



Last Month's Events – Minibeast Hunt & Bat Walk – A cloudy and damp morning gave way to a warm and sometimes sunny afternoon for this year's Minibeast Hunt. Our guest leader as usual was **Roger Hawkins**. Linda, Sandra and Heather from FSW came along to help and our local butterfly transect taker, Daniel Bound, was also there to help with identifications and take photographs. Attendance was very good with 16 children joining us, each, of course, accompanied by a parent. Roger introduced the session and gave each child a collecting pot. We then handed out nets, collecting sheets and magnifiers and Roger and the children set off around the field hunting. Soon many finds were being shown to Roger for identification and we tried to get as many photographs as possible. Details of the species found are available on the website Walks page <http://www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk/walks.php>

The Bat Walk with Steve & Ruth Budd and Neale & Karen Fox went off very well. We had a group of 20 which was a perfect number. There was lots of interest from the people who attended and the bats were flying at sunset which was earlier than expected but welcome. There were not so many bats active as on the previous walk but that's just the luck of the draw.

Many thanks to all leaders and helpers☺

Butterfly Bank Progress – Those of you who walk from the car park will have seen the changes to the Butterfly Bank which was once barren chalk. There are some large plants now appearing and the general dusting of seedlings is thriving. The gallery photos on the website Butterfly Bank page <http://www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk/butterfly-bank.php>, most by Ruth Budd, show some of the identifiable plants which include: Autumn Hawkbit, Bird's Foot Trefoil, Corn Chamomile, Cornflower, Corn Marigold, Groundsel, Knotgrass, Poppy, Scabious, Scarlet Pimpernel, Smooth Sow Thistle, Speedwell and Yarrow.

We have been told that it is likely to take 3 years to establish fully but we are enjoying tracking the progress.

The FSW Calendar 2022 is available for a donation of £5 - Copies will be available on the FSW stand on Open Day or get your copy by phone 020-8657-0423 or e-mail goviierh@gmail.com or selsdonwood@gmail.com

2021 Photo Competition! – This year more people than ever have entered the Photo Competition - a total of 26 entrants many sending 6 photographs. As usual the winners will be chosen by a secret ballot of the visitors to the FSW Open Day on Sunday. We cannot display them all so the entries have been shortlisted with every entrant getting at least one of their photos amongst the 50 anonymous prints on display. Do, please come along on the day to cast your votes. You will get 3 votes and you are allowed to vote for your own☺

FSW Facebook Page – The main reason that the number of entrants for the Photo Competition was so high is that the competition was advertised on our FSW Facebook page which now has almost 900 subscribers. It is a good way to keep in touch with daily postings of interesting sightings and news about our wood and many folks on hand to answer any queries. If you are not already a member of the group do join up.

Have You Renewed Your Subs for 2021? - A number of members of FSW have not yet renewed their subscriptions for this year. We really need your £5 to support our work so do please check your records and if you have not yet renewed let us have your subscription fee. You can pay by cheque, PO or cash to - FSW Treasurer c/o 68 Greville Avenue, South Croydon, CR2 8NL or by postal or online banking to Friends of Selsdon Wood at Barclays Bank, Croydon Branch, Account No. 80883832, Sort Code 20-24-61. Better still why not set up a Standing Order then you don't have to worry about forgetting in future years.

FSW Annual Open Day – Our Open day will be held on 5th September – see overleaf for details. We hope to see you there☺



FSW Open Day



with (SRA) SELSDON COMMUNITY BYO PICNIC
and the Rotary Club Fun & Games afternoon

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH - 12 NOON - 4PM

@ Selsdon Wood car park - off Old Farleigh Road

Come to browse stalls and join in activities
whilst still observing current anti-Covid recommendations.



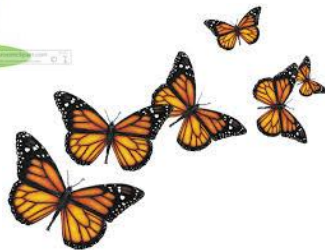
Many varied stalls - hopefully including some refreshments and:

FSW Information / Photo competition / Tombola and book sale

White Elephants (FSW + others) - Woodturners - RNLI/RSPB - Beautiful Butterflies

Brownies/Guides/Scouts - U3A - Scrumptious Sweets - KitKat crafts

**Good Intentions crafts - Sand Art Stall - SRA Subscription Point
etc.**



Activities (Times are approx)

Walk - 12.30-13.15

Storytime 13.45 -14.15

Fun races (SRA/Rotary club) 14.00 - 15.30



PARKING IS LIMITED - Bus 433 stops nearby

