

The FSW Calendar 2021 is now available for a donation of £5 - To get your copy phone 020-8651 1037 or 07971 580528 or

e-mail selsdonwood@gmail.com - See below for a preview of some of the beautiful photographs included in next year's calendar.

Open Day Cancelled - Sadly, due to the ongoing uncertainty of the ever-changing official situation re restrictions and the certainty now indicated by several members of our team that they would not want to attend any event this year due to potential Covid risks anyway, we have had, very regretfully, to take the decision now that it is not worth pursuing the permission needed from the council to hold our annual event this year. This is obviously disappointing as we hoped that, as lockdown was easing, this would be a way of returning to some sense of normality and we were looking forward to a good attendance as the wood has seen so many more visitors since March.

At present, the hope is to start holding the event again next year so please put a note in your diary for Sunday 5th September 2021 - it's never too soon to start planning!

As for this year, we hope the FSW information stand will still be erected in the usual area on the 6th September (probably from about 11 - 3) to catch the interest of walkers and picnickers – and so you can pay your annual subs to FSW and the Selsdon Residents Association (SRA) if you have not yet done so. Please remember to bring your own food and chairs and that the overflow car park will be closed at 5pm.

Workday Sunday 12th July – Three of the Friends turned out for a socially distanced workday. They worked along Vale Border, uncovering a bench that was buried by a fallen tree, clearing hazardous bushy growth and cutting and removing a tree that had fallen across the path. More workdays will be needed to clear other recent tree falls. A full report of the workday is given on the FSW website at <http://www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk/workdays.php> .Friends are also working alone or in pairs at times of their own choosing to restore the broken walk posts and replace fallen name boards.

Damselflies and Dragonflies – London Wildlife Trust has produced an A4 sized 40 page booklet covering all the damselflies and dragonflies of the London area. A copy can be obtained for a suggested donation of £5 or it can be downloaded from <http://www.wildlondon.org.uk/water-for-wildlife>. While it is too large to fit in a pocket it is light enough to be carried in the field but probably better used as a home study aid. A page is devoted to each species, with photographs, distribution maps, descriptions, and suggestions for when and where to find them. Even a tiny garden pond will attract the insects.

Green Spaces Survey – The University of Westminster is currently undertaking a survey about 'The importance of green open spaces during Covid 19'. Croydon Council would be grateful if you could take part in the survey - link below . The more respondents we have from Croydon the bigger the chance they will be able to garner Croydon-specific data from this survey, which would be useful. <http://tiny.cc/public-green-spaces>

Litter in Parks – Croydon Council is working on a social media campaign to highlight the ongoing litter problem in parks which should come out in the next two weeks. The Council and the FSW send their thanks to all the lovely volunteers who tirelessly collect litter on a regular basis to ensure people can enjoy our open spaces. It is very much appreciated and we could not do without you –THANK YOU!

Wildlife Sightings – The Sightings page of our website <http://www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk/sightings.php> has photographs and reports of all new and recent sightings in our wood. We have for some time reported each sighting of Roe Deer and our famous White Squirrel but now that Red Kite sightings are becoming more common we will also report all instances. Recent sightings of rare or unusual species include a parasitic plant Yellow Birds Nest, and a Purple Emperor butterfly which has not been seen before in our wood. Do please let us know of the interesting wildlife you see.

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Cover Photo - Robin by Jack Branscombe



January

Just Like a Painting by John Zareba



February

White Squirrel by Josie Searle



March

Bullet Drop by Steven Budd



May

Deer by Ian Schofield



July

Bat Walk Sunset by Linda Morris



September

Juvenile Cock Pheasant by Tony Flecchia



December

The Vale from the Wood by David Pinkney

