

David Malins - We are sad to announce that David Malins, a founder member and stalwart of FSW, died on 7th November. He had expressed the wish that on his death a plaque should be placed on the seat in Court Wood Grove dedicated to his partner, Janet Nightingale and this we are doing. David did a lot for the FSW, including designing and installing all our posters and displays and, until his fitness declined, he was an active participant on workdays. His contributions will be sorely missed and we are currently discussing a suitable memorial.

Last Month's Walk - Fifteen of us gathered together at the car park on a cold but dry day. We walked for 2 hours, spotting 28 species of tree/bush and enjoying the colours of Autumn. For a full report of the route and species seen see the Walks page of the website www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk/walks

We take a winter break from walks now as conditions underfoot are likely to worsen but we look forward to seeing you next April for our Spring Walk.

Last Month's Work - An extra work session by a team of three on 17th November involved the installation of a bench dedicated to Brian Pitkin and a Vanguard Way marker at the junction of Addington Border and Broad Walk.

On the formal Workday on 28th November we removed some invasive Laurel and continued the work in the Gorses clearing a large amount of bracken, bramble and some sycamore saplings. We then went to Farleigh Border to improve the conditions for bypassing an awkward muddy patch.

Full reports of the work are given on the Workdays page of the website <http://www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk/workdays.php>.

Seats and Benches - The Seats and Benches page of our website has a record of all the seating in our wood especially including that dedicated to people who have loved this place. This autumn we have installed a seat dedicated to Diane Defries and benches dedicated to sisters Sally Tozer & Mary Kilpack and to Brian Pitkin. We have approached the families of all concerned for short biographies or tributes and these are up on the page with photographs if these have been provided. Take a look to find out more about the people who are commemorated on our seats and benches.

FSW Facebook Group - Do join the FSW Facebook Group to keep in touch with things happening in our wood and in the surrounding area. There are posts and photos of lost and found items, sightings of flowers, fungi etc and reports of tree falls and other happenings. This lovely photo of a Robin was posted on 21st November by Ruth Budd and with his picture we send Season's Greetings to all who love our woods.

Your Membership Subscription is soon due for renewal - Our Membership year runs from January 1st to December 31st and it would be very helpful to us if you could pay your 2022 subs as soon as possible. Of course, this does not apply to those of you who have standing orders and we thank you for past and future payments as these certainly make our life much easier. If you currently pay annually, please consider taking out a standing order.

The FSW Calendar 2022 is still available for a donation of £5 - To get your copy phone 020-8657-0423 or email govierh@gmail.com or contact us on the addresses given in the footer below.

FSW Programme 2022 – Our programme of walks, workdays and meetings for 2022 is now complete - see overleaf. All of this is subject to a declining pandemic and the rules at the time. Please add these dates to your calendar and check the website for updates.



Programme for 2022

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.

April – Sat 2nd 2pm 'Spring Walk' with the Friends

May – Sat 7th 2pm 'Bluebells and Birds' with the Friends

June - Fri 3rd 9pm 'Bat Walk' with the Friends

June - Sun 5th 11am 'Summer Flowers' with Malcolm Jennings

July - Sat 9th 11am 'Butterflies' with the Friends

August - Wed 17th 2pm - 'Mini-Beast Hunt' with Roger Hawkins (of interest to young children)

August - Fri 26th 7.30pm 'Bat Walk' with the Friends

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

October – Sat 29th 10am - 'Fungus Hunt' with the Friends

November – Sat 12th 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.

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

**January 2nd & 30th, February 6th & 27th, March 6th and 27th, April 3rd, May 8th, June 5th, July 3rd, August 7th,
October 2nd and 30th, November 6th and 27th, December 4th**

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 (followed by a brief Members Meeting) March 28th

Members Meetings - May 23rd, July 25th, September 26th, November 28th

To make enquiries or to check the above contact us at the details given in the footer.