

Friends of Selsdon Wood Newsletter

July 2017

Please Support the FSW Photo Competition and win £100!! – For 6 years from 2010 we held an annual photo competition. All photographs taken in the wood in the previous year were eligible and from those submitted we drew up a shortlist of around 40-50. These were exhibited at our September Open Day event and the public invited to vote for their favourite. However, sadly, we were unable to hold the competition last year as there were not enough entries to form a reasonable shortlist. We thus decided to make it a biennial event in the hope that enough photographs could be gathered over a two-year period. We are disappointed to report that we still have had very few entries. There are probably enough photographs taken by our active committee members to make a display for judging but it would be far preferable to be able to draw from a wider pool.

Please look back over photographs you have taken over the past two years. You may submit up to 6 photographs taken in Selsdon Woods between 20th August 2015 and 19th August 2017. Winners will be chosen by a secret ballot of the visitors to the FSW Open Day on 10th September 2017 and will be awarded cash prizes: **£100 for the winner, £40 for second place and £20 for third** (all prizes funded by an anonymous donation). 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 Osward, Courtwood Lane, Croydon. CR0 9HG. Alternatively, you could join our Facebook Group, Friends of Selsdon Wood and post your photos there.

Photographs can be of anything in the wood, flora, fauna, fungi, views etc – and may include people with the permission of those shown. Voters tend to choose interesting subjects and snaps taken on phones can be just as effective as photos taken with sophisticated equipment. We also make use of the photos in our annual calendars so we welcome images from all times of the year. To give you a feel for what is possible, those below were the winners in the 6 years of the completion and are, from left to right, 2015 Goldcrest by Tony Flecchia. 2014 Squirrel Portrait by Mark Shoemsmith, 2013 Tawny Owl by David Malins, 2012 Fawn in Court Wood by Dave Evans, 2011 Afternoon Sun and Snow by Linda Morris, 2010 Fairy Village by Ian Somerscales.


















This Month's Walks - Saturday 11th July @ 11am – Summer Butterflies

& Thursday 20th July @ 9pm – Bats and Moths – both walks led by Malcolm Bridge – Local Lepidoptera expert

Malcolm Bridge will again lead our 2 July walks – one on a weekend afternoon and the other a weekday evening. There should be lots to see and much to learn. For example, we all tend to think of moths as creatures of the night but there are also many species of day flying moths to look out for on the first walk. The spotters guide this month shows a selection of moths, both diurnal and nocturnal species, all of which have been photographed in Selsdon Wood, some on last year's walk. Do join us on both days to see if we can spot them all and perhaps even others new to our lists. We look forward to seeing you there☺

And don't forget the Selsdon Community Picnic in our wood on Sunday 9th July from midday - see the Events page of our website for details.

Moths to look out for on the July walks

<p style="text-align: center;">Six-spot Burnet Moth</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Day-flying moth. Pupates in case attached to grass stems</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Burnet Moth pupal case</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Empty case attached to grass stem after moth has emerged.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Burnet Companion Moth</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Day-flying moth. Around often at the same time as the Burnet.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Degeers Longhorn Moth</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Day-flying moth. The male has enormously long antennae.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Lace Border Moth</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Day-flying moth that has been very plentiful this year.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Pammene aurana</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">A day-flying Micromoth seen on Hogweed food plant.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Jersey Tiger Moth</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Day and night flying moth - seen on the 2014 Bat and Moth Walk.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Brimstone Moth</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Night flying moth - also seen on the 2014 Bat and Moth Walk.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Black Arches Moth</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Night flying moth – the food plant is Oak.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">July Highflier</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Night flying moth – photo taken at the moth trap on the 2016 walk.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Ruby Tiger</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Night flying moth – photo taken at the moth trap on the 2015 walk</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Small Magpie</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Night flying moth – photo taken at the moth trap on the 2015 walk</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Treble Brown Spot</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Night flying moth</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Leopard Moth</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Night flying moth – photo taken at the moth trap on the 2016 walk.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Canary Shouldered Thorn Moth</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Night flying moth – photo taken at the moth trap on the 2016 walk.</p>