

Friends of Judy Woods Newsletter Summer 2015



"Don't jump, it's
a long way down
to the beck!"
Thanks Richard
from Facebook



Reader's photo - If
you have a picture/s
to share with us
please forward it /
them to Sheila

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter

Our AGM in April was well supported and the business dealt with speedily. All the officers and committee members agreed to continue, and we welcomed Ian Downey on to the committee. Ian already is a regular volunteer working hard with the Practical Tasks Group on Wednesday mornings.

Mary Twentyman gave a very interesting presentation entitled "From our own correspondence" which featured information and answers to questions frequently received from FOJW members and other interested people.

Among the queries was the question of the legal access to the woods - see the information on page 3.

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Our amazing 9 foot high Green Man and New Seat - Sculptor



Tony Lunn has done us proud. The face has been carved from a trunk that had lost all of its branches. The seat has been cut out of a very large fallen trunk close to the entrance to Old Hanna Wood by High Fernley Road. Many people have perched on it enjoying the view, sitting in the sun, now you



can sit really comfortably. Thanks to agreement between Bradford Council and Tony, we are looking forward to more carvings as well. Thanks to Chris Hill for introducing us to Tony and Sheila Lum for co-ordinating the project.

Wonderful New Steps - Come and learn new skills by helping in the woods.

The PTG (Practical Tasks Group) meets at most Wednesdays at 9.30 at Station Road.



Contact tasks@judywoods.org.uk to check. A recent major project has been creating a new flight of steps in Royds Hall Great Wood. There are also plans to create more steps



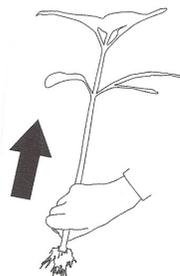
on some very difficult sections of paths to make them safer.

Clearing areas for other projects - The Scout Field is being opened up to create a picnic area close to Judy Bridge. Judy's Field where her cottage was, has also been cleared of brambles. More information to come about these major projects.

Himalayan Balsam - It's that time again!



It is extremely difficult to clear it from the steep slopes beside the beck. But we can try our best to prevent it spreading further into the woods. So please pull it and pile it up if you see it, or it will sprout again from the 'pink elbows'



So there are lots of ways to help. Also we really appreciate those who help keep the woods clear of litter.

Lanes and Roads in Judy Woods - how much do you know about them? - A little Quiz

Do you know **Which is the Adopted Highway?** (1) Horses, push bikes, mountain bikes, quads and motor bikes can use them. Pedestrians can also use them.

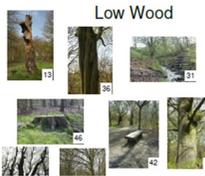
But we also have an **Ancient Highway, which is it?** (2). The same groups can use it.

Do we have any Public Bridleways? (3) Again they can be used by horses, mountain and push bikes and pedestrians, but NOT by Quads and motor bikes.

Horses, push bikes, mountain bikes, quads and motor bikes should not be going through the woods except using the ways listed in the answers below. More detailed information about rights of ways, who should maintain them etc can be found on <http://www.iprow.co.uk/index.php?page=page&catId=11#1>

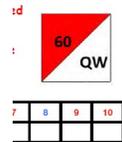
Activities for the holidays and they are almost free

How about trying 1 of the 3 **Picture Trails** - Low Wood, Old Hanna Wood or Royds Hall Great Wood. Each has a photos



Low Wood

sheet + the map with numbers + an answer sheet to record the letters from the red and white squares. Contact us to purchase copies or go to our web site and to the download page to find them.



Find out more about where you are standing in the woods using the **QR Codes**. If you have a smart phone ensure you have a QR reader app (plenty of free ones). Why is



this ridge in the lane? - Way point 7 will tell you. More info <http://www.james-digs.org.uk>

Quiz answers
1 Adopted Highway - High Fernley Road, from Woodside Road to Judy Bridge. If this is blocked by fallen trees etc Bradford High-ways are responsible.
2 Ancient Highway - Royds Hall Lane, this indicates it is recorded as in use before 1835.
3 Bridleway - Not yet - an application is being made for Sowden Lane to become one

Future events suggested donation for our events £1 or 50p for children



A Ramble Wednesday 24th June 1.30 pm Most people walk between Station Road and Judy Bridge, High Fernley Road. Join Stuart Tordoff to go to the opposite end to Jagger Park Wood and Shelf. The woodland is more mixed, and the walk goes across fields to Jacque Royd. Meet at the Station Road entrance, off Huddersfield Road, Wyke BD12 8LA. Approximately 4 miles.

"The Woods in Wartime" Walk Sunday 26th July 1.45pm The event is the result of a love letter written by Mary Eastwood to her beau in the forces Harry Trossell in 1942. Her children Wendy Faulkner and Steve Trossell, sent the letter to us, which included the description of a walk their mother had done in the woods. We are particularly grateful that they are funding a leaflet illustrating the walk. The event will start



with an **Introductory talk in Wyke Methodist Church**, before we cover the walk described. The leaflet will be available on the day, after that it will be available from Wyke Library, Roy Waterhouse's Bathroom Centre on Huddersfield Road, Wyke, BD12 8HT or downloaded from our website. **Meet Mary Twentyman** at the lay-by by "Cafe 609" at the junction of Woodside Road and Huddersfield Road, Wyke BD12 8HJ Walk approximately 3 miles.

A Ramble to Lightcliffe Tea Rooms - Wednesday 16th September 1.30pm Sally Tetlow will lead us on a walk there, where we will be able to stop for a cuppa and a delicious cake or your choice



from lots of other locally produced refreshments. Meet at the Station Road entrance, off Huddersfield Road, Wyke BD12 8LA. Approx 5 miles. Bring some money for your delicious refreshments.

Past Event Wednesday 27th May Over 20 people attended this popular walk. Alice Gingell tutored us in the finer points of recognising ferns and grasses. She recorded 58 plants in flower including 2 new species for our woods. She also found 5 species of fern and showed us how to identify them all. Here's the holly flower which will develop into the lovely red berries later in the year.

