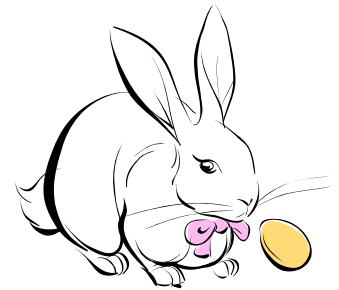


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Winter/Spring Newsletter 2017



EASTER EGG HUNT ON SUNDAY 16th April 2017 12 noon – 2pm @ PARK WOOD.

Ticket entrance only: TICKETS £1.00 per person @ KEYS NEWSAGENTS, HIGHFIELD AVENUE or ring 02392232942

Last year the weather was appalling – it was cold, muddy and poured with rain, but that did not stop the wonderful turnout. So come a long, have some fun and support your local wood, you can even bring the dog.

A big THANK YOU to ALDI for their donation of the Easter eggs for the hunt and thank you to KEYS NEWS AGENTS for selling the tickets.

Many of you are disturbed by the amount of trees that have been felled or greatly reduced – the Woodland Trust have stated that they were either diseased and /or dangerous (i.e. over hanging a path). We are hoping to get a grant to replace the felled trees. If you have any issues please contact the WOODLAND TRUST. We do general maintenance on behalf of the trust, they manage the wood and make all the decisions.

CALENDAR 2017
March 26 th Workday
April 16 th Easter Egg Hunt
April 30 th Work Day
May 28 th Workday
June 25 th Workday
July 23 rd Teddy Bears Picnic
July 30 th Workday
August to be decided
September to be decided

The bluebells are flourishing, unfortunately the brambles have obscured many of them by the beech wood glade. We shall be looking into this. There is a trial area in the wood where the bracken and the bramble has been removed to see if this a feasible option in certain areas of the wood.

The bonfires and tree felling is now suspended to allow the birds to nest in peace.

The scrapes and ditches have been reasonably successful and the Woodland Trust is looking into more ways of alleviating the flooding on local properties. On the plus side it will encourage flora and fauna that flourish in that environment.

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Membership of the Friends is due for renewal on 1ST April 2017
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 Project.

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YOUR SUPPORT IS VITAL AND WE CONTINUE TO THANK ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO TURN UP ON THE **LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH – COME RAIN OR SHINE. WE NEED SOME NEW, YOUNGER BLOOD TO HELP US MAINTAIN THE WOOD. PLEASE COME AND JOIN US FOR A FUN DAY – BRING THE FAMILY AND THE DOG.**

We were joined at the end of January by a local group of cubs and beavers and at the end of February by a group of local scouts. It was a pleasure having them help us on our end of month workdays and we look forward to working with them later in the year.



*Local cubs and beavers
At the January Workday*



*Local cubs and beavers
collecting their 'outdoor' badge*

Earlier this month a group of Cowplain cubs and beavers were having a 24 hour outdoor sleepover in order for them to get their outdoor badge. This included outdoor time in Park Wood, they were all very excited and thoroughly enjoying themselves learning and having fun at the same time. Surely one of the best ways to teach young people about nature and the local community. It is wonderful to see the wood being used in such a positive and constructive way.

We have a great variety of birds in the woods including buzzards, firecrests, bullfinches and woodpeckers. Would all you twitchers please contact me with your sightings?



Ist Hart Plain Scout Group enjoying a work day at the end of February