

**FSW Open Day - 10<sup>th</sup> September** - Disappointing weather meant that attendance was low this year. However, we did manage to get things cleared away before the worst of the rain came and none of the gazebos took off in the gusty wind. David, John and Meme Whillier manned the recruitment tent, Linda, Tony & Sandra the tombola stand, Heather the photo competition & calendar sales and Neale, Karen & Sarah Malins the kids tent & scavenger hunt. Ted led two walks, Sarah read story time for the children and, as usual, refreshments were provided by the Scouts. Guest stalls included: Badger Protection Society, Friends of the Earth, Beekeepers, Woodturners, RSPB, Sand Art, Friends of Littleheath Woods, Uncle Ria's Jams and the SRA. Despite the low attendance the event raised around £300 for the FSW – most from donations, new memberships and the tombola

The kids tent and scavenger hunt made a slow start due to the slightly unpredictable weather. However things did pick up and 25-30 children participated. Most children took their finds home in little bags we provided and were proud of their efforts. Ted led two walks for scavenger hunters and adults one of whom said she had lived in the area most of her life but would not walk in the woods on her own and did not know where the pond was. Ted took the group there pointing out lots of trees, fruits, galls and fungi on the way. See the Events page of the website for a full report.

**The 2016/17 Photo Competition** – Since 2010 we have held an annual Photographic Competition. However, lack of interest in 2016 meant that this year's competition covered 2016 and 2017. There were 31 entrants who submitted over 100 photographs. From these, a shortlist of 52 were selected and printed for display on the Open Day when the public were invited to participate in a secret ballot to select the winners. Over 70 visitors voted and the winners were:

**1st prize - Philip Murray-Pearce for "Iridescence"** - £100 - shown here.

**2nd prize - Lisa Dervish for "Peanut with his Chestnuts"** - £40 - look out for this photograph on cover of the October issue of the Selsdon Gazette!

**3rd prize - Ernie Thomason for "Male Roe Deer"** - £20 - this photograph has been used for the cover of the FSW 2018 Calendar.

All the winners and other shortlisted photographs are shown on the Photo Competition page of the FSW website.














**Sad News about our Restored Pond** – We are sad to have to report that the pond in Linden Glade, which we restored last year, seems to have sprung a leak. There appear to be cracks in the liner so that the pond does not fill fully although there is some residual water. We are currently considering how we might address this – any suggestions would be most welcome.

**Redecoration of the Toilets** – Last winter's disastrous flood left holes in the ceilings of the toilets and the damp took all the paint off the walls. This has now been fully repaired by Council contractors and the walls and floors smartened with fresh coats of paint.

**The FSW Calendar 2018 is now available for a donation of £5** - Phone 020-8657 0423 or e-mail [selsdonwood@gmail.com](mailto:selsdonwood@gmail.com)

**FSW Autumn Walk - Fruit and Fungi on Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup> @ 10am** - Ted and Tony will again lead this walk and have already started the advanced spotting to ensure that there will be lots to show.

Our spotters' guide this month shows some fungi you might hope to see on the day.

<p><b>Fungi in Selsdon Wood</b></p> <p><b>Wood</b></p> <p>Look out for these on our walk on 8<sup>th</sup> October</p> <p>See the FSW website for further information and lots more fungi. All these species have been seen in Selsdon Wood this autumn.</p>	<p><b>Yellow Stagshorn</b></p>  <p>Regularly seen on a Pine stump in West Gorse and another in The Wend.</p>	<p><b>Amethyst Deceiver</b></p>  <p>Seen in David's Path. Loses its colour quickly - hence "Deceiver".</p>	<p><b>Jelly Ear</b></p>  <p>Grows on old, dead or dying Elder trees. Also called Jew's Ear - see FSW website for explanation.</p>	<p><b>Dead Moll's Fingers</b></p>  <p>Seen in Greenhill Way.</p>
<p><b>Candlesnuff</b></p>  <p>A small fungus that looks like the snuffed wicks of candles. Common on mossy stumps.</p>	<p><b>Sycamore Tar Spot</b></p>  <p>Spots on Sycamore and Maple leaves. Does not damage the tree but causes early leaf fall.</p>	<p><b>Turkeytail</b></p>  <p>A small, widespread fungus with banded colours like the tail of a turkey. Grows on logs and stumps</p>	<p><b>Green Elfcup</b></p>  <p>A fungus which leads to green staining on oak logs.</p>	<p><b>Birch Polypore</b></p>  <p>A common, bracket fungus growing on Birch. The underside is white and has pores not gills.</p>
<p><b>Ivory Coral</b></p>  <p>Seen in our wood for the first time this year.</p>	<p><b>Common Tar Crust</b></p>  <p>Seen off Broad Walk.</p>	<p><b>Powdery Oak Mildew</b></p>  <p>A widespread fungus on Oak leaves.</p>	<p><b>Frosty Bonnet</b></p>  <p>One of the smallest of the Mycenae fungi.</p>	<p><b>Blushing Bracket</b></p>  <p>On Birch logs. Stains red when scratched</p>