



Woodsman

The Booker Common and Woods Protection Society
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A Tree for the Platinum Jubilee

To celebrate the accession of Queen Elizabeth II, six trees were planted on Booker Common by the Booker Coronation Committee. Three of the trees continue to flourish and are marked by a bench, installed in 2018.

The Queen has now reached 70 years on the throne. To celebrate this unprecedented event the members of the Committee propose that another tree is planted.

To reflect the historical significance, we have selected an Oak tree and believe that it should be planted in a prominent position adjacent to the Coronation trees. It should also be marked with a plaque.

The proposed position is on the edge of the area of long grass between the Coronation trees and the Roller bench as shown, (although it will be some years before it reaches the size indicated)



We will discuss this proposal at our AGM in May but in the mean time we would be happy to receive any comments about our proposal.



2022 Annual General Meeting

8:00pm, Monday May 30th
Booker Memorial Hall

After two years of restrictions, we are very pleased to announce that our 39th Annual General Meeting will be held in the Booker Memorial Hall on Monday May 30th starting at 8:00pm. The AGM is open to members and non-members and we look forward to welcoming you to the meeting.

The AGM is an opportunity to meet other members, find out more about the society and give us your views. If you would like something specific included, please email me at chair@bookercommon.org.uk or come along and raise it during the meeting. Draft minutes from our last meeting are on our website, www.bookercommon.org.uk, and copies will be available at the meeting.

Guest Speaker

This year we are very pleased to welcome local historian Dr Frances Kerner as our guest speaker. Her talk based upon her own extensive research will describe the common's management over time. There will be time for questions after her talk.

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Election of the Committee and Officers for 2022/2023

We would be very pleased to welcome new members on to our committee. If you would be interested in becoming a committee member, please email chair@bookercommon.org.uk, call Brian on 01494 449035. We are particularly keen to encourage younger members to join the committee.

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

Brian Tranter (Chair)
Sally Jay (Secretary)
Phil Stagg (Treasurer)

Jeff Harvey
Tony McMahon
Ian Evans

Akosua Ofori

Co-opted Members
Hedley Luxton

The changing face of the woods

At the beginning of this year the gales that swept across the country brought down trees and branches. This is a natural part of the life cycle of the woods.

Any that fall across the paths are cleared while others are left in place becoming home for wildlife, and over time decaying back into the soil.

New trees are also being added, planted by West Wycombe estate to restock, and further restoration work will be carried out once plans are agreed with the Forestry Commission. In the meantime, some more felling of diseased and potentially dangerous trees is expected in May.

We have also been doing some clearing. Footpath No 112 had become overgrown and inaccessible but thanks to our volunteers it is once again fully open.



Commons Diary

(To be confirmed)

Monday May 2nd - Car Boot Sale

In aid of Booker Memorial Hall

Friday June 3rd - Jubilee Holiday Car Boot Sale
In aid of Booker and District Horticultural Society

Sunday June 5th - Picnic on the Common

Organised by Booker Memorial Hall Committee

Membership

Thanks to everyone who supports our work. If you would like to join, please visit our website, www.bookercommon.org.uk/join-us, or email us at contact@bookercommon.org.uk. We ask for a small annual subscription of just £4.00 per household which can be paid directly to our bank account.

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The funds raised are what keeps the grass on the common cut, pays for essential items such as wood and paint to repair and maintain the benches, covers the cost of replacing broken bollards and also the cost of insurance, essential for our volunteer work parties.

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