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Editor's Note

Welcome back after a very hot August break. Our cover this month was drawn by a local resident, Joyce, who noticed that weathered and sawn off tree trunks often resemble creatures. She found these two 'creatures' during her walks in Littleheath Woods and Croham Hust.

Last month I was sorry to hear that one of our long standing distributors is moving out of the area. We wish him, his wife and dogs all the best in their new home. If you live in the lower side of the Bird Estate, please consider taking on a distribution round or one of the three delivery rounds that he used to do. Details can be found in this Gazette. The distribution round would take 1 - 2 hours per month, while the delivery rounds would be between 30 mins to 1 hour per month. I hope to hear from some new volunteers.

In this month's Gazette you can learn about chrysanthemums in the Gardening Tips, the V1 bomb falling on Selsdon in 1944 from Ian Leggatt, and how birds find food in our woods in Ted's Nature Notes. We welcome back Mary Gill with an Autumnal poem and Janet Sharp continues her look at the Lloyd/Garwood family. Janet has been busy, as we have another article from her about the monthly Tea Dance held in Selsdon.

August saw the partial solar eclipse in the UK and in our Photo Corner we have a montage of eclipse photos from Ian Chase. Please consider sending your own snaps from Selsdon to appear in this new feature for the Gazette. The Quiz this month celebrates Rivers Day; how much do you know about some of the World's rivers?

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

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SHOULD BE WITH THE EDITOR NO LATER THAN
20TH SEPTEMBER - PREFERABLY BEFORE! ✎

SRA NEWS 'n' VIEWS



Roadworks

When you read this, we should be free of any roadworks (for a while!!!). It has been quite a trial for cars and residents.

Police

The Ward Panel meeting on 19th August was well attended in the Selsdon Community Clubhouse and we were given statistics that show how safe a place Selsdon is to live. The next meeting is on 26th November at 18.30, again in the Selsdon Community Clubhouse. ALL are welcome and encouraged to attend especially any businesses, schools, etc. The police encourage us all to sign up to Met Engage, where you will get updates and can report any incidents or concerns.

Council

The Democratically Elected Mayor is holding regular meeting with Residents' Associations in Croydon . The latest one told us that a rolling rubbish collection is starting in Shirley, where on a specific date you can leave out large and small items for free collection. If this is a success it will be extended to other wards. Some of us older residents may remember that Selsdon did this annually. The council provided the van and driver and we provided volunteers.

September Community Fair in Selsdon Wood

Thanks to all we helped make this a success.

SRA Autumn Clean Up

The Autumn Clean Up is scheduled for Saturday 19 September 9.45am – 12pm. Please meet at the Selsdon Triangle where you can pick up your collecting material.

Sheila Childs, Chair

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Three New Deliverers needed from October 2026:

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- Turnstone Close (11 copies)
- Kittiwake Close (14 copies)



Distributor needed from October 2026. This involves dropping off delivery rounds to 9 houses in Osprey Gardens, Goldfinch Road, Quail Gardens, Peacock Gardens, Lapwing Close, Kingfisher Gardens, Turnstone Close and Kittiwake Close.

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

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Selsdon Community Garden



On Saturday 18th July, a new plaque was fixed to the Selsdon Clock railings, announcing the Selsdon Community Garden. This is the area of the Selsdon Triangle looked after by a group of volunteers and sponsored by the Selsdon Residents' Association.

In this photo at the front, we have Councillor Robert Ward and the Chair of the Selsdon Residents' Association, Sheila Childs. Behind them are some of the volunteers, from left to right are Janet Sharp, Ian Leggatt, Jeff Bayton, Adrian Hyde and Chris Hyde. Well done everyone, this is a well-loved garden in the heart of Selsdon.



SRA and Rotary CPR & Defibrillator Training Day



On Saturday 18th July the Selsdon Residents' Association and the Sanderstead & Selsdon Rotary hosted walk in training sessions for CPR and Defibrillation at the Selsdon Community Clubhouse. Andy and Geoff of St John Ambulance, took classes explaining the steps of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

They also brought along some 'resusci annie' manikins so people could practise their technique. Afterwards, they described the process of defibrillation using an AED (automated external defibrillator). Overall, 50 people were trained on the day.



Defibrillators in Selsdon

Selsdon Recreation Ground (Pavilion/Nursery)

Village Club, Addington Road

Sainsburys, Addington Road

Bright Sparks Nursery, Sandpiper Road

Greenvale Primary School, Sandpiper Road

Selsdon Primary and Nursery School, Addington Road

St John's Community Hall, Upper Selsdon Road

Selsdon Wood Car Park, Old Farleigh Road.

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New Benches for Queenhill Road Playspace

After a long wait, two new benches have been installed by The Conservation Volunteers, paid for by the Selsdon Residents' Association. Both benches were put up during the heatwave and, as the ground was so hard for digging into, the volunteers needed a week's rest between each installation!



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The local residents, who had originally approached the SRA, were thrilled to welcome them to this public space in Selsdon. The photo shows them sitting on one of the benches.

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COUNCILLORS' NOTES FROM JACK BARWELL

It has been a real privilege to serve as your newly elected councillor, and I have thoroughly enjoyed my first few months representing Selsdon. Since being elected, I have tried to spend as much time as possible out in the community, speaking directly with residents about the issues that matter to them. That has included talking to residents about speeding and road safety, tackling anti-social behaviour and protecting our precious local green spaces.

Alongside dealing with residents' casework, I have been attending Selsdon Residents' Association meetings, undertaking visits to the Clubhouse, and representing residents at the Town Hall through Full Council, Ethics Committee and Scrutiny Committee meetings.

I have also really enjoyed working alongside Cllr Andy Stranack, Cllr Robert Ward and Cllr Joseph Lee. Although we represent two different wards, we share one Selsdon community and there are many issues where working together gives residents a stronger voice.

WORKING TO KEEP SELSDON SAFE

Community safety has been one of the issues residents have raised most frequently with me since my election.

The latest local Ward Panel figures show 71 recorded crimes between April and June 2026, compared with 68 between January and March.

The figures do not indicate an across-the-board surge in crime. Burglary remains relatively low and vehicle theft has fallen, but robbery and anti-so-

cial behaviour are areas where, I believe, further action is needed. Eight personal robberies were recorded between April and June, compared with three during the previous quarter. Recorded anti-social behaviour also increased from four incidents between January and March to 15 between April and June.

There has been positive police action. Targeted burglary patrols have helped reduce offending and a speed-enforcement operation prompted by residents resulted in 21 Notices of Intended Prosecution.

Your Councillors will continue working with local police and push for the resources, policing and technology needed to keep Selsdon safe.

QUAIL GARDENS – TACKLING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

As a significant escalation in concerns about Quail Gardens and the surrounding woodland had been reported to us, including reports of fly-tipping, alleged indecent exposure outside a property, and reports of fires being deliberately started, we convened a meeting with Council Officers to see what could be done. I am pleased to report that the Council Officers visited the property in question on multiple occasions and issued warnings, and will continue to monitor the situation. The latest reported fly-tipping has also been cleared. The police are also working alongside the Council Officers.

ROBBERY AND VEHICLE CRIME

Your Councillors have continued to raise residents' concerns about robbery and anti-social behaviour with the Metropolitan Police following incidents around Sainsbury's and Selsdon Recreation Ground. In June, police responded to a serious knifepoint robbery involving a young person. A coordinated police response resulted in an arrest.

More recently, I have also been contacted regarding a reported car-related robbery in Kersey Drive. I have been liaising with the police while they investigate the circumstances.

PUSHING FOR TECHNOLOGY TO HELP KEEP PEOPLE SAFE

I am using my role as a Councillor to lobby for greater use of technology, including Live Facial Recognition and cameras, where they can help police identify offenders and help keep residents safe. At a recent Scrutiny Committee meeting, I questioned Mayor Jason Perry about Live Facial Recognition, the use of cameras and the effectiveness of this technology. I believe we should be looking seriously at the tools available to help the police identify wanted individuals and investigate crime. Visible neighbour-

hood policing will always be important, but technology can provide officers with another tool to identify suspects and gather evidence.

TAKING SELSDON'S CONCERNS DIRECTLY TO POLICE

On 19 August, I attended the local Ward Panel police meeting to speak directly with officers about the concerns residents have been raising with me. I had an opportunity to speak directly with PS James Morrow afterwards to raise concerns that had not yet reached the police about vans blocking the entrance to Goschen Mews and to discuss the police's involvement in the ongoing situation at Quail Gardens.

These panels are a great opportunity for residents to hear the latest from the police about their efforts to keep residents safe and for attendees to raise any additional concerns.

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:

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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.



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MP Natasha Irons' Report **Member of Parliament for Croydon East**

Dear Selsdon Residents,

I hope you are having a great summer.

In July, Sarah Jones MP and I held our first Youth Jobs & Skills Fair at Croydon College. We invited a range of employers, from Gatwick Airport and the NHS to Zurich Insurance. We also offered mock interviews and Google ran workshops. It was great to see so many young people attend and explore their career options.

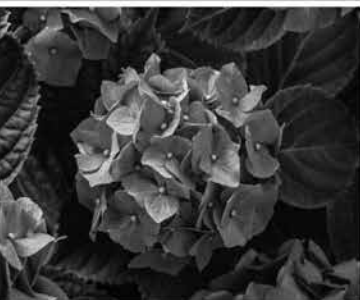
Young people in Croydon are keen to work. I recently attended a graduation ceremony at John Ruskin College for students who had taken part in a 12-week personal development course ran by the King's Trust. This course was aimed at young people aged 16 to 25 who were not in education, employment or training. It was designed to help them develop life and employability skills. The students achieved a lot during the programme; they raised £369 to complete gardening at Woodlands Community Hub and transformed an outdoor classroom at the college. It was brilliant to see just how confident the students were by the end of the programme.

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- First, 18–24-year-olds who are on universal credit and have been looking for work for 18 months, will be guaranteed a six-month work placement with wages paid in full by the Government.
- Second, businesses will receive a grant of £2,000 for recruiting an apprentice aged 16–24 and £3,000 for hiring a young person aged 18–24 who has been claiming universal credit for six months.

The expansion also includes fully-funded apprenticeships for young people. I welcome this major investment from the government to help get more young people into the work force.

As September rolls around, I know many parents are concerned about high back-to-school costs. New shoes, school uniforms and stationery - each of these purchases certainly add up. The Government wants to give parents more room to breathe. From September, a new law will come into force which means parents will have to buy fewer branded items of school uniform. Uniforms will be limited to three items with a school logo, such as a blazer, jumper or sportswear - plus a tie for secondary schools. This will give families the freedom to shop around and find uniform at the price point that works for them, rather than being restricted to one retailer. Children should be able to go to school looking smart, without it costing parents the earth.

Finally, my casework team and I are always available to assist residents with concerns locally. If you need our help, please email us at natasha.ironson@parliament.uk or call 020 8191 2482 (leave a voicemail and a member of the team will get back to you).
See you next month!

Natasha Irons, MP

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Update from our Local Police

Over the past two months, officers have continued to work proactively around Selsdon, Sanderstead and New Addington to target drug and weapon offences as well as working alongside the community to strengthen community trust and a working relationship.

Officers have recovered a stolen vehicle that was in Addington Court Golf Club car park following a member of the public approaching officers and informing them about a vehicle that appeared to be dumped. Officers ran checks on the vehicle, and it was showing as stolen. The owner's insur-

ance had already paid out so it was recovered by officers on the scene. Officers also took part in a plain clothes operation which resulted in one arrest, one vehicle being seized, a missing child being found and returned home, and nine stop and searches being carried out. These patrols only ran for one day, so these results are very good and made the operation very successful. Several drugs were seized during these patrols. Officers were also informed by an off-duty sergeant, that a white transit van, down the road from the police station, had a female and a male sat inside with a smell of cannabis coming from it. When officers got to the scene, both occupants were detained for a stop and search under Section 23 of the Misuse of Drugs Act. Cannabis was found and located within the van as well as a small amount of suspected class A drugs. The occupants were dealt with by the roadside for these offences. 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 22nd September at 2pm
Tuesday 13th October at 1pm
Tuesday 24th November at 2pm
Tuesday 8th December at noon.

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.

Best wishes, PC Summer Ross

Contacting the Police

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

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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



The chrysanthemum symbolises devoted love, loyalty, happiness, longevity and joy. Culturally, it holds significant importance in China and Japan, where it represents Autumn, longevity and rejuvenation. In Chinese mythology, chrysanthemums are associated with immortality and are often used in rituals to honour ancestors.

The flower's name comes from the Greek word 'chrysos' (gold) and 'anthemon' (flower), reflecting its original golden-yellow colour. Different colours of chrysanthemums carry specific meanings: red

symbolises love, white loyalty, yellow neglected love and purple can express a wish for healing.

Chrysanthemums have long been a favourite of botanists and were cultivated in China as early as the 15th century BCE. The original flowers that grow wild, feature golden-coloured blossoms, but by 1630, more than 500 cultivars had been identified and recorded.

White chrysanthemums have many meanings. In some cultures, the flower is strictly reserved for sympathy and remembrance, as the colour white often conveys condolences. However, white chrysanthemums symbolise purity, innocence, spirituality, loyalty, and honesty. These additional symbolic meanings make them an appropriate addition to bouquets for various recipients and occasions.

In Japan, pink chrysanthemums are especially loved because they symbolise the Emperor and the Imperial family. Pink chrysanthemums also represent longevity. Pink flowers generally carry feelings of gentle affection, attraction, and romance, making them a great choice for a first date or a new love.

Especially popular in their button variety, green chrysanthemums carry many positive meanings. They symbolise rebirth, renewal, good fortune, good health, and youthfulness.

In the language of flowers, the colour orange means what you might expect it to mean: brimming, bubbly feelings of excitement, enthusiasm, and passion.

In France, Belgium, Austria, Italy, and other European countries, chrysanthemums are viewed exclusively as a symbol of mourning, sympathy, and death. They're only given as a token of sympathy or grief and reserved for memorial flowers, funeral wreaths, and cemetery decorations. In Britain, however, the meaning of the chrysanthemum

aligns more closely with the symbolism recognised in the United States: cheerfulness and joy, optimism, and longevity.

In Japan, chrysanthemums also play a role in mourning. White chrysanthemums are reserved for funerals and graves. Other chrysanthemums are viewed as symbols of perfection, longevity, and rejuvenation. Japan even has a National Chrysanthemum Day on September 9th, also known as the Festival of Happiness. They also represent the Sun and comprise the Imperial Seal of Japan.

In Japanese art, chrysanthemums are a common motif in woodblock prints, often symbolizing autumn and the noble character. Artists like Katsushika Hokusai and Ando Hiroshige featured chrysanthemums in their works, which were part of the larger Ukiyo-e genre, celebrating the beauty of nature and the fleeting moments of life.

Frederick, Cedric and Sunflower Sid

Sanderstead Horticultural Society Autumn Show

Saturday 19th September from 2 pm
at All Saints Church Hall, Onslow Gardens, Sanderstead

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Ingham Road, Selsdon V1 Bomb August 28th 1944

At 2.50pm all the 38 children at Selsdon Central School on the Addington Road were in their shelter in the grounds at the back of the school, when a V1 flying bomb dropped behind Ingham Road, near the school. The Head recorded that the children behaved very calmly. The school was badly damaged by the blast and Miss Fox, who was on the stairway at the time had a narrow escape from falling glass, being lucky to escape with a bump on her head from a piece of window frame. He records that the upper and lower main doors at the NE end were broken and splintered and some 50 window frames broken and about 40% of window panes gone. Interior doors and locks were damaged and many tiles loose. The Canteen building suffered structural damage and the School House had damaged windows and doors. The all clear sounded at 3.45pm and the children went home. The teachers and cleaning staff cleared up the debris and by 9.30 pm the school was ready for children to return the next day. Apparently, the incident was not recorded in the press.



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Houses in Ingham Road took the brunt of the explosion, Phil Munton, writing in The Selsdon Gazette, was not born when the V1 dropped but recalls the day, from pieces of family lore:

“This bomb destroyed my parents’ house - the semi on the right (*left**) in the photo. This was number 21 (changed to 41 after renumbering in the 60s). I don’t know if anyone was killed or injured, my parents never really talked about it - but the two semi-detached houses to the right of ours were also destroyed and the site remained a bomb site well into the fifties when the houses were rebuilt to another design, differing from the other houses in the road which were built in 1938/39.

The V1 struck in the morning a few weeks after the birth of my older sister. My mother had been in the habit of putting my sister in her pram in the back garden but for some reason or another she hadn’t done so that morning, otherwise, on hearing the engine cut out on the bomb, she would have rushed out to protect her firstborn.

As it was, she had time to get herself and my sister into the Morrison shelter underneath the dining table in the downstairs backroom - the one on the right as you look at this rear view photograph.(*). So it is possibly only by a bit of luck that I am here to tell you the story! My Dad had the shock of coming home and seeing the destruction without knowing about the event and not knowing if my mother and sister were still alive!



Photo of rear of Nos 41 / 42 Ingham Road



Nos 41 and 42 Repaired and reconstructed (from Google)



Extract from OS map of 1947 showing site of Nos 43 / 44 Ingham Road awaiting reconstruction, school and fields behind Ingham Road.

Compiled from the journals of Ted Frith, Selsdon historian, and the published memoirs of Phil Munton, Selsdon resident, from the Selsdon Gazette. Google for recent image of Nos 41 & 42 Ingham Road. National Library of Scotland for OS Map Extract.

Ian Leggatt, August 2026

(*) Phil conflates the front and rear of 41 and 42 in his memoir. The photo and text of the rear of his home are correct.

The location of the strike is not known but the land behind Ingham Road was farmland, now developed as Monks Hill Estate.

The V1 was known to the Nazis as Vergeltungswaffe or Vengeance Bomb. To us it was first described as 'Pilotless Aircraft' then Doodlebug, Buzz Bomb or Flying Bomb (amongst other terms).

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I received this obituary from a very proud daughter about her remarkable father who lived in Selsdon after he married and overcame major adversity in his life.

Obituary - David Howden – 1939-2026

David was born in Croydon in August 1939 and grew up in Queen Street before moving to Foxearth Spur with Heather when they married in 1961. He loved his house, garden, neighbours and Selsdon with a passion, and moving was never an option. He just kept adding extensions!

He started his career in retail, selling televisions and radios for Simon and Alma Green, parents of the famous “rise and fall” businessman, Philip Green, and had some eyebrow-raising stories to tell about those days. Still in his twenties, he became the proprietor of the Mobil petrol station at Ashburton, on the corner of Shirley Road and Lower Addiscombe Road, later moving to Safari Service Station in Morland Road. We couldn't go anywhere as a family without bumping into a customer or two - even on holiday in Spain!

As many Selsdon residents know, tragedy hit in 1986 when David and Heather's younger daughter, Tessa, was murdered. After much emotional and financial turmoil, David eventually managed to sell Safari and dedicated decades to supporting other victims' families and friends. He was instrumental in the formation of the charity SAMM (Support after Murder & Manslaughter) and was Chair of the charity SAMM South East, whose members met at Gatwick Airport. Working closely with Victim Support and Police forces up and down the UK, as well as sitting on a House of Lords Select Committee, he was immensely proud of having shared a platform with Princess Anne on at least two occasions and was a big fan. He hugely valued the support of his friends, neighbours and fellow Freemasons during these difficult years.



David posing with Tiger Moth G-APMX (1970s)

Never one for reading, TV or sport, David's lifelong passion was aeroplanes. He spent his teenage years gliding with the ATC and later took flying lessons at Biggin Hill, achieving his solo flying certificate in 1974. He even had a share in the Rollason Flying Group's Tiger Moth GAPMX that he flew numerous times from Redhill Aerodrome. Until poor health took its toll, he was a regular visitor to Shoreham Airport to watch the planes from the Hummingbird café, which is why we were especially delighted that thirty of his paintings were exhibited at the airport's Whispering Gallery throughout July 2026. Always artistic, he was entirely self-taught and could turn his hand to anything: oils; watercolours; architectural drawings; cartoons; pottery; and even sewing.

Unfortunately, David was beset with medical problems in later years, eventually needing full time care at Cedar View Care Centre in South Croydon. However, he never lost his sheer stubbornness and determination to remain as independent as possible.

David passed away peacefully on 23 March 2026 in Mayday (aka Croydon University Hospital) just steps away from where he was born in the Maternity Home in Woodcroft Road, 86 years before. He is survived by his wife Heather, daughter Shirley, two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Shirley Whiley (Daughter)

Donations to SAMM would be greatly appreciated via:

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World Rivers Day

World Rivers Day is on 27th September 2026. This is a celebration of the world's waterways, highlighting the many values of rivers and strives to increase public awareness and encourages the improved stewardship of rivers around the world. It is celebrated on the 4th Sunday in September each year. How much do you know about the rivers in the world?



1. On which river does Vienna stand?
2. What is the longest river in the world?
3. Which river has the largest water volume and width in the world?
4. What is the wide, tidal mouth of a river where the fresh water meets the salt water of the sea called?
5. The Rio Grande forms part of the boundary between the US and which country?
6. In which country is the Yangtze River located?
7. What do you call a smaller stream or river that flows into a larger main river?
8. What is the longest river in Australia?
9. Name the river that rises on the Tibetan Plateau of western China and has flooded more often and killed more people than any other?
10. Which river has the largest delta?

Answers after the Nature Notes

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Tirzah Garwood – Memories of a Croydon Childhood

In previous Gazette articles I discussed the history of the Lloyd/Garwood Family on the Coombe Estate and the legacies they left not only for Croydon, but the nation, in public Parks, art collections, property, charitable institutions etc.

I have found another Garwood legacy to add to the list! - the multi-talented artist 'Tirzah' (Eileen Lucy) Garwood (1908-1951).

'Tirzah' (from the word 'tertia' meaning third child) was a first cousin of our very own Jean Garwood (the founder of Scope and granddaughter of Frank Lloyd, former owner of the Coombe Estate - 'Lloyd Park' benefactor.) Sadly, Tirzah died relatively early, aged 42 from cancer. Thanks to her informal autobiography 'Long Live Great Bardfield' originally written just for the family but published in 2012, we have a glimpse into her childhood, which between the ages of 6 to 10 included living at Croydon's Coombe estate. Given how young she was her memories seem very vivid.



If you have a quick search online you will find her artwork, which was distinctive, memorable and often humorous. Her works, in my opinion, capture moments and people that seem to suggest a story, presenting both period detail and human emotion together in a way that is both lost in time and yet timeless. An article on the artuk.org website by James Russell

gives a lovely summary with examples of her work. Last year Dulwich Picture Gallery ran an exhibition about her work called '*Beyond Ravilious*' because her first husband was the artist Eric Ravilious and they wanted to acknowledge their artistic similarities and differences and highlight her own distinctive brilliance.

Tirzah's father was Frederick Scott Garwood, the elder brother of John Reginald Garwood (father of Jean). Both brothers were born in India and were officers in the army – the Royal Engineers, following the family tradition. John married the Coombe Estate heiress Winifred Lloyd. Following the death of Frank Lloyd 'Coombe House' became a home for ex-service-men. Fred married Ella Corry (an ex-pupil of Croydon High School) and had 5 children.

Due to her father's war work during WW1 (1914?), Tirzah tells that her family moved from Scotland to her mother's brother's house. Uncle Herbert Corry lived (via tenancy?) in Coombe Farm with his wife Rose and three children. (Originally Herbert Lloyd's wife Cristina and their son Francis had lived there until 1911 and later it was home to Winifred Garwood and her family, presumably the Corry family living there in between these two. Of course there are several separate houses on the estate!) Tirzah does not mention her Garwood cousins (Jean would have been two years old) only her Corry ones.

'Coombe Farm' was ¼ mile from 'Coombe House' bordered, as we know, by the Shirley Hills. At one point the Corry's hired the farmland to a man who bred carthorses, then they opened as a home for Belgian refugees (WW1).

It seems the Corry family were treated by the Lloyds as close family as Tirzah describes 'Grandpa' Frank Lloyd as 'a very kindly old man with a beard' who was 'retired and interested in collecting old furniture and china', his wife 'Grandma' Lloyd was 'delicate' and 'went out occasionally in the family Rolls Royce'. Driven by the chauffeur of course. She mentions that Coombe House had a ghost that appeared from a hidden staircase that led to the library! Tirzah enjoyed the Coombe House rock garden, the deep well, the formal walled garden, the fernery. She recalls the smell of oak tree and bracken on Shirley Common and finding fossils in the dis-used Chalk pit at the farm. She loved to collect butterflies and with her mother collected and drew wildflowers.

She found practice war 'trenches' in a nearby field that had been dug by WW1 soldier recruits. Initially Tirzah and her cousin were educated privately with some other children by a governess 'in the window bay of the billiard room'. Once her aunt Rose gave birth, Tirzah's family moved to a rented house near Croham Hurst and her mother financed their governess to open a school. Following that, Tirzah went for a short time to Croham Hurst School which was a Quaker school which she enjoyed as they encouraged her drawing. After the age of 10 the family moved away from Croydon. By her teens Tirzah had already begun to gain success as an artist. Her descriptions of Croydon, and the Coombe Estate are a valuable addition to our local social history and perhaps the 'Edward Lloyd and family' TV saga waiting to be written!

Janet Sharp

References: Hall of mirrors 1928 wood engraving Tirzah Garwood in private collection, Persephonebooks.co.uk. and Croydon library (Tirzah's memoir), artuk.org (images of her work and article) en.wikipedia.org (background) nzsappers.org.nz (obituary of Tirzah's father)



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Here one reader answers Ian Leggatt's plea in the May Gazette for information about apple trees being planted in the gardens of the first Costain's houses.

Dear Editor,

My maternal grandfather arranged to purchase Plot 62B in Littleheath Road on the Croham Heights Estate in autumn 1929, and my grandparents with my mum (aged 11) moved into the completed house, which is now my home, in March 1930. Costain's price was £800. The house was named Yarra, as my grandfather and two of his siblings had been born in Port Melbourne, Victoria whilst my great-grandfather served as a Sargent-Major in the Royal Engineers. They were preparing defences against a perceived threat from China. The house number now used came two or three years later.

Whilst I was in the garden as a kid my grandfather told me how things were when they moved in. Most kitchens were provided with a Davis gas cooker and gas water heater. Some also had a kitchen dresser provided. I never heard if there were extra charges for these items.



Now to the garden. The garden was mostly rough field / building site on the side of a hill that required level steps to be made (by hand!) for horizontal flower beds. There were no existing trees of any note in the garden when they moved in. Thirty years later, I spotted two Silver Birch trees near the bottom of the garden, which my grandfather said he had paid Costains £5 to have planted. Five fruit trees had also been planted shortly after they moved in, but my grandfather never mentioned whether

these had been arranged via Costains. A few mature trees were retained by the developers along Littleheath Road. Some of these are still present today. He planted 200 roses within a year or two of moving in, but WW2 wrecked the garden and it was never fully restored after that.

Originally, they were to purchase a plot slightly further up the hill, but then strong rumours about the exact location of the coming line of the pylons started to circulate, and so they chose 62B further down the road so that they did not look out on the cables / pylon. They were, however, caught out on the relocation of the public footpath. This originally ran along the bottom of the garden from Littleheath Woods to Farley Road on the pre-1965 border of Croydon and Coulsdon & Purley UDC. But, when they moved in, they spotted that there were two rows of fence posts along the side, narrowing the garden by about a metre (the house next door lost the same amount). The new path promptly opened, leaving him responsible for a 62.7 metre wooden fence. The path to Farley Road at the bottom of the garden apparently closed a couple of years later.

Regards, Name and address supplied

Ian's response

This makes interesting reading and reasonably confirms that the land built on by Costain was farmland and that any fruit trees came later. The fact that 2 birch trees were purchased from and planted by Costain, firms up my belief that any old fruit trees thought to predate Costain build, are in fact contemporary with the house building.

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Here is an appeal to dog walkers.

Dear Editor,

On the behalf of the 'Street Champions' and the residents of Old Farleigh Road, please may I make yet another appeal through the SRA, to those dog owners who exercise their pets on Selsdon Rec and/or Selsdon Wood (Bird Sanctuary), and who seemingly do the 'right thing' collecting their 'doggy doos' though then, disappointingly, believe it is acceptable to discard the bags of dog waste leaving them on/ by or behind the green Openreach cabinets that are sited along Old Farleigh Road; typically those near the junctions with Sandpiper Road and Woodland Gardens. This is inconsiderate, unsightly and unhygienic - please dispose of the dog waste appropriately using the public bins of which there are a number by the entrances to the park.

Kind regards

Name and address supplied

Here a resident asks those who feed foxes to consider the unwanted consequences of their actions.

Dear Editor

An update. Last year I wrote in regarding the problem of foxes on Abbey Road and one very persistent resident who was feeding them. A year has passed and things are so much worse. The foxes seem to be fed more frequently and have taken up residence on our street. It is very intimidating having foxes following you home in the dark. The noises at night are louder and go on for longer. On bin day, you check to see who has been unlucky this week and had their food bin strewn across the street. Each house can tell you a story of foxes entering houses, plants being destroyed, gardens being wrecked and general mess and destruction on an upsetting scale. The stress and monetary cost is not small. A resident's cat has had to go to the vet after being attacked by a fox on two separate occasions requiring stitches, once in its own home and once it was bitten down to the bone. My understanding is this person has been challenged directly about feeding the foxes and refuses or is unable to stop. I suppose the question is, when does the needs and desires of one person override those of a whole neighbourhood?

Yours sincerely

Frustrated resident of Abbey Road

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Here our regular contributor, Jessica Blake, is someone who enjoyed the hot weather this summer.

SUMMER OF 2026



We could never have envisaged such a wonderful summer as this has been. To wake up every single day to bright sunshine. The geraniums are loving it and their lovely red heads are always up and cheerful. In between them, I planted pink geraniums and a very pretty variety that I have never seen before, with pink and purple two tone heads. I found some small blue plants to place between the bunches of geraniums.

There have of course been losses of small trees and any plants that need plenty of water. The family of pigeons, which live in a tree nearby, like to raid our bird bath. I top it up every day, but before I do that, I need to get a plant label stick and remove droppings, so no one bird family can lay claim to the water. Where the squirrels went, I do not know, but they are beginning to return. They

look slightly larger than normal.

Now that the days are becoming shorter and the days a little cooler, when the evenings come, I realise this fabulous summer is slowly ending. No grumbling about heat please, just remember how wonderful it was to have sunshine and warmth and not even to need a cardigan to wear while out for a walk.

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Poetry Corner

This is the September Gazette, so Mary Gill has an autumnal poem for us.

ENTER AUTUMN

At first, Autumn whispers softly,
smiling warmly,
teasing us with clear blue skies and balmy days.
Then the wind dances freely
between fearsome gales
and gentle breezes.
Temperatures decline
and the mood darkens
as cumulonimbus clouds
release their payload.
Rough shards of rain spatter like pebble-dash
against the windowpanes,
thumping angrily on the pavement.
This is when Autumn is full of menace,
felling trees to
thunderous applause that rocks the skies
with gleaming lightning flashes.
Threatening rivers rise,
then mornings dawn dankly
exhaling a shroud of fog
across the land.

Fallen chestnuts open up
auditioning for battle.
Winter edges closer
as autumn stamps its authority.
Orange and crimson leaves cascade,
collecting on the pavements.
Squirrels make final preparations for winter,
harvesting the acorns nestled amidst the rustic carpet.



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Nature Notes from Ted Forsyth – Bird Food

Different bird species have various techniques for getting their food. A Tawny Owl waits on a perch for prey to move, then will pounce. Depending on the habitat the prey could be a wood mouse, field vole, bank vole, shrew, bird, beetle, frog or earthworm. I remember a man who bought dead mice from a supplier and persuaded a Tawny in his garden to collect it from a bird table. Waving the mouse around before placing it on the table was enough movement for the owl to respond. In other cases, it is possible to discover the owl diet by finding the pellets regurgitated by the owl and analysing the contents. I have done this for Tawny Owls in Selsdon Wood and Barn Owl elsewhere.

A Barn Owl is an active hunter at dawn and dusk and during the day if necessary. It has feathers which make no sound as it silently quarters a field listening for the quiet high-pitched sounds made by the voles, rats and mice which are its main prey. The noise produced by rain will prevent it hunting successfully.

A Short-eared Owl is a day flier and behaves like a Barn Owl.

A Long-eared Owl has been known to act in pairs with one bird disturbing roosting birds in a hedge, sometimes hitting the hedge with its wings, while the second owl picks off the birds trying to escape.

A Little Owl is more powerful than its diminutive size suggests. It can perch on a fence post to drop down on suitable prey but will also run after small prey on the ground. Anything from earthworms to beetles and voles is acceptable.



In the slightest breath of wind, a kestrel can hover to view possible mice, voles and beetles on the ground. Another falcon, the hobby, of roughly the same size, prefers a more active lifestyle and hurtles over fresh water in pursuit of dragonflies but it can also catch swallows. The peregrine is a larger and more powerful falcon which I have seen chasing a feral pigeon down North End in central Croydon.

More commonly they can be seen on marshes where the presence of this falcon will send flocks of duck and waders into the sky. Even the small merlin produces the same disturbance but I have often seen a merlin pursuing a singing skylark which rose higher in the air while dodging the falcon.

In the hope of finding a tasty morsel, a sparrowhawk will soar high in the sky and will plummet down on prey in a “stoop” like that of a peregrine. It

will also fly at high speed, almost touching the ground, as it attempts to surprise unwary prey. Or it can simply turn up at the bird feeding station. In birds of prey the female is often a third bigger than the male and female sparrowhawk can take larger birds like woodpigeon. While visiting a wood near Banstead, I disturbed a female on the ground while she ate a wood-pigeon. Though she flew off she would return later to finish her meal. I once had a male land on the frame of my bird feeder in the garden. It must have noticed a movement on an ivy-covered fence post for it took off to investigate but came to a dead stop in mid-air when it discovered a cat resting in the ivy. It reversed its direction and left the garden in a hurry. Feeding birds is not an activity confined to UK gardens. On TV, during a Liz Bonnin's visit to India, we were shown a large open area next to a village where hundreds of Demoiselle Cranes were supplied with quantities of grain by the local folk. Also on TV channel 91, which is devoted to the 'WildEarth' programme from South Africa, which includes a link to 'Africam' cameras in various other African countries, they showed hundreds of White-backed Vultures and smaller numbers of Hooded Vultures, all waiting on the ground for a delivery of meat scraps. Back in the UK, at Gigrin Farm in Wales, a similar delivery of meat brings hundreds of Red Kites swooping down to pick up the food without landing.

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5. Mexico
6. China
7. A tributary
8. Murray River
9. Yellow River
10. Ganges

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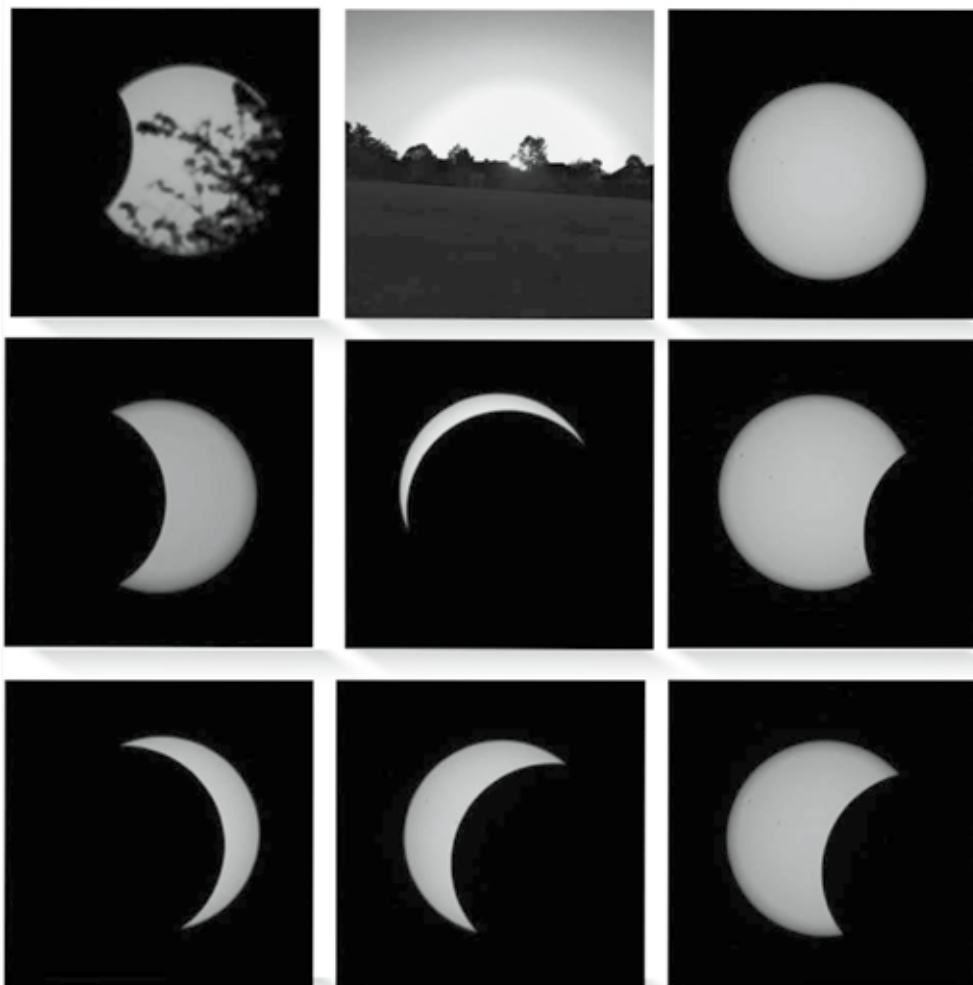
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Photo Corner

I had to share these photos taken by Ian Chase from Selsdon Recreation Ground of the partial solar eclipse on Wednesday 12th August. They make my photos taken using a cereal box pinhole camera a little amateurish! Although we have suffered from successive heatwaves, the clear blue skies did ensure that we had magnificent views of the eclipse through our special glasses.



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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.

Remember your entries for our 2026 Photo Competition

Closing date – 20 August 2026

Each entrant may submit one or more of their photographs taken in Selsdon Wood between 20th August 2025 and 19th August 2026. The winners

will be chosen from a shortlist, by a secret ballot at the Selsdon Community Fair on Sunday 6th September. There will be a £50 first prize, £20 second prize and a £10 third prize.

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CROYDON CACTUS and SUCCULENT SHOW 2026



The photo shows some of the exhibits at our show, held in Sanderstead at the end of July. Some of you were probably there, and we hope that you enjoyed looking at the plants, chatting to members of Croydon Branch of the BCSS [British Cactus and Succulent Society], and hopefully buying some plants to grow and enjoy at home. The plants shown here are all *Gymnocalyciums*, a genus of cacti native to S. America, but all of these plants, and others at the show, were grown from seed in this country.

Most of the plants at the show had been lovingly cultivated by their owners for many years. But all of them started as small plants, probably similar to those you might have purchased. With good care, your small plants will soon grow, and will reward you with beautiful displays of flowers. Many of the smaller globular cacti flower at quite a small size, and most have lovely flowers. Cacti and succulents need to be grown in good light; a greenhouse is ideal, but a conservatory, or a window ledge in good light are also fine. There will be more about how to care for your plants in future articles. In the meantime, be sure to give them some water, making sure that they are dry for several days before giving more. About every 1 – 2 weeks at this time of the year – this will decrease considerably in the autumn and winter.

If you are interested in growing cacti and succulents, or would like to learn more, you are most welcome to attend our monthly meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7.30 – 10 pm in the small hall at Sanderstead Methodist Church, Limpsfield Road, Sanderstead, CR2 9EF. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 8th September. For more information contact the Branch Secretary at secretary@croydon.bcsc.org.uk, or visit our website at www.croydon.bcsc.org.uk.

It's been an exciting couple of months for Selsdon Community Clubhouse!

Welcome to our new Trustee!

We are delighted to announce that Bhavin Patel has joined the Board of the Selsdon Community Clubhouse. Bhavin is the owner of the Home Instead Croydon & Dulwich franchise and Co-Chair of the Croydon Dementia Action Alliance. As a Trustee, Bhavin will bring valuable knowledge and experience of the health and social care sector. His involvement with local dementia initiatives, together with his professional connections within the care sector, will help the Clubhouse reach more people who may benefit from our services.

Our 2026 AGM

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our AGM. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to talk about the work we have been doing at the Clubhouse and to share how our services have grown to support more people in our community. We were pleased that our local MP, Natasha Irons MP for Croydon East, was able to join us, and we are grateful to her for speaking so positively about the Clubhouse. As we shared at the AGM, we are in a strong position, but as a small charity, we cannot stand still. We need to continue to grow and develop so that we can reach more people.



Music and a visit from the Civic Mayor at the Lunch Club

We were visited by the Civic Mayor of Croydon, who came along to the Lunch Club to celebrate our regular Lunch Club guest Hazel's 96th birthday! We've also enjoyed some great entertainment at our 60+ Lunch Club, including the brilliantly fun Cockney Tom and the talented Croydon Guitar Club. Cockney Tom will be back at the Clubhouse on 25th September.

Have you booked your ticket to our Race Night?

Our upcoming Race Night will be a fun-filled event, taking place at St.

John the Divine Church, Selsdon, on Saturday 10th October. It will bring together residents, supporters and businesses for an enjoyable evening whilst raising vital funds for the Clubhouse. Please contact the office to book.

Businesses – you still have time to sponsor our Race Night!

Increase awareness of your business while demonstrating support for your local community by becoming a sponsor of our Race Night. We have different sponsorship packages available; please contact us to find out more.

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Strictly Selsdon – Live Music and Dancing



After months, if not years, of considering attending one of the monthly (first Tuesday) Strictly Selsdon afternoon Ballroom events at the Selsdon Community Hall, I finally went, in August from 3.30pm-5.30pm. A four piece band was on stage playing standard ballroom, latin and sequence dance tunes with a half time 'tea and cake' included in the price. I found the crowd very welcoming to a relative 'newbie' attending on her own! I heard from another attendee that this live music dance event has been taking place in Selsdon for a long time. As to be expected at a weekday event the crowd is older/retired but may I say sprightly – dancing keeps you young!

It is a social event so there are no dance classes – so to join in with the dancing, pre-knowledge of the basic steps is required but beginners would feel comfortable. However, I noticed a few attendees seemed happy to simply watch the band and the dancers (and tuck in to the afternoon tea), without feeling the need to get up and dance.



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I enjoyed the band's special music challenge when they gave attendees the chance to name any piece of music and style of dance and they quickly found the music online, arranged and played it. This time the crowd suggested 'I'm in the mood for dancing' by the Nolans played to waltz timing. It was very good!

'Social dancing' is a relaxed affair – no judgment on technique or dress requirements! If anyone wants to learn to dance there are various ballroom classes taking place within a short drive of Selsdon such as in Shirley and Caterham; both in a group setting or as individual lessons. Not only that, you can find lots of online classes too – even free with YouTube!

Outside of Selsdon, I would recommend the fantastic Rivoli Ballroom for their monthly ballroom inclusive (LGBTQ+ and everyone) ballroom social events. This remarkable south London ballroom has original décor and a very friendly crowd. There is a noticeable addition of 'Gen Z' attendees too!

No dance experience - Where to begin? The lovely 'English' waltz is essentially 3 steps and if you dance to Lionel Richie '3 times a lady' he even counts you in. Try it in your kitchen!

Janet Sharp

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Selsdon Community Fair
Sunday 6th September 12 – 4pm
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How to keep your pet cool – Advice from Local Vet

“Did you know lip licking and yawning could mean your dog is travel sick?”

As families across the UK prepare for summer holidays, pet owners are urged to be aware of the often-overlooked signs of car sickness in dogs - many of which are easy to miss.

While most people associate travel sickness with vomiting, more subtle behaviours - like lip licking, excessive yawning, restlessness or panting - can be early indicators that a dog is feeling unwell during a journey. These signs are often mistaken for excitement or nervous energy, but in many cases, they are actually early warning signs that a dog is experiencing motion sickness.

Travel sickness is particularly common in younger dogs, but it can affect pets of all ages. For many, it is linked to both motion and anxiety - meaning symptoms can begin even before the car starts moving. Other signs to look out for include; drooling more than usual; whining or vocalising; refusing to get into the car; and sitting still or appearing withdrawn.

If left unmanaged, travel sickness can worsen over time, with some dogs becoming increasingly reluctant to travel altogether.



There is a number of simple steps to reduce the risk of travel sickness, including:

- Gradually building up journeys, starting with short drives;
- Ensuring good ventilation in the car;
- Avoiding large meals before travel; and,
- Using familiar bedding or toys for comfort.

With nearly one in five (19%) people opting for domestic holidays this summer, and with more pet owners taking dogs on staycations or day trips, owners should plan ahead - so both pets and people can enjoy stress-free travel.

“Recognising the early signs can make a huge difference,” Friday Enabulele of the Warlingham Veterinary Centre says. *“With the right approach, most dogs can learn to travel comfortably and confidently.”*

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Sanderstead Local History Group



Meetings take place in All Saints' Church Hall Sanderstead on the last Wednesday in the month, doors open at 1.45 pm, meeting at 2.00 pm, close to bus routes, parking on site. There is no annual fee. The entrance fee is £2 per visit which includes a talk and refreshments. For further details please go to Website <https://www.sandersteadlhg.co.uk>, where there is a contact page for enquiries.

30 Sep The History of St Lawrence's Hospital, Caterham by Vanessa Hosford.

The history of St Lawrence's Hospital, Caterham and changes that have happened over the years in learning disability care. The talk also includes reference to the book, 'Tongue Tied' written by Joey Deacon and his friends who were patients.

28 Oct Woodside Court, Addiscombe - a house through time by Phil Swallow

The story of this little-known but quite grand house in Addiscombe. There are some interesting connections between the occupiers and modern day area

25 Nov Painters in South East England by Dee Palmer

This talk will introduce some artists who painted local scenes, especially those in the vicinity of Croydon, but also including a few pictures of more distant areas of the south east. Then it will move on to some more widely-known artists who painted in the area.

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