



FSW Open Day 9th September – With favourable weather conditions attendance at this year's Open Day was good and steady over the full 4 hours. The event was very successful in terms of recruitment (24 new members) and funds raised (over £300) and everyone seemed to enjoy the day. There were 2 guided walks, a kids activity tent running scavenger hunts and, as usual, refreshments were provided by the Scouts. See the Events page of the website for a full report. Plans are already underway for next year's event, which may well be a combined effort with the SRA community picnic.

2018 Photo Competition! – This year there were 19 entrants who submitted over 100 photographs. From these, a shortlist of 48 were selected and printed for display at Open Day when the public were invited to participate in a secret ballot to select the winners. Over 80 visitors voted and the winners are:

First Prize £50 - Time Machine by David Pinkney

Second Prize £20 - Meadow Flight by Philip Murray-Pearce

Third Prize Equal £10 - Peacock Butterfly by Tony Flecchia & Jet in the Bluebells by Lee Butcher

Cash prizes were donated by an anonymous benefactor - to whom sincere thanks! (Both 3rd prize winners donated their prizes to the FSW.) The 4 winners are shown below and all the winning and shortlisted photos are shown on the Photo Competition page of the website.



The FSW Calendar 2019 is now available for a donation of £5 - Phone 020-8657 0423 or e-mail selsdonwood@gmail.com

This Month's Walk – Fungus Hunt – Saturday 6th October 10am – Join us on Saturday next for a fungus hunt with Ted Forsyth and Tony Flecchia. Meet, as usual, at the car park in Old Farleigh Road. Ted and Tony have already started looking out for what is around and some of the fungi you might hope to see are shown on the Spotter's Guide overleaf and the Sightings page of the website.

<p>Lots of Fungi Look out for these on our walk on 6th October</p> <p>See the FSW website for further information and lots more fungi. All photographs taken in Selsdon Wood.</p>	<p>Oak Pin</p>  <p>Tiny mushrooms on Oak – seen this year In Noakes Way.</p>	<p>Beefsteak</p>  <p>Previously seen in Noakes Way. Often appears to be “bleeding” as here.</p>	<p>Sycamore Tar Spot</p>  <p>Spots on Sycamore and Maple leaves. Does not damage the tree but causes early leaf fall</p>	<p>Blushing Bracket</p>  <p>On Birch logs in West Gorse. Stains red when scratched</p>
<p>Honey Fungus</p>  <p>Widespread, growing on dead wood. A destructive parasite that kills trees.</p>	<p>King Alfred's Cakes</p>  <p>Grow on logs and stumps of Ash. Hard and spherical, it looks like burnt cakes.</p>	<p>Southern Bracket</p>  <p>A sturdy bracket fungus. Seen in Steven's Walk on Birch logs.</p>	<p>Stump Puff Ball</p>  <p>Small, common fungus growing on tree stumps. Spores are released in a puff when it is touched.</p>	<p>Common Earthball</p>  <p>Ball shaped mushroom. Seen this year off Beech Grove..</p>
<p>Candlesnuff</p>  <p>A small fungus that looks like the snuffed wicks of candles. Common on mossy stumps.</p>	<p>Birch Polypore</p>  <p>A common, bracket fungus growing on Birch. The underside is white and has pores not gills.</p>	<p>Ochre Cushion</p>  <p>A bright yellow fungus growing on Birch Polypore.</p>	<p>Turkeytail</p>  <p>A small, widespread fungus with banded colours like the tail of a turkey. Grows on logs and stumps.</p>	<p>Dead Moll's Fingers</p>  <p>Seen in Greenhill Way.</p>