

**Dedicated Benches** - You may remember that some months ago we asked for information about the people for whom there are dedicated seats and benches in Selsdon Wood. We are delighted to say that we have been contacted by a number of friends and relatives and the Seats page of the website now has information about Miss Margaret Horne 1920-1975, Geoffrey Graham Lewis 1944-2014, Sarah Purvis 1970-1992, Eric Charles Saines 1901-1987 and Rob Sowter d-2014. In addition the FSW have dedicated the bench at the junction of Avis Grove and Beech way to a founder member of FSW, Janet Bickerstaff, who died this spring and there is a tribute to her on the website written by her husband John Bickerstaff. However we still know nothing about **Nicola Jane Bailey, Heather Creamer, Millie Dinnick, Marjorie Howard, Clive Little, Nicki or Murray Silverstone**. Do please get in touch if you can supply any information about them.

**SWAG** - We would also be very interested to know something about **SWAG - the Selsdon Wood Appreciation Group** - which was an equivalent Friends group that existed some years ago. The photo shows the header of their notice board, which was at the Kingfisher Gardens entrance (originally there was also one in the car park). Please get in touch if you know when they were active and the names of any of the members.



**Many Thanks to You Who Help!** - We know that many of you who are regular walkers in Selsdon Wood lend a helping hand by picking up litter and the FSW would like to thank you all for everything you do 😊 Thanks too to those of you who reported the broken Quail Gardens gate to us - this has now been repaired by the Council. Please could we beg another favour on behalf of the birds and other animals that use the bird bath in Linden Glade. In dry weather this is often empty and we would be very grateful if you could add some water from your bottle as you pass to keep this topped up.

**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 13<sup>th</sup> September 2015. Please submit your photographs to our competition organiser, Heather Govier, either in electronic format by email to [selsdonwood@gmail.com](mailto:selsdonwood@gmail.com) or as prints to 219 Oswald, Courtwood Lane, Croydon. CR0 9HG.

**FSW Open Day - Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup>** - There will be some different stalls this year, including some rescued ferrets so do keep this date in your diary. 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 on our usual number or on 020 8651 4010.

**This Month's Activity is our Minibeast Hunt with Roger Hawkins on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August @ 2pm**

This is an annual fun event of interest to young children and their parents. After an introduction from Roger, the children will be equipped with nets and collecting tubes and sent off to hunt around the car park field to see what they can find. There will be several of us back at base to help identify all findings - last year over 20 different species were found. We shall then probably take a short walk to look at some of the regular haunts of butterflies and other interesting minibeasts.

**Our spotters' guide this month shows some of the minibeasts found on the last two hunts. See the Walks page of the website for a report of those events.**

## Minibeasts

- to be found in Selsdon Wood.

Also take a look at last month's newsletter for lots of butterflies and moths.

Ladybird



Ladybird larva



Ant Damsel Bug



Burnett Moth Chrysalis Case



Oak Bush Cricket



Shield Bug



Hoverfly



Crab Spider



Grasshopper



Earwig



Harvestman

