



Janet Nightingale – We are sorry to tell you that founder member of the FSW Janet Nightingale died on 10th November. She had been ill for some time. Our thoughts are with her partner David Malins at this sad time. Janet was one of the most thorough proof readers for this newsletter so apologies for any typos and spelling mistakes that may get through henceforth.

Last Month's Walk – Discover Autumn Leaves on

Saturday November 3rd – About 30 people attended the walk on a mild sunny day. As the autumn has been so mild most of the trees were still in leaf and it was easy to spot and identify over 30 different species of trees and bushes. We also spotted several fungi including Yellow Stagshorn which had started to reappear on the conifer stump in West Gorse and Candlesnuff - visible on many mossy logs.

However, the highlight of the walk was the Spindle bush in Field 3 which is laden with more berries than we have ever seen before. The berries themselves are strange and highly colourful as the insert shows.

The bush is on the north east edge of Field 3 about ¾ of the way up and the berries are still there if you want to take a look.

This was our last guided walk of the year but we do have 2 more workdays if you would like to join us – on November 25th and December 2nd.

Summary of FSW Work in 2018 – Over the past year we have:

- carried out work on the Linden Glade pond (still uncompleted)
- installed 5 new seats and benches
- led 9 walks
- held a successful Open Day
- spent 16 Workdays:
 - clearing bramble, holly and other invasive species,
 - removing fallen trees to improve access for walkers,
 - mounting fallen sign boards and a donated bat box and
 - planting some donated tree whips.



We look forward to keeping up the good work in 2019. Do please join us!!!

The FSW Calendar 2019 is now available for a donation of £5 - Phone 020-8657 0423 or e-mail selsdonwood@gmail.com

FSW Programme 2019 – Our program of walks, workdays and meetings for 2019 is now finalised – see overleaf. Please add these dates to your calendar.

Programme for 2019

GUIDED WALKS of DISCOVERY

All our walks are slow and easy – a meander rather than a hike!

Meeting in Selsdon Wood car park, Old Farleigh Road, at time shown. Why not join us for about 2 hours?

March - Sat 9th 2pm 'Family Woodland Walk' with Meike Weiser (for families with children aged 5+)

April – Sat 6th 2pm 'Spring Walk' with the Friends

May – Sat 4th 2pm 'Bluebells and Birds' with the Friends

June - Sun 16th 11am 'Summer Flowers' with Malcolm Jennings

July - Sat 13th 11am 'Butterflies' with the Friends

July - Thurs 18th 9.00pm 'Bats & Moths' with the Friends

August - Wed 14th 2pm - 'Mini-Beast Hunt' with Roger Hawkins (of interest to young children)

September - Sun 8th - 12noon to 4pm - FSW Open Day & Selsdon Community Fun Event

October – Sat 5th 10am - 'Fungus Hunt' with the Friends

November – Sat 2nd 1pm - Autumn Leaves with the Friends

WORK DAYS

Habitat management and general maintenance – helping to improve our wood! You work for as long as suits you and choose jobs to suit your strengths.

*Tools are provided but please bring food and drink if you feel you need them. **We do need more help and would welcome your assistance.***

*Meeting in Selsdon Wood car park on **Sundays at 10am.***

January 6th & 27th, February 3rd & 24th, March 3rd and 31st, April 7th, May 5th, June 2nd, July 7th, August 4th, September 29th, October 6th and 27th, November 3rd and 24th, December 1st.

AGM & MEMBERS' MEETINGS

All are welcome to come along – we would value your opinion. If you are interested in the future of Selsdon Wood, we need your views.

All meetings start promptly at 8pm at The Forum, Forestdale.

AGM – Monday March 25th

January 28th, May 20th, July 29th, September 30th, November 25th