



Woodsman

The Booker Common and Woods Protection Society
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Thank you

A huge thank you to everyone who responded to our request in the last newsletter to pay their subscription directly to the society bank account. Your support for the society is what keeps us going and is very much appreciated.

The 'Roller Bench'

In 2004 the last official game of cricket was played on Booker Common. Most of the equipment, including the tractor was stored away. The score keepers hut was taken down from the top of the flat roof of the Village Hall, and two rollers, one heavy and one light were laid to rest on the concrete strip that had been the nets.

For several years they remained there. Then mysteriously the light roller disappeared. Where was it? It was later discovered in the woods, halfway down between the common and Horns Lane. How did it get there? Who knows? To this day if you know where to look you can see it.



The heavy roller continued to lay there in situ all alone, until the end of 2019. It was decided then to make the official entrance for vehicles over the concrete strip, so the roller had to be moved. A local resident suggested that it could be converted into a bench. The BCWPS committee agreed to contact E & R Meakes to discuss the feasibility. They came back positive, a price was agreed, and go ahead given.



It just so happened that in February 2020 another local resident was enquiring about the possibility of having a memorial bench in memory of his dear wife who had recently passed away. He was happy for the new bench to be her memorial, and agreed to pay the major costs of the conversion.

when the team got to the final of the National Village Green competition and played at Lords, and of the local player who went on to play for Worcestershire and won three caps for England. Not bad for a little club like Booker.

So dear reader, when you sit on the bench, think of Trish Choules, of 1977



With thanks to Linda, Rodney and Robbie

Commons Diary

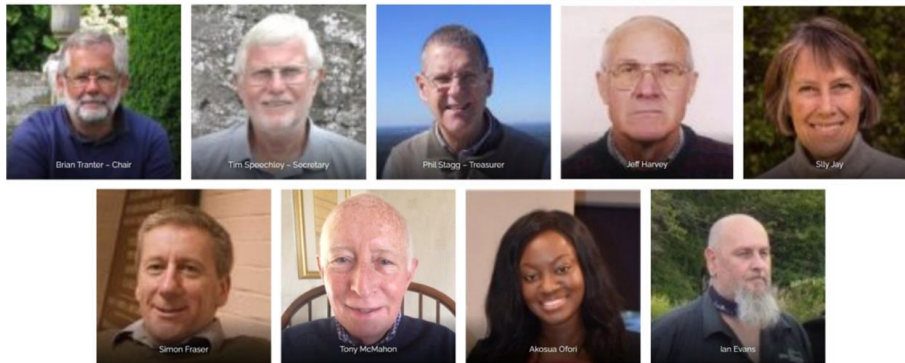
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Monday May 31st - Spring Bank Holiday Car Boot Sale
In aid of Booker and District Horticultural Society
Sunday October 24th – Autumn Litter Blitz

2021 AGM

The continuing restrictions due to Covid-19 will once again prevent us from holding our AGM in the normal way. In accordance with the latest advice from the Charity Commission, we have therefore decided to cancel the 2021 AGM. We considered the option of a remote meeting, but on balance decided that this would not be a practical alternative.

In accordance with the rules of the society, we need to elect committee members and officers for the coming year and also give an opportunity for new volunteers to join. There has been one change to the committee since last year. Sophia Hobbs, stood down and one new member, Ian Evans volunteered to take her place. He was therefore co-opted as a new committee member.



We propose that the existing committee members be reappointed and also propose that any new volunteers be co-opted by the committee. We know that two members will be leaving this year as they are relocating out of the area, so please let us know if you would be interested in volunteering to replace them and join our committee.

A report of our accounts will also be prepared in the usual way by our treasurer, Phil Stagg, which will be available to members on request after May 17th.

We hope you agree with and support this practical approach. Assuming restrictions are removed we will consider holding a GM later in the year. We will review this at our committee meetings, currently being held remotely.

Should you disagree with the proposals or have any other comments regarding our decision in relation to the 2021 AGM please let us know by contacting our secretary (secretary@bookercommon.org.uk) or chair (chair@bookercommon.org.uk).

Thank you

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