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The Booker Common and Woods Protection Society

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34th Annual General Meeting

**8:00pm, Monday May 18th
Booker Memorial Hall**

The 34th Annual General Meeting will be held in the Booker Memorial Hall on Monday May 18th 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 for you to give us your views on the work of the society. The committee have prepared the following agenda. If you would like something else to be included please email me at chair@bcwps.org.uk, or come along and raise it during the discussion.

- Welcome and introduction of Guest Speaker
- Guest Speaker – John Shaw
- Presentation of the Allan Duggin Award for Conservation
- Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting.
- Reports
 - Accounts/Membership/Subscriptions
 - Environmental Activities
 - Planning
 - Wycombe Air Park – What is its future ?
 - Woodland Walk - Progress and next steps
- Discussion / Questions
- Election of Committee and Officers
- Any Other Business.
- Tea and Coffee

Guest Speaker



Our guest speaker this year is John Shaw co-founder, together with Tony Speight, of Chiltern Rangers.

Chiltern Rangers CIC was formed in 2013 as a result of a spin out from Wycombe District Council Woodland Management Service. Its purpose is to improve the local environment and to enrich the lives of the local community through practical conservation work and volunteering opportunities. We have seen the work that John, Tony and their team have done on Booker Common, and this is an opportunity to learn what else Chiltern Rangers have been doing to improve and enhance our local green spaces.

Election of the Committee and Officers for 2015/2016

If you are interested in becoming a committee member please email chair@bcwps.org.uk or 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
Simon Fraser - Treasurer
Tim Speechley - Secretary

Jeff Harvey Rita Luxton Paul Baker
Sally Blackman Sally Jay Rosalind Shorrocks

Hedley Luxton – Co-opted member
Steve Blackman – Co-opted member

Charles Pugh, a long standing member has decided to step down from the committee leaving us with a vacancy to be filled at the AGM.

Picnic on the Common - Sunday June 21st



Almost 4 years ago *'The Chilterns Commons Project'* began with the aim of reconnecting people of all ages with their commons, encouraging them to make the most of commons for walking, playing and enjoying the outdoors.

This project has been a great success. Here in Booker we have benefited directly, through the expert advice and guidance we have received and through funding to help us with the care and maintenance of the common. The project is now however coming to an end, so what better way to mark this and recognise the success than with an event that brings people onto the common. Not just on Booker Common but on commons across the Chilterns. A giant picnic on a summer's day.

Together with the members of the Booker Memorial Hall committee we would therefore like to invite you and your friends to join in this event to come and picnic with us on Booker Common. Meet up with friends and neighbours, listen to the music of the **West Wycombe Brass Band**, unpack your picnic hamper and after lunch perhaps join in with a game of rounders or take a stroll through the woods to make the most of the common.

We look forward to seeing you there.

New Members

Please encourage your friends and neighbours to join us. They can do so by sending an email to contact@bcwps.org.uk with their name and address or by calling Brian on 01494 449035 and we will be happy to welcome them.

Commons Diary

Monday May 4th and 25th - Bank Holiday Car Boot Sales
Monday May 18th – AGM
Wednesday June 17th – Booker Common Summer Walk
Sunday June 21st – Big Picnic
Friday August 14th – Evening Bat Walk
Monday August 30th - Bank Holiday Car Boot Sale
Sunday October 4th - Autumn Litter Blitz

You can find us on the Internet at
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