



Friends of Park Wood

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Late Spring/Summer Newsletter 2015

Park Wood has been very much at the heart of the community these last few months:

March/April:

Park Wood Easter Egg Hunt – excellent weather and turnout, over 150 adults and children participated and a good time was had by all.

The Rainbows had a successful Easter egg hunt.

The Brownies had a Paddington Bear Wellie Walk Badge.

Jackie Buckley our long serving chair and member of the committee retired after many years of tireless work, she is replaced as chair by Steve Lush.

The speaker at the AGM was the planning officer from the Southdowns National Park, the turnout at the AGM was acceptable but we could do with more support from members.

May/June:

The second Waterlooville Explorers clearing the wood of litter and then playing communal games.

Local Guide Group playing a ‘Wide Game’ all related to nature – nest building challenge, scavenging, spot the difference, nature word search.

The general consensus is that we are ‘*doing a good job*’ and it is much appreciated by all, although a few have raised issues with the holly felling and general clearance of certain areas.

There is a fete in Jubilee Park on Sunday 16th August 2015, Friends of Park Wood will have a stall there and anyone wishing to ‘help out’ please contact Maureen at maureenye@ntlworld.com

CALENDAR
July 26 th Work Day
August 16 th Summer Summer Fete Jubilee Park
August 30 th Work Day
September 25 th /26 th /27 th MEADOW CUTTING
October 25 th Work Day
November 29 th Work Day
December Wardens' Get together Date to be arranged
December 27 th Mince Pies & Mulled Wine
January 31 st Work Day

We have come to the end of our three year plan of holly felling, many will heave a sigh of relief but the wood this year has seen an explosion of woodland flora, thanks to the amount of light shed from this felling.

There are 11 orchids in the front meadow at time of going to press, if you see any more email us and let us know.

Several Beech and Oak have been planted and are all thriving.



Note from the Chief Executive Officer of the Woodland Trust:

‘The Friends of Park Wood is truly one of our finest woodland trust groups and I have been delighted to hear of all you’ve done for us and our cause over the years. In particular, the events you have run getting the community into the wood, encouraging them to value all it has to give, have simply been fantastic – as has the way you have shaped volunteering days. What the group has been achieving is really the very essence of what the Woodland trust is about’.

* Five Bar Gates now in situ at London Road and Tree Side Way courtesy of Havant Borough Council

* Unfortunately several fires in the wood, youngsters enjoying themselves without realising the consequences. **PLEASE BE VIGILANT.**

* Despite signs the good weather has brought more dog walkers in the wood and more '*dog mess and litter*'. Please use the bins provided.

* Thank you to: ASDA, the CO-OP Funeral Parlour and shop and SAINSBURY's for their continued support.

* If I have forgotten anything or anyone, I apologise. If you have anything you wish to add please contact me (Gill) on the email below.

* **WONDERFUL NEWS FOR THE HOMES AND GARDENS AT THE LOWER END OF PARK WOOD WHO HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO SO MUCH FLOODING OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS. THE WOODLAND TRUST, AFTER MUCH LOBBYING, HAS A REVISED PLAN TO ALLEVIATE SOME OF THE FLOODING AND WORKS SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER.**

A big thank you to Sandy and Nick of the Woodland Trust for their support.

Membership of the Friends was due for renewal on 1st April 2015. It is open to all who care for Park Wood and all who wish to see it remain a great environment for the whole community to enjoy. All Friends will receive regular Newsletters and information on the Park Wood Projects.

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