



# Friends of Hollingbury & Burstead Woods

## NEWSLETTER, Autumn 2016

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### Programme

Saturday	3 December	1000	Southern Slopes path and step maintenance, tree thinning. Weeding Bee Bank and Sheep Lane Glade
Sunday	<b>NB 8</b> January	1000	Coppice New Glade (tbc)
Thursday	19 January	1930	Annual evening meal – see below
Saturday	4 February	1000	Various tasks in Hollingbury Wood, perhaps including planting
Sunday	5 March	1000	Burstead Wood path maintenance, ivy control; Pioneer House perimeter work; Gorse patch; Butterfly Glade clearance
Saturday	1 April	1000	Work session
Sunday	7 May	1000	Work session
Saturday	20 May	1430	AGM (tbc)
Saturday	3 June	1000	Work session
	xx June	eve	Wild flower walk (tbc)
Sunday	2 July		No work session
	xx July		Return visit to Knepp estate (tbc)
Wednesday	12 July	eve	Herbal walk (tbc)

**FHBW annual evening meal** This will be on Thursday 19 January 2017 at the Hop & Vine, Fiveways, at 7.00 for 7.30 p.m; the Hop & Vine menu is at the end of this Newsletter. If you intend to come, please let Karen Johnston know (136a Hollingdean Terrace, Brighton BN1 7HE; [karenjanejohnston@hotmail.com](mailto:karenjanejohnston@hotmail.com); 01273 552521) how many places you want to reserve, and which dishes will be required. As usual, members are very welcome to come with friends or other non-members.

### **Committee changes**

There have been several changes of committee membership since the AGM. Two members, Fraser McFarlane and Steve Kisko, have stepped down from the committee, and Karen Johnston has joined it.

We are very pleased to welcome Karen Johnston to the committee. Karen has been a longstanding member of the group and we look forward to working with her on the many tasks that the committee undertakes.

*Peter Jarman, Chairman, writes:*

There will be a further departure at the time of the next AGM, namely Brenda Pollack. As most of you will know, Brenda Pollack has been serving the group as Publicity Officer for several years and is now about to stand down. We urgently require a replacement for this position, hence this ...

#### ... REQUEST FOR HELP

During Brenda's term of office, our membership and participation in activities have grown due to her efforts with communications. I have, in the past, described this position as the most important link to our success. Without effective publicity our group could lose its way and become just a few people left to struggle to carry out the many management tasks.

The position requires no previous experience, just a willingness to learn and some time each month. Brenda is happy to pass on information about how she has carried out the duties to anyone who volunteers. Duties include making posters, distributing posters, using our Facebook account and liaising with our website officer occasionally. There is also an option to do some press work at times.

Please consider whether you can assist in this respect and contact me as soon as possible ([peterjarm@sky.com](mailto:peterjarm@sky.com), 01273 541206, 81 Hertford Rd, Brighton BN1 7GG) or speak to Brenda to get more detailed information.

### **Change of tool store / assembly point**

From the very start of FHBW the tool store and assembly point has been the Council's flint barn beside the four Roedale Cottages. From time to time there have been proposals for the barn which would have required us to move elsewhere, but until this year such proposals have always come to nothing. Now, however, the need to leave

the familiar building is real and urgent. Happily, the Council will provide us, free, with a secure container as a replacement store and base of operations, and several meetings and site visits have taken place to evaluate possible new locations. The current expectation is a position just within the southern entrance to the allotments. The date of any move is not yet known.

### **Recent workday activities**

There has been a lot of glade clearance in recent months, with damp and mild weather in much of the summer leading to more growth than expected. Other tasks have included tidying the verge of Hollingbury Rise West, and planting wild daffodils there (the latter being done in an increasingly heavy downpour which eventually forced the work session to be abandoned – a very rare occurrence!), weeding the bays beside Hollingbury Park, and tackling damage to the North Hedge.

From time to time it is necessary to be active in other ways. We were among those complaining to the Council about the rat infestation of the recycling point opposite Woodbourne Avenue (and adjacent to our North Hedge) – this was eventually successful in that the site was closed down. We submit group representations to surveys and questionnaires whenever our particular interests are involved, sometimes encouraging members to do likewise. We also bring to the attention of appropriate authorities the occasional use of the woods by rough sleepers.

However, the felling of most of two diseased trees, a beech and a horse chestnut, in Burstead Wood was not an ambitious extension of our own work, but was carried out by the Council for safety reasons.

### **Other recent activities: May. Hollingbury Wood (and the barn/tool store) in the Brighton Festival!**

On three weekends in May an event in the Brighton Festival programme, ‘Digging for Shakespeare’, celebrated the work of Shakespearean scholar J.O. Halliwell-Phillipps, a former local resident. Participants assembled outside the tool store, from which an actor emerged to start the promenade event, which passed through some of our wood and then on into the allotments.

### **Other recent activities: Sunday 3 July. Summer picnic**

Instead of the usual annual outing we this year held a shared picnic beside Hollingbury Wood. This took place on the first weekend in July after a short work session. About 20 members and friends/children attended and a number of people commented on how enjoyable this event was. The committee will look at arranging something like it again in future. We had a surprise visit from the Mayor of Brighton and his family at the picnic. The Mayor - Councillor Pete West - is a supporter of the group and was happy to join us to celebrate the work we do.

## **Workdays routine**

We have always tried to keep procedures at workdays as informal as possible, so that the voluntary nature of peoples' efforts is acknowledged. However, we now think it would be a good idea if those in charge have a note of who is present on a particular day. We are thinking of making available a list of members known to come to work sessions, and asking for this to be marked up by members as they arrive and depart. This should ensure that no-one misses a tea break, or a message that the session is about to end.

Another proposal is that the committee should hold a contact number, or a number for next of kin, where that number is not the number already held on the membership record, for use in emergencies. While we have never needed such information, other groups have done, and we would do well to be prepared.

It would be good to have feedback on the two suggestions above. If there is a general feeling in favour we could begin to implement the 'attendance register' in January. As for the additional contact number, that could be submitted on a revised subscription renewal form in April.

Adrian Peasgood  
Membership Secretary

## **Trees and suburbia**

"Suburbia is where the developer bulldozes out the trees, then names the streets after them" – Bill Vaughan, quoted at [gardendigest.com](http://gardendigest.com). A quick check in the local A-Z shows that the elm is the species most often occurring in local street names, quite appropriate given Brighton's status housing the national elm collection. Indeed, it is found twice as often (8 times) as the next most frequent species, which are ash, holly, maple, may, and rowan, each of which can be found 4 times. (Beech could be added to that group if 'beechwood' were included in the count.) Are these the species one would expect to be most popular in this area?

## **Newsletter distribution**

Following recent practice, this Autumn issue is being distributed by email wherever possible. Members without email will receive paper copies. Paper copies of the Spring issue will be sent to all members, together with the annual subscription renewal form.

## **FHBW Committee**

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## Hop & Vine menu (for the annual evening meal, 19 January 2017)

<p><b>Nibbles</b></p> <p>Coleslaw (V) £3            Feta stuffed red peppers (V) £4            Garlic bread (V) £4            Dough balls (V) £4            Sausages in honey and sesame £5            Marinated olives (V) £3            Stuffed vine leaves (V) £4            Whitebait £6            Calamari £6            Hot &amp; spicy chicken wings £6            Soup of the day (V) £5.25</p> <p><b>Platters</b></p> <p>Mezze Platter £9.50/£18            Feta Stuffed peppers, vine leaves, olives, roasted vegetables, hummous, bread and a choice of either Mojo chicken or Halloumi (V) skewers.</p> <p><b>Pizzas</b></p> <p><i>Stone baked, Italian style. All come with tomato sauce and mozzarella unless otherwise stated.</i></p> <p>Napoletana (V) £9.35            Black olives, garlic, anchovies and capers</p> <p>Classic Margarita (V) £8.25            Mozzarella, basil</p> <p>Fiorentina (V) £9.75            Baby spinach, egg, olives, garlic</p> <p>American £9.75            Pepperoni sausage            Why not add jalapeno peppers for £1.00</p> <p>Fiveways £11.95            Lomo pork, hot N'Dju sausage, pepperoni, Parma Ham, red onions, red chillies</p> <p>Fungho Speciale (V) £11.95            A selection of mushrooms, baby spinach, pesto and black olives</p> <p>Quattro Formaggio(V) £9.75            Mozzarella, Twyenam Grange, Dolce Latte, goats' cheese</p> <p>Giardiniera (V) £9.45            Black olives, roast peppers, roast courgettes, mushrooms, roast aubergine</p> <p>Capriciosa £11            Parma ham, red peppers, capers, anchovies and a hard boiled egg.</p> <p>Pollo £10.95            Cajun spice, chicken breast, red onions, red peppers</p> <p>BBQ Steak Pizza £12.50            BBQ sauce instead of tomato, Sirloin steak, red peppers, red onions and jalapenos</p> <p>Lareine £10            Parma ham, mushrooms and black olives</p> <p>Nanchinno (V) £11            Red peppers, pine nuts, pesto, red onion, red onion marmalade and mozzarella</p>	<p><b>Mains</b></p> <p>Mojo Chicken £12.95            Free range chicken breast skewers marinated in coriander, garlic and chilli served on a bed of couscous</p> <p>Moules Mariniere £11.50            Cooked in shallots, white wine, parsley served with either bread or skinny fries</p> <p>Half Chicken £11.95            Half a grilled chicken served with garlic butter, skinny fries and coleslaw</p> <p>Fish and Chips £10.95            Sussex Ale battered fish served with homemade mushy peas, hand cut chips and Tartare Sauce</p> <p>Fish Cakes £10.95            2 smoked haddock, whitefish, prawn and salmon fishcakes served on a bed of rocket with skinny fries</p> <p>8oz Sirloin Steak £20.95            Sirloin steak served with oven roasted cherry tomatoes, garlic butter, Portabello mushroom, mixed leaf garnish and hand cut chips.</p> <p>Salmon Fillet £11.95            served with asparagus and new potatoes</p> <p><b>Burgers</b></p> <p><i>All of our burgers come in a Brioche bun and are filled with, Little Gem Lettuce, Sliced Tomato and Pickles. They come with a choice of either, skinny fries, hand cut chips or sweet potato fries. Why not add bacon, cheese, jalapenos or a fried egg for £1 or an extra patty for £4?</i></p> <p>Beef Burger £10.95            Served with skinny fries, Little Gem, lettuce, tomato with horseradish mayonnaise and pickles.</p> <p>Halloumi Burger (V) £10.45            Grilled Halloumi Cheese and roasted red pepper layered with rocket and sweet chilli mayonnaise burger and Little Gem lettuce.</p> <p>Cajun Chicken Burger £11.75            Butterflied Cajun spiced free range chicken breast with Chipotle mayonnaise.</p> <p>Blackbean Burger (V) £10.45            A Blackbean and Sweetcorn burger topped with salsa.</p> <p>Goats cheese Burger £11.50            A beef patty topped with Goat's Cheese and red onion marmalade</p> <p><b>Salads</b></p> <p>Caesar Salad £8.95            Little Gem lettuce tossed in our homemade Caesar dressing with anchovies and croutons Why not add chicken for an extra £2.95?</p>
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*Please note that all of our food is prepared in a kitchen where nuts are present.*

*Please notify us of any allergies and we will guide you around the menu.*

*Pizzas can be made on a Gluten Free base if required for a supplement of £1.50.*

*Service is not included.*

Mediterranean Salad(V) £9.25  
Mixed leaf salad, roast vegetables and olives with a lemon dressing.

Fungho Salad £10.95  
A selection of mushrooms, black olives and pesto served on a bed of mixed leaves and baby spinach

**Sides, all vegetarian**

Coleslaw £3

Hand cut or skinny fries £3.75

Sweet potato fries £4

Mixed salad £4

Cheesy chips £4.95

Rocket and Twynham Grange salad  
£4.95