

## **The David Malins Memorial Feeding Station** –

As Winter draws on, bird activity at the feeding station is likely to increase and regular maintenance will be a continuing responsibility with almost daily top-ups of the feeders. This work is mainly undertaken by Steve and Ruth Budd – many thanks to them both☺. We have already received some donations of seeds, nuts and fat balls and money to buy more, but further donations are welcome. If you would like to contribute to the cost of bird food for the feeding station, please send your donation either by direct payment to the FSW bank account - Account No. 80883832, Sort Code 20-24-61 (with the reference "Bird Feeding Station") or by cheque or cash to FSW Treasurer, Karen Hall, 5, Goldfinch Road, South Croydon, CR2 8SR.

Do also please let me have your photos of the feeding station visitors.



## **Last Month's Walk**

- Although it was a beautiful autumn day only nine people came on the Tree Walk this year. We enjoyed strolling in the warm sunshine for 2 hours and saw 38 different tree species, many decked in autumnal colours as the photo above from Karen Hall shows. For a full report of the route and species seen see the Walks page of the website. [www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk/walks](http://www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk/walks) .

We take a winter break from walks now as conditions underfoot are likely to worsen but we look forward to seeing you next April for our Spring Walk.

## **Last Month's Work**

- The Work Session planned for Sunday 6th November was cancelled due to bad weather. However, on Tuesday 8th Jim went alone to clear two tree falls which had occurred a few days previously. One fall was in the cut through from Great Field to David's Crook and the other was in West Gorse south close to the junction with Middle Gorse. Many thanks Jim for braving the showers to undertake this work☺ On 27<sup>th</sup> November the team cleared two blocked paths (near the Centenary Plantation and in Broad Walk) and gave the Butterfly Bank a good autumn haircut. They also went to Pool Grove and recovered a bird box from a tree marked for felling. Full reports of the work, with photographs, are given on the Workdays page of the website. [www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk/work-sessions](http://www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk/work-sessions)

## **Vanguard Way Association reciprocal membership**

– The Vanguard Way is a walking route from London to Brighton which passes through the north of our wood. The VWA has recently introduced a reciprocal membership scheme which means that we supply them with our newsletters and they have us on their circulation list. I will keep FSW members appraised of all relevant communications.

## **Your Membership Subscription is soon due for renewal**

- Our Membership year runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> and it would be very helpful to us if you could pay your 2023 subs as soon as possible. Of course, this does not apply to those of you who have standing orders and we thank you for past and future payments as these certainly make our life much easier. If you currently pay annually, please consider taking out a standing order.

## **The FSW Calendar 2023 is still available for a donation of £5**

- To get your copy phone 020-8657-0423 or email [govierh@gmail.com](mailto:govierh@gmail.com) or contact us on the addresses given in the footer below.

## **FSW Programme 2023**

– Our programme of walks, workdays and meetings for 2023 is now complete - see overleaf. Please add these dates to your calendar and check the website for updates.

# Programme for 2023

## GUIDED WALKS of DISCOVERY

*All our walks are slow and easy – a meander rather than a hike! Meeting in Selsdon Wood car park, Old Farleigh Road, at time shown.*

- April – Sat 8<sup>th</sup> 2pm 'Spring Walk' with the Friends**  
**May – Sun 7<sup>th</sup> 2pm 'Bluebells and Birds' with the Friends**  
**May - Fri 12<sup>th</sup> 8pm 'Bat Walk' with the Friends\***  
**June - Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> 8.45pm 'Bat Walk' with the Friends\***  
**June - Sun 25<sup>th</sup> 11am 'Summer Flowers' with Malcolm Jennings**  
**July - Sat 8<sup>th</sup> 11am 'Butterflies' with Daniel Bound**  
**August - Wed 16<sup>th</sup> 2pm - 'Mini-Beast Hunt' with Roger Hawkins (of interest to young children)**  
**August - Fri 18<sup>th</sup> 7.45pm 'Bat Walk' with the Friends\***  
**September - Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> - 12noon to 4pm - FSW Open Day & Selsdon Community Fun Event**  
**October – Sat 28<sup>th</sup> 10am - 'Fungus Hunt' with the Friends**  
**November – Sat 11<sup>th</sup> 1pm - Autumn/Winter Trees with the Friends**

*\* Bat Walks are limited to 30 participants and must be pre-booked.*

## WORK SESSIONS

*Habitat management and general maintenance – helping to improve our wood! Meet in Selsdon Wood car park on **Sundays at 10am.***

**January 8<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, February 5<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, March 5<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup>, June 4<sup>th</sup>, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, August 6<sup>th</sup>, September 24<sup>th</sup>, October 1<sup>st</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>,  
November 5<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

## AGM & MEMBERS' MEETINGS

### **AGM Monday March 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Members Meetings - January 30<sup>th</sup>, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, July 24<sup>th</sup>, September 25<sup>th</sup>, November 27<sup>th</sup>**

*To make enquiries or to check the above contact us at the details given in the footer.*