



Gate Repair – We are delighted to report that the gate from the car park to the field that has been broken for a couple of months has now been repaired by the council.

Other Work by Council Contractors – Coppicing and clearance work is currently under way at the bottom of The Wend where a chainsaw has been at work for the past fortnight. Much of the thin scrub has been cut down and the area will presumably be replanted, probably with Hazel.

Last Month's Walk – Autumn Trees and Fungi on Saturday November 2nd

– This walk combined the usual autumn leaves walk with the fungus hunt which was cancelled last month. Eleven people were in the group who managed to find a dry period between showers. A wide variety of fungi were seen (amongst them 3 species new to us this year) and a full report with photographs and list is published on the website. Amongst the autumn fruits and leaves we spotted Spindle berries in Greenhill Way and another splendid berry display on the female Holly in Linden Glade. Photos show the startlingly coloured Green Elfcup and strangely shaped Pipe Club Fungus.

FSW Winter Work Programme – Our main work this winter will be a continuation of the coppicing at the top of Langford's Way.. However, we will also clear any path blockages that may be caused by winter storms and hope to do some further clearance in the gorse area. We are discovering that many of the posts attached to the old deer fence in our coppice area have rotted at the base and will have to be replaced. To assist with this we hope to buy a post driver (cost approximately £50).

On the workday in early November, a new volunteer brought along his 8 year old son whose sharp eyes spotted a vole amongst the leaves. When held in his gloved hand it settled down to preen its fur. It was released safely out of the work area.

We look forward to keeping up the good work in 2020. Do please join us!!!

The FSW Calendar 2020 is now available for a donation of £5 - Phone 020 8651 4010 mob 07979 002547
or e-mail selsdonwood@gmail.com



FSW Programme 2020 – Our program of walks, workdays and meetings for 2020 is now complete - see overleaf.

Please add these dates to your calendar.



Programme for 2020

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.

March - Sat 7th 2pm 'Family Woodland Walk' with Meike Weiser (for families with children aged 5+)

April – Sat 4th 2pm 'Spring Walk' with the Friends

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

June - Fri 5th 8.50pm 'Bat Watch' with the Friends

June - Sun 14th 11am 'Summer Flowers' with the Friends

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

July - Thurs 16th 9.00pm 'Moth Trap' with the Friends

August - Wed 19th 2pm - 'Mini-Beast Hunt' with Roger Hawkins (of interest to young children)

August - Fri 21st 7.50pm 'Bat Watch' with the Friends

September - Sun 6th - 12noon to 4pm - FSW Open Day & Selsdon Community Fun Event

October – Sat 31st 10am - 'Fungus Hunt' with the Friends

November – Sat 14th 1pm - Autumn/Winter Trees 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 5th & 26th, February 2nd & 23rd, March 1st and 29th, April 5th, May 3rd, June 7th, July 5th, August 2nd, September 27th, October 4th and 25th, November 1st and 29th, December 6th

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. Members meetings are generally on the last Monday of alternate months except where this is a bank holiday. All meetings start promptly at 8pm at The Forum, Forestdale.

January 27th, AGM – Monday March 30th May 18th, July 27th, September 28th, November 23rd