

Friends of Selsdon Wood Newsletter

December 2025

Last Month's Walk – On 15th November 16 people joined us for the Tree Walk led by Frank Oko. We saw over 36 different tree species, all decked in autumnal colours. The photograph shows the full group in front of one of our most magnificent Oaks in Great Field.

For a full report of the species seen see the Walks page of the website.
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 on Sunday 2nd November was split into 3 groups. Linda worked with the trio of young men from the Duke of Edinburgh scheme continuing to clear paths through the Gorses. David worked to fill muddy sections of Court Wood Grove with wood chip and Valerie did further work on the new plant patches.

When the Grow Wild team visited on 4th November they worked with Linda and Valerie to give the Butterfly Bank the autumnal haircut. It is now neatly trimmed for the winter.

On 23rd November Jim removed the major part of a fallen tree in Greenhill Way.

On 30th November we cleared the rest of the tree fall, put a new seat on a bench in Great Field and laid more wood chip in muddy areas of Court Wood Grove and Leafy Grove.



The next work session (the last for this year) is next Sunday, December 7th, meeting at the car park at 10am. We'd love you to join us!!

Full reports of the work, with photographs, are given on the Workdays page of the website. www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk/work-sessions.

Your Membership Subscription is soon due for renewal - Our Membership year runs from January 1st to December 31st and it would be very helpful to us if you could pay your 2026 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 2026 is still available for a donation of £5 - To get your copy phone 020-8657-0423 or email govierh@gmail.com or contact us on the addresses given in the footer below.

FSW Programme 2026 – Our programme of walks, workdays and meetings for 2026 is now complete - see overleaf. Please add these dates to your calendar and check the website for updates.

A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all!
Why not make 'working with FSW' one of your 2026 resolutions?

Programme for 2026

GUIDED WALKS of DISCOVERY

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

April – Sat 11th 2pm 'Spring Walk' with the Friends

May – Sun 10th 2pm 'Bluebells and Birds' with the Friends

June - Sun 21st 11am 'Summer Flowers' with Malcolm Jennings

July - Sat 4th 11am 'Butterflies' with Daniel Bound

August - Wed 12th 2pm - 'Mini-Beast Hunt' with Roger Hawkins (for accompanied children)

September – Sat 19th 1pm - Autumn/Winter Trees with Frank Oko

October – Sat 24th 10am - 'Fungus Hunt' with the Friends

WORK SESSIONS

Habitat management and general maintenance – helping to improve our wood! You work for as long as suits you and choose jobs to suit your strengths.

*Tools are provided but please bring food and drink if you feel you need them. **We do need more help and would welcome your assistance.***

*Meet in Selsdon Wood car park on **Sundays at 10am.***

January 4th & 25th, February 1st & 22nd, March 1st & 29th, April 12th, May 10th, June 7th, July 5th, August 9th, September 6th & 27th,

October 4th & 25th, Nov 1st & 29th, December 6th

AGM & MEMBERS' MEETINGS

All are welcome to come along – we value your opinion. If you are interested in the future of Selsdon Wood, we need your views.

All meetings start promptly at 8pm at The Forum, Forestdale.

AGM Monday March 30th

Members Meetings - February 23rd, May 18th, July 27th, September 28th, Nov 30th

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