

Friends of Knolls Wood

Newsletter

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AUTUMN 2011 - Greetings from your committee members

Bat box building - FoKW Children's Event – Sunday 11th September 2011

Come along and help us build bat boxes to provide extra homes in the woodland for our furry friends. We will provide the kits, the tools and guidance, you just need to turn up between 2pm and 4pm outside 55 Redwood Glade. Look for the Greensand Trust Landrover.

The event is free and is aimed at families. All children must be accompanied by an adult. No booking, just turn up on the day. Call John Creasey on 01525 237760 for more information.

July Work Party

Plenty of volunteers turned out to help the Friends on July 10th, when we mowed the verges on either side of Monkey Puzzle Avenue, cleared the cuttings, largely nettles and brambles and picked litter. With plenty of helpers the work was finished by 1 o'clock, after which we enjoyed a summer barbecue. The Friends are very grateful to all the volunteers who give up time to help us look after Knolls Wood.



Planting our Royal Oak

For the Royal Wedding your committee agreed to commemorate the occasion by planting a tree (see photos overleaf). We chose an oak tree as the most appropriate type. To give an authentic Royal connection, we wrote to Prince Charles in the hope of acquiring a sapling from one of the Royal estates. Unfortunately we did not get a response but, undaunted, we acquired one from another source. On the day of the Royal Wedding, 29 April 2011, a number of members gathered at the chosen site and an oak tree was duly planted. We hope to provide a small plaque in the future denoting the tree's connection to the event and have good expectations that the Royal Oak will become a notable feature of our wood for future generations.



Friends of Knolls Wood Work Party – Sunday 13th November 2011

The Friends of Knolls Wood and The Greensand Trust have arranged a work party on the 13th 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. We invite anyone to come and give us a helping hand under the skilled supervision of John Creasey our local GST Ranger.

Please meet outside 55 Redwood Glade at 11 am.

Request for donations to the Friends of Knolls Wood

The Friends of Knolls Wood, local people who recognise the importance of maintaining and looking after Knolls Wood, depend on donations from those who share our view of our unique and beautiful woodland.

We ask for your financial support to help us deliver our objectives: work with the Greensand Trust (GST) and Central Bedfordshire Council to maintain Knolls Wood; prevent exploitation of, or threats to, the woodland and local environment; monitor long-term planning and involve the local community; and preserve the history of the woods.

Your financial support is vital. With enough funding we will:

- Implement our management plan (available on our website)
- Replace aging and dying trees
- Plant additional specimen trees
- Continue to work with local schools to organise children's activities
- Improve the information boards at the entrance to the woods

We are interested in your views, what you think is important, and what difference we can make. Please talk with the FoKW committee member who will call to collect your donation during September, or use the contact form on the website. We are a not for profit organisation and all our workers are unpaid volunteers.

Friends of Knolls Wood Donation 2011.

Please accept the sum of £5 / £10 / £25 / £50 as a donation to FoKW (please delete as appropriate)

ADDRESS: _____ **Date:** _____

A committee member will call to collect your donation during September. Alternatively, please return this slip with a cheque payable to "Friends of Knolls Wood" to our treasurer at Blair Drummond, Heath Park Road. Thank you.

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