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# Chairman's Report

As the vibrant hues of autumn slowly give way to the colder shades of winter, I find myself once again reflecting on the past few months as the Committee Chair, and eagerly looking forward to the festive season ahead.

Our monthly meetings continue and we have looked at several local issues such as the land bordering Huntingfield/Falconwood, the park music events, noise complaints and our very own BootTrail events. Lets see what 2025 brings us!

I have also been pondering on the word 'community' and what it might mean to different people. The word community comes from the Latin word *communitas* which means, apart from community, public spirit.

A Community is a group of people who share a common characteristic or interest, and can be defined in a number of ways:

- Geographical location - the place where people live, such as a neighbourhood, town or village.
- Shared interests - an affinity, such as religion, faith, or occupation.
- Sense of place - which can be shared in a physical location or virtually through communication platforms.
- Durable relationships - extending beyond immediate family ties.
- Shared experiences - a sense of shared history.
- Sense of belonging - trust, safety, and caring for each other.
- Ability to influence - the ability of its members to influence each other and their environments.

For me, I have found friendships, help, and comfort in this community, and I am wondering, how do you see your community? How has it helped you or your family? Please do write in and share your views.

It is amazing how quickly time flies, and here we are, knocking on the door of Christmas once more. For many, this is a time to look forward to gathering with family and friends, But for some, it can be a lonely or isolating time so do reach other to others in your community as a simple gesture of kindness can make a significant difference.

I would like to extend my thanks to all the committee members for their continued dedication in our monthly meeting and the various volunteers that deliver this – your local ARA magazine.

Finally, a reminder that there is one last chance to win one of three cash prizes of either £50, £30 or £20. The final draw is due in December 2024 so please do double-check that your household has paid their voluntary £5 annual subscription – you have to be in it to win it!

Warm regards,  
Shabbir Halaj, Chair

# 10 famous people from Croydon

## Ten famous people from Croydon:

1. Kate Moss - Supermodel known for her work with Calvin Klein and her influence on the fashion industry
2. Stormzy - Rapper and grime artist famous for hits like "Shut Up" and "Vossi Bop"
3. Dan Stevens - Actor best known for his role in the TV series "Downton Abbey"
4. Peggy Ashcroft - Acclaimed actress who won an Academy Award for her role in "A Passage to India"
5. David Lean - Renowned film director known for classics like "Lawrence of Arabia" and "The Bridge on the River Kwai"
6. Sue Perkins - Comedian and television presenter, famous for co-hosting "The Great British Bake Off"
7. Ronnie Corbett - Beloved comedian and actor, known for "The Two Ronnies"
8. Emily Blunt - Actress known for her roles in films like "The Devil Wears Prada" and "A Quiet Place"
9. Aaron Wan-Bissaka - Professional footballer who plays for Manchester United
10. Tracey Emin - Contemporary artist known for her provocative and personal works.



# Congratulations

The ARA Committee introduced a Prize Draw for 2024, and every household that pays their annual subscription (currently £5), is entered into that draw. Why have we introduced this Prize Draw? We want to encourage more local residents to pay the subscription and we want to re-vitalise the quarterly magazine so it has more local information, more local content and becomes the 'go-to' information booklet for residents!

On Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024, at the monthly ARA Committee meeting, three households were randomly selected by an electronic number generator, and we are very pleased to announce the next three Prize Draw winners for 2024 as:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize £50: MB Handford, 6 Crossways

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £30: Mary Harding (address to be confirmed)

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £20: J Bird, 2 Waterworks Cottages

As we don't hold an address for Mary Harding, if you are her – or know her – please let the Committee know and we pass her winnings on!

The final Prize Draw for 2024 takes place in December when 3 more lucky winners will be drawn. You may still pay using the following information: Account Name : Addington Residents Association - Sort Code : 40-35-40 – Account Number 81491253. Please include your abbreviated address within the Reference of your payment, ie 2 PG for 2 Palace Green.

**Shabbir Halai, Chair**



# Why do.....

Ever wondered what some of the most common “**Why do...**” questions are? Here is what the internet says!

- **Why do leaves change colour in autumn?** - This happens because chlorophyll breaks down, revealing other pigments like carotenoids and anthocyanins.
- **Why do we hiccup?** - Hiccups are involuntary contractions of the diaphragm, often triggered by eating too quickly, drinking carbonated beverages, or sudden excitement.
- **Why do we sneeze?** - Sneezing is a reflex to clear the nasal passages of irritants like dust, pollen, or germs.
- **Why do we get goosebumps?** - Goosebumps occur when tiny muscles at the base of hair follicles contract, often in response to cold or strong emotions.
- **Why do we cry when we cut onions?** - Cutting onions releases a gas called syn-Propanethial-S-oxide, which irritates the eyes and causes tears.
- **Why do we have fingerprints?** - Fingerprints improve our grip and enhance our sense of touch.
- **Why do we get jet lag?** - Jet lag occurs because our internal body clock is out of sync with the new time zone after traveling across multiple time zones.
- **Why do we have wisdom teeth?** - Wisdom teeth are vestigial third molars that were useful for our ancestors who had a diet of rough food requiring more chewing.
- **Why do we blush?** - Blushing is caused by the dilation of blood vessels in the face, often triggered by emotions like embarrassment or excitement.
- **Why do we get brain freeze?** - Brain freeze happens when something cold touches the roof of the mouth, causing blood vessels to rapidly constrict and then dilate.
- **Why do we have belly buttons?** - The belly button is the scar left from where the umbilical cord was attached, providing nutrients and oxygen before birth.
- **Why do we snore?** - Snoring occurs when airflow through the mouth and nose is partially obstructed during sleep, causing the tissues to vibrate.

*Do you have a favourite one not listed? Please send it to us at:  
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# The Evolution of our Garden

The seasons are changing, and as the children go back to school for the new year, the gardening catalogues arrive for planning a new year of growing plants. Autumn is as much a new beginning as an end. It is interesting to reflect on where we have come from and in the case of No 12 Falconwood Road it was in the summer of 2010 that we moved to Addington from South Croydon, but to a smaller house here and a larger garden, close to shops and transport and with an almost rural feel with the horses' field, golf courses and woodland providing a lovely green environment. Certainly, other residents in our Association will have large gardens and it would be interesting to share ideas, tips and maybe even spare plants through the ARA or WhatsApp group.

We wanted to grow fruit and vegetables as well as flowers and shrubs and the back garden seemed to divide naturally into an area with paving near the house for sitting, eating and watching activities in the pond we created. We inherited beech hedges on both sides providing privacy and a home for lots of chatty sparrows. The garden slopes up quite steeply so we cut down a large old oak tree which was rotten and put in steps and a handrail. There are now beds on both sides, a wild flower area and a trellis dividing off the food producing area in the top third.

It has been hard work as our soil is stony with lots of flint, we also found lumps of cement, asbestos and long iron pipes dating from when this area was used for accommodating airmen in WWII. Probably the boilers were situated here, as we and No 10 have also found coal. Gradually we have put in raised beds for vegetables and improved the soil with mulching, our own compost and horse manure from the stables. We have planted fruit trees and bushes and protected them all from the foxes and pigeons. We put in a small greenhouse and collect rainwater. Now we are rewarded with fresh food in abundance with surplus to freeze and preserve for later.

We have read and learnt more about helping nature, as the climate crisis becomes more evident year by year and it is influencing what we do. We are encouraging pollinating insects with a variety of flowers throughout the year, leaving wilder areas and this year put beds of insect friendly plants into the front garden to provide a better habitat than the poor mossy grass we had previously. It is a step-by-step process and although creaky stiff joints sometimes protest, every day there is something new to see or to pick and eat. We feel very fortunate to have the space to "play in the garden".



*Sheila Kemble Sept 2024*

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# Autumn/Winter Quiz

1. What month does Autumn begin in the Northern Hemisphere?
2. Who is the red-nosed reindeer?
3. The word winter comes from an old Germanic word. What does it mean?
4. While the season is called Autumn in British English, what is it known as in North America?
5. In which country was ice hockey invented?
6. What is the name for the particularly bright full moon that appears in early September each year?
7. Which type of tree is a Christmas tree?
8. What country would you travel to experience Oktoberfest?
9. 'Winter Is Coming' is a famous quote from which TV series?
10. What festival takes place on the 31st of October?
11. In which movie can you see a tap dancer penguin named Mumble?
12. What kind of bird do American families typically eat on Thanksgiving?
13. In which city is 'Love Actually' set?
14. Which seasonal movement is performed by birds in winter?
15. Which BBC TV programme follows Autumn wildlife in the UK?
16. When is the winter solstice?



*Quiz answers are on page 21*



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<b>Kersey Drive – Tues 3/12</b> Kersey & closes going down the hill, Benhurst Gdns, Some of Sundale, Elmpark Gdns.	<b>Norfolk Ave – Thur 12/12</b> Norfolk, Ridge Langley, Arundel Ave, Crozier Drive.
<b>Sundale Ave – Wed 4/12</b> Elmpark Gdns, Sundale Ave, Ashen Vale, Wren Cl, Thorold CIs, Ambleside Gdns, York Rd, Greville Ave, Benhurst.	<b>Huntingfield – Fri 13/12</b> Huntingfield, Palace Green, Falconwood Rd, Crossways, Rawlings Close.
<b>Bird Sanctuary – Thurs 5/12</b> Sandpiper, Nightingale, Bullfinch, Martin, Mallard, Kingfisher, Goldfinch, Kittiwake, Quail.	<b>Courtlands – Mon 16/12</b> Courtlands, Arkwright, Ridgeway, West Hill, Sandhurst Way, Sandhurst CIs, Essenden Rd, Beechwood Rd, Brambledown, Croham Mount.
<b>Byron Road – Fri 6/12</b> Byron Rd, Queenhill, Rylandes, Foxearth, Littleheath, Croham Valley Rd (up to the Ruffets & Ruffets Close.	<b>Ewhurst Ave – Tues 17/12</b> Ewhurst, Morley, Elmfield Way, Trinity CIs, Barnfield, Ellenbridge, Kirkly CIs, Southcote, Arkwright Rd.
<b>Shaw Crescent – Mon 9/12</b> Shaw, North Downs, Glebe Hyrst, Westfield, Court Hill, Brian Ave, Montague, Purley Downs, Britton Cres.	<b>Hamsey Green – Wed 18/12</b> Harewood Gdns, Clyde, Princes Ave, Princes CIs, Wentworth Way, Ellesmere Drive, Hilton Way, Clyde Ave.
<b>Benchfield Rd – Tues 10/12</b> Benchfield, Manor Way, manor Gdns, Regent CIs, Croham Manor Rd, Hurst Way, Lismore Rd, Rockhampton Rd, Croham CIs, Hurst View, Winchelsey Rise.	<b>Elmfield Parade (outside the shops) – Xmas Eve Tues 24/12</b> (Morning only)

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# Heathfield Estate

Heathfield Estate at the top of Gravel Hill was bought by Raymond Riesco in 1927. In the 40 years that he owned the land he changed it from a run down farm to a model estate set around a mansion and beautiful ornamental gardens.

Heathfield was once a simple sheep farm, known as Stones Farm, and was one of many tenanted farms belonging to the Manor of Addington. By 1837 the simple farm had been elevated into a Georgian estate in its own right and its name changed to Heathfield. A map of this time lists 3 drives complete with gate lodges. The lower drive crossed the fields from half way up Gravel Hill and across what is now the rose garden. Another driveway which still remains was on the corner of Ballards Way.

When Viscount Goshen died in 1866 his great wealth was divided among his twelve children. The eldest son became the new Viscount and a partner in the family firm. The second son, Henry, leased the estate in the Parish of Addington from his brother, Charles, who had also



bought the neighbouring estate of Ballards. Henry Goshen, who was born in 1837, was a Lieutenant in the 2nd Punjab Irregular Cavalry. He leased the estate three years after he married in 1869. Around the time of Goshen's tenancy a west wing was added, and the lower entrance drive was altered. There were also hard tennis courts built in the woods on the site of what is now the car park in Riesco Drive.

In May 1919 the estate was sold to Howard Houlder £30,000. He was a member of the Houlder Brothers, a shipping firm, and was an Alderman and Mayor of Croydon during the First World War. After the war Houlder went bankrupt and the estate was sold to Mr Costain who owned it for several years without occupying the house. During this time the building and grounds fell into disrepair.

When Riesco bought the estate in 1927 he had to spend a considerable sum to restore the house and grounds, and he also demolished the west wing. The estate included a farm which Costain leased to Peter Thrale who bred racehorses. There was a stable block behind the livery stables and horses were exercised in the field south of the house. One of the Heathfield horses was a Derby winner. Thrale remained the tenant farmer after Riesco purchased the Estate, and his son succeeded him. The business was eventually moved to East Clandon. The garage block opposite the house was once the livery stables and the stalls can still be seen at one end. The lofty ground floor centre section could hold at least four sizeable carriages. Stairs led from the ground floor to the accommodation above.

The left-hand maisonette was used by the stable-lad and the other half which has now been turned into a second flat was the hay loft. Riesco had a win on a race horse called Arthurs Choice and with the winnings from the race, oak panelled the hall and staircase in the house.

Riesco was a very keen gardener and in the 1920s employed a firm of landscape contractors to lay-out the rock garden and terraces, and these were planted with variety of alpinas, small trees and shrubs. The walled garden provided fruit and vegetables for the kitchen and the small nursery on one side produced plants for the ornamental areas. Outside the walled garden there was a path running past the orchard which was called Lavender Walk, no doubt because it was edged with lavender. At the bottom of the garden Riesco kept an excellent collection of roses. There was a grass tennis court between the orchard and the rose garden but this was abandoned and returned to a field during the Second World War. Within the woodland Riesco developed a magnificent collection of rhododendrons and azaleas, during the late spring and early summer the grounds are a mass of colour. The immediate view from the main rooms in the house is over terraces planted with herbaceous borders but beyond this the gardens drop away and the view is over fields and groups of trees.

When Riesco retired he took over the management of the farm and ran it as a model farm. The gates were whitewashed and the cows scrubbed; the yard was kept spotless. Riesco entered into an agreement with the Croydon Corporation under which the latter would buy the estate on his death. Monks Hill was bought from the Estate immediately and was developed for housing and schools and the remainder was to be bought within 21 years when Riesco wished to sell. From 1958 onwards the gardens were opened to the public each year.

In March 1964 Riesco died and, as agreed, the Corporation bought the remainder of the estate. The gardens were opened to the public under the Open Spaces Act of 1906, and were maintained by the parks department. The woodland on Bramley Bank is now managed as a nature reserve by the London Wildlife Trust. The farm is still used and is leased to a local farmer. Due to lack of security at Heathfield the Riesco collection was moved to Fairfield Halls in Croydon but later sold when the council got into financial trouble.

So what has become of Heathfield. The Victorian villa-style house in the Addington Hills has been poorly maintained and neglected by Croydon Council over the past couple of decades, during which time it has been used by the authority for staff training and meetings, and the gardens and surrounding fields have been well used by a charity, the Croydon Ecology Centre.

All that has finished now, the charity has been evicted as well as the college. The ornamental gardens of which the Riescos were so proud are strangled by brambles, the ornamental bridge now so rickety it has been closed off for safety.

But it is the state of the house itself that is the most depressing. The windows are boarded up, the roof is leaking, and there is unlikely to be any money available for the council to conduct the repairs urgently required to weatherproof the building, or for gardening work to be done to bring the grounds back to their former standard. Riesco's inheritance for the people of Croydon to enjoy has gone.

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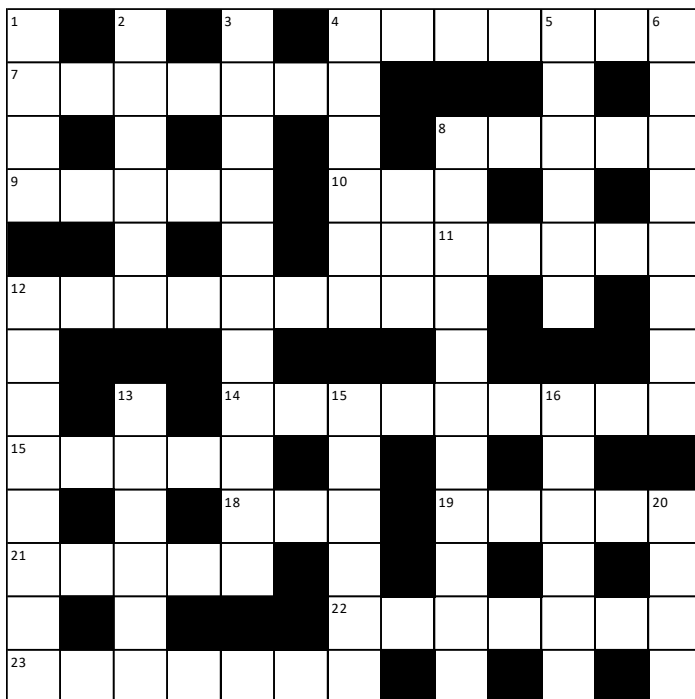
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# Puzzle Page



## Across

- 4 Common farmyard bird (7)
- 7 Herb used in cooking (7)
- 8 Less good (5)
- 9 Bear fruit (5)
- 10 Edgar Allen \_\_\_\_, US writer & poet
- 11 Brood (on) (5)
- 12 Taken unawares (9)
- 14 Analysis or study of meaning (9)
- 17 Garden buildings used for storage (5)
- 18 \_\_\_ de Cologne, perfume (3)
- 19 Passenger (5)
- 21 Egg-shaped object (5)
- 22 Equivalent word (7)
- 23 Refrain with fetters (7)

## Down

- 1 Consistency (4)
- 2 Shooting star (6)
- 3 Facing or experiencing financial trouble or difficulty (4-7)
- 4 Main body (8)
- 5 Edible part of a nut (6)
- 6 Gratuitous (8)
- 8 Marital band worn on finger (7,4)
- 12 Taking delight in beauty (8)
- 13 Felt hat with creased crown (6)
- 15 Foam used in hair styling (6)
- 16 To set in from the margin (6)
- 20 Inclined surface (4)

# What happened on this day...

## October:

1. 1949: The People's Republic of China was founded.
2. 1967: Thurgood Marshall was sworn in as the first African American Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.
3. 1990: Germany was reunified.
4. 1957: Sputnik 1, the first artificial satellite, was launched by the Soviet Union.
5. 1962: The Beatles released their first single, "Love Me Do."
6. 1927: The first "talkie" film, "The Jazz Singer," premiered.
7. 2001: The U.S. invasion of Afghanistan began.
8. 1871: The Great Chicago Fire started.
9. 1986: The Fox Broadcasting Company made its prime-time debut.
10. 1973: Spiro Agnew resigned as Vice President of the United States.
11. 1984: The first American woman walked in space (Kathryn D. Sullivan).
12. 1492: Christopher Columbus landed in the Bahamas.
13. 2010: The Chilean miners were rescued after being trapped for 69 days.
14. 1964: Martin Luther King Jr. received the Nobel Peace Prize.
15. 1993: Nelson Mandela and F.W. de Klerk were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.
16. 1793: Marie Antoinette was executed.
17. 1931: Al Capone was convicted of tax evasion.
18. 1867: The United States took possession of Alaska.
19. 1987: The stock market crashed on "Black Monday."
20. 1973: The Sydney Opera House was opened.
21. 1805: The Battle of Trafalgar took place.
22. 1962: The Cuban Missile Crisis began.
23. 1941: Walt Disney's "Dumbo" was released.
24. 1945: The United Nations was founded.
25. 1881: Pablo Picasso was born.
26. 1881: The Gunfight at the O.K. Corral occurred.
27. 1904: The New York City subway opened.
28. 1962: The Cuban Missile Crisis ended.
29. 1929: The stock market crash known as "Black Tuesday" occurred.
30. 1938: Orson Welles' "War of the Worlds" broadcast caused panic.
31. 1517: Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses, sparking the Protestant Reformation.

## November

1. **1993:** The Maastricht Treaty took effect, establishing the European Union
2. **1936:** The world's first regular public television service with a high level of image resolution was launched by the BBC
3. **1957:** Laika, a dog, became the first animal to orbit Earth aboard Sputnik 2
4. **1922:** British archaeologist Howard Carter discovered the tomb of Tutankhamun
5. **1605:** The Gunpowder Plot was foiled in England
6. **1860:** Abraham Lincoln was elected as the 16th President of the United States
7. **1917:** The Bolshevik Revolution began in Russia<sup>1</sup>.
8. **1895:** Wilhelm Roentgen discovered X-rays<sup>1</sup>.
9. **1989:** The Berlin Wall fell, marking the end of the Cold War<sup>1</sup>.
10. **1969:** Sesame Street premiered on television<sup>1</sup>.
11. **1918:** World War I ended with the signing of the Armistice<sup>1</sup>.
12. **1954:** Ellis Island closed as an immigration entry point in the United States<sup>1</sup>.
13. **1982:** The Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated in Washington, D.C.
14. **1969:** Apollo 12 was launched, the second manned mission to the moon
15. **2001:** Microsoft released the Xbox gaming console
16. **2000:** Bill Clinton became the first sitting U.S. president to visit Vietnam
17. **1869:** The Suez Canal opened, connecting the Mediterranean Sea to the Red Sea
18. **1928:** Mickey Mouse made his first appearance in "Steamboat Willie"
19. **1863:** Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address
20. **1945:** The Nuremberg Trials began
21. **1877:** Thomas Edison announced the invention of the phonograph
22. **1963:** President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, Texas
23. **2005:** Ellen Johnson Sirleaf was elected as the first female president of Liberia
24. **1859:** Charles Darwin's "On the Origin of Species" was published
25. **1963:** John F. Kennedy was buried at Arlington National Cemetery
26. **1922:** Howard Carter and Lord Carnarvon entered the tomb of King Tutankhamun
27. **1978:** Harvey Milk and George Moscone were assassinated in San Francisco
28. **1520:** Ferdinand Magellan passed through the Strait of Magellan
29. **1947:** The United Nations voted to partition Palestine
30. **1874:** Winston Churchill was born

## December

1. **1955:** Rosa Parks refused to give up her bus seat, sparking the Montgomery Bus Boycott
2. **1804:** Napoleon Bonaparte was crowned Emperor of France
3. **1967:** The first successful human heart transplant was performed in South Africa
4. **1991:** Pan American World Airways ceased operations
5. **2013:** Nelson Mandela passed away
6. **1921:** The Anglo-Irish Treaty was signed, ending the Irish War of Independence
7. **1941:** The attack on Pearl Harbor occurred, leading the U.S. to enter World War II
8. **1980:** John Lennon was assassinated in New York City
9. **1965:** "A Charlie Brown Christmas" premiered on television
10. **1901:** The first Nobel Prizes were awarded
11. **1936:** King Edward VIII abdicated the British throne
12. **1963:** Kenya gained independence from the United Kingdom
13. **2003:** Saddam Hussein was captured by U.S. forces
14. **1918:** British women voted in a general election for the first time
15. **1791:** The Bill of Rights was ratified in the United States
16. **1773:** The Boston Tea Party took place
17. **1903:** The Wright brothers made their first powered flight
18. **1865:** The Thirteenth Amendment, abolishing slavery, was declared in effect
19. **1998:** The U.S. House of Representatives impeached President Bill Clinton
20. **1989:** The United States invaded Panama
21. **1988:** A bomb exploded on Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland
22. **1989:** The Brandenburg Gate reopened, symbolizing the end of the Cold War
23. **1888:** Vincent van Gogh cut off part of his ear
24. **1914:** The Christmas Truce occurred during World War I
25. **1991:** Mikhail Gorbachev resigned as President of the Soviet Union
26. **2004:** A massive earthquake and tsunami struck the Indian Ocean, causing widespread devastation
27. **1945:** The International Monetary Fund (IMF) was established
28. **1895:** The Lumière brothers held the first commercial film screening
29. **1890:** The Wounded Knee Massacre occurred
30. **1922:** The Soviet Union was established
31. **1999:** The United States handed over control of the Panama Canal to Panama



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Note: Additional volunteer committee members always welcome

Crossword  
Across 4 Chicken 7 Oregano 8 Worse 9 Yield 10 Poe 11 Dwell 12 Surprised 14 Semantics  
Down 1 Body 2 Meteor 3 Hard-pressed 4 Corpus 5 Kernel 6 Needless 8 Wedding ring  
12 Sensuous 13 Fedora 15 Mousse 16 Indent 20 Ramp

14 Migration 15 Autumnwatch 16 21st/22nd December  
8 Germany 9 Game of Thrones 10 Halloween 11 Happy Feet 12 Turkey 13 London  
1 September 2 Rudolph 3 Time of water 4 Fall 5 Canada 6 Harvest Moon 7 Evergreen

Quiz

Answers

# Who to contact if.....

This section contains useful contacts for those moments when you need to contact someone about something. If you have a useful number that you would like included, please either email it to: [addingtonresidents@gmail.com](mailto:addingtonresidents@gmail.com) or post it to: FAO ARA Chair, c/o 2 Palace Green Croydon CR0 9AG.

## **Criminal Activity**

If you see any crime taking place, or are aware that a serious crime has been committed: call 999 immediately.

If you see suspicious activity: call 101 immediately.

*Note: The police will only focus their resources to an area based on the number and nature of crimes reported to them in that area.*

## **Antisocial Behaviour**

If to see or encounter any antisocial behaviour: call 999 if there is *immediate* danger to anyone, or call the Police on 101 to report any non-emergency incident.

You can also report antisocial behaviour on the police website: [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk).

## **Streets, pavements & public areas**

Anything relating to the streets, pavements or public areas which causes a danger, a hazard, or a public nuisance should be reported to 'Love Clean Streets'. You can do this on their free mobile phone app or via their website: [www.lovecleanstreets.com](http://www.lovecleanstreets.com). You can also submit photos in support of your Report and track the progress.

Example matters you want to report in this way include (but are not restricted to):

road potholes	abandoned cars	dead animals
fallen trees or branches	obstructed pavements	fly-tipping
failed or inadequate lighting	defaced public property	graffiti

## **Illegal or obstructive parking**

Illegal or obstructive parking should be reported to the Police on 101. This may include parked vehicles not allowing Emergency Service Vehicles (i.e. fire engines) sufficient room to get past in the event of an emergency in the area.

## **Excessive speeds or dangerous driving**

Places of repeated driving at excess speed and / or dangerous driving should be reported to the Police on 101. The intention of this is to pressure the authorities to apply speed restrictions or additional signage where appropriate – to avoid future serious accidents.

## **Refuse Collection**

Any problems associated with Refuse Collections or Rubbish Bins should be reported to Croydon Council using their website [www.croydon.gov.uk](http://www.croydon.gov.uk) or by phoning them on 020 8726 6000 and press 3.

## **Noise Pollution**

Excessive noise causing a public nuisance should be reported to Croydon Council using their website [www.croydon.gov.uk](http://www.croydon.gov.uk). Search for “Noise” and read the information. The council do not operate an out of hours service for noise pollution but you can email them on: [pollution@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:pollution@croydon.gov.uk). During the day you can call the council 020 8726 6000 and stay on the line until for the operator (all of the options are read out twice before being transferred to a person)

## **Injured, distressed or missing animals**

Any sighting of an injured or distressed wild animal (e.g. fox, badger, deer) should be reported to the RSPCA for further advice: 0300 1234 999.

Any sighting of a cat or dog on the loose causing a potential hazard to traffic or potential danger to the public should be reported to the Police on 101.

There are a number of voluntary organisations on the Internet which deal with missing domestic pets. Signage on trees and lampposts in your immediate vicinity will alert your local community, as will alerts notified to your local WhatsApp Group.

## **Local Planning Applications**

Information regarding local Planning Applications can be found on the Croydon Council Website [www.croydon.gov.uk](http://www.croydon.gov.uk) or call the council 020 8726 6000 and press 8.

Or sign up for automatic alerts by visiting the Residents’ Association webpage, [www.addington-residents.co.uk](http://www.addington-residents.co.uk) and click on the Planning App tab.

## **Croydon Council**

Croydon Council Website [www.croydon.gov.uk](http://www.croydon.gov.uk)

Telephone: 020 8726 6000. The various department options are as follows:

Press 1 if you know you extension. Press 2 for housing or housing repairs. Press 3 for waste and parking services. Press 4 for council tax, business rates and benefits, Press 5 for children special care. Press 6 for adults special care. Press 7 for educational services. Press 8 for planning, building control or dangerous structures. Press 9 for electoral or registrar services. Or hold on the line to speak with the operator.

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My favourite famous person from Croydon is Kirsty McColl who duetted with Shane McGowan in 1987 on The Pogues best selling Christmas song ever - Fairytale of New York. It has spent more time in the charts than any other record.

Kirsty was born in Croydon in 1959, lived in Selsdon, went to Park Hill Primary School, Monks Hill High School and John Newnham College. She was a solo recording artist as well as accompanying the Pogues on many tours. She tragically died when hit by a speedboat in December 2000.

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St John the Divine (C of E)	Parish Office 020 8657 2343
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
The Forestdale Church, Forestdale Primary School	07772 559 797 hello@forestdalechurch.co.uk
Selsdon Christian Fellowship	020 8668 9779
Church of Jesus Christ of LDS	020 8651 2211

## DOCTORS & EMERGENCY CARE

Ambulance 999; Non-emergency NHS helpline 111	
Farley Road Medical Practice 020 8651 1222	Queenhill Medical Practice 020 8651 1222
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

Emergency (or if a crime is in action) 999; Non-emergency 101	
Selsdon & Addington Village:	SelsdonandAddingtonVillageSNT@met.police.uk
Selsdon Vale & Forestdale:	SelsdonandForestdaleSNT@met.police.uk

## CLUBS, GROUPS & CHARITIES

CONTACT (Neighbourhood Care)	Jasmine Singh 020 8651 4944
Selsdon Centre for the Retired	Craig Anderson 020 8651 1111
Croydon Hearing Resource Centre Office	020 8686 0049
Croydon Vision	020 8668 2486
Cruse Bereavement Care Helpline	080 8808 1677
Friends of Littleheath Woods	Ian Leggatt 020 8651 1140
Friends of Selsdon Wood	www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk
Sanderstead Plantation Partners	michaellishmund@gmail.com
Friends of Kingswood	friendsofkingswood@hotmail.co.uk
Girlguiding (Rainbows, Brownies, Guides & Senior Section) 0800 999 2016	https://girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved
1 <sup>st</sup> Selsdon & Addington Scout Group (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts)	www.1stselsdon.org.uk
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Arts Society Croydon Area Jean Aarons	www.tascroydonarea.org.uk
Rotary Sanderstead & Selsdon	Wendy Parr 07774 186792
RSPB Croydon Local Group	John Davis 020 8640 4578
Selsdon Art Group	Fiona Hooper 07973 412952
Selsdon Community Hall	Cottie Campbell selsdonhall.info@gmail.com
Sanderstead Horticultural Society	www.sandersteadhorticulturalsociety.org.uk
Selsdon Tennis Club	Geoff Littlewood 020 8651 4748

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