



Friends of Leckhampton Hill & Charlton Kings Common

FOLKtalk

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Welcome to the 2014 Summer FOLK newsletter. In this issue:

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Countryside Management Association (CMA) Study Day Charlton Kings Common June 18th 2014 FOLK raises its profile

Charlton Kings and Cleeve Commons were the joint venues for the CMA study day entitled Managing Peri-Urban Spaces for Multiple Use. A fine sunny day saw 19 countryside management professionals from as far afield as Derby, Suffolk and Hampshire, enjoying a programme of site visits, presentations and round table discussions.



Wayne briefs CMA delegates on Charlton Kings Common

Wayne Sedgwick was invited by the CMA of which James Blockley, Wayne's predecessor, is a Board member, to host the day jointly with the Conservators of Cleeve Common. Wayne worked with Ellie Phillips of Cleeve Common and FOLK on the day's arrangements.



Study delegates transported across Cleeve Common

The plan was to give delegates an appreciation of the management issues of Cleeve and Charlton Kings Commons and an opportunity to share experiences of their own sites so that examples of best practice would emerge.

The day started at Cleeve golf club when the 19 delegates were split into two groups. Logistics rivaling a military operation were needed to

Comments from delegates to CMA study day

Really well planned visits. Fabulous sites from a new perspective. Thank you

It is reassuring to hear issues spoken about that I too share. Now I know I am not alone and the issues are not isolated. Tracey.

Memorial wall instead of benches – going to use that idea! Interesting and stimulating tours and discussions. Thank you

Great mix of sites (contrast). Interesting points on grazing and scrub management techniques.

Thank you very much. The day has been very informative and I'm sure will come in useful in future. Hannah.

transport one group to Charlton Kings Common. Before the site tour started Wayne gave an introduction to the site, Mike Donnelly, FOLK Work Party Coordinator, talked about FOLK and John Harvey, FOLK lead on grazing, briefed the group on the Grazing Plan. FOLK volunteer drivers Tim Sugrue, Geoff Holt, Malcolm Geddes and Tony Childs then ferried the group to Cleeve and a minibus, piloted by Cleeve volunteers, brought the other group from Cleeve for a re-run of the tour.

A well-deserved buffet lunch was devoured at Cleeve by delegates and volunteers. In the afternoon Dr Peter Holmes of Natural England gave a presentation on Future funding options and opportunities in the light of the end of the Higher Level Stewardship scheme in 2016. The stark reality is that there will be very limited funding for future schemes like our own.

To round off the day, Jo Burgon of the National Trust chaired a “round table” discussion on topics including: grazing, access with dogs on protected sites, single farm payments and nuisance species e.g. hemp agrimony.

Feedback from delegates judged the study day a success. A notable conclusion was that similar issues may be dealt with differently by regulatory and advisory

bodies around the regions and that it is helpful to share good practice and to ensure there is broad discussion of issues with all parties.

Special thanks to Wayne and Ellie, Mike Donnelly, John Harvey and all FOLK volunteers for staging a successful and enjoyable event.

Wayne Sedgwick CBC

Chalara fraxinea: ash dieback and Leckhampton Hill

Much of Leckhampton Hill is covered in ash trees. These are likely to be all self-sown native ash species-Fraxinus excelsior. Many of these are large mature trees and some indeed, which about the golf course along Charlton Kings, could be considered to be “veteran ash pollards”. However due to their readiness to regenerate, many young ash colonise open ground and indeed FOLK spend considerable effort removing such ash saplings from open ground. It could be said that ash are one of the top three tree cover species of Leckhampton Hill. They contribute much to the visual landscape as well as having their own significant ecological and arboricultural values.

Ash dieback (*Chalara fraxinea*) was discovered in a Buckinghamshire nursery in February 2012. It was later discovered in the wider (i.e. natural) environment in Norfolk later that year. It is a wind spread fungal infection. The fungus develops on leaf litter after the first season of infection and on twig and shoot material the year after that.



Devils Chimney with Ash tree background

During first season of infection, dieback within the crown appears throughout the summer. Leaves wither and die, turning black whilst still attached to the stems. Small fungal fruiting bodies (which produce the spores) appear on the leaf stems between June and October (mainly July and August). The following year “diamond shaped” lesions appear on the twig work which when split open longitudinally have stained the wood under the bark. This staining is available to see throughout the year.

The Forestry Commission have produced an excellent page on their website demonstrating how to identify Chalara and what to do following your suspicions. Contact should be made to the Forestry Commission or to FERA (Food and Environment Research Agency). They are likely to ask you to send them photographs of your findings so take lots of photos of your suspected leaves/twigs/trees and make a note of where the samples come from.



The result of Ash Die Back infection. Image from the Internet

In 2013 the Dept. of Food and Rural Affairs produced a management plan for effectively dealing with Chalara.

The 4 key tasks are to

- 1) Reduce the rate of spread,
- 2) Develop resistance,
- 3) Encourage land owner and citizen surveillance,
- 4) Build economic and environmental resistance.

The long term plan is to produce strains of ash that are resistant. In the short and medium term plans

are to take proportionate and cost effective action when it has been found.

It is thought that the genetic code of our native ash stock is slightly different than that found on the apparently decimated ash stocks in many countries on mainland Europe. As such it is hoped that there may be a greater degree of genetic resistance to this disease. However it is also considered that as trees have been found to be infected in the wider environment that it will spread. It is not clear how quickly the spread will take place. There is a map on the Forestry Commission website showing where the most recent cases of infection have been identified either from nursery infected stock or where it has been found “in the wild”. A confirmed report, in 2013, was of a diseased ash sapling located just outside Cirencester. The nearest case of a “wild” tree being infected is in South Wales.

If (and when) *Chalara fraxinea* is found in Cheltenham, further advice will follow but it is not anticipated that all ash trees will have to be removed upon infection-trees; can survive for many years and it depends on the trees maturity, vitality and location. The prevalence of honey fungus to act as a secondary infection will have a big impact on the future of the tree. Such honey fungus is mostly prevalent in woodland.

Once a tree is dead, it does not contribute further to Chalara infection and tree removals especially in wooded environment may have a bigger negative impact on Leckhampton Hill than retaining dead stock as standing deadwood.

Christopher Chavasse Senior Trees Officer

Cheltenham Borough Council June 2014

Avian word search

In the last edition of **FOLKtalk**, we had an excellent article on the birds seen on the Hill and Common. Inspired by this article, resident brain teasing expert Mary Paterson has penned us a bird-themed wordsearch. Fifteen of the many species

of birds mentioned in the article are hidden in the grid. The challenge is to find them.

Words may run from right to left, left to right, downwards, upwards or diagonally. There may be some overlap. You are looking for 21 words.

Thirteen letters in the grid are not included in the 21 words listed. Two of these extra letters combine with 3 others to form a five letter unexpected feathered interloper. The remaining 11 letters should be read from top left to bottom right, giving a title to the list.

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The Title: - - - - -

Interloper (unlikely to be found on the Hill) - - - - -?

The Word from Wayne (Wayne Sedgwick Senior Community Ranger, Cheltenham Borough Council.)

As part of our compliance with the Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) scheme conditions and to further our efforts to improve the state of the SSSI on Charlton Kings Common, a draft of a **Grazing Management Plan** has been produced by John Harvey. There are lots of factors, such as the climate, affecting how the Common could be grazed to improve the limestone grassland. The availability of funding is also important when we consider what can be done. There needs to be

flexibility in the way the Common is managed and this flexibility will be built into the plan. Comments are awaited from Natural England and discussions will continue between the Grazier, the Council and FOLK to develop a workable plan. Thanks are extended to John Harvey for his unstinting efforts in production of the draft plan.



Footpath with scrub cleared on Windass Hill

Attention is moving onto **management of the woodland** aspects of the Hill and Common. Hazel plantations are now being coppiced and will be maintained on a rotational multi-year basis, probably every five years. This work can be seen at the eastern end of the Common. The public are being temporarily excluded from the newly coppiced areas by the installation of fences. Experimental ‘wigwams’ of cut material are being placed on the hazel ‘stools’ to reduce grazing by deer. A draft of a Woodland Management Plan has been produced. Natural England have commented that the draft is a good historical review with valuable technical content and they have

requested further discussion of planning proposals for the woodland on the Hill and Common.

Year three of **monitoring of the wildflowers** on the Hill and Common was planned to start in June. Preliminary findings from the first two surveys suggest that change to the wildflower flora of the Hill will be a slow process. Concern for several species of rare orchids on the Common has led to an experiment in fencing off two areas to see whether the exclusion of the cattle will affect the abundance and flowering of the orchids. Nearby areas with the same orchids will be left unfenced to act as checks on the experiment. Watch this space for results of the trials.

Contact with Cheltenham Cycling Club continues on an ad hoc basis but we still need a regular contact in the **mountain biking** community, who would get more involved in the work of FOLK.



A biker on the Hill

Support for the **Countryside Management Association** site meeting on the Hill on June 18th has been encouraging. FOLK members helped out with transport arrangements on the day. See report above.

Access points to various parts of the Hill and Common and some paths are to be improved. This will involve re-grading and repair of roads and paths using stone. The possible use of a surfacing machine that has given good results on Cleeve Hill is being evaluated and costed.

Introducing Mike Donnelly

For this issue of **FOLKtalk**, we have pleasure in introducing Mike Donnelly, the FOLK Work Party Coordinator who is well known to all those FOLK members who flex their muscles on work parties on the Hill. In his role, Mike works closely with Wayne Sedgwick of Cheltenham Borough to channel the efforts of volunteers in transforming the visions and strategies of FOLK into reality on the ground. At the same time he keeps a watchful eye on our safety and welfare



Mike Donnelly in Daisy Bank car park on a work party day

When did you join FOLK? In 2006 I took early retirement and was actively encouraged by Allan Wood, a founder member of FOLK and then Work Party Organiser to join. Allan was a friend from the Leckhampton Players group.

How do you enjoy the Hill? My main enjoyment is seeing the results of our work party programme. I am very proud of the work done by volunteers. The Hill is also a good place to take visitors for walks.

What are your earliest memories of the Hill? Although I was not born in Gloucestershire I have lived in the area for over 50 years. My family moved back here for a second time in the early

1960s when my father, who was a horticulturalist got a job in Elmstone Hardwick. My early memory of the Hill was of sledging in the winter. Later we took our children for walks and games on the Hill in the late 70s.

What changes have you noticed over the years?

For me the biggest change on the Hill and Common was the completion of the southern boundary wall on the Common in 2011. This project has left a legacy for the future and is a reminder of the traditional Cotswold scene.

What is your favourite view of or from the Hill?

Working on the top of the Hill anywhere along most of the Cotswold Way gives great views and reminds you of the wonderful county we live in.

What is your favourite time of year on the Hill?

Because of working on the Hill, summer is my favourite time. When the sun shines the abundance of wildflowers and butterflies and the birds singing are great.

What aspect of the natural history, archaeology or geology of the Hill do you find most interesting?

For me it is the industrial archaeology and the history of how the Hill came into public ownership. Industrial activity such as quarrying and lime production shaped the Hill as we know it today. Cheltenham's people have enjoyed access to the Hill with all its features for many years and I hope we can raise awareness of this threatened industrial heritage.

What does membership of FOLK mean to you?

I see my FOLK membership as a commitment to put back a contribution towards the benefit of the local community.

What would you hope that FOLK would have achieved on the Hill by its 25th anniversary in 2025?

Other than the FOLK objectives for the conservation of the environment I would hope that the Hill and Common have a secure long term future as a facility that will be enjoyed by the public, which many years ago fought for the right to have the Hill as a resource.

Thanks to Mike for his thoughts about FOLK and we look forward to his continued wise supervision of the FOLK workforce and his vision for the Hill and Common. Ed.

FOLK Work Party Report Summer 2014

As we progress into the summer the hill turns from bare landscape with no grass or leaves on the trees to green and fast growing, in just a couple of weeks. This also brings the growth we do not want the Hemp Agrimony and the Ragwort. Annually we try to reduce the spread and the area of Hemp Agrimony which smothers the grass and other wild flowers. An early start on clearing Hemp, found that pulling it before it flowers seems the best form of control and this method is producing results.

With reference to footpath clearance as mentioned in last month's report. We have now cleared back the path on the Cotswold Way on a very overgrown and narrow section and in the same area have had some trees removed which were adjacent to where the Hartley farm footpath comes out on to the hill. This area was very muddy and now even when we get heavy rain it is drying out much quicker than before.



Work party volunteers improving path on Windass Hill

We have also worked on the path down Windass Hill, this path has had over hanging bushes cut back and we have cut back the gorse 2 metres each side of the path to create a much safer path for horse riders and other users.

It is also planned to improve the path from Brownstones car park area to the top of the hill

which runs along the side of the quarry and the fields we use to put the cattle in when not on the hill. This work should be complete by the time you read this report



Fly Orchid on Charlton Kings Common

Since my last report we have increased the protection to the Hazel coppicing, you remember and have perhaps seen, the fencing we erected to prevent the cattle from eating the new growth. We have now erected wigwams around most of the stumps to help protect the new growth from the deer, which we know could easily jump the wire fence. I have attached a picture of the wigwams. They do look strange in the hazel plantation.



Wigwams with Hazel regrowth. So far so good.

This year for the first time since the whole of Charlton Kings Common was enclosed, we have erected temporary fencing to protect orchid areas. The first area is above the pond in Daisy Bank and the second is at the end of the gallops. This has been completed at the request of a number of members and we will review the results to see if the work has benefited the orchids in the controlled area in comparison to other areas.

You are always welcome to join us on one of our work parties, we are a friendly mixed group of male and female members, and you can work at your own pace and take a break if you wish. We meet at 9.30 at Tramway Cottage Car Park Daisy Bank Road and are on the hill for approximately 3 hours. Tools are provided by FOLK. For your own safety please wear stout footwear and tough gardening gloves. We have three FOLK work parties a month. Dates for the next 5 months are printed below

For further information Contact Mike 01242 238790 or Geoff 01242 244165

Mike Donnelly, FOLK Work Party Coordinator

Work parties for 2014

August 2014	Thursday 14th	Tuesday 19th	Sunday 24th
September 2014	Thursday 11th	Tuesday 16th	Sunday 28th
October 2014	Thursday 9th	Tuesday 21st	Sunday 26th
November 2014	Thursday 13th	Tuesday 18th	Sunday 23rd
December 2014	Thursday 11th	Tuesday 16th	Sunday 28th
August 2014	Thursday 10 th	Tuesday 15 th	Sunday 27 th
September 2014	Thursday 8 th	Tuesday 20 th	Sunday 25 th

SMOKE SIGNALS other news from the Hill and Common and the conservation scene.

Charlton Kings Summer Fete

On Saturday 28th July, FOLK attended the Charlton Kings Summer Fete and Craft Fair, which was held on the Grange field adjacent to the Library. We took along our display panels, which we have recently updated. FOLK volunteers turned out to man the stand and inform the visitors of our work.



Rick Plummer, FOLK committee secretary, at the FOLK stand

The weather did not look very promising for the day but after a damp start setting up, the sun shone. We had a lot of interest and were very busy for the first couple of hours we were there. As is often the case the two main concerns were dog waste and also the mixing of bikers and walkers in some areas on the common. It is surprising the number of local residents that do not understand the full area of the commons or the history of the quarrying. People were very supportive of our work and our care of the commons.

We gave out a number of membership forms and back copies of the FOLK News Letter. This paid off as we recruited some new members on the day. However around 2.30pm the heavens opened and with an accompaniment of thunder and lightning, the fete ground cleared of every visitor. We managed to stay mostly dry under the gazebo.

The sun then returned and the rest of the afternoon was fine, which bought out the people again and we had a number of visitors to the stand right up to 5.00pm when the event closed. It is always good to talk to the public and to get feedback on our works on the hill; it is also an opportunity for members to refocus on the overview of our efforts to improve the commons

Mike Donnelly FOLK



Butterfly Orchid on the slope of Charlton Kings Common

Apology. In the last issue of FOLKtalk there were excellent pictures of birds to illustrate the article on the birdlife of the Hill and Common. We failed to acknowledge the source of the pictures so apologies to Bob Wills of the Cheltenham Bird Club who was the photographer. Ed

Comment from Member.

Brian Phillips, a member with a keen interest in the wildflower flora of the Hill and Common, called to register his concern about the impact of the grazing on orchids growing on the Common. He has seen the populations of orchids fluctuate over

the years but he feels that some species, such as the Broad Leaved Helleborine, around the golf club and the Gallops may have been lost.

Brian's concern is shared by other members and visitors to the Hill and FOLK is aware of the need to protect rare orchid species such as the Butterfly orchids and measures are in hand to address the problem.

As you will see in Mike Donnelly's work party report, areas with valuable orchid populations have been fenced for a trial period to see if we can exclude the cattle and protect the orchids. We will report on the results of this experiment in a future issue of FOLKtalk Ed.

Executive Committee snippets

A committee meeting was held on 8th July 2014. Topics discussed included:

Positive feedback on the Charlton Kings summer Fair and the CMA study day, both reported on in this issue of FOLKtalk.



Fenced area protecting Fly Orchids

New Risk Assessment leaflets have been provided for members attending work parties. These are easy to read and the consensus is that they are a valuable addition to our established work party practices. One of our newer work party volunteers found the leaflet a useful prompt that he needed to update his tetanus jabs so an unexpected benefit.

Geoff Holt, Treasurer, said that our finances were satisfactory although we have been dipping into our reserves and that a boost in membership

would be beneficial. He was waiting to hear from the Borough whether we had been successful in our application for a grant under the Community Building fund. Incidentally he had recently attended a short course on the use of brush-cutting equipment at Cirencester Agricultural University. This is part of developing our conservation work skills.

The Chairman suggests that copies of FOLKtalk should be made more widely available in libraries.

Wayne Sedgwick reported back on a successful and fun-filled evening bug hunt and kite flying session on 3rd of June enjoyed by a local Beavers group. The new interpretation/information board for the Hill Fort should be delivered within two weeks. As a follow on from the CMA study day, one of the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust staff had carried out a survey of the wildflowers in Cowslip Meadow with encouraging results about the health of the flora.

Detailed discussion is continuing on the thorny problem of the best way to manage grazing on the Common.

The AGM will be held on Wednesday November 12th at Leckhampton Primary School. Formal notification and more information to be provided before the meeting.

Fungi identification

In the last issue we included a picture of a handsome fungus found on the fungi course, reported in FOLKtalk. A member suggested it should have been identified. Fair point; it was probably a Saffron Milk Cap, which could have been a tasty treat fried in butter. Caution prevailed however and the subject was not consumed.

Butterfly and Wildflower Monitoring.

Butterfly monitoring on the Hill and Common linked to our conservation work is now in full swing for the 2014 season. Warm weather and a mild

winter suggest that we will have a good butterfly spotting year.

Each butterfly species has its own season for being on the wing and breeding, so a full picture of the range and abundance of butterflies won't be known until we analyse our survey results in the autumn.



Dark Green Fritillary

So far this summer FOLK volunteers have recorded more than 20 species compared to 30 for the full season last year. We are particularly pleased to see more of the rarer species such as Duke of Burgundy and Dark Green Fritillary. Perhaps we are starting to see some good results for all the hard work done to improve the environment of the Hill and Common.

Preliminary results for the wildflower monitoring carried out in 2012 and 2013 suggest that changes in the wildflowers on the Common may take some time to be noticed in the monitoring we do. As a consequence a decision is to be made about how often wildflowers are surveyed given that the process can be quite demanding if the weather is poor.

Needless to say more volunteers would be most welcome. Contact any committee member for details

Walkers on the Hill and Common

At this time of year, the attraction of the Cotswolds as a place to walk is clearly demonstrated by the number of people seen walking on the Cotswold

Way as it crosses Charlton Kings Common and Leckhampton Hill. The Cotswold Conservation Board report that around 150,000 people use the Cotswold Way each year. On a recent work party on the Iron Age ramparts we spoke to several walkers including visitors from Japan and the US. It is good to know that our work will help to enhance the experience of these international visitors to our area



Walkers on the Cotswold Way

Solution to the word search

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Birds in the puzzle:

Brambling, House Martin, Linnet, Magpie, Owl, Red Kite, Redwing, Sky Lark, Tree Pipit, Warbler, Wren, Yellow Hammer, Finch/ Bull/ Gold/ Green.

The Title: Our Bird Life (squares with *)

Interloper (unlikely to be found on the Hill): Grebe (squares with !)

And finally: with a knowing nod to the silly season:

Big Cats in Gloucestershire – fact or fiction

Towards the end of January (2012), the national media ran stories about the possibility of confirming the presence or otherwise of big cats such as pumas or panthers in the Woodchester area of Gloucestershire. Much to the dismay of the news hounds and those who believe that there are big cats living undetected in the countryside, DNA analysis of a carcass found mutilated was undertaken, but no traces of cat DNA was found, only that of fox.



Image of Panther from the Internet

Then a few days later, on Friday 3rd February, a sighting of what appeared to be a large black cat like animal was reported on Leckhampton Hill. It was seen by a man walking his Spaniel at dusk on the western edge of Salterley (also known as Waggoners) Quarry. The description given, in particular the rounded convex shape of the back and the length of the tail, was suggestive of a feline. In addition, the normally obedient dog acted strangely, and was clearly interested in

either the scent or demeanour of the animal which seemed to have retreated into one of the numerous cracks and crevasses in the quarry wall.

The following day the weather was very cold and foggy all morning, with snow falling during the afternoon. In the hope of being able to use this to verify what had been seen, by identifying paw prints in the snow, the area was visited on the Sunday. Unfortunately, the thaw was too rapid, and by the time the area was reached, any potential traces had melted.

So, is there a big cat in the area? Was it a trick of the low light, making the animal seem bigger than it actually was? Or was the sighting of some other animal? Why had the dog behaved out of character? Probably we will never know, but it will do much to perpetuate the stories of large carnivores running wild in the countryside.

If you think you have seen a large cat anywhere on Leckhampton Hill or Charlton Kings Common, please get in touch with me so that these sightings can be logged. Details such as animal description (colour, size), date, time, lighting conditions, location and its behaviour and demeanour are needed to help build up a picture in the hope of establishing whether there is a pattern (whether random or not) to the distribution and the sightings.

Good hunting!

Serena Meredith

Other News

New wildflower grassland team arrives in the Cotswolds

The national conservation project - Save Our Magnificent Meadows - continues apace in the Cotswolds with the arrival of two new members of staff at the Cotswolds Conservation Board

www.cotswoldsaoanb.org.uk

Gloucestershire wildlife Trust

Large Blue butterfly

On Wednesday 11th June large blues were spotted in flight at Daneway Banks nature reserve for the first time this year. These beautiful and very rare butterflies were reintroduced to the nature reserve in 2002, after being extinct in the county since the 1960's.

www.gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk

Natural England

(16 July 2014) The latest edition of Spotlight on SSSIs, the newsletter from Natural England that highlights the achievements of landowners, managers and our partners in improving the condition of Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs), has been published

www.naturalengland.org.uk

Gloucestershire Branch of Butterfly Conservation

www.gloucestershire-butterflies.org.uk

Big Butterfly Count July 19 - August 10 detail from website

More links in the next issue

Thanks as ever to all our sponsoring organisations and thanks to Martin Wood, Russell Smith and Mike Donnelly for photos.

About FOLK

FOLK is an organisation set up to work with landowners, to promote the conservation and management of the ecology, geology and archaeology of Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common. We support sustainable recreational and agricultural use of the land.

We welcome new members to support and help us in this important work. If you wish to join (either as an individual or as a family) please contact any of the people listed below. Annual membership is £6 per year for an individual or £9 for a family.

If you have any comments on the Newsletter or would like to contribute an article to the next edition later in 2013 please contact Peter Whalley on 01242 517024 or email to: whalley-p@o2.co.uk Articles of around 500 words plus a photo at any time would be most welcome

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