



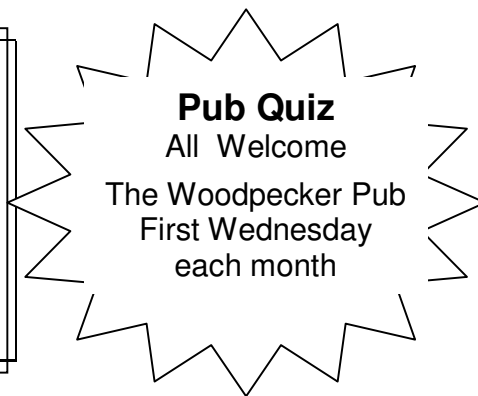
# Friends of Park Wood

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## AUTUMN 2011 Newsletter

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### Pub Quiz

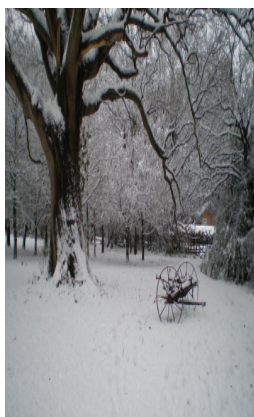
All Welcome

The Woodpecker Pub  
First Wednesday  
each month



**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped mow and clear the meadows. It was a dry weekend and the work was completed in record time. The meadows now look lovely. Hopefully you agree. The work is needed to encourage diversity.

**The Old Plough** in the front meadow looked beautiful in the winter snow. Many of you may have noticed that it has collapsed. Was this age or vandalism? Nobody knows. There was a decision to be made about whether to dispose of it and get money for the metal, or to repair. Consultation with members has resulted in an overwhelming desire to see it repaired. It was felt it was a focal point and an important part of the history of the wood. So investigation is underway for the best way to restore it.



### Important Dates for Your Diary.

#### Tuesday 29 November

Warden thank you evening  
Hosted by Dave Nye  
[davidnye@ntlworld.com](mailto:davidnye@ntlworld.com)

#### Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December - 12.30.

Mulled wine and mince pies in the woods.  
All welcome  
(If you wish to bring visitors please let Jackie know for numbers)

#### Sunday 25 March 2012

Easter Egg Hunt

No other events are planned due to previous low numbers. If you think there should be more then let us know.

### In Touch With Nature

by Lynn Mottram  
written for a person who is blind but can still see through using other senses.

"I stand and listen with eyes closed,  
As pungent smells invade my nose,  
I hear the birds eventide song  
Where the ransoms powerful scent is strong.  
My fingers touch the bark of a tree,  
That I use to lean on and steady me.  
For I know well this pine so grand  
That leaves a sticky resin on my hand.  
The noise of a twig cracks to my right  
Indicating an animal has taken flight,  
Possibly a wandering fallow deer,  
Hiding as humans approach too near.  
I hear the ticking to the left of me  
Of a red squirrel up a tree.  
Then a hand slips into mine,  
For dusk approaches and its time  
To wander home as darkness falls,  
For I have eyes that don't see at all.  
I hear we pass the babbling brook  
And even though I cannot look,  
I let out a very happy sigh  
For I can see it in my minds eye.  
Being blind has taught me how  
To use my other senses now.  
So yes I can truly see  
All of this beauty surrounding me.

### Woods are Fantastic Places...

to spend time and experience nature, whatever the season.

[VisitWoods.org.uk](http://VisitWoods.org.uk) is a unique interactive online gateway to nearly 14,000 woods. It can help you to get out and enjoy all that woods have to offer.

Packed with everything you need to plan a great day out, the site includes searchable maps, inspiring ideas, free activities and space to upload your photos and tips. If you try it let Jackie know your experience and put in the next newsletter.

### Pub Quiz – Woodpecker Pub

Due to fluctuating numbers each week for the quiz team it has been agreed to book a regular day. It will be the first Wednesday in the month starting with .....

**2nd November.** See you at 8.30pm (followed by 7<sup>th</sup> December)

## WORK PROGRAMME FOR PARK WOOD

*Subject to change*

30/10/11		Check drainage general
Sunday 27/11/11	Workday	General tidy
Saturday 31/12/11	Workday/ <b>Family event</b>	Mince Pies, mulled wine and some work, maybe! <b>EVERYONE WELCOME</b>
Sunday 29/01/12	Workday	Woodland Management Coppicing
Sunday 26/2/12	Workday	Woodland Management Coppicing
25/3/12	Workday/ <b>Family event</b>	Pulling sycamore and laurel <b>Family Easter Egg Hunt</b>
Wed 25/4/12	<b>Social/ AGM</b> 7.30pm	Venue to be confirmed
Sunday 29/4/12	Workday	Path work
Sunday 27/5/12	Workday	Pulling sycamore and laurel
Sunday 24/6/12	Workday	General tidy
Sunday 29/7/12	Workday	Path work
Sat/Sun 8/09/12 9/09/12	Workday	Hay cutting weekend in the meadows <b>Everyone needed</b>

### Vandalism in Park Wood

Over the summer there has been a spate of vandalism. Trees cut down, graffiti sprayed on trees, fires started, piles of rubbish. However, thanks to the prompt action of wardens reporting to David Nye, the police have been informed, the fire brigade have attended and the effects have been minimal.

Not on the warden rota but see something untoward then please let Dave know so action can be taken. davidnye@ntlworld.com



### Sparrowhawk

Autumn is a really good time to watch out for a very special bird in your garden.

Young [sparrowhawks](#) are striking out on their own into the big, wide world.

If you're not sure if you've seen a sparrowhawk, check [www.rspb.org.uk/wildlife/birdguide/name/s/sparrowhawk/identification.aspx](http://www.rspb.org.uk/wildlife/birdguide/name/s/sparrowhawk/identification.aspx)

Some people aren't fond of seeing these predators in their garden. As the cliché goes, nature is red in tooth (or beak) and claw and sometimes that can be a bit too close to home.

If you are lucky enough to see a sparrowhawk, wish it good luck. Only 10 per cent of its hunting attempts will be successful!

Being an effective hunter is never easy. And it's even more difficult if you're a young bird which doesn't have the benefit of experience. Only 34 per cent of sparrowhawks hatched this year will see their first birthday next spring, and lack of hunting know-how plays a large part in that.

### Being a Member

Being a member genuinely helps keep the wood looking good, please don't feel guilty if you cannot make it to workdays!

So how else can you help? Encourage your neighbours to join. Tell others about the wood and encourage them to visit

Take your visitors around the wood. Use the walk leaflet to give information. If you want one email Jackie

Or just walk the woods and ENJOY

### Some useful websites

Inspire youngsters - [Naturedetectives.org.uk](http://Naturedetectives.org.uk)

Record ancient trees - [AncientTreeHunt.org.uk](http://AncientTreeHunt.org.uk)

Help local communities protect woods and trees  
- [Woodlandtrust.org.uk/woodwatch](http://Woodlandtrust.org.uk/woodwatch)

Record the signs of the seasons and feed your passion for wildlife  
- [Naturescalendar.org.uk](http://Naturescalendar.org.uk)

Other websites you would like to share, let Jackie know for the next newsletter

### Feedback

Have you any comments on this newsletter, or an article that you would like included in the next edition, then let me know

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