

Friends of Knolls Wood

Newsletter

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AUTUMN 2010 - Greetings from your committee members

Friends of Knolls Wood Children's Event – 12th September 2010

Come along and hunt for hidden mini-beasts between 2pm and 4pm on Sunday 12th September, meeting outside 55 Redwood Glade for the Friends of Knolls Wood and The Greensand Trust Children's Event. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Call John Creasey on 01525 237760 for more information.

In previous years children brought back their finds to have a closer look under our microscopes. They also got a chance to make their own "Junk Bugs" where they let their imagination run wild and come up with their own design of bug, make it out of bits of cardboard, plastic and other odds and ends and take it home.

FOKW Work Parties

Since our last newsletter we have conducted two work parties in the woods. The first took place on Sunday 27th June. This was the day that England met Germany in the World Cup and sadly put up a dismal performance. We started the morning enthusiastically and cleared the undergrowth around Monkey Puzzle walk, cut back growth around the main paths through the woods and did a sweep for litter.



After a good morning's work we convened to the meeting point in Redwood Glade where we had set up gazebos, chairs and tables in readiness for our now annual barbecue. Victor Jones, our chairman, had very kindly provided and set up a wide screen TV set to allow those amongst us, so inclined, to watch the crucial match. The weather was very kind to us but sadly England were, as all will now know, abjectly dumped from the competition. This did not dampen our spirits and everyone enjoyed the BBQ fare. Our grateful thanks go to all those who contributed to making this an enjoyable occasion.



Our second work party of the summer took place on 21st August, on a Saturday morning in contrast to our usual Sunday morning sessions. This session had been arranged specifically to cut back growth around some of the young Monkey Puzzle trees to ensure maximum light is available so as to encourage healthy growth. The main culprits in this regard were Laurel bushes and we were able to carefully trim these back so as not to unduly restrict their own contribution to the woodland scene. We finished the morning's work by inspecting the health of recent plantings of Scots Pine and Redwoods and identifying areas suitable for further plantings in our autumn work party.



Please note our next work party will be on 14 November when we hope to be able to plant some new trees and bushes as well as generally sprucing things up ahead of the winter months. If you would like to help please make contact via the web site : www.knollswood.com Click on the Contacts tab to register your interest.

AGM June 9, 2010

We are pleased to report that we enjoyed a record attendance at our AGM at Stockgrove Park on June 9th. In his report, Chairman, Victor Jones, outlined our objectives and achievements and made special reference to our website which he urged people to visit. The election of a new committee was followed by a very informative and interesting talk given by Jon Balaam, Director of the Greensand Trust in charge of Fundraising and Development, on the subject of The Developments at Rushmere. Jon outlined The Rushmere project - the history, where we are now and what the future plans are. During his talk Jon made it clear that our input is essential at this planning stage so he took questions at the end and he has offered to keep us informed of further developments.

Dates for your 2010 Diary:

12th September	Children's Event	2 p.m. to 4 p.m. next to 55 Redwood Glade
14th November	Working Party	11 a.m. Redwood Glade entrance

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Have you looked at our website recently? Are you interested in what we do? We use this to communicate with you and would like you all to be aware of recent updates. Please visit the site to see more of our pictures. Do any of you have any good seasonal pictures of Knolls Wood?
If you send some to us we will put the best ones on our site.