

2009 Rambles and Walks

This year we had a fine evening for our bat walk which was made even more interesting by the slide show Ian Butterfield gave us before the walk, so we knew exactly what we were looking for. Actually not many bats put in an appearance, but one showoff gave of its best and kept us entertained for some time!



We had another enjoyable Fungi Walk led by Joan Dobson. Three new species were spotted but our "special" Old Man of the Woods hasn't shown his head this year.



We intend to continue our occasional Wednesday afternoon rambles next year as they are enjoyed by the small band who come along. We don't walk too far and we don't walk too fast. Come on your own, come with a friend - everyone is welcome.

Seasons Greetings - Monday 28th December 2009

This is our last event of 2009. Meet Mary and Peter at The Pear Tree Inn, Norwood Green, for a short walk followed by entertainment. Suggested donation for the walk is £1 adults 50p children

Tony and Yvonne at the Pear Tree will be serving a selection of sandwiches and soup and rolls from 12noon.



The short walk starts at 1pm - it could be very muddy in the woods, so please have suitable footwear.

The Thieving Magpies Morris team will start the entertainment at around 2.15/2.30pm and this will be followed by a performance from the Bradshaw Mummers.



Soup and a Roll at £2.50 and Mulled Wine at £2.50 will be available inside the Pear Tree afterwards, or better still order yours before you set off on the walk.

We round off the afternoon with a Singaround led by members of the Bradshaw Mummers. All singers and musicians are welcome. We hope everyone will join in with the singing which usually includes a rendition of "Hail Smiling Morn".

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Chairman's Message



As we approach the end of another year, we look back on the walks which again have been well supported. On the Fungi Walk we were pleased to welcome our former 'leader' Sal and her son Alfie, the youngest member of the 'Friends'.

At the time of writing the woods are at their best with all the autumn colours changing day by day. Those using the entrance to the woods from Woodside will have noticed the upgrading of the footpath, with no damage to the woods, to make it easier for wheelchairs and families with prams. There are also extra picnic areas. Funding for this work was obtained from Community Spaces.

We are grateful to our Practical Tasks Group who meet regularly to repair damaged bridges, drains, blockages in the stream & generally keep the woods tidy.

We have applied and been accepted, for funding from the Bovril Great Outdoor Revival. Any money we receive will be used for repairs to walls in the woods. We need your support and should be obliged if you would cast your vote by visiting the website <http://www.bovril.co.uk/revival/> using the project code YHOT000065 - or see the website News section for the link. Please pass this link on. Thank you.

We hope you will renew your membership for 2010. Subs remain at £1 per person but if you would like to make an extra donation please enclose it with your membership payment. Why not do it straight away? It's easy to do using the enclosed forms. *Peter Walker*

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CommunitySpaces

New "Access for All" Footpath

Following a successful bid to the Community Spaces, Changing Places grant scheme, (part of the Lottery Fund) work has recently finished on a new 800m. stretch of surfaced footpath from the Woodside entrance to the wood. The grant scheme run by Groundwork represents a £200 million investment in England's green spaces to improve them for local communities.



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The new footpath will enable wheelchair and motorised scooter users easy access to the wood, similar to that at the Station Road entrance built eight years ago. We are particularly grateful to Phil Chambers who acted as adviser on the specification for the footpath, also to Bradford Council Woodland Manager Bob Thorp and contractor Simon Thornton.

Comments on the new path, which includes two new wheelchair and scooter friendly kissing gates have been very positive. There will be two picnic benches installed along the route of the path as part of the project as well as some planting of native shrubs and trees. The footpath will be known as "Tinker's Trail" in memory of Barrie Tinker, former Bradford Council Parks Manager, and supporter of the Friends of Judy Woods who died last year.



Some of our events in 2010 will be focused on the Woodside end of the woods and we intend to make sure they are wheelchair friendly. If you know anyone who uses a wheelchair or mobility scooter, please tell them about the path.

Ian Butterfield - Forest of Bradford

Our thanks are also due to Ian who acted as Projects Manager for this scheme.

STOP PRESS!! Book the Date!! Our AGM will be held on Thursday 17th March at 7.30pm at Wyke Methodist Church and include a presentation by Bob Thorp, Bradford Council's Trees and Woodlands Manager

Meet Judy Woods!



I don't know if you have the same problems we sometimes have when we tell people we are a Friend of Judy Woods.....they think we are talking about a person. They presume Judy Woods is a lady not an area of woodland.

Well we've got news for you.....she is a lady and some of the Friends have met her!

Judy Woods and her husband Barry live in a small town called Churchill about 100 miles east of Melbourne which is the capital of Victoria. Some time ago Barry typed his wife's name into an internet search engine to see what it might bring up and they found "The Friends of Judy Woods" website.

Of course this sparked their interest and when they made a trip to England they contacted info@judywoods.com by email with a view to visiting the woods named after Judy.

One lovely September Saturday Mary, Geoff and Peter met Judy and Barry and gave them a conducted tour of the woods.



Barry, Judy, Mary, Geoff & Peter

Website enhancement

Have those of you with internet access been onto the website www.judywoods.org.uk recently? If not do go and have a look as it's been completely re-vamped and extended. There are lots more sections and pictures and it should load more easily. You can keep up to date with what's going on by visiting the News section or get a map or walks leaflet from the Downloads page. From the next edition, you can choose whether to download the Newsletter from the website or continue to have it sent by post. If you would like to save postage and trees, please indicate that you will download your copy when you renew your membership. There is a box to tick on the enclosed membership renewal form.

We will also regularly post up on the Task Group page of the website details of what's being tackled and when. If you want to be kept up to date automatically please let us have your email address or telephone number. You can email tasks@judywoods.org.uk at anytime to find out when we are meeting up.