

Dog Lost down Badger Sett - Earlier this month some of you may have spotted a notice in the car park asking for information about a dog that had been lost down a badger sett. I have now managed to discover most of the story - which does have a happy ending. A regular walker in Selsdon Wood, Janet Stevens, who lives near Vale Border and has a little dog called Freddie, saw her neighbour coming from the wood with a Jack Russell trailing behind him. She knew he did not have a dog so she asked about it. He was totally surprised to see it there and said it was not his. No-one else was around to claim it so Janet said she would take it in and ring the number on the tag. As soon as she let the dog in her house it ran to Freddie's water bowl and drank it dry. It was clearly one very thirsty dog. The owner was contacted and she told Janet that the dog had been lost for 3 days having disappeared down a badger sett. Apparently the East Surrey Badger Protection Society was called and came with an ASTMDE (Acoustical Subterranean Trapped Mammal Detection Equipment) - a plastic pipe which is a form of listening device - but they clearly failed to find the dog, which must have eventually made its own way out. I gather that the owners had only had the dog for 3 weeks and that it had come from a dog rescue kennel so they did not know much about its background. If you know the owners please ask them to send us a photo of the dog - we will be delighted to showcase the escaping hero on our website☺

If your dog is ever trapped in this way you may find the following reassuring. 1) Dogs nearly always find their own way out. 2) Dogs can survive much longer underground than one might think – sometimes up to 30 days. 3) Badgers rarely kill trapped dogs – they might give them the odd nip. 4) Trapped dogs don't do much barking. 5) The biggest danger is when a trapped dog gets free, disorientated, and has to cross roads to reach home.

For dogs trapped in a badger sett or sick, distressed or injured badgers contact one of the following names at the East Surrey Badger Protection Society (ESBPS) 24/7 Rescue Service. Also tell them about dead badgers. Please help by giving your contact number in case they need more details.

Warwick Reynolds. 020-8688 9905. mobile: 07973 327017 - Ray Ings. 01883 380321. mobile 07736 520332 - David Gooden. mobile 07828 899273

Lyme Disease - Please take extra care this season to protect yourselves (and your dogs) from tick bites when walking in the wood. Ticks can cause Lyme Disease and Croydon TCV reported a volunteer working on heathland who had a tick bite and has since been referred to her GP after showing symptoms suggesting Lyme Disease. This disease is serious although if detected early it can be treated effectively. For information and symptoms please see [NHS Lyme-disease advice](#). There seem to be more ticks about this season and, although not all ticks carry the disease, with higher numbers the chance of getting bitten and catching the disease increases. To keep yourself protected from bites wear closed shoes and long trousers and treat your dog with one of the commercial flea and tick control product such as Frontline. It is also a good idea to check yourself and your dog for signs of ticks after each walk.

FSW Annual Photographic Competition There are just a few weeks left to get your photos in for our annual competition. Each entrant may submit up to 6 photographs taken in Selsdon Woods between 1st September 2014 and 20th August 2015. As usual the winners will be chosen by a secret ballot of the visitors to the FSW Open Day on Sunday 13th September 2015. Please submit your photographs to our competition organiser, Heather Govier, either in electronic format by email to selsdonwood@gmail.com or as prints to 219 Oswald, Courtwood Lane, Croydon. CR0 9HG.

FSW Open Day - Sunday September 13th - Keep this date in your diary and please get in touch if you can offer any 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 also need a stock of good quality white elephants to sell on the day, so please hunt those down for us between now and then. We can arrange collection if you give us a call.

This Month's Walks focus on Lepidoptera - Butterflies and Moths - and are both led by Malcolm Bridge

'Butterflies' on Saturday July 18th @ 11am & 'Bats & Moths' on Thursday July 30th at 9pm

Our spotters' guide this month shows some of the Butterflies and Moths we might expect to see on these walks.

<p>Lepidoptera Butterflies and Moths to be seen in Selsdon Wood</p> <p>(see also p2 of the 2014 August newsletter for 14 other species of butterfly)</p> <p>All photographs taken in Selsdon Wood.</p>	<p>Orange Tip Butterfly(Male)</p>  <p>Small white butterfly with striking orange tips to the wings.</p>	<p>Orange Tip Butterfly (Female)</p>  <p>The female does not have the orange tipped wings.</p>	<p>White Admiral Butterfly</p>  <p>Uncommon with dramatic black and white colouring.</p>	<p>White Admiral (underside)</p>  <p>The underside of this butterfly has much more colour.</p>
<p>Caterpillar of Comma Butterfly</p>  <p>Spectacular and distinctive on nettle food plant.</p>	<p>Caterpillar of Small Tortoiseshell</p>  <p>Less colourful but also distinctive and found on nettles.</p>	<p>Ringlet Butterfly</p>  <p>Small brown butterfly with rings on the wings. Found in fields.</p>	<p>Ringlet (underside)</p>  <p>The ring markings are even clearer on the underside</p>	<p>Large Skipper Butterfly</p>  <p>A small butterfly in spite of the name.</p>
<p>Six-spot Burnet Moth</p>  <p>Day flying moth. Pupates in case attached to grass stems</p>	<p>Burnet Moth pupal case</p>  <p>Empty case attached to grass stem after moth has emerged.</p>	<p>Jersey Tiger Moth</p>  <p>Day and night flying moth - seen on the 2014 Bat and Moth Walk.</p>	<p>Brimstone Moth</p>  <p>Night flying moth - also seen on the 2014 Bat and Moth Walk.</p>	<p>Pammene aurana</p>  <p>A Micromoth with no common name on Hogweed food plant.</p>