

Some Disappointing News – We are sad to report that planning permission has been granted for the building of new houses in Quail Gardens on the land adjoining Selsdon Wood. This was originally the garden of the old bungalow that some of you may have known as kennels. Objections to the build were made by over 100 people and also by us, and by the National Trust on the grounds that the development would eat into the buffer zone around the wood and adversely affect the environment - but these seem to have been unheeded. Representations have been made about keeping disruption to a minimum and avoiding the destruction of old trees and badger setts. We can only hope that these requests are met.

Workdays – There were two extra Workdays in May to install the 2 new seats - one dedicated to FSW founding member Janet Nightingale and the other to Phyllis & Frank Langford. Janet's seat is near the dogleg in Courtwood Grove and the Langford seat is at the junction of Bluebell Grove and The Wend. Photographs and further information can be found on the website Seats and Benches page.

The June workday involved numerous activities including the erection of fallen nameboards and watering some of the newly planted saplings.

Get snapping now for the 2019 Photo Competition! – Your photos of our wood could win you £50 in our annual Photo Competition. Each entrant may submit up to 6 photographs taken in Selsdon Wood between 20th August 2018 and 19th August 2019 (closing date for entries is 20th August). As usual the winners will be chosen by a secret ballot of the visitors to the FSW Open Day in September. Please submit your photographs to our competition organiser, Heather Govier, either in electronic format by email to selsdonwood@gmail.com or as prints to 219 Oswald, Courtwood Lane, Croydon. CR0 9HG.

Last Month's Walk – Summer Flowers – 20 people joined the walk led by Malcolm Jennings on a miserable rainy day. There was plenty to look at, however, with Pyramidal Orchids, Ox-eye Daisies and many other flowers in the fields. Malcolm pointed out the Leaf Hopper insect found in cuckoo spit and, more worryingly, signs of Ash Dieback in the Centenary Plantation. For full details of what was seen on the walk see the website Walks page and for other seasonal sightings see the Sightings page.















This Month's Walks Saturday 13th July @ 11am – Butterflies and Thursday 18th July @ 9pm – Bats & Moths - both walks with FSW – On our first walk we hope to see some of the species of butterflies shown overleaf and on Thursday evening we shall set up a moth trap near the car park and will walk up through the fields taking bat detectors to help us seek out the bats. Do join us for these much loved regular events.

We now have two avid bat watchers as members of the FSW, Steven and Ruth Budd. They are surveying our bats in detail and their latest report is on the Fauna - Vertebrates page of the website. They also report regularly on the FSW Facebook page. They have some sophisticated bat detection equipment and have identified 8 different species of bat in our wood.

FSW Open day & SRA Selsdon Community Picnic – Sunday 8th September from mid-day – This year the SRA picnic is to be combined with our regular September Open Day which should be bigger and better than ever. Do make a note of this date on your calendar.

FSW Calendar 2020 – And speaking of calendars - the FSW 2020 Calendar has now arrived!! These will be on sale at Open Day but if you want yours sooner just get in touch at the usual addresses.

Page 2 of our newsletter this month, shows some of the butterflies to look out for on our 13th July walk.

<p>Butterflies</p> <p>Butterflies to be seen in field areas Selsdon Wood. Look out for these on the July walk.</p> <p>All photographs taken in Selsdon Wood.</p>	<p>Meadow Brown Butterfly</p>  <p>Most common butterfly in the fields.</p>	<p>Meadow Brown (underside)</p>  <p>At rest most commonly with wings closed.</p>	<p>White Admiral Butterfly</p>  <p>Uncommon with dramatic black and white colouring.</p>	<p>White Admiral (underside)</p>  <p>The underside of this butterfly has much more colour.</p>
<p>Small Tortoiseshell</p>  <p>Once a common butterfly but now in decline.</p>	<p>Caterpillar of Small Tortoiseshell</p>  <p>Less colourful but also distinctive and found on nettles.</p>	<p>Ringlet Butterfly</p>  <p>Small brown butterfly with rings on the wings. Found in fields.</p>	<p>Ringlet (underside)</p>  <p>The ring markings are even clearer on the underside</p>	<p>Large Skipper Butterfly</p>  <p>A small butterfly in spite of the name.</p>
<p>Small Copper</p>  <p>Here seen on Marjoram in David's Crook</p>	<p>Common Blue (male)</p>  <p>The female is brown.</p>	<p>Comma</p>  <p>Widespread in field areas.</p>	<p>Caterpillar of Comma Butterfly</p>  <p>Spectacular and distinctive on nettle food plant.</p>	<p>Silver Washed Fritillary</p>  <p>Here seen on Buddleia - a plant very attractive to many butterflies.</p>