

**Great News - Permanent Bins** A regular chore of the PTG has been Litter Picking, including many bags of dog poo. We only had the one bin by the notice boards in Station Road. Two light-weight ones were provided by FoJW, and people proved they would use them, but they got vandalised. Then Bradford MDC agreed to supply two very sturdy and smart bins. We are very grateful for the council for providing them. Please use them for general rubbish and dog poo bags. The PTG empty them every week. Thank you to everyone who also picks up litter while they are out enjoying the wonderful Woods.



### Friends of Judy Woods - FoJW Events

The Friends organize a variety of events. The Bat walk is amazing and very interesting. The Autumn ramble, led by Geoff and Mary, will be a great way to find out fascinating facts about our local area. Have you ever wondered about the strange shapes you see in the woods? Our Fungi expert will show you those you didn't even know were there! Our Christmas special is very popular, great to see the wood in different seasons. More entertainment, a warm welcome and hot punch in the Pear Tree Inn, round off the afternoon.

#### Friday 6th September 7pm



**Bat Walk** - meet Ian Butterfield at Woodside Village Centre, 86 Fenwick Drive, BD6 2RZ off Halifax Road (A6036), turn opposite Tesco. 7pm for talk and slide show before going in woods about 7.45pm.

#### Wednesday 18th September 1.30pm



**Autumn Ramble to Lightcliffe Old Church** - meet Mary and Geoff Twentyman at Station Road, off Huddersfield Road, (A641) Wyke BD12 8LA. Approx distance 4 miles.

#### Saturday 19th October 2.00pm



**Fungi Walk**  
meet Varsha Patel at Norwood Green Village Hall, HX3 8QN.

#### Saturday 28th December 1.00pm



**Seasons Greetings** - meet Mary Twentyman at the Pear Tree Inn, Norwood Green HX3 8QD for a short walk followed by entertainment from Thieving Maggie and The Bradshaw Mumpers. Soup and mulled wine available inside plus, a festive sing around.

Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear - Suggested donation: adults £1 each : kids 50p each

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# Friends of Judy Woods Newsletter Summer 2013



Himalayan Balsam (pictured above) - It's The Season again, we will be working hard to reduce it in the wood. So if you see it, please help and pull it up.

For more information, see Newsletter - Spring 2012

### Letter from our Chairman Geoff Twentyman

The first word in the last letter was "Mud", we had lots! Now, writing, as this year's Chairman, we've walked many times in sandals, t-shirts and shorts.

#### Highlights since the last newsletter

**The April AGM** Alan Williams gave us an entertaining and informative presentation on the work of the Practical Task Group. A May walk welcomed members from other Bradford Woods groups who joined to see what we'd achieved and planned to do. The organisation and work of our PTG has created a lot of admiration and queries from other groups. So thanks to all our regular and occasional workers.

**Our Walks** in May were in cool but just dry weather. Sheila took us on an enjoyable ramble afternoon around most of the woods. Alice Gingell led the flower walk solo and found all sorts of plants that some of us would not have even noticed, let alone named! The July walk was hot and we were grateful for the shelter of the trees as we followed Stuart to Jaque Royd near Shelf and back. Thanks to the leaders.

**We want to send special greetings** to people who want to be with us in the woods but are now physically restricted. We hope you enjoy reading about our what has happened in Judy Woods. If you can see that "web" thing, follow all our activities on [www.judywoods.org](http://www.judywoods.org).

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## Young People have been Active in the Woods

### What's been successful already

A project has been prepared by the James group and the Friends of Judy Woods (FoJW). It has been helped by Heritage Lottery Funds. The aim has been to introduce Bradford's young people to their heritage and environment within the local woodland.

**In May** The enthusiastic youngsters made bird and bat boxes, and several took their boxes home for their gardens. Ian Butterfield, of Forest of Bradford, risked his fingers to help an inexperienced "craftsman" build a bat box.



**In June** Over 20 youngsters went to the woods. FoJW committee members, Denis and Stuart helped get their interest to do activities including dry-stone walling repairs, flora/fauna exploration and finding out about the woodland's history. The young people really enjoyed learning new skills.

**In July** They started doing archaeology excavations to collect and understand the Victorian artefacts they found.

### The Project's future plans

The young people are helping create the Heritage trail. Their knowledge of IT will help make visiting Judy Woods interesting and attractive to young people by installing QR plaques which enable information about specific points in the woods to be downloaded direct from the internet by using mobile phones.



This is our QR code.

**Radio Interview BCB**  
(Bradford Community  
Broadcasting 106.6 FM) Denis (FoJW)  
and Faye (James) went to the studio.



They were interviewed about the project and explained how the young people's views of the heritage and environment within Judy Woods would be incorporated into a modern web-based communications system. It is proposed that a group of youngsters will take part in a "Top Ten" Radio Programme at a later date. Faye also explained how the James group is part of Bradford Youth Development Partnership.

### News from the Practical Task Group - Major work done

**The Stepping Stones** These stones across Royds Hall Beck, are used for access to Jagger Park Wood and needed resiting due to damage by flood waters. This was done with the help of Ian Butterfield's group who provided plenty of "muscle". We dammed half the stream each week to enable us to



concrete in the stones, in the dry portion, so hopefully they stay in place despite any future flooding. We are also looking to see if it is feasible to make some steps on the steep slope at the exit from the stepping stones into Jagger Park Woods

### Drainage Work

Culvert cleared under High Fernley Road. Two weeks of digging out the streams in the boggy area, just north of the road, improved the flow from the spring in Old Hanna Wood. We also unblocked the culvert, resulting in gushing water into Low Wood - very satisfying. It was very muddy work! But this continued to inspire the group.



At the last Task Group's quarterly meeting it was decided that this year we would make drainage one of our main themes, especially along the paths in Low Wood. We had some drainage rods for the narrow pipe culverts that run under the main path. We are digging out the drainage ditches that run from the perimeter wall, down to the stream, that runs through the middle of Low Wood.