

Linden Glade – Visitors to the wood may well have noticed some changes to the Linden Glade pool - see photo. The pool has been in a poor condition for some years and previous attempts by FSW to restore it have not been successful. In late 2022 the FSW were approached by a family who were interested in supporting us to undertake a restoration in memory of family members who had loved the area. In the autumn of 2022 Council contractors cut back the surrounding Limes to let in more light and initial work on the pool commenced on 23rd April 2023.

The mud from the bottom of the pool was scraped into buckets and disposed of in the woodland. All the edge stones were then lifted and moved out of the way in preparation for laying a flexible liner.

We are now making plans to fence the area before further work continues in the summer.

See <https://www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk/linden-glade-pool-development.php> for the full story.

Get snapping now for the 2023 Photo Competition! – With summer definitely on its way now is a good time to get out there with your cameras. Each entrant may submit up to 6 photographs taken in Selsdon Wood between 20th August 2021 and 19th August 2023. The winners will be chosen by a secret ballot of the visitors to the FSW Open Day on 3rd September. Please submit your photographs to me, either in electronic format by email to govierh@gmail.com or via the FSW Facebook page. Please send full sized images (not reduced edits) and for each photo supply a title, date and the area of the wood in which it was taken (if known). We also need your full name and contact details.

After a bumper entry in 2021, with a total of 26 people sending in their photos, hardly anyone submitted an entry last year. By the closing date of 20th August we had just 5 entrants despite advertising on the FSW website, in the FSW Facebook group and on posters. This was really not enough to give an interesting selection to choose from and sadly we had to abandon the competition. So do please get your entries to me asap this year so that we can go ahead with confidence. You can always add more later.




















May Walks - 1) Dawn Chorus Saturday 6th May @ 5am – An opportunity to get up and catch the early worm! A two hour walk around the reserve, listening and identifying some of our early risers. Dress appropriately and bring warm drinks.

May Walks - 2) Bluebells and Birds Sunday 7th May @ 2pm – We cannot guarantee that the bluebells will have lasted but there will be lots of flowers to see nonetheless and many birds to hear and to spot if we are lucky.

May Walks - 3) Bat Walk Friday 12th May @ 8pm – This walk will be limited in numbers so you must sign up first. Contact Steve at danceswithwolvezs@gmail.com to reserve your place. Please come with suitable footwear and a torch for the walk back. Keys need to be stowed somewhere they won't jangle or will show up as 'Noctule' bats on the bat detector.



Overleaf are photos of some of the flowers to look for this month. If you see any of them do let us know via the FB page or direct to me at govierh@gmail.com.

<p>May Flowers</p> <p>Here are some flowers to look out for this month with dates of sightings for past years. The earliest of the sightings for each flower is shown in bold. You will see that Wild Garlic has only been seen once - it was in Linden Glade.</p>	<p>Mouse Ear</p>  <p>- 30/4/15 - 15/5/16 - 11/5/18 - 1/5/19 - 22/6/20 - 9/5/21 - 1/5/22</p>	<p>Common Vetch</p>  <p>- 5/5/15 - 11/5/17 - 7/5/18 - 12/5/19 - 26/5/20 - 5/5/21 - 11/5/22</p>	<p>Bramble</p>  <p>- 15/5/15 - 1/6/16 - 13/5/17 - 23/5/18 - 4/5/20 - 31/5/21 - 16/5/22</p>	<p>Shepherd's Purse</p>  <p>- 4/7/16 - 23/5/17 - 6/5/18 - 26/4/19 - 27/6/20 - 29/5/21 - 28/4/22</p>
<p>White Dead Nettle</p>  <p>- 13/5/15 - 26/4/16 - 24/4/17 - 31/4/18 - 25/4/19 - 9/5/21 - 19/4/22</p>	<p>Birdsfoot Trefoil</p>  <p>- 18/5/15 - 29/5/16 - 28/5/17 - 30/5/18 - 6/6/19 - 6/5/20 - 26/5/21</p>	<p>Ox-Eye Daisy</p>  <p>- 18/5/15 - 23/5/16 - 13/5/17 - 16/5/18 - 5/5/20 - 21/5/21 - 10/5/22</p>	<p>Cleavers/Goosegrass</p>  <p>- 15/5/15 - 20/5/16 - 18/6/17 - 10/5/18 - 22/5/21 - 9/5/22</p>	<p>Bittersweet</p>  <p>- 8/6/15 - 1/7/16 - 12/6/17 - 30/5/18 - 3/6/20 - 15/6/21 - 4/6/22</p>
<p>Ribwort Plantain</p>  <p>- 30/3/17 - 13/4/18 - 18/6/20 - 11/5/21 - 19/4/22 - 19/4/22</p>	<p>Sanicle</p>  <p>- 9/5/15 - 7/5/16 - 25/4/17 - 10/5/18 - 25/4/19 - 18/5/20 - 8/5/21 - 4/5/22</p>	<p>Common Catsear</p>  <p>- 24/5/15 - 28/5/16 - 28/5/17 - 31/5/18 - 16/5/20 - 2/6/21 - 4/5/22</p>	<p>Wild Garlic</p>  <p>- 6/5/16 -</p>	<p>Herb Bennet</p>  <p>- 19/5/16 - 13/5/17 - 10/5/18 - 30/4/19 - 15/5/20 - 9/5/21 - 12/4/22</p>
<p>Sainfoin</p>  <p>- 26/5/15 - 17/6/16 - 19/5/17 - 30/5/18 - 27/5/21 - 29/5/22</p>	<p>White Clover</p>  <p>- 19/5/15 - 28/5/16 - 10/5/17 - 24/5/18 - 14/5/20 - 2/6/21 - 16/5/22</p>	<p>Red Clover</p>  <p>- 7/5/15 - 15/5/16 - 7/5/17 - 9/5/18 - 7/5/19 - 4/5/20 - 7/5/21 - 1/5/22</p>	<p>Hawkweed</p>  <p>- 16/5/15 - 19/5/16 - 13/5/17 - 16/5/18 - 9/5/19 - 14/5/20 - 10/5/22</p>	<p>Forget-me-not</p>  <p>- 18/4/15 - 1/5/17 - 26/4/18 - 27/4/19 - 12/5/21 - 29/4/22</p>