

**A Big Thanks to Our Donors** – Earlier this summer we received a donation of a trolley and a parasol from Selsdon residents Mr Denis & Mrs Kathleen Brooks. We make great use of the trolley in our work and were able to sell the parasol to another local resident, Mr Michael Passman, for our £30 asking price. In addition Mr Passman made a very substantial donation to our funds in appreciation of the work we do for the woods. The Friends of Selsdon Wood would like to thank both parties for their generous donations☺ We have added their names to our Honorary Members list.

**Minibeast Hunt with Roger Hawkins on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August** - Around 20 adults and 30 children came to our hunt on a lovely warm sunny day. After a brief introduction from Roger & Vic, the children were issued with collecting tubes, nets and catching sheets and they set off around the car park field with their parents and grandparents to see what could be found. As in previous years, many sharp eared children were able to find the chirruping crickets and with better vision they could even count the spots on the tiniest of ladybirds. To finish the session several groups walked up into David's Crook to look for butterflies on the marjoram patch and to beat the hedgerows with sticks to knock the minibeasts lurking there onto a catching sheet. There is a full list of the species seen and identified on the Walks page of the website.

**Linden Glade Update** – Work continues in Linden Glade. You may have noticed the tape around the area on the weekend of 14<sup>th</sup> August. It was placed there to warn visitors that there might be a problem and to keep them away from the area while we worked to seal the concrete surface of the empty pond. The photograph shows Neale applying the first coat. The team remained by the pond for over 4 hours, applying 3 coats of sealant with time for drying in between. We are now fairly confident that the surface is waterproof and await the autumn rains. We are also currently negotiating with the water board about getting access to a water supply - at least for topping up. Initial response seems very promising - watch this space! (A full report of the work on Linden Glade may be found on the Projects page of the website.)



**Website Sightings Page** – In preparation for our October Fungi Hunt walk the Sightings page of our website is now dominated by a list of the fungi that we have already spotted this season. We would love to add your sightings too so please email us at the address below to let us know what you have seen. Photos are welcome but not essential as we already have archived pictures of most species. The more people we have contributing the more complete will be our record, so do please join in.

**Display in Selsdon Library** – If you pay a visit to Selsdon Library or to Sainsbury's in the next couple of weeks be sure to take a look at our display which is set up at the back of the library. As well as advertising our forthcoming Open Day, the display shows some of the multitude of animals large and small which may be seen in our beautiful wood. We hope that the warm weather persists giving you all a chance to visit the wood before the summer ends.

**FSW Open Day - Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup>** – Don't forget to keep this date free for our Open Day. Page 2 of the newsletter this month has a poster and if you have somewhere to display this to advertise the event we would be very grateful.



# OPEN DAY



**Sunday 11th September**

**12 noon to 4pm**



**Selsdon Wood Car Park**

Many Stalls & Displays including

East Surrey Badger Protection Society,



a Potter, RSPB,



East Surrey Wood Turners,

Beekeepers & Meet a Ferret!



Uncle Ria's Jams & Preserves for Sale.

FSW Tombola with lots of prizes.

**Short Guided Walks: 12.30 & 2.30 for about an hour**



FSW Scavenger hunt & items of interest for children & a storytelling session for them from 1.45 to 2.15pm.

**Refreshments & Games provided by local Scouts;**



**Activities by local Brownies.**



Please note on-site parking is very limited but the 433 bus stops in Sandpiper Road.