Friends of Selsdon Wood Newsletter

January 2021

FSW Programme 2021 – There is a change to the programme published in the December issue.

Our Summer Flower walk will be led by Malcolm Jennings on Sunday 6th June instead of 13th.

The walk will depart at 11am from the car park.

The Work of FSW continued during this Difficult Time - Due to Covid restrictions the scheduled programme of work was cancelled this year. However, the Friends continue to work alone or in small groups at times convenient to them. Some of the tasks undertaken in the last month have been:

6th December - Three separate tasks were tackled on this scheduled Workday by different people working alone or within Covid restrictions.

- 1. Clearing bracken and brambles in The Gorses area continued from November and involve clearance round a birch sapling.
- 2. Other members of the team replaced a number of broken or fallen posts and signs. These included: the G2 post on the edge of the field pointing up to Broad Walk, a replacement Broad Walk sign by the Cascades gate, two Courtwood Grove signs, a sign in The Wend and a short sign post in Pool Grove. This has been put on the left approaching the pool due to the opposite side seeming to have concrete just under the surface. The photo (right) shows Geoff packing away the ladder after erection of a Courtwood Grove sign.
- 3. A new recruit continued his work on the Jubilee pond dredging it to clear mucky debris. He also cut back the vegetation on the far side in order to be able dredge on that side. The photo (below) shows the result of his labours.



Litter clearance by numerous volunteers continues on a daily basis.

Full reports of their work are given on the Workdays page of the website http://www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk/workdays

Seen in Selsdon Wood in the last month - Although this is not the

richest time in the wood when it comes to wonderful sights, many of our regular contributors have continued to send in photographs. Now is the best time to spot birds with the trees bare of leaves, the squirrels are a constant presence - although no-one has spotted our famous white squirrel for some time - and we have had a sighting of deer. A selection of photos taken in December can be seen overleaf/below. Most were submitted via our Facebook Group. Do join it if you are not already a member.

We have every hope that our photo competition will continue as usual in the coming year so do save HD copies of your best shots. Each entrant may submit up to 6 photographs taken in Selsdon Wood between 20th August 2020 and 19th August 2021 and we look forward to receiving your entries in due course.

A Happy New Year to you all. We hope 2021 brings an end to this pandemic.



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