

Last Month's Fungi Walks – Twenty-seven people turned up for the walk on 8th October, including three children. The route and number of fungi planned for viewing was perhaps a little too much, since progress was slow due to the number of fungi and associated questions and photography. At one and a quarter hours with about two fifths of the route length covered, Ted Forsyth was taken ill with a recurrence of an illness, so it was necessary the walk be aborted for Tony Flecchia to fetch his 4-wheel drive car to carry Ted home. Those present were very understanding and many expressed themselves as being happy with the number of fungi they had seen anyway. The section covered originally included 20 species planned for viewing, but 8 more had been added during the walk, making a very satisfactory total of 28 for only a little over an hour. It was announced to those present that Tony would continue the rest of the walk the next Sunday the 15th for anyone wishing to attend.

Tony led the walk on 15th October with Linda Morris and three guests who had been on the previous walk, the limited number making it easy to manage. Despite having 65 instances with 49 species additional to last week's walk to look at, on a route equal in length to the original whole walk, it was covered in just under 1 hour 50 minutes. Photographs of all species seen on both walks can be seen on the Sightings page of the website. The three guests all asked after Ted and were pleased to hear he is making progress with recovery.

We were gratified to discover that the website Sightings page had been useful to a couple of walkers who had followed the route of 8th October looking out for the species listed and photographing them. Cathryn Hicks sent her photos in - they are also shown on the Sightings page and we look forward to entering some of them in next year's photo competition.

Photo Competition 2018 – While on the subject I urge you to get snapping for the 2018 Photo Competition. We are always short of autumn/winter subjects but there are lovely sights to be seen even at this time of year and we would love to see your photos.

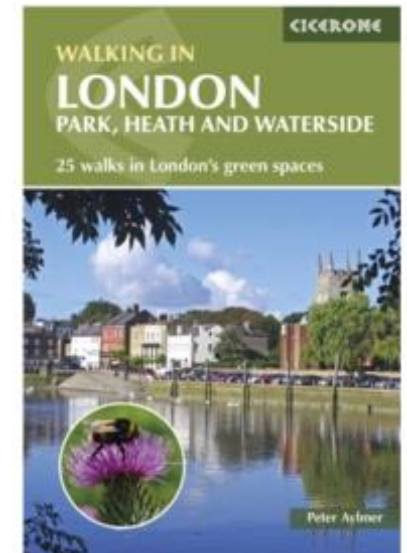
Muddy Puddles Project – Those of you who walk in the woods cannot have failed to notice the superbly repaired state of many of the footpaths. Tony Flecchia, on behalf of the FSW, has been busy at work laying gravel over the worst patches of mud and will continue as the winter progresses and more problem areas come to light. All the gravel is funded by donations.

Walking in London by Peter Aylmer £12.95 – The publishers have just sent me a copy of this book as it includes a walk in our wood. This paperback, beautifully illustrated with maps and photographs, covers 25 walks in the green spaces and nature reserves of Greater London. All are easily accessible by bus or train and each walk spotlights one species you may encounter on the walk (ours looks at the Pyramidal Orchids). Find out more about the book at www.cicerone.co.uk from where you can also buy a copy. For further information contact Hannah at Cicerone hannah@cicerone.co.uk 01539 587985.

The FSW Calendar 2018 is now available for a donation of £5 - Phone 020-8657 0423 or e-mail selsdonwood@gmail.com. See overleaf for a preview of some of the beautiful photographs included in next year's calendar.

FSW Walk – Discover Autumn Leaves on Saturday November 11th @ 1pm – Join us at the car park for a 2 hour walk to enjoy the autumn colours. This is our last guided walk of the year so we hope to see you there.

Found - in the Gorses area - a ladies watch in working condition. If you have lost it please contact Neil at Peacockgdns@aol.com or telephone 0791936882



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Cover Photo - Male Roe Deer by Ernie Thomason



February

Restored Pond in the Snow by Heather Govier



April

Bluebell by Neale Fox



May

The Grey Squirrel by Mark Shoemith



June

Fields and Bird Estate by Jack Webber



August

Silver-washed Fritillary by David Malins



September

Beefsteak bracket fungus by Geoffrey Cox



October

Autumn in David's Crook by Tony Flecchia

