

Friends of Selsdon Wood Newsletter

April 2020

Troubled times – The FSW has suspended all activities in the current corona virus crisis but we can continue electronic communications and our website is still active. We are all still permitted a daily walk or run for exercise and Selsdon Wood remains open. A poster of advice from the Council is posted on our website Home page and will be updated regularly if there are any changes.

Signs of Spring You may be interested to look at the Sightings page of the website where we are posting all signs of spring as they are reported and photographed. Page 2 of the Newsletter this month shows 14 of the most striking with the dates they were first seen in past years. As you will see, some have already been spotted this year. Do take your camera if you are walking in the wood and please share your photos by email to me govierh@gmail.com or on the FSW Facebook Page. You might also be interested in the species lists on the website. There are lists for flowers, butterflies & moths, trees and fungi showing the first dates of sightings (or flowering) over several years past. Even if you cannot send a photo we would love to know first sightings dates for 2020 and will keep the published lists updated accordingly.

Our Beautiful Birds – Steven Budd, who took many of the photos on the Sightings page is also a keen photographer of birds and took all these photos in the past month. They show: Parakeets with a Magpie, Great Tit, Sparrowhawk, Long Tailed Tit, Tree Creeper, Wren and Robin. Thanks Steve ☺



<p style="text-align: center;">Signs of Spring</p> <p>Dates at the top of each picture are for sightings already reported this year. Dates at the bottom, in brackets, show when similar signs were seen in previous years (earliest sightings in bold).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">First Bluebell - 20/3/20</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">In Farleigh Border. (17/3/19) (7/4/18) (28/3/17) (13/2/16) (3/4/15) (19/3/14) (24/4/13)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Dog's Mercury</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">In Vale Border. (16/3/18) (13/3/17) (1/3/16) (29/3/15)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wood Anemone - 15/3/20</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">In Beech Grove. (6/3/19) (14/3/18) (12/3/17) (1/3/16) (22/3/15) (10/3/14)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Periwinkle</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Avis Grove/Langford's Way intersection. (28/2/19) (26/3/18) (9/2/16) (23/3/15) (28/2/14)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Daffodil</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">By Millie Dinnock's seat in F2. (6/3/19) (13/3/18) (15/3/17) (15/3/16) (19/3/15) (10/3/14)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Plum blossom</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">In David's Crook. (3/3/19) (21/3/18) (5/3/17) (23/2/16)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Primrose - 17/3/20</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">In David's Crook. (6/3/19) (13/3/18) (15/3/17) (20/1/16) (7/3/15) (5/3/14)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Blackthorn blossom - 22/3/20</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">In David's Crook. (14/3/19) (5/4/18) (17/3/17) (19/3/16)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Brimstone Butterfly - 14/2/19</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">In Leafy Grove (14/2/19) (28/3/18) (22/2/17) (22/3/16)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Hawthorn leaves</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Widespread (2/3/19) (28/3/18) (26/2/17) (19/3/16)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Goat Willow catkins</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">In Langford's Way near the Courtwood Lane gate. (10/3/19) (21/3/18) (14/3/17) (23/2/16)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sycamore leaves</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">In Steven's Walk. (17/3/19) (31/3/18) (23/3/17) (25/3/16)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Comma butterfly - 22/3/20</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">In David's Crook (23/2/19) (5/5/18) (9/3/17)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Dog Violet - 15/3/20</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">In Langford's Way. (12/3/19) (31/3/18) (15/3/17) (25/3/16) (29/3/15) (7/3/14)</p>