

Many thanks from FSW – We would all like to thank the two girls (and their mum) who helped Ted Forsyth after his collapse in September. While walking in the wood, Ted became dizzy and lay down on the grass. Two sisters, Kerri Reeder and Bonnie Kibble, spotted him and came to offer help. After some discussion they phoned for an ambulance but when, after a long wait, it did not arrive they helped Ted to the car park and rang their mother, Sue, who collected him and drove him home. The ambulance was redirected and took Ted to hospital where he spent three days with low blood pressure. He is now back to normal and he was well enough to attend the last two work sessions and to lead the Fungus Hunt! Ted, and all of us who know him, are extremely grateful for the kindness and care of these two young ladies.

FSW Work in the Wood – On Sunday 6th October we had some extra help from teenager, Adam Walsh (undertaking the Duke of Edinburgh award) and his mother, Jane. While Jane worked with Valerie to clear weeds from around this year's planting on the Butterfly Bank, Adam went with Jim to help clean the bird droppings from the Owl carvings. Other work included fixing a wobbly bench in East Gorse and fastening a bolt on the gate at the Farleigh Road entrance to prevent it opening outwards towards the road.

Also in October Jim made some bird and bat boxes and on Sunday 27th October the new bird boxes were put up – some of them to replace old ones that had decayed. There were also 4 experimental boxes of different designs to suit two different species, Treecreepers and Marsh Tits. We shall monitor those closely to see if they are occupied.

The Butterfly Bank was also given its autumnal haircut and now looks much tidier.

Last Month's Walk – Fungus Hunt – Ted Forsyth led the walk on 26th October. Over the previous weeks Ted, Tony and others had been searching the woods for fungi and recording every new species seen.

It was a fine clear day and there was a good turnout of 36 people. A total of 26 species of fungi were spotted with 6 of these being seen for the first time this year. These are displayed with a full report of the walk on the Walks page of the website - <https://www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk/walks.php>

This Month's Walk – Autumn/Winter Trees on Saturday November 16th @ 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.

The FSW Calendar 2025 is available for a donation of £5 - To get your copy phone 020-8657-0423 or email govierh@gmail.com or via any of the contacts given in the footer below - See overleaf for some of the beautiful photographs included in next year's calendar.



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January

Rainbow by Martine Bradley



March

What's Coming? by Geraldine Hart



April

The Confession Seat by John Zareba



May

Did Somebody Say Just Eat?
by Scott McCulloch



June

Roe Deer and Fawn by Ruth Budd



September

Nuthatch at the Feeder by Lorna Wall



October

Come Fly with Me by Darren Giles

