



Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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What we've been doing

8 May 2018

Garth Meadows

One group installed wire fencing to keep grazing cattle away from the new hedge. The other volunteers burned piles of blackthorn which had been left by previous work parties.

A skylark was singing in the morning.

A large group of 18 volunteers attended. The weather was warm and sunny.

We held our Annual General Meeting from 11:00 to 12:30; there was a lot of discussion, especially about election of officers to BCV and the question of maintaining our stock of tools.

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Peacock Meadows

1) One group put in 2 fence posts near Peacock Cottages to prevent unauthorised horse-drawn vehicles gaining access to fields

2) Another party removed tree guards from Peacock Meadow North. The tree guards were the spiral type, easier to remove than the other type, but prone to break into fragments

3) The entrance to the meadow near the tunnel through to Amen Corner was tidied up

4) Brief botanical surveys were performed of Peacock Meadow North and Jennetts Hill.

Coming up next

22 May 2018

Ambarrow Court

Pond creation and fencing. Meet at car park off A321 in Little Sandhurst:

<http://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=482474&Y=162667&A=Y&Z=115>

29 May 2018

Popes meadow

Pond clearance. Meet at Popes Meadow car park, off St. Mark's Rd. Binfield:

<http://streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=484437&Y=169922&A=Y&Z=110>

Friends of Bracknell Forest:

Senior Bracknell Forest Council ranger Chris Swatridge would like to set up a body to coordinate and encourage greenspace volunteering activities in the Bracknell Forest area.

The group will be called the Friends of Bracknell Forest or the Bracknell Forest Green Spaces Forum (see the attached presentation).

There will be an inaugural meeting at **Westmorland Park Pavilion** on **Tuesday 29th May at 7.30pm** where there will be a presentation by the National Federation of Parks and Green Spaces (NFPGS) and this concept will be discussed. I hope as many of us as possible will be able to attend.

See presentation below:



Friends
presentation.pptx

Parks are worth money

A report on the economic value of our parks has found that they are worth over £30 billion pounds per year to the adult population of the UK. Sadly, the quality of our parks has continued to decline in recent years.

<http://www.fieldsintrust.org/Upload/file/research/Revaluing-Parks-and-Green-Spaces-Report.pdf>

New Nature

This is an online magazine about nature conservation, directed at and written by young people (so perhaps not aimed at the average BCV member). The current issue has interesting items on the bilberry and British sharks, and see page 25 for an opinion piece about dogs which certainly does not pull any punches.

https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/15ec9b_42aaef62b72b41bfa8bc6fd40b48af76.pdf

Chairman's sponsored bike ride:

Our Chairman Richard Elsbury volunteers on Monday at Yeldall Manor, a centre offering detoxification and recovery for men who abuse alcohol or other substances. By the time of writing, Richard will have done a 20-mile sponsored cycle ride in aid of the Bursary Fund at Yeldall:

The Bursary Fund at Yeldall Manor is a lifeline for men who cannot otherwise obtain funding to access rehabilitation. You can sponsor Richard on his JustGiving page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising-edit/Richard-Rob-Peter-GHFC>

[Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Your details are safe with JustGiving - they'll never sell them on or send unwanted emails. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to the charity. So it's the most efficient way to donate - saving time and cutting costs for the charity.]

Warfield Environment Group:

WEG have been awarded £518 as a good cause in the Bracknell Forest Council Recycling Incentive Scheme and are now considering new projects to improve the local environment.

www.warfieldenvgroup.wordpress.com

WEG are looking for volunteers to help at Warfield Village Fête:

Saturday 9 June 2018

[from WEG]:

"It's that time of year again, and Warfield Village Fete is just around the corner. We will have our usual stand there, making bee hotels and offering a children's craft (to be agreed). If anyone can help on the day - Saturday 9 June - it would be much appreciated, even for an hour. We need help setting up (10am-12 noon), help during the Fete (12 noon-4pm), and then help clearing up afterwards"

If you want to help, please e-mail: Warfield Environment Group

warfieldenvironmentgroup@hotmail.com

What's on

Warfield Environment Group

Bat safari at Westmorland Park (booking essential)

20:15 – 20:00

Saturday 19 May 2018

For more details and contact details see poster:



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Bracknell Town Council

Spring Event

Sunday 20 May 2018

11:00-14:00

Jocks Lane Park

See: [Jocks Lane Park](#)

Including wood turning, craft stalls and birds of prey; Bracknell Forest Natural History Society and other related organisations will have stalls here.

Bracknell Forest Natural History Society

Evening talk on "**Sarracenias and Pitcher Plants**" by James Rosindell (plus BFNHS AGM).

South Hill Park Recital Room

Monday 21 May 2018

19:30 (£3 fee for visitors/£1 for BFNHS members)

For more details and contact details see:

<http://www.bfnathistsoc.org.uk/meetings.html>

Jealott's Hill Community Landshare

Two events as part of the Chelsea Fringe:

Relaxation on the Hill: meditation led by pranic healing practitioners

Jealott's Hill Community Landshare

Wednesday 23 May 2018 18:00 – 20:30 (ticket-only event, £5 per person)

Tunes and trees: an evening of rock and electric folk music from the Oakhart trio, with a tree-themed quiz

Jealott's Hill Community Landshare

Thursday 24 May 2018 18:00 – 21:00 (ticket-only event, £5 per person)

Refreshments available at both events:

For more details and contact details see:

<http://www.jealottshilllandshare.org.uk/news/>

Bracknell Forest Council Parks and Countryside

The Long Green Walk

Saturday 26 May 2018 09:30 – 13:30

Meet at: Horseshoe Lake car park, Mill Lane, Sandhurst, GU47 8JW.

Finish at: Englemere Pond car park, off Swinley Road (B3017), Ascot, SL5 8BA.

Cost is £2 per person, payment taken on the day. Booking is required - call 01344 354441 to book

Join BFC Rangers on a 9 mile walk from Horseshoe Lake to Englemere Pond over varying terrain including Ambarrow Court, Wildmoor Heath and Caesars' Camp.

If you want a shorter walk, finish at the lunch stop at the Look Out. Bring a packed lunch.

NB: this is not a circular route and you will need to arrange your own transport home.

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