

Workdays – Workdays resumed in May after almost a year's absence of formal Workdays because of the pandemic. The work involved uprooting a clump of invasive Spanish Bluebells which had appeared in Field 1, clearing some fallen trees in a number of places and creating a fence around the Butterfly Bank to prevent trampling by dogs and people. Photographs and further information can be found on the website Workdays page.

The June workday involved clearing vegetation around benches and seats and erecting fallen path name boards.

Last Month's Walks – Bats on Friday June 11th and Summer Flowers on Sunday June 6th – The Bat Walk was originally scheduled for 4th June but wet weather meant that it had to be postponed for a week. Those wishing to come had to apply in advance so that attendance could be restricted to 30 in order to comply with Covid regulations. All 30 turned up at 9pm on 11th June and enjoyed a twilight walk during which 4 species of bat were detected: Common Pipistrelles, Soprano Pipistrelles, a Leisler and a Brown Long-Eared Bat. A further Bat Walk is planned for September.

On 6th June 5 guests joined Malcolm and 5 FSW members for a very pleasant stroll in bright sunny conditions. (We took details for the guests so that we could contact them should anyone in the group contract Covid.) We started by looking around the car park area where 10 species could be seen, including a large patch of Shepherd's Purse which has developed from a single specimen growing on the soil bund 6 years ago. After a 2 hour walk we had identified 42 wild flowers, 11 trees or bushes in flower and 4 flowering grasses. For full details & photos of what was seen on the walk see the website Walks page and for other seasonal sightings see the Sightings page.

This Month's Walk - 10th July @ 11am – Butterflies with FSW – On our walk we hope to see some of the species of butterflies shown overleaf and all the summer flowers that they visit. Do join us for this much loved regular event. Participation in all our group activities is held strictly within Government guidelines at this time and is at your own risk. We will require your contact details (for Track'n'Trace). This information will only be retained after each walk for the requisite period.

The Moth Trap event advertised for the evening of 15th July has been cancelled















FSW Open day & SRA Selsdon Community Picnic – Sunday 5th September from mid-day – Covid restrictions allowing we are planning to hold our Open Day again this year - so mark the date in your diary. We are collecting prizes for the tombola so please let us have any unwanted gifts or other suitable items. If you have anything to donate please let us know asap by text or email to the contact details below. We have limited storage space so please hang on to the actual items until nearer the time. Also we have room this year for anyone who would like to sell goods from their own gazebo or just from a table. Book a pitch through the FSW email or 07979 00 2547 - no direct charge is made for the site, we simply ask for a donation as the sellers see fit. Help from Friends on the day - setting up, on the stall or clearing up afterwards - would be greatly appreciated.

Please Send in Your Entries for the FSW Photo Competition - Closing date 20th August

Each entrant may submit up to 6 photographs taken in Selsdon Woods between 20th August 2020 and 19th August 2021. As usual the winners will be chosen by a secret ballot of the visitors to the FSW Open Day in September (or by online ballot should this not be possible). Winners will receive cash prizes of **£50 first, £20 second and £10 third**.

Please submit your photographs to our competition organiser, Heather Govier, in electronic format by email to govierh@gmail.com or via the FSW Facebook page. Please send full sized images (not reduced edits). Alternatively you could submit prints to Heather Govier, 219 Oswald, Courtwood Lane, Croydon. CR0 9HG.

Include the entry form (available from the website) or the following information: your name, address, email address and phone number and for each photo:- a title and details of where and when taken and with what camera. (By entering the competition you agree that your photographs may be used and displayed by the FSW.)

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