

**News from the Practical Task Group  
- Many Fallen Trees this Year**

From January this year we have had roughly 12 trees / large branches that have fallen throughout the woods, some of these blocked paths. These were planted around 1813, probably for bobbins and shuttles for the textile trade.



The beech in Low Wood



The life span for beech is 150 to 200 years, so they are coming to the end of their natural life. The Council are aware of this and the location of the trees blocking the various paths.

**Our Christmas Event at 1 pm 28th Dec 2013, meet at the Pear Tree pub, Norwood Green HX3 8QD**

Our "Season's Greetings Walk" is very popular, it's great to see the wood in different seasons. We had snow in 2010, it was stunning. Then it's back to the Pear Tree, outside for Bradshaw Mummers - will it be smoke or Jack Frost this



year? Thieving Magpie will also be there. Then it's inside for a warm welcome, hot punch, soup and more entertainment with traditional carol singing including Yorkshire Carols to round off

the afternoon. Hoping you will join us

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**Friends of Judy Woods  
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**STOP PRESS** - These posts have appeared in the woods. The QR code at the top can be read with an app using a modern mobile. The young people, as part of the JAMES Project, have designed the web page it links to. More detail in the next newsletter.

The mud is back with us! There are quite a few areas which are almost impassable on the normal paths, and people have had to make their own diversions. However the Practical Task Group is continuing to improve or make new drainage channels which hopefully will alleviate some of the problems. The mud splattered on our high-viz yellow coats may make us look like over-ripe bananas at the end of the morning, but we do have a sense of achievement.

As you can see in the Stop Press news there are now new hi-tech information posts in the woods. Our special thanks go to Denis Waudby, our former secretary and continuing committee member, for all the time and effort he has put into the project, whilst working with the JAMES organisation.

Inside there is a report by Varsha Patel on the fungi walk. Thank you Varsha. It really proved to be a "fruitful" afternoon. Hope to see you at Seasons Greetings — and please don't forget to renew your annual membership on the form provided. All the best.

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What Wonderful Fungi, there have been this year Autumn is one of my favourite seasons; the changing colours of the leaves, a beautiful sight and the strange shapes you see in the woods are usually in abundance during this time. I'm sure most people would agree that this year has been a brilliant year for fungi. Perhaps the hot summer and mild autumn



Earth ball, sectioned showing it's spore bearing inner mass known as the "gleba"



Giant Polypore, or "tree slippers" as they like to grow at the base of old trees.

brought in the wealth of mushrooms, but it has been a mycophile's dream, which is a stark contrast to last year's heavy rains and cold Autumn.

The Fungi Walk had a great turn out, the sun was shining, everyone was interested and the hours just flew past. We saw lots of different mushrooms, all shapes, sizes and colours, ranging from the lovely Terracotta Hedgehog mushrooms, to the less lovely sounding Bitter Beech

Boletus. All the "regulars" made an appearance such as the ever present Turkey Tail fungus and lots of Earth Balls, as well those charming little Amethyst Deceivers dotted about. It was sad Joan - my predecessor couldn't make it this year, but we were all thinking about her and wishing her well. It was great to see the children taking close interest. Fungi are a year round treat, a feast for the eyes. However, because a fair few varieties of edible fungi have an "evil twin", one must always remember the golden rule when out foraging for the pot: "If in doubt, leave it out". Varsha



Ochre Brittlegill; lovely and dainty, try to find one before the slugs do

### The Latest Research about John + Judy by Mary Twentyman

When I did my initial research into Judy North over ten years ago, I was puzzled by the fact that her son John O'Judy (real name John Barraclough) said each census that he was married, but there was no sign of a wife. There are also photos of him and his mother with another younger woman who was sometimes referred to as his wife.



Now research has become much easier, with many original records now on line, I had another try and eventually was amazed to find that he did have a wife AND a child AND another lady friend AND another child! To read more about it please consult the History section of our website [http://www.judywoods.org.uk/history\\_menu.html](http://www.judywoods.org.uk/history_menu.html) and go to the John O'Judy tab. I've also recently found mention of Judy herself in several newspapers in connection with Sabbath Breaking! From the Leeds Intelligencer of 9 July 1853. "On Thursday, in the Court of the West Riding Magistrates, Judith North, of North Bierley, was fined 5s and costs, £1.1s.4d., for having sold a pennyworth of nuts on Sunday, to a boy named Adam Wilkinson. The complainant was a constable of the township, named Edward Handforth". Poor Judy. With a six day working week, her customers would have had little opportunity to legally to visit her tea garden.

### Have you been to the new Wyke Library? Have you seen they have



used our logo to create the Tree of Knowledge. They have made the image of roots with words - 'ideas reading empowerment learning ....' We are very pleased that the 3D



map is now on the wall. It is centred on Norwood Green and clearly shows the separate valleys and woodlands of Judy Woods and Shelf Woods. It was given in memory of John Shephard who loved to walk his dog in Judy Woods.