy.stranack@croydon.gov.uk 07816 123204

Cllr Jack Barwell Jack.barwell@croydon.gov.uk 07484 904343

Councillors for Sanderstead Ward

Cllr Lynne Hale Lynne.hale@croydon.gov.uk 0208 651 2229

Cllr Yvette Hopley Yvette.hopley@croydon.gov.uk 0208 604 7033

Cllr Helen Redfern Helen.redfern@croydon.gov.uk 07783 152334

Full details of the roads falling within each of the Selsdon wards can be found on the home page of the SRA website <http://selsdon-residents.co.uk>



Editor's Note

Hello everyone and welcome to October. Autumn has certainly arrived with the darker mornings and late afternoons, and all the Christmas food and gifts already on display on the supermarket shelves - too early? Talking about Christmas, in this gazette we launch the annual Design the Christmas Gazette Cover for children and have details of the Christmas Lights Switch On.

Our cover this month is the photo of our winner for the best Upcycled Container Garden, it is just a pity that we print in black and white as the purple colour of the violas is so well complemented by the brick work. Well done, Isma!

After my appeal last month for a new distributor and deliverer on the Bird Estate, I am glad to report back that both vacancies have been filled. However, we do need a few volunteers for holiday cover. Please email me if you are prepared to help with your name, address and phone number (selsdongazettesra@gmail.com).

September has been a busy month for the SRA, so we have reports on the SRA Community Fair and the Autumn Clean Up. Also, in this edition Ian continues his articles about Selsdon Baptist Church, Janet Sharp finishes her articles about the Lloyd Estate, Ted looks at how animals sense their environments and, in the gardening tips, we learn how to deter animals digging up our spring bulbs. Lastly the quiz tests how well you know the Roads, Gardens, Drives, Avenues and Closes within the Selsdon area - without your sat navs!

As ever please send me (selsdongazettesra@gmail.com) your photos, articles, letters, poems, grumbles, concerns, etc. This magazine is for Selsdon, so it is good to hear about things affecting local residents.

Chris Jones

☞ SUBMISSIONS FOR THE NOVEMBER 2026 EDITION
SHOULD BE WITH THE EDITOR NO LATER THAN
20TH OCTOBER - PREFERABLY BEFORE! ☞



SRA NEWS 'n' VIEWS

Planters in the High Street

The hot summer has made life difficult keeping the planters watered and alive this year. Thanks to anyone who managed to struggle up the high street with water and a special thanks to Raz Barbers who were always willing to let us fill our containers. A rethink might be in order next year as to what we plant.

On the subject of plants, we would be grateful if residents who have hedges and low hanging trees that are over pavements, make sure they are cut back so that wheelchair users and all pedestrians can easily pass. It is quite easy to report any issues to Croydon Council on their Love Clean Streets App and they will deal with it with the owner.



Autumn Clean Up Saturday 19th September

Another big thanks goes to Andrew for organising this Litter Pick and to all who turned up to keep Selsdon tidy. Our thanks also go to Wetherspoons for providing free tea and coffee to all the volunteers after their efforts. Our next Clean Up will be in January.

Christmas Lights

Now we go from the heat waves of the summer to our annual winter Christmas Lights. Father Christmas's plans are well under way to visit Selsdon on Friday 27th November to switch on the lights at 5pm, then to stay to speak to all the children, so make a date in your diaries! We will also be having a stand in Sainsburys' foyer on Saturday 28th November where you can donate towards the lights or pay your subs if you have forgotten.

Ernie Sweeney (1935 – 2026)

It is with sadness that I report that Ernie Sweeney has passed away at the age of 91. Ernie served as a committee member of the Selsdon Residents' Association from 2010 – 2024. His structural engineer background helped the committee enormously consider all planning applications. He and his wife, Rita, were one of the first residents of Foxearth Spur. They were medal winning ballroom dancers with Rita making all her own dresses. They learnt to dance at the Peggy Spencer School of Dancing. Ernie was involved in many organisations in the Selsdon area: Selsdon Baptist Church, the Old Saw Mill in Sanderstead, and Tea Dances at the Selsdon Community Hall. After losing his wife, he was often found in the

Sir Julian Huxley enjoying his evening meal.
Ernie leaves behind a son and five grandchildren.

Sheila Childs, Chair

~~

END OF BRITISH SUMMER TIME



Reminder

In 2026, the clocks in the UK will go back by one hour at 2am on Sunday, 25 October. This will mark the end of British Summer Time and our return to Greenwich Mean Time (GMT), giving us an extra hour of sleep but also bringing darker evenings.

~~



Company Club The Croydon Social Club for Over 45s

The Club has been in operation for nearly 50 years, it is our 50th anniversary in 2028. Our members are all from Croydon and surrounding areas. We send our members a monthly newsletter which has a range of events – meals, outings, socials, quizzes etc. We have a monthly Club Night, which meets at a local pub for members and prospective new members. We also have a Films, Plays & Concerts group which is open to everyone where people meet to discuss what that would like to see in the coming months.

We welcome lively, active and sociable people, single, divorced or couples. For more details email info@companyclub.co.uk or phone Linda Hall 01883 725726

~~



FRIENDS OF LITTLEHEATH WOODS
Fungal Foray
Saturday 31st October
Meet at 10am at the junction of Littleheath
and Queenhill Roads



Selsdon Residents' Association



GAZETTE CHRISTMAS COVER COMPETITION

For Selsdon's primary and nursery children

Closing date for entries Saturday 14 November

All you have to do is make an A4 sized, suitably seasonal, drawing or painting. Put your name, address, school and date of birth on the back and then pop it in any of the SRA committee members' addresses listed on page 2 of the Gazette or via KIBA, 119 Addington Road.

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

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

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

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



CROYDON PILATES

INTRO OFFER

2 REFORMER
CLASSES FOR
£40

REFORMER PILATES

Strength | Improve mobility & Posture | Mental Health

GROUP & PRIVATE CLASSES
MAT PILATES
OSTEOPATHY, PHYSIO & MASSAGE

Bring this page
for £5 OFF your
1st Treatment

Back in Shape, 177 Shirley Rd, Shirley CRO 8SS

(At the Trinity School/BP roundabout)

TO BOOK A CLASS



Contact us:

www.croydonpilates.co.uk
info@croydonpilates.co.uk
0208 655 1664



Selsdon Spice

Traditional Indian Restaurant & Take Away

Open 6 days a week [5pm -10.30pm]

(Tuesdays closed)



Address: 4 Selsdon Parade,
Addington Road, South Croydon,
CR2 8LH

020 8651 6602

020 8651 6603

Free Home Delivery

Within 3 mile radius (minimum order £15)

NIGHT BANQUET

Sunday and Wednesday

£16.95 per person

(Dine in only)

Choose from our menu

Any one starter of your choice

Any 1 Main dish (up to £11.95)

Any side dish &

Any 1 Rice or Naan of your
choice.

T & Cs apply



M, G, Turrell, Roofing

Over 30 years experience

No Job to Small. Tile repairs,

Flat Roofs, Chimneys, Point-

ing, lead work, guttering. New PVC Fas-
cia's, Soffits, this will reduce your outside
decorating. General minor house repairs.

For more details with no Obligation.

Tel 020 8657-4245, Mob 07808092011

SELSDON COMMUNITY FAIR

Sunday 6 September



The weather gods were good to us for the annual Selsdon Community Fair held at Selsdon Wood. Visitors enjoyed the warm weather and the wide variety of stalls on offer. Many thanks go to Peter Underwood of the Selsdon Residents' Association for masterminding the event.



It was great to see some of our local police officers support the event, even if it was their day off. They brought a variety of police caps for children to try on. In this photo we have PC Amelia with her Mum.

The ladies from the Croydon Crocuses WI ran a stall. Their

game of Bra Pong proved a great success with visitors asked to bounce a ping pong ball and get it caught in one of the highly decorated bras mounted on a board. I think they will need smaller cup sizes next year as there were many winners!



Other stalls included local groups: Friends of Selsdon Wood, Friends of Littleheath Woods, Croydon U3A, Selsdon Baptist Church, Selsdon Community Clubhouse, Cantilena Singers, Forestdale Guides, Purley Scouts, and the Rotary of Sanderstead & Selsdon who ran the children's games. There was plenty for shoppers too: Doff's micro bakery, smoked cheeses and nuts, handmade cards, stained glass, toiletries, crochet



goods, art prints, woodwork items, sweets, jewellery and a white elephant stall.

Many thanks to Songsations who performed for us during the afternoon and the Scouts from Purley who kept us supplied with hot and cold drinks, Pimm's, cakes and sausage rolls.



Selsdon Residents Association
Presents:

SELSDON LIGHTS SWITCH ON

SANTA'S GROTTO
FESTIVE SONGS

FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

The fun will start at 4.30pm near The Village Club.
There will be festive refreshments courtesy of
Selsdon Baptist Church and The Village Club, with a
performance of festive songs by local
schoolchildren.

The light switch on will be at 5pm followed by
Santa's Grotto straight after!



Selsdon Residents' Association Gardening Competition 2026 Results An Upcycled Container Garden

Many thanks to all those residents who took part in our competition this year. It was a difficult for the judges to reach a decision with such great entries.

The first prize was awarded to Isma for her letterbox display shown on the Gazette cover.



Second prize went to Mary Watts and her grandchildren who planted up strawberries, parsley, carrots, spring onions and cucumber in an old Edwardian toilet.

Third prize went to Fiona Bowles with her 'Washday Blues'



Here are some of the other entries:



Here we have Margaret's Henry vacuum,
Graham's bucket and Neil's old toilet



Here we have
Maria's old
leaking watering
can and Adam's
and Bridgette's
World Cup themed
planter.



~~

COUNCILLORS' NOTES FROM ROBERT WARD

POTHOLE PATROL

Following a successful trial earlier this year, Executive Mayor Jason Perry is launching the Council's dedicated Pothole Patrol. Previously, a pothole spotted by an inspector or reported by a resident would be logged before the job was passed to a separate team to carry out the repair, potentially weeks later.

The new Pothole Patrol provides a faster, more efficient service. Crews tour the borough looking for defects carrying the tools and materials needed to repair potholes there and then, wherever possible. The patrol is already helping to bring the average repair time down to seven days, alongside urgent on-the-spot repairs. It forms part of a 20% increase in Croydon's road maintenance budget compared with last year.

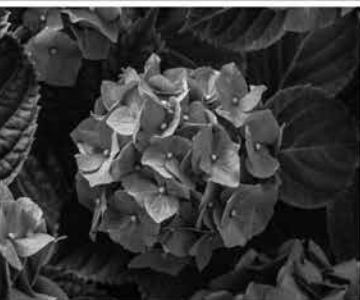
ZERO TOLERANCE OF SHOPLIFTING

Persistent shoplifters could be electronically tagged and excluded from Croydon town centre under tough new proposals being explored by Croydon Council. Executive Mayor Jason Perry has made community safety a priority for his new term and is examining how GPS ankle tags could be used to tackle prolific offenders who repeatedly target local shops. Repeat

There's so much to discover at Knights

- Composts, seeds, plants & trees
- Outdoor pots, ornaments & paving
- Gifts, treats & luxury foods
- Pet products, fish & aquatic sundries
- Barbecues & outdoor furniture
- Lawnmowers, garden tools & machinery
- A meeting place for plant lovers

Join our **FREE** Knights Privilege Club for exclusive offers and rewards



Visit us at Chelsham & Woldingham

Knights Chelsham
Limpsfield Road
Surrey CR6 9DZ

Call 01883 622340

Knights Woldingham
Woldingham Road
Surrey CR3 7LA

Call 01883 653142



KNIGHTS
GARDEN CENTRES

CHELSHAM & WOLDINGHAM

Follow   @knightschelshamwoldingham • www.knights-gardencentres.co.uk

Advertising Space Available



ELMES HOMECARE

Stay safe, stay happy and stay in your own home with our award winning care team at Elmes Homecare



Elmes Homecare's new office at 3 Selsdon Parade supports our clients in the borough of Croydon

Get in touch and find out how we can help you or your loved one with :

- Companionship
- Personal care
- Medication support
- Meal preparation
- Respite care
- Live-in care



Telephone: 020 3340 3020

Email: mail@elmeshomecare.com

Web: www.elmeshomecare.com

offenders would have to wear ankle tags and could potentially be excluded from certain areas, such as in the town centre.

Croydon has met with Sussex Police, in East Sussex, which was the first area in the UK successfully to pilot the technology in this way. The Council is also in dialogue with the police and technology providers. Funding and the enforcement of the technology is still being explored as part of the research.

SELSDON PARK HOTEL

Activity at the Selsdon Park Hotel continues to ramp up following Croydon Council's granting of planning permission for the first stage of the £30m restoration project. The scheme focuses on restoring windows, including stained glass and decorative leaded windows. This will preserve its historic features, enhance energy efficiency and help safeguard the future of the building.

The plans are the start of a wider programme of works to refurbish the hotel, including the gym and tennis courts, and creating new spa and wellness facilities, padel courts, staff accommodation and vehicular and pedestrian access to the site. Improvements will also be made to the landscape and biodiversity across the 200 acres of historic parkland. It is hoped that the hotel and leisure facilities could reopen in summer 2027 for visitors and members of the public, with the spa opening later in the year.

CONTACT YOUR COUNCILLORS

Councillor surgeries take place in the Jubilee Café downstairs from Sainsbury's. 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:

Selsdon and Addington Village

Joseph.lee@croydon.gov.uk

Robert.ward@croydon.gov.uk

Selsdon Vale and Forestdale

Andy.stranack@croydon.gov.uk

Jack.barwell@croydon.gov.uk

Mayor Jason Perry's Office can be contacted by emailing mayor@croydon.gov.uk or by phoning 0208 667 8288. This phone line is open Monday to Friday from 10am to midday and 2pm to 4pm. Please leave a message outside these hours and a team member will get back to you as soon as possible.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

26/02608/HSE - 31 Foxearth Road South Croydon CR2 8EL

Construction of a two-storey side extension, single storey rear and front extensions and conversion of existing garage

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

~~

Selsdon Park Hotel Update

I approached the Chief Investment Officer at the BH Group, James Routledge, to give us regular updates for the Selsdon Park Hotel. Here is his October report.



We are very busy at the moment, as the BH Group is currently refurbishing 3 hotels on top of Selsdon - although this is our largest project. You will note the security fencing, etc. make the hotel grounds look like a prison but it is the only way of stopping the regular break-ins - we have had nearly 100 since we bought the hotel - I've never known anything like it.

We are about to put in a planning consent which is critical for the viability of the hotel which planners/council are aware of. This will include re-surfacing the tennis courts, 5 new padel courts (and bringing back a pretty derelict 2 bedroom cottage as the padel HQ), a new outdoor pool and more car parking. The padel courts are being built on the refuge dump concrete area and the garden of the 2 bedroom cottage. The outdoor pool will be on part car parking and a small area of vegetation between the tennis courts and the gym. It would be much appreciated if the local community could write in and be supportive.

On site, we have completed the asbestos strip out and have now moved to stripping out the West Wing which will roll through to the Central, East

and finally Family Wing (which we will change the name of in due course). Once this is completed, we will begin installing air conditioning and replacing the single glazed windows in the bedrooms with new double glazed windows that match the look of the existing ones. The ornate windows will remain and be repaired. These 2 things are essential for the hotel's future, as the rooms are boiling in the summer and freezing in the winter.

James Routledge

~~

MP Natasha Irons' Report

Member of Parliament for Croydon East

Dear Selsdon Residents,

This month, the next wave of government-funded breakfast clubs will open their doors to even more children. In Croydon East, Fairchildes Primary School and Addington Valley Academy will now offer a free club, giving pupils a calm and settled start to the day.

Recently, I was out door knocking in Selsdon, and residents raised concerns about speeding in the area. Croydon's Mayor has announced that he will review 20mph speed limits across the borough, including on residential roads.

I am seriously concerned that any move to lift 20mph speed limits on residential roads where residents already experience problems with speeding will make those concerns worse. We know that lower speed limits improve road safety. Research has found that on London borough roads where 20mph limits were introduced, the number of people killed or seriously injured fell by 34%.

I want to make sure that residents have a say on what happens in their area, so I have drafted a letter to the Mayor of Croydon, asking for 20mph speed limits to be retained on residential roads. If you would like to keep your road at 20mph, please support the campaign by adding your name to my letter. You can scan the QR code below.



As you may be aware, the Mayor of London has published his draft London Plan. This is his strategy for how our town should develop and it identifies broad areas where housing can be built. However, decisions on the specific areas to be released is a matter for boroughs to decide via their Local

Plans, meaning local authorities have the final say.

The Mayor of Croydon has said that he can meet Croydon's housing needs by building on brownfield land only, and I intend to hold him to that commitment. We need more homes in Croydon, particularly genuinely affordable homes and if this can be achieved without green belt release, then that is the approach we should take.

Having looked at the proposals in the London Plan, I am concerned about how transport accessibility is considered when determining where higher-density development is appropriate. A tram stop cannot simply be treated in the same way as a railway station. The physical infrastructure and capacity are different, and planning policy needs to reflect this distinction.

I will be making my own submission to the consultation and want that response to be informed by the experiences and views of residents across Croydon East. To submit your views, please email me at natasha.ironson@parliament.uk.

See you next month!

Natasha

~~

Update from our Local Police

This month has seen a significant amount of proactive policing activity across Selsdon, Sanderstead and New Addington, with the local Safer Neighbourhood Teams focusing on issues affecting residents and the wider community.

During a dedicated Week of Action, local officers combined visible policing, targeted enforcement and intelligence-led activity. As a result, two people were arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply Class A and Class B drugs, two were arrested in connection with offensive weapon offences, three were arrested for drug-driving offences, and two were arrested on suspicion of theft of a motor vehicle. Officers also seized five mopeds and multiple other vehicles, while a number of Traffic Offence Reports (TORs) were issued for road traffic offences.

As part of the operation, officers carried out Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) activity on Lodge Lane and Selsdon Park Road, helping



A STYLISH RANGE OF WINDOWS & DOORS TO SUIT YOUR PROPERTY TYPE & INDIVIDUAL TASTES

Here at Sanderstead Windows we offer a stylish range of windows and doors. Our attention to detail, the quality of products and the care for those who use our products is what ensures we deliver unrivalled standards of customer service and workmanship every time.

We offer **FREE NO OBLIGATION** quotes and are there to help you with any questions you have. Whether you are looking to replace existing windows or are starting a new construction project, we have the product to suit you.



We offer a beautiful range of both uPVC and aluminium windows and doors that are customisable to suit your tastes and needs, all coupled with thermal efficiency and a host of security features designed to keep you and your family safe and warm.

GET IN TOUCH FOR YOUR **FREE NO OBLIGATION QUOTE**

0208 406 0282

ENQUIRIES@SANDERSTEADWINDOWS.CO.UK

WWW.SANDERSTEADWINDOWS.CO.UK

UPVC & ALUMINIUM • WINDOWS & DOORS • BIFOLD DOORS • SLIDING DOORS

JEFF BORKETT - ELECTRICAL SERVICES

LOCAL ELECTRICIAN

Free estimates, no call out charge, all electrical work undertaken,
fixed price quotations, fully insured

- Consumer unit upgrades
- Fault finding
- Freeview, SKY, data, HDMI, phone installations
- Landlords safety Certificates
- Home buyers electrical inspection, test & report (EICR)
- CRB Checked
- Full or partial re-wiring
- Additional socket outlets/lighting points
- LED lighting
- Outside/security lighting
- Domestic/commercial installations
- Extensions, garden sheds, office, playroom electrical installations



All work completed and tested to comply
with the current IET wiring regulations BS 7671
Part 'P' (Electrical Safety) Compliant



0208 651 0177/07951 015264
www.electricalservicescroydon.co.uk

ALPHAGLAZE

020 8651 4424

info@alphaglazecroydon.co.uk
www.alphaglazecroydon.co.uk



EXPERT DOUBLE GLAZING AND WARM ROOF SPECIALISTS

Boasting over 25+ years experience in the industry, we are well practised in the installation of ALL double and triple glazed windows, doors, and conservatories.

Get in touch with us today for a FREE bespoke quote

to identify and target vehicles of policing interest. This was supported by covert proactive patrols across the area, allowing officers to focus on locations and issues identified through local intelligence and community concerns.

Alongside enforcement activity, officers were pleased to attend the Selsdon Community Fair. This provided a great opportunity to speak directly with residents, listen to local concerns, answer questions and discuss the work being carried out by the neighbourhood policing team. Engagement with residents continues to play an important role in helping us understand local priorities and shape our policing activity.

We would like to thank residents, schools and partners for their continued support and cooperation. Anyone with concerns, information or a desire to engage further with their local policing team is encouraged to make contact or attend one of the upcoming community engagement events.

Our “Cuppa with a Copper” events continue to take place monthly, offering residents the opportunity to speak directly with local officers about any concerns.



Upcoming dates, all held at the
Selsdon Community Clubhouse, are:
Tuesday 13th October at 12pm
Tuesday 24th November at 2pm
Tuesday 8th December at noon.

Best wishes, PC Isobel 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:

Selsdon & Addington Village:

SNMailbox-SelsdonandAddingtonVillageSNT@met.police.uk

Selsdon Vale & Forestdale:

SNMailbox-SelsdonandForestdaleSNT@met.police.uk

Good Time for Gardening – October



Cats, squirrels and other pests can ruin your garden by digging up bulbs.

It takes a lot of time and effort to get your outdoor space looking its best. This is why it's a real pain when you look outside to see that some unwelcome visitors have been digging up your garden.

Cats, squirrels, rabbits and deer are all notorious for trying to get to your bulbs planted underground, and ruining your garden in the process. So, if you're preparing to plant your spring-flowering bulbs for next year, you can sprinkle one cupboard staple which helps to deter pests safely. All you need is some hot chilli powder, capsicum or cayenne pepper, which are found in many people's cupboards or spice racks.

When planting bulbs, add this pinch of heat to deter any pests. You'll want to sprinkle it directly on to the bulbs, then put some more in the planting hole. It won't hurt the bulbs or mess with your spring displays. Finally, backfill the hole and add a dusting [of chilli, etc] on top. Any pest should take one sniff and decide it's not worth the bother. This tip works well against rabbits, squirrels and deer. Smaller pests like slugs and snails are also not a fan of chilli.

If it's established plants you want to protect, you can make a spray solution by mixing one tablespoon of dish soap and two tablespoons of cayenne pepper in a bottle filled up with water. Using this solution, spray the lower leaves of plants that are attractive to slugs and snails. The dish soap will help the spicy solution to stick to the foliage. Spraying only the lower leaves and stems will help to prevent slugs and snails from reaching new, young leaves as they unfurl.

An alternative method to keep the bulbs in your pots rather than using chilli powder is to balance upturned, empty wire hanging baskets on them. The squirrels, etc can't get through the metal work. A further alternative, although not so aesthetic, is to arrange chicken wire on top of the bulbs to deter these very persistent visitors to the garden.

***Frederick, Cedric and Sunflower Sid
Sanderstead (and Selsdon) Horticultural Society***

Selsdon Baptist Church, Early Days, part 2, Details of the Church Hall.



In the June Gazette there were two grainy aerial photographs of the very first Selsdon Baptist Church (SBC). The simple open plan church / hall, single storey, rectangular plan was costed at £1,800. Although it could seat 200 and had an organ and piano very little more is known about it, nothing survives of the original building. Now however, thanks to the archives of the SBC, what we do have is a small collection of contemporary photographs, now almost 100 years old. The album was compiled by Percy Nichols for the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of Selsdon Baptist Church on October 10th 1987. Included in the collection is a handwritten note by Percy which I reproduce verbatim below:

"My Mother & Father moved into 8 Byron Road in 1925. Selsdon was then in its infancy, only 100 houses had been erected. The nearest Church was All Saints Sanderstead, but for non-conformists Brighton Road, South Croydon was the nearest Church. (As Farley Road and Croham Valley Road did not exist it was impractical to get to Croham Rd Baptist Church). There was no public transport and few people had cars, so some of us walked to Brighton Road for services. However, my Mother felt the need to start a Sunday School and it was not long before she gathered a few children in our front room for a Sunday afternoon. The next Sunday my brother and I were the only ones there! Happily, they all came back the following Sunday, and the Sunday School had really started. About the same time, Adult Church services were held in the evenings. Most free church denominations were represented as the congregation grew. When we ran out of chairs and could not get any more in, people sat on the stairs! Clearly a Church building was called for and in due time the building shown in these pictures was opened! Generally, however, the congregations were small at first and a curtain was hung halfway across the church so that people came forward! In due time the congregation grew and the curtain was removed. May the congregation continue to grow and may many people follow where the early pioneers led to the Glory of God. I trust these pictures will prove of interest for many years until our Lord shall come.

Percy Nichols 24/8/87"



8 Byron Road



The original Selsdon Baptist Church 1928
Viewed from the alleyway off Addington Road

It is not known whether the Hall had heating. One assumes lighting was provided but it is not clear in which form, from the photos. The interior is certainly plain but the Communion Table looks to be a fine piece of craftsmanship in timber and the archway above the dais behind the table is a stand out feature. Natural light is provided by 5 large windows fitted with top opening lights and 5 columns of 4 rectangular panes of glass. Externally the pitched and tiled roof was surmounted by a small spire. With the aspirations of the growing congregation this simple place of worship did not last long in this guise.



The Interior



View from Addington Road 1928



View from church grounds, looking
North East towards Addington

KiBA

KITCHEN & BATHROOM DESIGNS

QUALITY KITCHENS AND BATHROOMS AT AFFORDABLE PRICES

- ▶ PLUMBING
- ▶ CENTRAL HEATING
- ▶ TILES

A unique one stop shop for
all your plumbing, tiling and
installation needs.



VISIT OUR SHOWROOM AND PLUMBING SHOP

119 Addington Road
Selsdon, South Croydon
Surrey CR2 8LH

Tel: 020 8657 1222
Fax: 020 8657 6660
Email: info@ki-ba.co.uk
Internet: www.ki-ba.co.uk



Heligan Garden Care

A friendly and reliable garden service with over 30 years experience,
Providing Horticultural Advice, Garden Maintenance, Hedge Trimming,
Pruning, Planting, Grass Cutting, Edging, Scarification,
Grass Seeding, Jet Washing and Much More



Professional Care & Maintenance for your Garden

Call Nathan on 07784 314962
Heligangardencare.co.uk



PINEWOOD

TREE & GARDEN CARE

Call us for a
chat and a free,
no obligation
quote on:

07931 311 442

Professional, Friendly & Quality Care

Tree Surgery

- + Tree Removal
- + Pruning
- + Pollarding
- + Crown Lifting
- + Crown Thinning
- + Crown Reduction

Garden Care

- + Garden Maintenance
 - + Hedge Trimming
 - + Hedge Reduction
 - + Planting
 - + Garden & Site
Clearance
-

hello@pinewoodtreeandgarden.co.uk

www.pinewoodtreeandgarden.co.uk



making your oven smile

oven
cleanmaster

**DOMESTIC
OVEN CLEANING**

NON-CAUSTIC & SAFE



**Ovens, Hobs, BBQs
Microwaves, Ranges
Extractors & Agas**

———— To make a booking call Daryl on ————
07508 202443 or 020 8660 0423

The last photo, taken from the north east corner of the Church Hall, has, left of shot, the back gardens of the houses in Foxearth Road. The large tree is where Foxearth Spinney now is. The photo is attributed to 1928 but closer inspection shows that the houses in Foxearth Road are visible completed down to the Addington Road junction and that the Selsdon School can be seen in the background. Construction of Selsdon School commenced after June 1930 and was completed the following year. This would suggest that this photo was taken late 1931 or after. It is, nonetheless, an interesting view of the Selsdon landscape which was predominantly poor farming land prior to the arrival of Costain the Builders.

Ian Leggatt

I am very grateful for the assistance that JW and Trevor at Selsdon Baptist Church, have provided to me. I am also very grateful for the kind permission by the Nichols family to use Uncle Percy's photos and notes. There is more to tell of the early days of SBC and it is clear to me with my ongoing research that the story of the Nichols family and their contribution to Selsdon is worthy of further reporting. The 'Rabbit Warren' of research yields yet more avenues to explore

~~

Broadcoombe - the Coombe Estate

As you know over the last few Gazette editions, we have been looking at the family who gave us Lloyd Park. But what of the place itself? Croydon's Coombe is an ancient settlement and road. The name coombe means a, "deep hollow or valley, especially on the flank of a hill". It is noted that it was a place where medieval pilgrims would access a well on their way through Croydon to join the pilgrims' trail to Canterbury at Titsey Hill. Clues to ancient trackways are horse troughs or remains of cattle ponds. The original droving pond was in front of Coombe Lodge. At one time there was a village of Broadcoombe and many of the grand 'newer' buildings we see today sit on the foundations of much older buildings. The area was also mined for chalk, produced timber, had good farm and pastureland and the common land held natural springs.

The Coombe Estate has fluctuated in size over the years but at one point stretched from Croydon's 'Fair Field' including what is now Coombe Cliff right up to the Addington/Shirley Hills and bordering Addiscombe (formerly Edgecombe) and Shirley and the South Croydon Whitgift land.

Internet research does not give a complete list of the owners and leaseholders of the Coombe Estate. I did note that in 1593 an Edward Heath took a 21 year lease of 106 acres at Broadcoombe for an annual rent of £2! I also noted that one former tenant/owner has been mistakenly by the Council online as being related to 'our' Lloyd family, but this was a different family. Between 1848 and 1863 a very wealthy Manchester banker called Edward Loyd (note the spelling difference) moved to Coombe House and his son Lewis Loyd bought and lived in a grand house where Bethlem now stands (Monks Orchard).

Our Frank Lloyd bought the Coombe Estate in 1892. Parts of the estate were divided for his brothers and other extended family to live. Around the manor house we know that he had beautiful plants and gardens, green-houses and he re-established the 'Pilgrim's Well'. He had the mansion of 'Coombe House' rebuilt. It has since been listed as a Grade II building. The main building is built over 4 floors. Many of the decorative features remain such as the plasterwork, the dark wood panelling and the lightwell in the entrance hall.



Following Frank Lloyd's death, as we know, the estate was divided again – the grand house over the past 100 years has had several new lives. It is not clear to me how much influence the Lloyd/Garwood family had over the subsequent uses of the home. Did they sell it, lease it or place it under any covenant? The internet fails to tell me! It did tell me that 'Coombe House' became;

- 1927-1946: A convalescent home for army officers
- 1946-1985: '*St Margaret's School*' a fee paying school for the handicapped - the first such specialist place in the country for children with cerebral palsy.
- 1985-2013: '*Geoffrey Harris House*' NHS Care Home for those with mental health and learning difficulties
- 2013-2024: '*The Cedars School*' (private boys Catholic secondary), then '*Oakwood School*' (private primary Catholic)
- 2025- '*Oakbridge school*' – SEN

The former 'Coombe Lodge (Gate House)' was sold (later to be a restaurant, Pub, hotel). '*Coombe Wood House*' was sold (later to be a sanatorium, care home, restaurant), and its grounds used as stables, with a public

garden, café and also housed the council garden team. ‘Coombe Farm’ became a care/education/respite home (now closed). My guess is that the farm may have been donated by the Garwood family to the charity SCOPE. Coombe Farm is now owned by a property developer.

On the ancient wider estate there is also an Adult Education Centre at ‘Coombe Cliff’, further along the road we find the recently built Coombe Wood Secondary School and further along the road (though on a separate estate) is Royal Russell School.

No doubt there is more interesting Coombe history waiting in the archives or buried underground waiting to be discovered! However, my Gazette series (I think) is complete! (If anyone has a photo of the beneficent Lloyds/ Garwoods, however it would be great to see their faces.)

Janet Sharp

~~

Do You Know Selsdon Quiz?

At the recent SRA Community Fair and Rotary Hobby Fair, visitors were invited to test their knowledge of the street names in Selsdon. There were several correct answer sheets and the winner drawn from these was Gillian. Well done to Jill M, Bill D, Arlene & Pete, and Glynda B who all scored 10/10.

How would you have done?

Match the following roads to the locations on the map.

Road	Map Location
Brent Road	
Bruce Drive	
Bullfinch Road	
Elmpark Gardens	
Ingham Road	
Kersey Drive	
Mapleleaf Close	
Mountview Close	
Norfolk Avenue	
Wagtail Gardens	



Answers after the Nature Notes

~~



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.

~~

One resident wants us all to check the boundaries to our houses.

Dear Editor,

For some time, as I have walked around Selsdon, I have had to duck and dive in order to avoid overgrown foliage from front gardens. Many gardens have shrubs or trees planted right up against their front wall so that the

MEET THE TEAM



Ian Hubbard
DIRECTOR



Elaine Torlot
DIRECTOR



Simon Amon
SALES MANAGER



Lorna Yellowlees
SALES MANAGER



Steve Smith
SALES CONSULTANT



Kim Mitchell-Gears
DIRECTORS PA
& OFFICE MANAGER



Bernadette Atkinson
TEAM ADMINISTRATOR /
OFFICE CO-ORDINATOR



Hayley Rozario
LETTINGS
CO-ORDINATOR



Mitch Torlot
SALES PROGRESSION
LEAD



Lucy Barretto
SALES PROGRESSOR



Amy Peto
SALES NEGOTIATOR



Louis Lam
JUNIOR SALES
NEGOTIATOR



Aviniya Bloomfield
WEEKEND /
PART TIME ASSISTANT



Paige Berry
SATURDAY SALES
CO-ORDINATOR

Branches:

335 Limpsfield Road
Sanderstead
CR2 9BY

133 Addington Road
Selodon, South Croydon
CR2 8LH

Contact:
020 8651 6679
info@hubbardtorlot.co.uk



Local people.
Local knowledge

PC TECH

020 8651 1151

CENTRE LTD

For all your Computer needs

- | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| *New PC's custom built | *Repairs and upgrades |
| *New Laptops | *Networking support |
| *Gaming computers | *Wireless Networking |
| *Printers and scanners | *Callout Service |
| *Ink cartridges and paper | *Home Installation |
| *Individual components | *Data Retrieval |
| *Second hand PCs available | *Business support |
| *Second hand Laptops | *Polite, Friendly and caring |

169 Selsdon Park Road, Forestdale, South Croydon, CR2 8JJ



Julie Norris
Soft Tissue Therapist
Croham Clinic
48 Chapel View
CR2 7LF

Soft Tissue Therapy uses advanced techniques to alleviate tight, tense muscle, tendons & ligaments, aiding recovery and rehabilitation from sporting & non-sporting injuries. Helping you get back to yourself faster.



Gentle ease from:

Back Pain & Sciatica
Neck & Shoulder Pain
Hip & Knee Pain
Hand & Elbow Pain
Plantar Fasciitis
Whiplash
Arthritis

07988 938 711

www.JulieNorris.co.uk

growth extends over the pavement. This reduces the width of the pavement making it very difficult for wheelchair or mobility scooter users, parents with a pushchair and child, the blind, elderly couples etc. to negotiate.

Please cut your front garden plants away from the pavement.

~~

Here one reader pleads with litter louts to consider their actions in Seldon's Green Spaces.

Dear Editor,



Having taken nearly an hour clearing this rubbish and the surrounding area in Ashen Grove, two sackfuls, hopefully the culprits will take note that this woodland is for everyone to appreciate its beauty and nature and not turn it into an eyesore - IT IS NOT A TIP! Only by those who make it one! So please do take your drink cans, sweet bags and shiny packets home with you - have a Green Conscience, because none of this rubbish will biodegrade or disintegrate. The woods are for nature, wildlife and everyone to enjoy - let us keep it that way.

Name and address supplied

~~

Another complaint about the 433 bus service. Please keep complaining to TfL.

Dear Editor,

I sent this complaint to Transport for London.

'I boarded the 433 bus again today at 9.15am in Old Farleigh Road to travel to East Croydon Station. The bus was full, however when we were three bus stops from East Croydon, it again announced that the bus was stopping and ending the journey, meaning everyone would have to get out in the rain and await for another bus. This seems to happen more times than not and is very annoying, particularly, when it is raining.

Many customers on the bus were very annoyed, why must we repeatedly have to put up with such a very bad service?

This needs to be explained, do you view people travelling in the opposite direction more important?’

Name and address supplied

The Transport for London response

Thank you for contacting us about your journey on route 433 from Old Farleigh Road to East Croydon. I'm sorry that your bus was terminated several stops before East Croydon, particularly as the bus was already busy and you then had to get off in the rain and wait for another service. I can understand how frustrating this would be, especially as you've said this has happened to you on a number of occasions.

Buses can sometimes be curtailed before reaching their destination to regulate the service following disruption, traffic congestion or delays. This is done to try to restore an even service along the whole route and prevent larger gaps developing. However, I appreciate that this explanation doesn't make the inconvenience any easier for you when you are already part-way through your journey.

I'd also like to reassure you that this does not mean customers travelling in the opposite direction are considered more important. Decisions to turn buses around are made based on the overall service at the time.

I've recorded your concerns about the repeated curtailments on route 433 so that the service and the impact this is having on customers can be reviewed with the operator.

Thank you for taking the time to bring this to our attention, and I'm sorry again for the disruption to your journey. If there is anything else we can help you with, please call us on 0343 222 1234 and we'll be happy to help you.

Kind regards

Customer Service Adviser, Transport for London Customer Services

Here our regular contributor, Jessica Blake, reviews her garden in the Autumn

If you could look at our garden, the first thing that would strike you is the glorious colour of the Euonymus deciduous tree. In the Winter it has no leaves, in the Spring they return as pale green, in Summer just green, but in Autumn the leaves look divine. From pale yellow low down on the plant and in places at the top, they slowly turn pinkish and towards the top of the tree they are a wonderful deep, vibrant pink. I plant Michaelmas Daises and an Ice plant with deep mauve flowers around it, and the mauve pink of those two plants contrast wonderfully against the Euonymus tree. What a joy it is to glance at.



At the moment my husband is trying to rescue the lawn, but he is being helped by the rainfall. Gently the grass is turning from a lifeless brown to a beautiful green once more. If only the squirrels would stop burying nuts and berries all over it. Funnily, the squirrels do not appear to remember where they have buried a lot of this food, and next year I will be removing baby Oak, Beech and Chestnut trees from all over the place. Perhaps like us humans, they keep a “bit extra” just in case, for in the heart of winter.

~~

Poetry Corner

Hopefully we have had some much needed rain in September and now October, so have some fun in your wellington boots!

That's What Wellies Were Made For!

I had forgotten
that puddles could be such fun,
'til I saw you jump
joyfully and splashingly
in your bright yellow wellies.



Nature Notes from Ted Forsyth – Animal Senses

We have various senses which we use to interpret the world around us. Other creatures have the same need to be able to interpret their surroundings but the senses they use have evolved to suit their needs and do not have to be identical to those of humans.



The huge compound eyes of a dragonfly are covered in thousands of facets which each acts as a lens sensitive to movement and able to distinguish colours, including those in the ultraviolet. With almost 360 degrees of vision, it easily detects its insect prey and has the speed and agility to catch it. It does not always manage to escape the superior speed and agility of hobby falcons.

Most spiders have eight eyes, two of which are somewhat similar in function to those of humans, while others are particularly sensitive to movement. Jumping spiders have a superior ability to judge distance, enabling them to jump from one leaf to another and actively to pursue their prey. Bees can detect ultraviolet light which enhances patterns on flowers to direct the bee towards pollen and nectar. They may also be able to see polarised light and use it for guidance in cloudy conditions.

As bats prey upon insects which mostly fly in darkness, they have replaced reliance on sight with a sensory system based on echo location using ultrasound. Apart from being able to detect flying moths, they can also sense beetles walking on the leaves of a tree. In an ultrasound arms race, moths have evolved the ability to hear the bat's echo-locating signal and will drop out of the air to avoid attack.

A recent report from Oxford University suggests the following ranges for hearing ultrasound: humans up to 20kHz, bats most commonly between 20kHz and 60 kHz though a foreign bat emits sound over 200 kHz, dog 45 kHz, cats 65 kHz, hedgehogs 85 kHz. Some dog walkers rely on an ultrasonic whistle to contact their dog. Cats can use their hearing skill to detect small mammal prey. It is not obvious why hedgehogs need such high-pitched hearing, but it is probably used in communication – I have no idea whether they are able to emit such sounds as well as hearing them.

The human sense of smell is relatively weak and is closely linked to taste, enabling us to enjoy a wide range of foods. For other mammals the ability to detect smells can be their main sense in their daily lives for finding food and mates and avoiding predators. A fox's powerful sense of smell helps

60+ LUNCH CLUB

Our Lunch Club is available on Mondays,
Wednesdays, and Fridays at Selsdon
Community Clubhouse.

Join us for a two-course home-cooked meal,
including tea/coffee for £12/pp.

The 60+ Lunch Club is a great place to
connect with others in the community, make
new friends, and enjoy good food.

**To book contact the Clubhouse 24 hours before:
0208 651 1111 or office@selsdoncentre.org.uk**

Where?

Selsdon Community Clubhouse (same level as Sainsbury's)
132 Addington Road
Selsdon South Croydon
Surrey
CR2 8LA

**Selsdon
Community
Clubhouse**



Transform your unused loft into a stunning master suite, bespoke children's room, modern en-suite or stylish home office. Complete design & build service with exceptional craftsmanship.



Call 020 84069 907

Enquiries@lmbgrouppltd.co.uk | www.lmb-lofts.com | Instagram: lmb_group

At LMB Group Ltd we handle everything.
From initial design and planning to the final finishing touches.
Your consultation is free. Unveil potential in your home.

WHY CHOOSE LMB GROUP LTD?

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ✓ EXPERIENCED & SKILLED TRADESMEN | ✓ CLEAR PRICING & DETAILED |
| ✓ FULLY INSURED & COMPLIANT | ✓ FRIENDLY, RELIABLE SERVICE |
| ✓ HIGH-QUALITY WORKMANSHIP | ✓ FREE CONSULTATION & ADVICE |



TRUSTMARK
Government Endorsed Quality



track active burrows, fresh scent trails, and hidden food year-round. Dogs are used to track criminals and to detect hidden drugs, but also to help in the rescue of injured climbers and others in hilly conditions. Female lepidoptera, moths and butterflies, release a pheromone which males can detect at a great distance, enabling the two to meet. Butterflies have powerful taste receptors in their feet which they use in checking egg-laying sites.

Whether a human egg results in a male or female child depends on chromosomes but for turtles the decision depends on the temperature at which hatching occurs in the sand where the female has laid her clutch of eggs. Turtles hatched at higher temperature become females and at lower temperatures they will hatch as males. Unlike the turtles, which lay their eggs in sand, crocodiles build a nest and rely on the heat from the vegetation for hatching. Females will appear from low temperatures and males from higher values, but at even higher temperatures females will begin to appear again. It would seem that both might face extinction as a result of climate change.



While ultrasound is used by bats, at the low frequency end of the sound spectrum we have infrasound, again it is inaudible to humans. Perhaps the best example of its use involves elephants communicating over great distances. Another instance appears to be involved when many animals seem to react to events like tsunamis and earthquakes well before they register in the human consciousness.

When trying to understand animal behaviour it is well to remember that their senses may be different or more acute than ours.

~~



A J Taylor

On behalf of D J Taylor & Son

Local Electrician

Domestic and Commercial

All works undertaken Fuse Board Changes Main Bonding
Rewires/Partial Rewires Fault Finding Testing & Inspections

Tel: 020 8651 4260 Mob: 07932 032 395

djtaylorandson@yahoo.co.uk



Answers to the 'Do you know Selsdon?' Quiz

Road	Map Location
Brent Road	1
Bruce Drive	5
Bullfinch Road	8
Elmpark Gardens	6
Ingham Road	3
Kersey Drive	10
Mapleleaf Close	9
Mountview Close	4
Norfolk Avenue	2
Wagtail Gardens	7

~~

IT'S AGATHA...BUT NOT AS YOU KNOW HER



The Parlour Players are going for all-out comedy with their Autumn production of Peter Gordon's ***Murdered to Death***.

This hilarious spoof of the best of Agatha Christie traditions is set in a country manor house in the 1930s, with an assembled cast of familiar characters – Bunting the butler; Charles Craddock, a retired Colonel with the prerequisite stiff upper lip; Inspector Pratt, a hopelessly bumbling detective and, of course, Miss Maple, a well-meaning, amateur sleuth who seems to attract murder wherever she goes. Add an additional sprinkling of eccentric characters and you are guaranteed a whodunnit full of side-splitting antics following the mysterious death of the house's owner.

The show will be performed in the **Sanderstead United Reformed Church Hall** (at the bottom of Sanderstead Hill) from **11th to 14th November**. Evening performances **Wednesday - Friday at 7.45pm** and **Saturday matinee at 2.30 pm**. Tickets at **£12** go on sale from Monday 28th September and are available via the website **parlourplayers.co.uk**

Croydon Ecology Centre

The Old Orchard, Heathfield, Coombe Lane, Croydon CR0 5RH



Most folk living in Selsdon will know Heathfield Gardens, now known as Heathfield Park as well. Heathfield is also the home to Croydon Ecology Centre. The Ecology Centre was founded in 1997 and next year we celebrate our 30th anniversary. It is run and staffed entirely by volunteers who give up their time and energy to help protect this wonderful green

space for wildlife and for the children of tomorrow. With so many people now having to live in apartments, Croydon's woodlands and green spaces are particularly important both for physical and mental health.

The Ecology Centre Wildlife Sanctuary and Heritage Varieties' Orchards surround three sides of the Heathfield's Walled Garden. It is a very calm and peaceful place to visit. It is home to many native species including dormice, wood mice, voles, badgers, foxes, stag beetles, birds and all manner of insects. We also keep honeybees on site. Our seven wildlife ponds support a wide variety of pond life including great crested, smooth and palmate newts and great diving beetles.

Sadly, this year the very hot weather and lack of rainfall has dried up most of our ponds and all the ponds in Heathfield Gardens as well. So, this year wildlife had to cope with severe difficulties that comes with high temperatures and lack of rain. We can all help them survive in future heat waves and droughts by placing bowls of water in our gardens and even on balconies in flats. If your bowl is deep, find a suitable twig to place down one side to allow insects that get trapped on the surface of the water a chance to crawl free. Most folks' gardens are a much-needed valuable resource for wildlife at these times.

If you would like to help protect your Ecology Centre for wildlife and your community, we run volunteers' workdays on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month from 11:00 – 16:00. We meet in Heathfield Coach House. This is the building to your right as you reach the large round pond at the bottom of Heathfield driveway. It has huge blue doors, head for those and you will find us inside.

Volunteering is an excellent way to meet new friends and learn new skills. If

you bring children with you, they must remain under your direct supervision. If you would like to volunteer but need more information, please email me on: warden@heathfieldec.plus.com and I will be happy to answer any questions.

Over the years we have been at Heathfield, the most frequent thing people tell us is, "I have always loved Heathfield" and "I remember my parents bringing me here as a child and now I am bringing my own children/grandchildren". This is exactly how we too feel about Heathfield.

Over the past few years, we have seen the sad decline in maintenance of Heathfield Gardens due to the Council becoming bankrupt in 2020 and unable to fund all but the minimal upkeep of many local parks. Local volunteers from 'Friends of' groups valiantly stepped in to do sterling work in our woodlands and parks and without their efforts the outlook for Croydon's green spaces would be bleak indeed. But as I walk up the Heathfield driveway on my way home, I remind myself that this is still the garden we know and much loved by so many.

We look forward to seeing and welcoming you to Heathfield.

*Lorraine Chatfield (Warden)
Croydon Ecology Centre*

YOUR OLD VIDEO TAPES & CINE FILMS TRANSFERRED TO MP4 / USB / AND DVD

ALSO
AUDIO
SLIDES
Hi8
Mini DV

5 Star Rated
on
Google
★★★★★

FREE LOCAL
PICK UP &
DELIVERY

surreyvideo.co.uk
0203 252 2055
hello@surreyvideo.co.uk

we are in
**SELSDON
CROYDON**



HANNAH JAMES Estates

...Valuing you, not just your home

Looking to sell your home?

For a free, no obligation valuation on your home, please contact the Sales Team at **Hannah James Estates** (Regulated by the PRS no. 4386)
Tel. 020 8657 5599

Hannah James is a trading name of Manchester Durman authorised and regulated by the SRA #58391

WE'VE BEEN
**EXCLUSIVELY
CHOSEN**



Sales@HannahJamesEstates.com
www.HannahJamesEstates.com 19 Limpsfield Rd
South Croydon CR2 9LA (Opp. Gresham School)

Proud supporters of Avondale
Removals 07941 137293



MANCHESTERS SOLICITORS

- Conveyancing
- Wills
- Probate and Administration
- Lasting Powers of Attorney
- Local home visits for housebound
- Initial free probate appointments.

19-21 Limpsfield Road
South Croydon CR2 9LA
020 8651 3118
www.manchesterdurman.com
Law@ManchesterDurman.com

Follow our reviews on www.ReviewSolicitors.co.uk

Manchester Durman and Hannah James Estates are trading names of Manchesters Solicitors, authorised and regulated by the Solicitors Regulation Authority under SRA number 58391 and for purely estate agency activity by the Property Redress Scheme under PRS no. 4386.





ROOFING CONTRACTOR

New Roofs - Slate Tiles

Roof Repairs

Lead Work

Flat Roof System

Work Guaranteed

Proud members of
Checkatrade.com
Where reputation matters

Tel: 020 8657 8901
Mob: 07958 616008

Flu and COVID-19 Seasonal Vaccination Programme: autumn/ winter 2026/27

COVID-19 vaccine

The following cohorts are eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine in Autumn/Winter 2026/27:

- residents in a care home for older adults
- all adults aged 75 years and over
- persons aged 6 months and over who are immunosuppressed



This COVID-19 programme will run from 1 October 2026 to 31 January 2027.

Flu vaccine

Dates: Started 1 September 2026 for some groups and expanded 1 October 2026.

You can get the free NHS flu vaccine if you:

- are aged 65 or over (including those who will be 65 by 31 March 2027)
- are aged 18 to 64 and have certain long-term health conditions
- are pregnant
- live in a care home
- are the main carer for an older or disabled person, or receive a carer's allowance
- live with someone who has a weakened immune system
- are experiencing homelessness or staying in a homeless hostel or night shelter
- frontline health and social care workers

You may be able to get a flu vaccine from:

- your GP surgery
- a pharmacy that offers NHS flu vaccination (if you're aged 18 or over)
- your maternity service (if you're pregnant)
- your care home (if you live in a care home)
- your employer (if you're a health or social care worker)

Contact
Selsdon Community Centre
132 Addington Road
South Croydon, CR2 8LA
Tel: 020 8651 4944

Email: info@selsdoncontact.org.uk



Contact

People Who Care

www.selsdoncontact.org.uk

Could you help us keep our clients safe?

CONTACT your local Neighbourhood Care Scheme conducts regular smoke alarm checks for our clients. We are seeking additional kind, dependable volunteers to help test alarms for our elderly clients. A working smoke alarm provides vital peace of mind. A quick visit confirms that the alarm and battery are working and ensures help is available if anything needs attention.



It is a small job that can make a big difference.

No expertise or major time commitment is needed. We simply need volunteers to visit elderly clients, conduct a straightforward smoke alarm check, and offer a friendly face and reassurance.

Each visit is **brief, practical, and friendly**. We will show you what to check, so no previous experience is required.

Why these matter.

A smoke alarm can give someone precious extra time to get to safety if there is a fire. For an older person who may live alone or have difficulty getting around, that warning can be especially important. Your visit could take just a few minutes, but for the person you are visiting, knowing that their alarm has been checked and is working could mean a great deal.

Could you **spare a little time?**

If you are practical, approachable and would like to do something useful for people locally, we would love to hear from you.

Give us a call, drop us an email, or simply pop into the office for a chat. We will be happy to tell you a little more about what is involved.

*Selsdon Churches Neighbourhood Care Registered Charity 1124346
Charitable Incorporated Organisation.*

Photo Corner

It is fungus season, so this month we have a photo of some fungi taken in Selsdon Wood by Maria Emmett.



BOB CAVE

PLUMBING AND HEATING

INSTALLATIONS SERVICING &
MAINTENANCE

FULLY INSURED

WORK GUARANTEED

NO JOB TOO SMALL

GAS SAFE REGISTERED

TEL: 020 8657 2803

MOBILE: 07973 292027

Friends of Selsdon Wood
Working to conserve our wood 

WALKS

Fungus Hunt – Saturday 24th October 10am with the Friends

Starting from Selsdon Wood car park off Old Farleigh Road. Everyone is welcome on the walks but we do ask that, if bringing dogs, please keep them on a short leash at all times.

2027 CALENDAR NOW AVAILABLE for a minimum donation of £5

via email to selsdonwood@gmail.com or text message to 07979 002547

Please give your address and contact details. We will then arrange payment (directly through our bank or by cash) and collection details with you.

We can possibly arrange personal delivery within the Selsdon Gazette area but, if required, we can post calendars to you for an additional £2.50 for 2nd class or £4.00 for 1st class each

Sandilands Shantymen

We are pleased to announce that we have booked the Sandilands Shantymen to perform at :

Warlingham Methodist Church, Limpsfield Road, Warlingham CR6 9LE

Saturday 31st October 2026 at 14:00

Admission is Free



Why not come and join us for an afternoon of Sea Shanties and Folk songs and enjoy a good old-fashioned Sing along.

Donations are requested for Refreshments, and all proceeds will be donated to the Church Funds.

~~~

**Selsdon  
Community  
Clubhouse**



The Selsdon Community Clubhouse provides communal space where the local people can enjoy friendship, find local services, and come for a warm home cooked lunch.

### Move it Mondays

Did you know that if you come to our 60+ Lunch Club on a Monday, chair yoga is included before lunch at no extra charge? Get moving and then enjoy a nutritious meal!

### Selsdon Community Fair

We had a lovely time at the Selsdon Community Fair in Selsdon Wood this September! It was great to meet so many local residents interested in the Clubhouse and to connect with some fantastic local businesses. Congratulations to everyone who won a prize playing our Spin the Wheel game, and to the young winner of our "Guess How Many Sweets?" competition. Thank you to the Selsdon Residents Association for





VISIT OUR SHOWROOM

416 Brighton Road  
South Croydon, CR2 6AN



Explore our huge range of styles and designs available!

**Garage Doors | Front Doors | Awnings**

**Book Free Survey**

**Call 020 8681 7989**

or visit [www.accessgaragedoors.com](http://www.accessgaragedoors.com)



**H&B**  
HARRIS & BAILEY

*Serving Croydon's **Building, Plumbing & Timber** Needs for Over 110 Years*

AIKIN

Sustainable  
Home Centre



### **Local Expertise**

Over a century serving Croydon and surrounding areas.

### **Extensive Range**

Building materials, plumbing supplies, timber, tools, renewables, and more

### **On-Site Café**

Grab a coffee or a bite while you shop—open daily

### **New Renewables**

We now supply renewable energy solutions, from heat pumps to solar panels

### **Going Green?**

*Talk to us to find out how we can help you explore greener options for your home.*



monday to friday, 7am to 5pm



**VISIT**

50 Hastings Road, CR9 6BR



**ONLINE**

[harrisandbailey.com](http://harrisandbailey.com)



**CALL**

020 8654 3181

# CHRIS of CROYDON

## Upholsterers

- Full re-upholstery service
- Dining room chairs, armchairs, sofas etc.
- All repairs including new padding, webbing, replacement foam, springs etc.
- Huge range of fabrics and pattern books
- Leather restoration, replacement
- FREE ESTIMATES



Due to increased costs and overheads, which we didn't want to pass on to customers, the business has closed its retail side and is now focused on offering a more versatile mobile service.

**For all your upholstery needs please call**

**020 8657 8580**

**for a prompt and helpful service!**



## S.K FASCIAS LTD

### HOME IMPROVEMENTS

We specialise in:

- UPVC Fascia, Soffit & Guttering
- Flat roofs, Roof repairs, pointing & tiling
- Driveways
- All general building work

**FREE ESTIMATE ALL WORK GUARANTEED FULL PUBLIC LIABILITY**

STEVE KING 07973 625 638

0777 993 3863

EMAIL: [skf1959ltd@gmail.com](mailto:skf1959ltd@gmail.com)

putting on such a successful event and bringing the community together.

### Carers' Support Hub

Are you an unpaid carer providing essential support for a family member, friend, or neighbour? You don't have to go through it alone. Do join us for our monthly Carers' Support Hub, held on the last Tuesday of every month from 11:30am to 1:00pm.

Drop in for a cup of tea or coffee and connect with fellow carers who truly understand your experience in a safe, friendly space. Beyond peer support, you will also have the chance to speak directly with local professionals and organisations who can offer practical resources and guidance on the services available to help you.

### Due to popular demand Barry Stevens is Back!

Join us at the Clubhouse on 30th October for the return of the one and only Barry Stevens! Barry is a talented singer and entertainer who always brings fantastic energy and great singalong songs to our Lunch Club. Don't miss this entertaining lunchtime treat, contact the Clubhouse to get booked in.

### Can you support the Clubhouse?

We're looking for raffle prizes.

Help support the Clubhouse! Our Lunch Club guests love playing bingo and raffles to raise funds for Selsdon Community Clubhouse. **We** are currently collecting unused items to use as prizes.

Items like chocolates, wine, fancy biscuits, hand creams, or other small gift items would be greatly appreciated. Please drop any donations off at the office Monday to Friday, between 9am and 4pm.

Our contact details are:

Telephone 0208 651 1111

Email [office@selsdoncentre.org.uk](mailto:office@selsdoncentre.org.uk)

To keep up to date with our news and events, please follow us on Facebook (Selsdon Community Clubhouse) and Instagram (@SelsdonCCinsta).





### Home Remedies Need a Handyman?

For the maintenance and DIY jobs your home requires.

Plumbing, Electrical, Carpentry, DIY,  
Garden work, Patios, Home Media,  
Flat packed furniture assembly,  
Kitchen and bathroom installation.

No job too small

**For a Free Quote**    **Call Ian**

Email: [Home.Remedies@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:Home.Remedies@blueyonder.co.uk)  
Abbots Green, Croydon, Surrey

Mobile: **07868740307**  
Tele: **0208 656 9226**



# Can you help keep the Selsdon Christmas Lights shining brightly?



Without increasing our income, we do not know how many more years we can keep our fantastic Christmas Lights. To help raise funds, the SRA has joined Easyfunding under the name 'SelsdonChristmaslights'.

Please consider supporting the Selsdon Christmas Lights when you are doing your Christmas shopping online or your weekly supermarket shop online. To raise a donation when you shop online, at no cost to you, start with the Easyfundraising app or website <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/selsdonchristmaslights/>. Over 8000 brands including M&S, Argos, John Lewis, Tesco and more will donate to the Lights as you shop.

Please tell as many people as possible about this easy and financially painless way to support our local worthy cause. The more people you can pass the link to, the more we will raise.

## What to do

1. Use the link above to go to the correct easyfunding webpage.
2. Make a free account and if you request that the automatic reminder link is added to your tool bar then it will appear on your screen whenever you go to a participating seller's website.
3. Search for a retailer and select.
4. Now on the retailers site make your purchase as usual.
5. A donation is made by the retailer to Selsdon Lights when you pay for your goods.

*Thanks, in advance, for your support*

~~



**Croydon Crocuses WI**  
**New members always welcome.**

- We meet once a month on the second Wednesday from 7.45pm
- Friendly talks, crafts and social events
- St Andrew's Church Hall, Southbridge Road, Croydon
- No experience needed – just bring yourself



For more details contact [croydonwi@gmail.com](mailto:croydonwi@gmail.com)



Trusted care and support in  
your own home  
*From one-hour visits through  
to 24/7 live-in care*



We help you or your loved one to remain independently at home by supporting with:

- *Washing and Dressing, Medication, Food preparation, Light housework, Errands, Outings, Appointments and Companionship.*
- *We specialise in Dementia, Stroke, MS, Parkinsons and Mobility support.*

Our carers are carefully selected for their friendliness, empathy and communication skills. Our team is trained to our high standards ensuring they deliver a quality service to you.

We provide hourly care, live in care, respite and home from hospital care.

We cover Selsdon, Sanderstead and surrounding areas with our locally based team.

 **020 8656 6921**



 **enquiries.croydon@rightathome.co.uk**

 **www.rightathome.co.uk/croydon**



 **see our reviews in  
homecare.co.uk**

# UP TO 50% LESS THAN A NEW FITTED KITCHEN

by simply replacing the doors and worktops

**DREAM DOORS®**  
NEW LIFE FOR OLD KITCHENS



BEFORE

AFTER

MODERN

CLASSIC

TRADITIONAL

CONTEMPORARY

- › Replacement kitchen doors
- › Cost effective made to measure solution
- › Worktops and appliances
- › Quick installation in 2-3 days by local professionals

**Checkatrade.com** 9.8/10  
Where reputation matters

159 Shirley Road,  
Croydon, CR0 8SS

**Call us now for a free estimate:**

**020 8656 7987**



UK MANUFACTURED

[dreamdoors.co.uk](http://dreamdoors.co.uk)

THE UK'S #1 KITCHEN MAKEOVER COMPANY

jcdecorators

Painting & Decorating

Property Maintenance

Jeff Carter

Painter & Decorator

info@jcdecoratorsltd.co.uk

www.jcdecoratorsltd.co.uk

020 8657 0316

07979 855604

272 Oswald

Court wood Lane, Croydon, CR0 9HJ



## GARAGE DOORS

RELIABLE SERVICE. QUALITY YOU CAN TRUST.

### FAST, FRIENDLY & PROFESSIONAL GARAGE DOOR REPAIR

Keeping your home secure and  
your garage door working perfectly.

WE GET IT  
**DONE RIGHT!**



#### REPAIRS

Broken springs, cables,  
rollers & more



#### INSTALLATIONS

New garage doors  
built to last



#### OPENERS

Upgrade to quiet,  
reliable openers



#### MAINTENANCE

Prevent problems  
before they start



CALL TODAY!

07734 086869  
07498 566662



aagaragedoorrepairs@gmail.com

LICENSED & INSURED • FAST RESPONSE • ON-TIME, EVERY TIME

RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL SERVICE • ALL MAKES & MODELS

## **IF YOU DIE WITH NO WILL:**

- Your money could pass to people you would not choose to benefit from your death
- Guardians for your infant children could be appointed by the court

## **IF YOU CAN'T MANAGE YOUR OWN AFFAIRS in the future:**

Expensive Court proceedings will be necessary in order for anyone (even your close family) to deal with your finances

I will prepare your Will and/or Lasting Power of Attorney

All appointments in your own home, daytime or evening. No VAT charge.

Ring **TODAY** for details of my fixed charges **020 8657 0391**.

**Geraldine Watts Solicitor**

G.M. Watts Solicitors, 2A Ridge Langley, Sanderstead CR2 0AR

**[www.gmwatts.com](http://www.gmwatts.com)**



## **Burchell & Associates**

**HCPC Registered Podiatry**

DPoDM MChS

The Support your Feet are Aching For

**(020) 8657 1648 (020) 8651 4199**

*Established family practice in Selsdon for over 40 years.*

**Basic Nail Cutting Service ▪ Corns & Callous**

**Verruca Treatments ▪ Fungal Infections**

**Ingrowing & Thick Toenails ▪ Heel Pain/Arch Pain**

**Fungal Infections ▪ Gaitscan Analysis ▪ Orthotics/Insoles**

**Shoe Stretching ▪ House, Nursing Home & Hospital Visits**

**30, Farley Road, Selsdon. CR2 8DA**

**[www.burchellsfeet.co.uk](http://www.burchellsfeet.co.uk)   [selsdon@burchellsfeet.co.uk](mailto:selsdon@burchellsfeet.co.uk)**

**Twitter: @burchellsfeet   Facebook: #burchellsfeet**

# A SELECTED LIST OF SELSDON ORGANISATIONS

## CHURCHES

|                                      |               |               |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| St John the Divine (C of E)          | Parish Office | 020 8657 9466 |
| Selsdon Baptist Church               | Office        | 020 8651 4308 |
| St Columba's (Roman Catholic)        |               | 020 8657 3747 |
| St Francis (Church of England)       | Monks Hill    | 020 8657 7864 |
| Croydon Jubilee Church               | Office        | 020 8651 2807 |
| Forestdale Church, Forestdale School |               | 0777 255 9797 |
| Selsdon Christian Fellowship         |               | 020 8668 9779 |
| Church of Jesus Christ of LDS        |               | 020 8651 2211 |

## DOCTORS & EMERGENCY CARE

|                                   |               |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Farley Road Medical Practice      | 020 8651 1222 |
| Queenhill Medical Practice        | 020 8651 1141 |
| Selsdon Park Medical Practice     | 020 8657 0067 |
| Croydon University Hospital       | 020 8401 3000 |
| New Addington Minor Injuries Unit | 020 8251 7225 |
| Purley War Memorial Hospital      | 020 8401 3515 |

## POLICE

Selsdon & Addington Village: SNMailbox-SelsdonandAddingtonVillageSNT@met.police.uk  
 Selsdon Vale & Forestdale SNMailbox-SelsdonandForestdaleSNT@met.police.uk

## CLUBS, GROUPS & CHARITIES

|                                                                         |                                                                              |                                                                                               |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| CONTACT (Neighbourhood Care)                                            | Jasmine Singh                                                                | 020 8651 4944                                                                                 |
| The Selsdon Community Clubhouse                                         | Liz O'Donoghue                                                               | 020 8651 1111                                                                                 |
| Croydon Hearing Resource Centre                                         | Office                                                                       | 020 8686 0049                                                                                 |
| Croydon Vision                                                          |                                                                              | 020 8668 2486                                                                                 |
| Cruse Bereavement Care Helpline                                         |                                                                              | 0800 8808 1677                                                                                |
| Friends of Littleheath Woods                                            | Ian Leggatt                                                                  | via <a href="http://www.folw.co.uk">www.folw.co.uk</a>                                        |
| Friends of Selsdon Wood                                                 |                                                                              | <a href="http://www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk">www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk</a>            |
| Sanderstead Plantation Partners                                         | michaellishmund@gmail.com                                                    |                                                                                               |
| Friends of Kingswood                                                    | <a href="http://www.kingswoodsanderstead.uk">www.kingswoodsanderstead.uk</a> |                                                                                               |
| Girlguiding (Rainbows, Brownies, Guides & Senior Section)               |                                                                              | 0800 999 2016                                                                                 |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Selsdon & Addington Scout Group (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts) |                                                                              | <a href="https://girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved">https://girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved</a> |
|                                                                         |                                                                              | <a href="http://www.1stselsdonscouts.org.uk">www.1stselsdonscouts.org.uk</a>                  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Selsdon & Addington Scout Group                         |                                                                              | <a href="mailto:glv@5thsandascouts.org">glv@5thsandascouts.org</a>                            |
| Croham Valley Explorer Scout Unit                                       | Christopher Dean                                                             | tinkerscorner@aol.com                                                                         |
| Arts Society Croydon Area                                               | Jean Aarons                                                                  | <a href="https://tascroydonarea.org.uk">https://tascroydonarea.org.uk</a>                     |
| Parkinson's UK Croydon & District Branch                                | Mike Bond                                                                    | 07704 413668                                                                                  |
| Rotary Sanderstead & Selsdon                                            | Wendy Parr                                                                   | 07774 186792                                                                                  |
| RSPB Croydon Local Group                                                | John Davis                                                                   | 020 8640 4578                                                                                 |
| Selsdon Art Group                                                       | Fiona Hooper                                                                 | 07973 412952                                                                                  |
| Selsdon Bridge Club                                                     | Jenny Askem                                                                  | 07925 844962                                                                                  |
| Company Club                                                            | Linda Hall                                                                   | 01883 725726                                                                                  |
| Selsdon Community Hall                                                  | Cottie Campbell                                                              | <a href="mailto:selsdonhall.info@gmail.com">selsdonhall.info@gmail.com</a>                    |
| Selsdon Flower Club                                                     | Maureen Browning                                                             | 020 8651 5821                                                                                 |
| Selsdon Townswomen's Guild(pm)                                          | Christine Holland                                                            | 020 8657 4861                                                                                 |
| Sanderstead Horticultural Society                                       |                                                                              | <a href="mailto:SHSmembership1@gmail.com">SHSmembership1@gmail.com</a>                        |
| Sanderstead Local History Group                                         |                                                                              | <a href="http://sandersteadlhq.co.uk">sandersteadlhq.co.uk</a>                                |
| Selsdon Tennis Club                                                     | Jeff Pullen                                                                  | 079568 29842                                                                                  |
| St John's Wives                                                         | Jane Guglielmi                                                               | 020 8657 6672                                                                                 |
| 66(Selsdon) Squadron Air Training Corps                                 | Rob Cleeter                                                                  | 020 8651 5958                                                                                 |



# Woodside Timber

56 Spring Lane South Norwood SE25 4SP

**Fencing    Decking**  
**Sawn    Prepared**  
**Boards    Mouldings**  
**Sleepers**

**Give us a call or go to our  
website:**

**020 8654 1256**

**[www.woodsidetimber.co.uk](http://www.woodsidetimber.co.uk)**

