

Friends of Selsdon Wood Newsletter

September 2020

Open Day Cancelled - As announced in last month's newsletter, Open Day 2020 has been cancelled due to the corona virus. At present, the hope is to start holding the event again next year so please put a note in your diary for Sunday 5th September 2021 - it's never too soon to start planning! **As for this year, we hope the FSW information stand will still be erected in the usual area on the 6th September (probably from about 11 - 3) to catch the interest of walkers and picnickers – and so you can pay your annual subs to FSW and the Selsdon Residents Association (SRA) if you have not yet done so.**

The FSW Calendar 2021 is available for a donation of £5 - Copies will be available on the FSW stand on 6th September or get your copy by phone 020-8651 1037 or 07971 580528 or e-mail selsdonwood@gmail.com

How Important was Our Wood to You during the Covid Crisis? – Croydon is keen to find out how people's perception has changed towards parks and open spaces and is therefore seeking public feedback via a easy to complete parks survey. Selsdon Wood is one of the locations included and so if you have used our wood during the crisis do please complete the survey to give your view on the importance of our wood. The survey runs until mid-September and is available at the following link <https://getinvolved.croydon.gov.uk/survey/987>.


Have You Renewed Your Subs for 2020? - There are 42 members of FSW who have not yet renewed their subscriptions for 2020. We really need your £5 to support our work so do please check your records and if you have not yet renewed let us have your subscription fee. You can pay by cheque, PO or cash to - FSW Treasurer c/o 68 Greville Avenue, South Croydon, CR2 8NL or by postal or online banking to Friends of Selsdon Wood at Barclays Bank, Croydon Branch, Account No. 80883832, Sort Code 20-24-61. Better still why not set up a Standing Order then you don't have to worry about forgetting in future years.

2020 Photo Competition! – Many thanks to Steve Budd for organising this year's competition☺ There were 13 entrants who submitted 51 photographs. As announced above, the Open Day was cancelled this year so we were not able to display the photographs for voting in the usual way. Instead they were displayed on the website and on our Facebook page and everyone was encouraged to vote by text or email. Voting took place from 20th - 27th August. 61 people voted and the winners were:

First Prize £50 - Pot Of Gold - Ruth Budd
Second Prize £20 - Peacock Beauty - Ruth Budd
Third Prize £10- A Deer Friend - Ruth Budd

Congratulations and thanks to Ruth who has generously donated the second and third prize winnings to FSW.
The 3 winning photos are shown below and all the winning and shortlisted photos are shown on the Photo Competition page of the website.
<http://www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk/photo-competition.php>



<p>Autumn Fruits and Nuts</p> <p>Fruits, seeds, nuts and berries to look out for in the coming weeks. One location is given though many are widespread. Additionally, many can be found in a walk around the perimeter of Great Field (GF).</p>	<p>Horse Chestnut (Conkers)</p>  <p>Langford's Way entrance from Courtwood roundabout.</p>	<p>Privet Berries</p>  <p>Beside paths on the Eastern sides of Fields 1 and 2</p>	<p>Sweet Chestnuts</p>  <p>In Broad Walk and Avis Grove (GF)</p>	<p>Elderberries</p>  <p>In Vincent Avenue (GF)</p>
<p>Cuckoo Pint Berries</p>  <p>In woodland areas</p>	<p>Field Maple Keys</p>  <p>In the Centenary Plantation (GF)</p>	<p>Sycamore Keys</p>  <p>In David's Crook (GF)</p>	<p>Rose Hips</p>  <p>In David's Crook (GF)</p>	<p>Hawthorn Berries (Haws)</p>  <p>In Court Wood Grove (GF)</p>
<p>Oak - English (Acorn)</p>  <p>Northern Edge of Great Field</p>	<p>Oak - Turkey (Leaf & Acorn)</p>  <p>Northern Edge of Great Field</p>	<p>Rowan Berries</p>  <p>In the Gorses by East Gorse</p>	<p>Dogwood Berries</p>  <p>In David's Crook (GF)</p>	<p>Ash Keys</p>  <p>Top of Field 1 (GF)</p>
<p>Wayfaring Tree Berries</p>  <p>In Great Field near Jubilee</p>	<p>Whitebeam Berries</p>  <p>Eastern edge of Field 2 and Western edge of Field 3</p>	<p>Blackthorn (Sloes)</p>  <p>In Great Field and David's Crook</p>	<p>Crab Apples</p>  <p>In Field 1 by car park</p>	<p>A detailed Tree Spotter's Guide for each of the 41 species of tree in Selsdon Wood is available in the form of downloadable pdfs from the Trees and Shrubs page of the FSW website.</p>