



# Woodsman

The Booker Common and Woods Protection Society

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## **35<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

**8:00pm, Monday May 16<sup>th</sup>  
Booker Memorial Hall**

***Our 35<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting will be held in the Booker Memorial Hall on Monday May 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:00pm. The AGM is open to members and non-members and we look forward to welcoming you to the meeting.***



### **AGM Agenda**

The AGM is an opportunity to find out more about the society and give us your views on our activities. The committee has prepared the following agenda. If you would like something else to be included please email Brian at [chair@bcwps.org.uk](mailto:chair@bcwps.org.uk), or come along and raise it during the discussion. If you would like a copy of last year's minutes before the meeting, please let me know. Copies will be available at the meeting.

- Welcome and introduction of Guest Speaker
- Guest Speaker – Claire Forrest
- Allan Duggin Award for Conservation
- Minutes of 2015 AGM.
- Reports
- Future plans
- Discussion / Questions
- Election of Committee and Officers
- Any Other Business.
- Tea and Coffee

### **Guest Speaker**

Claire Forrest, the Information & Interpretation Officer with the Chilterns Conservation Board, is our guest speaker this year. She will describe the work carried out by the Conservation Board and its connection to and impact upon our local area. There will be time for questions after her talk.



### **Election of the Committee and Officers for 2016/2017**

If you are interested in becoming a committee member, please email [chair@bcwps.org.uk](mailto:chair@bcwps.org.uk), call Brian on 01494 449035 or simply come forward at the AGM. We are particularly keen to encourage younger members to join the committee but any interested member would be very welcome.

The following existing committee members are willing to continue for a further year if re-elected

Brian Tranter (Chair)  
Tim Speechley (Secretary)  
Simon Fraser (Treasurer)

Jeff Harvey  
Sally Blackman  
Hedley Luxton

Sally Jay  
Phil Stagg

Rita Luxton - Co-opted member  
Steve Blackman - Co-opted member

Paul Baker and Rosalind Shorrocks have decided to step down from the committee this year leaving us with two vacancies to be filled at the AGM.

## ***Commons Diary***

Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> - Bank Holiday Car Boot Sales

**Monday May 16<sup>th</sup> – AGM**

Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup> – Booker Show

Monday August 29<sup>th</sup> - Bank Holiday Car Boot Sale

Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup> - Autumn Litter Blitz

## **Visit by the Chilterns Commons & Green Spaces Network**



We enjoyed a very timely visit by members of the CC&GSN at the beginning of March to discuss Community Partnerships. Led by John Shaw, members from surrounding greens and commons described their experiences of balancing the management of a green space with the sometimes conflicting views of users and local residents. The need for a clear vision and good communication using all available methods were highlighted along with the importance of engaging people through organised events. Examples of some of the events that have been held were shared, including those in Booker.

At the end of the discussion the group was invited to take a stroll across the common and along the Woodland Walk. Explanations of the work carried out and some of the challenges faced were discussed. At the point where the walk meets the bridle path, below Sunningdale Close, we met the Rangers with their wheel barrows, rakes and shovels. Having completed the chipping only the day before, the chips needed to be spread along the last few metres of path and our visitors happily provided the volunteer labour required.



So a positive and interesting visit by the CC&GSN ended with the completion of the work to create our Woodland Walk.



## ***New Members***

Please encourage your friends and neighbours to join us. They can do so in person at the AGM, by sending an email to [contact@bcwps.org.uk](mailto:contact@bcwps.org.uk) with their name and address, or by calling Brian on 01494 449035 and we will be happy to welcome them.

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