

Annual Photographic Competition - There are just a couple of weeks left to enter our 2021 Photo Competition! Please send in up to 6 of your favourite photographs taken in Selsdon Woods between 1st September 2020 and 20th August 2021. A shortlist of the 50 best entries will be selected and printed for display at the FSW Open Day on Sunday 5th September when the public will be invited to participate in a secret ballot to select the winners. The photograph with the most votes will win a cash prize of £50, donated by a generous sponsor. An entry form and details of how to submit your photos are on the website Photo Competition page <http://www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk/photo-competition.php> .

Last Month's Workday Sunday 3rd July – The Main workday was cancelled because of bad weather but two of the group carried out a few tasks in the store and then scoped out the job of installing the National Trust bench which has been refurbished. For details see the Workdays page of the website.

This Month's Workday Sunday 1st August 10am – This will involve tidying around benches clearing a few overhangs and erecting some bat boxes and route markers. If you could help us please contact our Workdays leader, Ted Forsyth, at tedforsyth@btinternet.com or tel: 8651 0558

Last Month's Butterfly Walk Sunday July 18th – Ted led this walk for the Friends with the help of local butterfly expert Daniel Bound and with 12 attending. In spite of the rainy weather in the preceding few days (and the prediction of rain on the day) a number of butterflies were seen including Meadow Browns, Marbled Whites, a Small Heath, a Brimstone and several Ringlets. Peacock caterpillars were photographed and also 3 different species of Bumblebee including one new to our wood. For a full report and photographs see the Walks page of the website.

Dog Community Event Saturday July 10th – This Council organised event was held on an extremely hot day. The intention was to allow dog owners to meet the Council Dog Warden and get their dogs microchipped for free as well as lots of advice on dog related issues. Sadly it was too hot in the middle of the day for most dogs and dog owners so attendance was low.

This Month's Mini-Beast Hunt - Wednesday August 18th at 2pm - with Roger Hawkins - This is a fun event of interest to young children and their parents (or grandparents or other adult carers). 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. See overleaf for some of what you might expect to find and **happy minibeast spotting** ☺

FSW Open Day Sunday September 5th - Plans continue for the Open Day with a variety of stalls booked (spaces still available). Full, up dated information of the programme will be on the website from 1st August. We hope the usual Scout refreshments stall will be there but you can also BYO picnic to join the SRA Community Fun event. As well as help with the FSW stalls, we would also like to have a person to lead the Storytime for the younger visitors. Could you please help in any way with the stall or with Storytime? We are looking forward now to receiving donations from Friends for new items valued £4 or more to save having to buy too many of the Tombola prizes - we can arrange collection, if required. Please let us know by email or text if you can help at all in any way and we will reply with details of times etc we could use your help best.

The FSW Calendar 2022 is now available for a donation of £5 - To get your copy phone 020-8657 0423 or e-mail gvierh@gmail.com.

Wildlife Sightings – The Sightings page of our website <http://www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk/sightings.php> has photographs and reports of all new and recent sightings in our wood. Do please let us know of the interesting wildlife you see

<p>Minibeasts - to be found in Selsdon Wood.</p> <p>Bring your children and grandchildren and join us to hunt for them on 18th August All photographs taken in Selsdon Wood.</p>	<p>Ladybird - 7 spot</p> 	<p>Ladybird - 14 spot</p> 	<p>Comb-footed Spider</p> 	<p>6-Spot Burnet Moth</p> 
<p>Burnet Moth Chrysalis Case</p> 	<p>Oak Bush Cricket</p> 	<p>Ant Damsel Bug</p> 	<p>Roesel's Bush Cricket</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> 