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Brian Fellows - An Appreciation on his 'Retirement'

Wally Osborne

In August 2000, Brian Fellows organised a gathering of conservation minded residents to talk about the restoration and conservation of Brook Meadow, its flora and fauna and thereby prevent the possible development of the site. The outcome was the formation of the Brook Meadow Conservation Group (BMCG) and Brian became its founding Chairman.

Over the subsequent six years, he used his knowledge, energy and a selfless commitment, to the task of transforming the Meadow into the wonderful resource which it is today. At year-end 2006, group membership had grown to more than 400, due in no small

measure to the interest in conservation matters fostered by his fortnightly e-mailed Notes and bi-monthly 'paper' Newsletters distributed to our members. As well as his Chairmanship duties, Brian also managed the BMCG Website, kept the 4 Meadow signcases updated, compiled wonderful photographic displays of wildlife and conservation work and oversaw the installation of the 'Brook Meadow Interpretation Boards', with artwork by local artist Marian Forster.

During 2006, Brian said that he would be 'standing down' at the October AGM, to devote energies to his other interests. The committee told him that he would be greatly missed but are extremely thankful that he leaves the community with a very healthy organisation and the prospect that Brook Meadow will become a 'Local Nature Reserve'; the first one in Emsworth.

At the 2006 AGM, we presented Brian with a fine Wine Goblet, engraved with the BMCG 'Water Vole logo' and a suitable bottle to pour into it, on behalf of the BMCG membership. Brian remains an active BMCG member, and will continue to contribute his Nature Notes to our Newsletters, manage the website and signcases as well as supporting us in many other ways.



Brian Fellows admiring his presentation wine goblet. From left: Frances Jannaway, Brian Fellows, Wally Osborne.

Fungus Foray in Hollybank Woods

John Bond

The Friends of Hollybank Woods held their annual Fungus Foray led by Rosemary Webb of the Hampshire Wildlife Trust on Sunday 29 October. On a fine sunny morning, over 40 people joined in the hunt for these fascinating objects. In fact, with so many people, it was necessary to split into two groups. Fortunately, a second expert, Ralph Hollins, was present to lead the breakaway party.



Common Puffball Fungus

Between us, we found and identified over thirty different species of fungi including the delicate, translucent, Porcelain fungus (*Oudemansiella radica*). This was the first time we had recorded this particular fungus. Over 200 species have now been found in the woods.

We also found the foul smelling Dog's stinkhorn (*Mutinus caninus*) and a fine example of Beefsteak fungus (*Fistulina hepatica*). Common puffballs (*Lycoperdon perlatum*) were plentiful and we also saw a good stand of Oyster mushrooms (*Pleurotus ostreatus*). Both these fungi are edible but only, of course, if positively identified by an expert. A lovely morning for which we must thank our two leaders.

Emsworth Tree Warden Scheme

Frances Jannaway

The Tree Warden scheme in Emsworth now has a strong base of eight volunteers who are very enthusiastic about protecting our local trees. The group is supported in this by Emsworth Councillor Brendan Gibb-Gray, Jamie Gargett (Tree Officer at HBC) and Jon Stokes of the Tree Council. The group of tree champions has had two training sessions (*TPOs* and *Trees and Development*) given by Jamie Gargett and Jon Stokes is giving a training session in January on *Recording Notable Trees*. We also meet informally about once a month to discuss ways in which we can do more to protect trees and raise awareness of their value within our community.

One of our group, Jonathon Huet is giving a talk at the Emsworth Horticultural Society AGM in February on 'Growing Trees'. Jonathon gave an inspiring Tree Walk in Hollybank Woods in July last year and may well be persuaded to give a Tree Identification walk in the spring.

Another facet of tree warden work is to assess planning applications to fell trees either within the Conservation Area and/or which have Tree Preservation Orders (TPO). The group has recently helped stop the intended felling of a number of trees whose presence adds significantly to the street scene. Volunteer Tree Wardens are the eyes and ears of the Tree Officer enabling him to protect trees in their neighbourhood more effectively.

Other Tree Warden activities include seed gathering, growing, planting and caring for new trees, gathering information about local trees, developing projects with local schools and getting involved in Tree Council initiatives such as National Tree Week, Hedge Tree Campaign and Green Monuments Campaign.

A project which the Emsworth Tree Warden Group wants to carry out, is the identification of a number of 'Notable Trees' in the Emsworth area to be published as the 'Emsworth Tree Trail' booklet. Some of us are also interested in getting involved in a national 'Veteran Tree' recording scheme run by the Woodland Trust.

If you would like to know more about the Tree Warden Scheme or have seen or heard something which might adversely affect our local trees, please contact: John Green: 01243 376435 or myself Frances Jannaway 01243 430314.

Coastal Defence Strategy

Edited from Chichester Harbour Conservancy press releases

Chichester Harbour Conservancy is disappointed that the Environment Agency and Chichester District Council have failed to consider what impact 'Managed Realignment at East Head' will have on navigation in Chichester Harbour, the Harbour's 28,000 regular users, their 10,000 vessels and over 700 people who depend directly on the harbour for their livelihood.

The Government requires that Coastal Defence Strategies assess what impact a preferred option will have on adjacent coastlines. This has simply not been done in the case of the 'Pagham to East Head Coastal Defence Strategy' and the adjacent Chichester Harbour.

The strategy has failed to consider properly how:

- The impact of widening the harbour entrance, by Managed Realignment, will have on the hydrodynamics of the harbour, the consequent sedimentation in the navigable channels and the effect on the range of vessels using the harbour.
- The effect on the social, economic and amenity value of the harbour of the loss of navigability, and whether there is an overriding public interest in maintaining that value for as long as possible in an environmentally and economically sustainable way.

Chichester Harbour Conservancy has instigated and is currently running the largest managed realignment project on the South Coast of England so it is not opposed to this in principle, however, it is important that such projects consider all the impacts.

John Davis, Manager and Harbour Master said, "We want all harbour users to be aware of this important issue. It will have an impact on the future of the harbour and now is the time to raise our concerns with the Environment Agency."

The Harbour Master has written to over 11,000 users of Chichester Harbour urging them to respond to the Pagham to East Head Coastal Defence Strategy. If you have not received a letter but would like to respond, those with internet connections can download a copy of the harbour master's letter, follow the link on the ERA website. Others should contact: Chichester Harbour Conservancy, Harbour Office, Itchenor, Chichester PO20 7AW Tel: 01243 512301 email: harbourmaster@conservancy.co.uk
You have until **14 February** to submit your response.

10,000 Trees to be planted in Chichester Harbour AONB

Edited from Chichester Harbour Conservancy press release

A new coppice and hedgerows will be planted this winter in the Chichester Harbour Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). The 10,000 trees will be planted in the next few months as part of the Conservancy's annual tree planting programme. All the plants are native species and include Oak, Hawthorn, Hazel, Field Maple, Blackthorn and Holly. Anyone wanting to help the Friends of Chichester Harbour with the planting work should contact the Harbour Office on 01243 512301.

Kings Oak apply to fell Oak Trees

Frances Jannaway

KingsOak, the builders of the Hermitage housing development, put in a planning application to fell four Oak trees protected by TPOs. These trees are located to the north of the newly constructed balancing pond, which forms part of the Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS). The apparent reason for felling these important trees is to enlarge the balancing pond further north. According to the Environment Agency, the pond has not been built to the required specifications by the developer.

The Oak trees are all healthy, mature trees with high wildlife and amenity value for the residents of both the Hermitage housing development and the wider area of Emsworth and Southbourne.



Balancing Pond with the four TPO Oak trees behind.

If it turns out that the capacity of the pond has to be increased to comply with building specifications and/or those of other statutory bodies such as the Environment Agency, a solution other than felling these trees needs to be found, such as constructing a new vertical retaining wall along the southern part of the pond.

It is also clear that if this balancing pond is not constructed and/or managed properly, there could be dire consequences of flooding for the residents of Lumley Road, especially those near the Hermitage Ditch and in Lumley Gardens. In addition, the very delicate ecosystems of Peter Pond, a semi-saline lagoon and a Site of Nature Conservation Interest (SNCI) with an internationally recognised rare invertebrate; and Slipper Mill Pond into which Peter Pond flows, could be irreversibly damaged.



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