

Last Month's Walks - Butterflies, Bats & Moths - We had two walks in July looking at Lepidoptera. The butterfly walk on 13th was attended by 12 people who spotted 6 species of butterfly and one day-flying moth. On the Bat & Moth walk on the evening of 18th Tony & Ted dealt with the moth trap while Steve Budd led 24 visitors around the fields and woodlands to seek for bats. He told us all about the recording equipment he has which detects different species and one walker reported that the electronic devices coming to life every time a bat came close was an exciting almost eerie experience. Pipistrelle bats were detected though unfortunately none of the other 7 species that have been observed in the wood this year. A full report about the bat monitoring and species seen is available on the Vertebrates page of the FSW website <http://www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk/vertebrates.php> and photos of both walks and the 8 species caught in the moth trap are on the Walks page <http://www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk/walks.php>.

This Month's Walk - Wednesday 14th August 2pm - Mini-Beast Hunt - with Roger Hawkins - This is a 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. See overleaf for some of what you might expect to find and **happy minibeast spotting** ☺



















Annual Photographic Competition - There are just a couple of weeks left to enter our 2019 Photo Competition! Please send in up to 6 of your favourite photographs taken in Selsdon Woods between 1st September 2018 and 20th August 2019. A shortlist of the 50 best entries will be selected and printed for display at the FSW Open Day on Sunday 8th September when the public will be invited to participate in a secret ballot to select the winners. The photograph with the most votes will win a cash prize of £50, donated by a generous sponsor. An entry form and details of how to submit your photos are on the website Photo Competition page <http://www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk/photo-competition.php>.

Litter Picking Champions - I have been getting messages from many of the FSW to tell me about the superb work they are doing in collecting litter from our wood on their regular walks. We have decided to collate this into an archive on the website to give credit and acknowledgement to these star litter picking champions. See the Litter Picking page of the website for details <http://www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk/litter-picking.php>. The Council have supported this initiative by supplying a few litter pickers, bags and gloves and I will be delighted to pass these on to anyone who feels they can help. Just contact me at the usual addresses below. Badges are also available to all who would like them

Open Day - 8th September - FSW hope you have Sunday 8th Sept already in your diary so you can come to the Open Day which we are now sharing with the Selsdon Residents' Association's and local Rotarians' Community Picnic and Fun Get Together. Stalls will be open 12 - 16.00. There will be a variety of craft and charity stalls so you can perhaps do some early Christmas shopping. FSW will be fundraising to be able to complete more projects in the wood so please do bring us some gifts* – new items suitable for Tombola prizes and nearly new as White Elephants to sell. There will be the photos to judge in our annual competition and a FSW lead walk, a story time session and a children's activity – see posters and online info about times. We hope to have a performance from the local Soul Symphony choir. The Rotarians are organising fun games – sack races, egg and spoon etc and the Scouts will have their usual wacky games.. Do come along – and bring family and friends too!

*If you have items to donate please let our organiser, Linda Morris, know in advance (via email to ljmcr1@gmail.com or text message to 07979 002547) so that she knows what else to buy and can prepare the prize list. She can arrange collection if required.

All offers of help on the FSW stall will be gratefully received even if you are only able to come for an hour or so from 10-11.30 to help us and others set up, or for an hour during the open time to help man the stalls – taking details of new members, selling white elephants, tombola tickets etc.

<p>Minibeasts - to be found in Selsdon Wood.</p> <p>Bring your children and grandchildren and join us to hunt for them on 14th August All photographs taken in Selsdon Wood.</p>	<p>Ladybird - 7 spot</p> 	<p>Ladybird - 14 spot</p> 	<p>Comb-footed Spider</p> 	<p>6-Spot Burnet Moth</p> 
<p>Burnet Moth Chrysalis Case</p> 	<p>Oak Bush Cricket</p> 	<p>Ant Damsel Bug</p> 	<p>Roesel's Bush Cricket</p> 	<p>Cuckoo Bee</p> 
<p>Earwig</p> 	<p>Silver-washed Fritillary</p> 	<p>Small Copper</p> 	<p>Small Tortoiseshell</p> 	<p>Speckled Wood</p> 
<p>Ladybird larva</p> 	<p>Shield Bug</p> 	<p>Hoverfly</p> 	<p>Snail</p> 	<p>Swollen-legged Flower Beetle</p> 