

Annual Calendar Photographic Competition - There are just a couple of weeks left to enter our 2025 Competition to choose photographs for forthcoming calendars! Please send in up to 6 of your favourite photographs taken in Selsdon Wood between 1st September 2024 and 20th August 2025. A shortlist of the 50 best entries will be selected and printed for display at the Selsdon Community Fair (see below) 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 Calendar Photo Competition page. <https://www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk/calendar-photo-exhibition.php>

Selsdon Community Fair - Sunday 7th September — This month's Newsletter has a third page (below) advertising this event to be held in our wood in September. FSW will have a stall there, including our calendar photos competition and we will also be leading a guided walk to look at all the carvings. We look forward to seeing you there.

Work Sessions – On the 6th July session a group cleared a fall and hanging brambles in Vincent Avenue. On 15th July, two of our team met, as usual, with the team from Grow Wild to water the Butterfly Bank and to cut back more brambles around benches. Grow Wild Outreach, organized by LB Croydon, allows adults with learning difficulties and mental health challenges to contribute to the work of FSW while enjoying the benefits of immersion in the natural world. A group visits our wood monthly.

A number of the Friends also carry out individual work tasks in their own time. One of these is Valerie Baldry who regularly works to maintain and develop the Butterfly Bank. Further detail of her work and an identification guide to all the flowers and lepidoptera to be found there can be found on the Butterfly Bank page of the website. <https://www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk/butterfly-bank.php>

We always welcome help on our Work Sessions. The next one is planned for **Sunday 10th August** meeting at 10am in the car park off Old Farleigh Road. You can choose tasks which suit your strengths and abilities and work for as long as suits you. We supply the tools but bring your own lunch and drinks.

Walks in July – Our scheduled Butterflies Walk, led by Daniel Bound, was held on 12th July. This year has been one of the best years for butterflies - finally after years of miserable, damp and rainy weather, we have had long spells of unbroken sunshine, which has allowed for an explosion of butterflies, some emerging 3 weeks earlier than usual!




















22 people gathered in the shade in the car park on one of the hottest days of the year, in anticipation of a lepidoptera treat! And they certainly got one as on our walk we saw 20 different species.

We also had a Bat Walk on 25th July led by Ruth & Steve Budd. Feedback on the Facebook pages shows how much it was enjoyed by the 11 attendees. Sadly, this may be the last of its kind as Ruth and Steve are relocating to Somerset. We wish them well and will miss them greatly.

Details of both walks can be found on the Walks page of the website. <https://www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk/walks.php>

This Month's Mini-Beast Hunt - Wednesday August 13th at 2pm - with Roger Hawkins - This is a fun event of interest to young children and their parents. After a brief 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. See overleaf for some of what you might expect to find and **happy minibeast spotting** ☺

The FSW Calendar 2026 is now available for a donation of £5 - For your copy e-mail govierh@gmail.com or phone 0208 657 0423

<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> 

Selsdon Community Fair



Sunday 7 September 12 – 4pm

(At the Old Farleigh Road entrance to Selsdon Woods)

The Selsdon Residents' Association (SRA) is organising the annual **Selsdon Community Fair** in Selsdon Wood.

There will be the usual wide selection of stalls and activities for you to enjoy.

Put the date in your diary - We hope to see you there!

There are still some stall spaces available for local groups, charities, and crafters. We don't charge stallholders so, if you would like a spot for a stall or know of a group that would be interested, just email the SRA via underjunk2000@hotmail.com

