



Last month's walk - Thursday 14th August - Bats & Moths - with Malcolm Bridge & Ted Forsyth - Twenty-five people joined the walk up to the end of Langford's Way where we waited for the light to dim and for bats to become active. Three people had bat detectors and they were soon finding occasional Pipistrelle Bats as they flew along the edges of the trees. As time went on bats sometimes flew a few feet over our heads and the noise from the detectors increased dramatically when more than one bat came close at the same time. Some of the bats seemed to be flying down to the tops of the grasses. When we had seen enough of the activity we returned to the car park where Malcolm Bridge had set up his moth trap on the grass in the extension to the car park. As the weather had been wet earlier in the day we did not have great expectations for the trap but were delighted to see the following moth species: Orange Swift, Cypress Pug, Flame Shoulder, Straw Dot, Dinky Footman, Light Brown Apple Moth, Brimstone, Cream Wave and what was thought to be a Dot Moth (later re-identified as either Common Rustic or Lesser Common Rustic which are only separable by dissection). The highlight was a large and colourful JerseyTiger Moth (see right) which caused great excitement (particularly from Malcolm). In addition, the light brought in a Hawthorn Shield Bug. (Also on **Wednesday 20th August** we had a **Mini-Beast Hunt with Roger Hawkins** - see the website for a full report.)



FSW Logs and Charcoal - We still have available some of the charcoal we made back in May and logs from the timber felled in coppicing. We will be delighted to let you have bags of charcoal (3 kilos) now for a discounted donation of £5 each, large bags of charcoal finings (a garden fertiliser) for £5 each and sacks of logs for £4 each. Please contact Neale Fox for information or to arrange collection – phone 020-8657 0384 or e-mail logs.selsdonwood@btinternet.com.

FSW Open Day - 7th September - Have you got the date of our Open Day clearly marked in your (FSW) calendar or in your diary and kept it free to come along with your friends and family to help or support FSW?

The event is held beside the Selsdon Wood car park in Old Farleigh Road. If you have never been before, you have missed a good time - according to our regular stallholders. The FSW stalls have informative displays to complement the guided walks we offer to suit both adults and children. Amongst the items available will be our logs and charcoal (see above) and the **FSW 2015 Calendar** with its splendid collection of beautiful photographs of all the seasons in our woods (for a donation of £5). We also have a white elephant stall – if you have any more to add to the stock, then please do bring them along or deliver to Linda Morris, @ 48 Ravenshead Close, beforehand.



We run a tombola to boost our funds and need a few more prizes to attract interest. Do you have any unwanted gifts which you could donate? Please let Linda know (lpmorris48@hotmail.com or 020 8651 4010) before the day as she needs to compile the prize list and ensure there are winning tickets in the pot for every prize.

Also at the Open Day you will be able to participate in the judging of **the FSW Annual Photo Competition**. A shortlist of the 50 best entries will be on display and the public will be invited to participate in a secret ballot to select the winners.

We always need more help on this day. If you could spare an hour or two, please let us know there is sure to be a job to suit you.

- From 9-11.30, we need help putting up the gazebos and setting out the displays.
- Then, from 11.30 until about 3.45 we need general help on the stalls – selling tickets, books, charcoal, logs and white elephants, encouraging children to take part in the Scavenger hunt and talking to them about what they can see in the wood, telling adults about the wood and what FSW does in and for it.
- Of course, after 4pm, there is the clearing up to do but, with sufficient help, this should all be done by 5pm.

Do please come along to help and support us in any way you can!

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| <p>Berries, Fruits, Nuts and Seeds to find in Selsdon Wood in September</p> <p>The notes give a clue as to where they may be found.</p> <p>All photographs taken in Selsdon Wood.</p> | <p>Cuckoo Pint Berries</p>  <p>Also called Wild Arum. Occasional in shady areas. POISONOUS</p> | <p>Hawthorn Berries</p>  <p>In many field borders and in woodland areas especially Courtwood Grove.</p> | <p>Blackberries</p>  <p>The fruit of Bramble bushes - widespread in field borders and in the woods.</p> | <p>Elder Berries</p>  <p>At the corner of Vincent Avenue near the Jubilee - also along the western edge of Field 2.</p> |
| <p>Sloes</p>  <p>The fruit of Blackthorn bushes growing along many field borders eg David's Crook.</p> | <p>Crab Apples</p>  <p>In the tree and on the ground below the Crab Apple tree near the car park.</p> | <p>Plums</p>  <p>On the Mirabelle Plum tree on the northern edge of David's Crook.</p> | <p>Beech Nuts</p>  <p>In southern woods and several heavily laden trees on the eastern edge of Field 2.</p> | <p>Sycamore Keys</p>  <p>In western woods and field borders eg the northern edge of David's Crook</p> |
| <p>A Nibbled Cobnut</p>  <p>The nut of the Hazel - probably nibbled by a Squirrel - on the ground along woodland paths.</p> | <p>Hornbeam</p>  <p>Several trees along the eastern edge of Field 2 and western edge of Field 3.</p> | <p>Herb Bennet Burr</p>  <p>Widespread in woodland areas - seed head of a small flower growing beside many paths</p> | <p>Old Man's Beard Seed Heads</p>  <p>In Woods and field borders eg Great Field bordering Steven's Larch</p> | <p>Greater Yellow Rattle Seeds</p>  <p>Widespread in the fields. Give one a shake! to discover how it gets its name!</p> |