



Herb Paris Clearance – Herb Paris is a strange and rare plant which the FSW have adopted as our logo – see the header above. It grows in a couple of places in our wood and we always look out for it in all the known sites in later spring. This year we discovered that one of the patches in Court Wood failed to produce any flowers although there were plenty of leaves. We felt that the problem was that the area had become too shady and so set aside a workday to clear some of the overgrowth and let more light in. On the June 3rd workday we dragged our trolley up to the large Yews where we found the Herb Paris clump. With Cyril's chainsaw and several pruning saws we cleared Yew, Hazel and some Sycamore which were tending to shade the plants. While we were finishing, Malcolm Jennings came with his camera to take a photograph of the sun-lit Herb Paris in its new more open area. We now look forward to next spring when we hope to see the plants in flower.



Get snapping now for the 2018 Photo Competition! –

Your photos of our wood could win you £50 in our annual Photo Competition. Each entrant may submit up to 6 photographs taken in Selsdon Wood between 20th August 2017 and 19th August 2018 (closing date for entries is 20th August). As usual the winners will be chosen by a secret ballot of the visitors to the FSW Open Day in September 2018. 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.

Last Month's Walk – Summer Flowers

– 25 people joined the walk led by Malcolm Jennings which took a route through field 1, field 2 (noting emerging Pyramidal Orchids), Great Field (noting several Common Spotted Orchids), Leafy Grove, Linden Glade, Pool Grove, David's Crook, Greenhill Way and back to the car park. More than 50 different species of wildflower were seen and we also spotted 6 different grasses and 3 varieties of butterfly. For full details of sightings see the website.

This Month's Walks Saturday 14th July @ 11am – Butterflies and **Thursday 19th July @ 9pm – Bats & Moths - both walks with FSW**

– On our July walks we hope to see some of the species of Lepidoptera shown overleaf and on Thursday evening we shall set up a moth trap near the car park and will walk up through the fields taking bat detectors to help us seek out the Pipistrelle Bats. Do join us for these much loved regular events.

SRA Selsdon Community Picnic – Sunday 1st July from mid-day

– Come to meet and make friends with your neighbours and others. Bring your own picnic, chairs, rugs etc (sorry no BBQs or stoves). The 2nd Selsdon & Addington Scouts will sell tea, coffee and cold drinks and provide a variety of fun games and easy races in conjunction with SRA. At 1.30pm the FSW will lead a woodland wander.

Page 2 of our newsletter this month, shows some of the butterflies & moths to look out for on our July walks.

<p>Lepidoptera Butterflies and Moths to be seen in Selsdon Wood</p> <p>All photographs taken in Selsdon Wood.</p>	<p>Meadow Brown Butterfly</p>  <p>Most common butterfly in the fields.</p>	<p>Meadow Brown (underside)</p>  <p>At rest most commonly with wings closed.</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 2017 Bat and Moth Walk.</p>	<p>Brimstone Moth</p>  <p>Night flying moth - seen on the 2016 Bat and Moth Walk.</p>	<p>Orange-spot Piercer Moth</p>  <p>A day flying Micromoth on Hogweed food plant.</p>