

FSW and SRA Community Picnic on 16th July 2016 - This event was held to celebrate 90 Years of the Selsdon Residents Association and 80 years since Selsdon Wood became National Trust property. It was a Big Lunch BYO picnic with support from the Scouts who ran a refreshment tent serving burgers, cakes and hot and cold drinks. The weather did us proud and the event was much enjoyed by groups of families and friends.

Butterfly Walk - The picnic followed on from our annual Butterfly walk which took place on the same morning. Malcolm Bridge gave us a fascinating lecture tour packed with lots of information about the natural history of the Lepidoptera. We saw lots of Meadow Browns, several Marbled Whites, a few Speckled Woods, one Red Admiral, one definite Ringlet, one Comma, two Silver-washed Fritillaries and one Silver-Y moth. Full reports and photos of this and the Bat & Moth walk may be seen on the website.



Bat and Moth Walk on 28th July – Our second walk last month, also led by Malcolm Bridge with Ted Forsyth was our annual late evening walk to look for bats and moths. We left Malcolm to set up his moth trap while around 15 of us trekked up to the Langford's Way corner of the Great Field (where we have always seen bats in the past), diverting into Field 3 on the way to look at Cinnabar moth caterpillars feeding on Ragwort plants. Once we reached our destination the bat detectors began clicking and as the light dwindled several Pipistrelle bats began swooping down to grass level in pursuit of aerial insects. As we returned to the car park a very vocal Tawny Owl, called repeatedly as we walked by. At the moth trap a large Caddis fly drew our attention and soon we were watching moths fluttering near the lamp or settling on the cloth on which the lamp had been placed. The following species were identified before we left the site but it was obvious that new species were turning up even as we packed up and drove off. Caddis Fly, July Highflyer, Gallium Carpet, Gelekid Moth, August Thorn, Brimstone, Tree Lichen Beauty, Leopard Moth, Oak Hook Tip, Rustic, Pandemis corylanus, Pug sp, Nut Tree Tussock, Common Footman, Dunbar.

This Month's Activity is our Minibeast Hunt with Roger Hawkins on Wednesday 17th August @ 2pm

This is an annual fun event of interest to young children and their parents. After an introduction from Roger, the children will be equipped with nets and collecting tubes and sent off to hunt around the car park field to see what they can find. There will be several of us back at base to help identify all findings - last year over 20 different species were found. We shall then probably take a short walk to look at some of the regular haunts of butterflies and other interesting minibeasts.

Our spotters' guide this month shows some of the minibeasts found on previous hunts. See the website for reports.

Website Sightings Page – Take a Look at the Sightings page on our website which is updated daily with records of flora, fauna and fungi seen in our wood. We would love to add your sightings too so please email us at the address below to let us know what you have seen. Photos are welcome but not essential as we already have archived pictures of most species. The more people we have contributing the more complete will be our record, so do please join in.

FSW Open Day - Sunday September 11th – Don't forget to keep this date free for our Open Day. There will be all the usual stalls, refreshments provided by the scouts and lots of activities for children. We always need as much help as possible on the day so please get in touch on 020 8651 4010 if you can offer some of your time. We are also looking for items suitable for tombola prizes - perhaps you have put away somewhere some unwanted gifts still in pristine condition you could donate? All sorts of things are acceptable, just as long as they are obviously new and unused and not out of date. We can arrange collection if you give us a call on our usual number or on 020 8651 4010.

<p>Minibeasts - to be found in Selsdon Wood.</p> <p>Bring your children and grandchildren and join us to hunt for them on 17th August 2016 All photographs taken in Selsdon Wood.</p>	<p>Ladybird - 7 spot</p> 	<p>Ladybird - 14 spot</p> 	<p>Crab Spider</p> 	<p>Burnet Moth</p> 
<p>Burnet Moth Chrysalis Case</p> 	<p>Oak Bush Cricket</p> 	<p>Ant Damsel Bug</p> 	<p>Meadow Grasshopper</p> 	<p>Cuckoo Bee</p> 
<p>Earwig</p> 	<p>Silver-washed Fritillary</p> 	<p>Small Copper</p> 	<p>Small Tortoiseshell</p> 	<p>Speckled Wood</p> 
<p>Ladybird larva</p> 	<p>Shield Bug</p> 	<p>Hoverfly</p> 	<p>Snail</p> 	<p>Swollen-legged Flower Beetle</p> 