



Tree Watch

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On 16th May we had **7008** trees in our database and **8577** photographs

Welcome to the twenty-first issue of Tree Watch. It's May and we are enjoying some lovely spring weather. The ash trees are very late coming into leaf this year, so if the old adage is true, we are in for a "splash" rather than a "soak". In this issue there's a summary (page 4) of the progress being made with our veteran tree survey and, with summer coming, it would be nice if we could make an extra special effort to get out and continue the survey. As Oliver Rackham points out, it seems easier to start a survey, than to complete it. It's easier to drum up enthusiasm for something new. Over the years our small, but dedicated band of surveyors have defied this generalisation and this dedication has led to our recording over 7000 trees. The photo (taken by Patricia Green) is of our 7000th tree (MRN 7331). It doesn't look anything special, but this English oak (*Quercus robur*) is 200 year old, with a girth of 3.8m (measured at 1.5m). It's just one of several impressive oaks found in Nores Hill Woods, a designated ancient woodland and local wildlife site in Shinfield, and once part of Windsor Forest. If you aren't already surveying our veteran trees and would like to help, please contact me (email address below).



We had another very successful AGM last month. There's a list of the new committee members and a brief report on page 2. We've revised our health and safety policy to comply with our insurance cover. If you are involved with surveying or any other WDVTA activities, do read Alison's piece on page 2. Fortunately in the seven years of the survey we've only had one reported accident - and that was a bee sting (that didn't result in anaphylactic shock).

Also in this issue there are some before and after photos of this winter's storm damage (pages 6-8).

The next issue of Tree Watch will be August 2014 and the copy deadline is 31st July. If you have comments or responses to anything in this issue or contributions for future issues please send them to: Elaine Butler - datamanager@wdvta.org.uk

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Events - *There are currently no events scheduled.*

- ❖ **There is an events questionnaire on our website - please take time to complete it.**
- ❖ **Go to the events page on our website - wdvta.org.uk/events.php**

AGM

In a delightful departure from normal, we began the evening with some pupils from Hawthorns School reciting the riddles that had formed part of our Jubilee Tree display at Shute End last year (as reported on page 4 of the November 2013 issue). This was followed by the official business, including an explanation of our revised risk assessment (see below) and the election of officers and committee members. Following refreshments, there were presentations covering Tree Warden Activities; Events; and our Veteran, Heritage and Commemorative tree records.

Kerry Clissold and Alison Griffin were re-elected as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. We are still without a Chairman and Vice Chairman; but we welcomed four new members to our committee.

Committee members for 2014-5:

Kerry Clissold (Secretary; Events Group)

Alison Griffin (Treasurer)

Elaine Butler (Data Manager; Tree Watch Editor)

Martin Haslam (Events Group)

Stephen Loyd (Tree Warden Coordinator; Ruscombe Coordinator)

Stephanie McKay (Schools Liaison)

Linda Martin (Woodley Coordinator)

Maggie Sanderson (Hospitality; Hurst Coordinator)

Barbara Stagles (Jubilee Trees Coordinator)

Fee Young (Winnersh Coordinator)

Sarah Hanson

Derek Oxbrough

Stephen Radford

Coralie Ramsey

Michael Rea

Jane Sellwood

Liz Wild

TREES CAN CAUSE ACCIDENTS!

Alison Griffin

This bit is boring but necessary, so having got your attention, please do read on.

The committee and coordinators have been reviewing our Health and Safety Policy. It has been updated to include Tree Warden activities and a formal Risk Assessment process.

If you are actively involved in surveying or tree warden activities, please read the revised policy and the new risk assessment. Copies have been sent to all coordinators and committee members and are available from them; from our website (on the *Publications* page - or via a link on the *Home* page) and from the Yahoo Group (*Files > 1 - Association Information 2014*).

If you are not sure if you ever signed the Health and Safety form, please complete the new revised version and return it to your coordinator.



TREE WARDEN ACTIVITIES

All new developments include tree planting schemes. It's not sufficient to plant new trees; they must be monitored and cared for. Barbara has reported various problems with trees at three sites in Wokingham - beside the Emm Brook at the Lidl Store; those that line the footpath approaching the new medical centre in Rose Street and those planted at the new station. All these will be followed up by WBC's Trees and Landscape department - with Barbara continuing to monitor them.

All except one of our Jubilee oaks look good. One in Finchampstead (#26) has succumbed to stem canker and died. It will be replaced in the autumn. The contractors will begin their maintenance program next month. This includes regular inspection and watering, but whether you are a Tree Warden or not, if you live near any of these trees, please keep an eye on them. If they don't look healthy or there are any other problems please let us know or report directly to Trees and Landscape.

We have no Tree Warden events planned, but the Reading Tree Warden Network (RTWN) has a regular program of activities and, since they don't have their own website, we now host their newsletter on our website. It's on the Tree Wardens page. So do have a look at what they are doing.

All Tree Wardens receive "Tree Warden Updates" via email. If you haven't got yours, let Stephen know (treewardens@wdvta.org.uk). It's also on the Tree Council website. The one for May includes an article on trees and flooding, with tips for tree care and maintenance. There are updates on ash dieback (including how to identify it) and oak processionary moth, as well as details about the changes to the TPO system. If you haven't already signed up as a Tree warden, you can do so via our website. To quote from the Tree Council website *"Tree Wardens are volunteers, appointed by parish councils or other community organisations, who gather information about their local trees, get involved in local tree matters and encourage local practical projects related to the trees and woods."* Many of our members are already Tree Wardens in spirit, but haven't officially signed up yet.

PLANNING TREE SUCCESSION AT ST PAUL'S CHURCHYARD

This year St Paul's Church in Wokingham celebrates the 150th anniversary of its consecration. As part of the celebrations, they have decided to look at the trees in their churchyard and plan for the future by devising a succession plan to ensure there will be mature trees there for their 250th anniversary. Barbara Stagles represented WDVTA at the initial meeting held at the beginning of April and is now part of a project team established to raise funds and carry the project forward. An advisory group is being established to support this team. If you want more information or would like to help in any way, then contact Barbara (via the website or email address on page 1).

COMMEMORATIVE TREES

Just as we planted our Jubilee oaks to celebrate our present monarch's recent jubilee, trees have been planted celebrating other jubilees and we are collecting details about them for our new database (see page 4 of the last issue). At the Langborough Road Recreation Ground in Wokingham a maple was planted to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of George V in 1935. The plaque shown here was found recently and passed to us. There's a photo in the Wokingham Town Council Scrapbook showing Miss E. Curl, daughter of the then Mayor, officially planting the tree.



There is some doubt as to whether the existing tree, a Smooth Japanese maple, *Acer palmatum*, is the original or a replacement. A rumour suggests that the present tree was planted to commemorate the contribution of Canadian Service men to the Second World War, but there is no firm evidence for this. If anyone has any information about this tree - or about any others planted around that time, please do let us know (contact email on page 1).

THE VETERAN TREE SURVEY

The association was set up in 2007 to oversee the veteran tree survey and has of course grown since then, so that now it incorporates the Wokingham Tree Warden Network. As is obvious from the increasing numbers of trees being added to our database, the veteran tree survey is progressing steadily. At the outset no-one realised how big a task it would be to record all the veteran and significant trees within the Borough.

In the seven years since our database was established, we have recorded just over 7000 trees. That's 1000 a year on average. As the Survey snapshot shows, the yearly total ranges from 579 last year to 1321 in our second year (the year being defined by the AGM - we had 6965 trees recorded at the time of this year's AGM). The graph below shows the cumulative totals of trees and photos in our veteran tree database.

It's not surprising that the annual number of trees recorded has decreased because we have completed the survey in three parishes. What is surprising is the number of trees that continue to be recorded.

And we are nowhere near completing it yet!!!

I want to thank all our surveyors for the tremendous job they've done and are still doing. The last sentence of Tree Watch may be repeated in every issue, but that doesn't make it less sincere. There wouldn't be a database without our surveyors sending in their records.

The survey in Wokingham Town was completed in 2012 and the report (available on our website) was warmly received by the Town and Borough councillors, leading to the joint Jubilee project in 2013. The survey has also been completed in Ruscombe & Remenham (although most of the trees in Remenham do not have photos). Shinfield and Earley hope to complete their surveys this year. If some access problems can be sorted out Wokingham Without might complete too. The consistent

Survey snapshot

Trees recorded Yearly totals

2007-8

947 - 14%

2008-9

1321 - 19%

2009-10

1221 - 18%

2010-11

1165 - 17%

2011-12

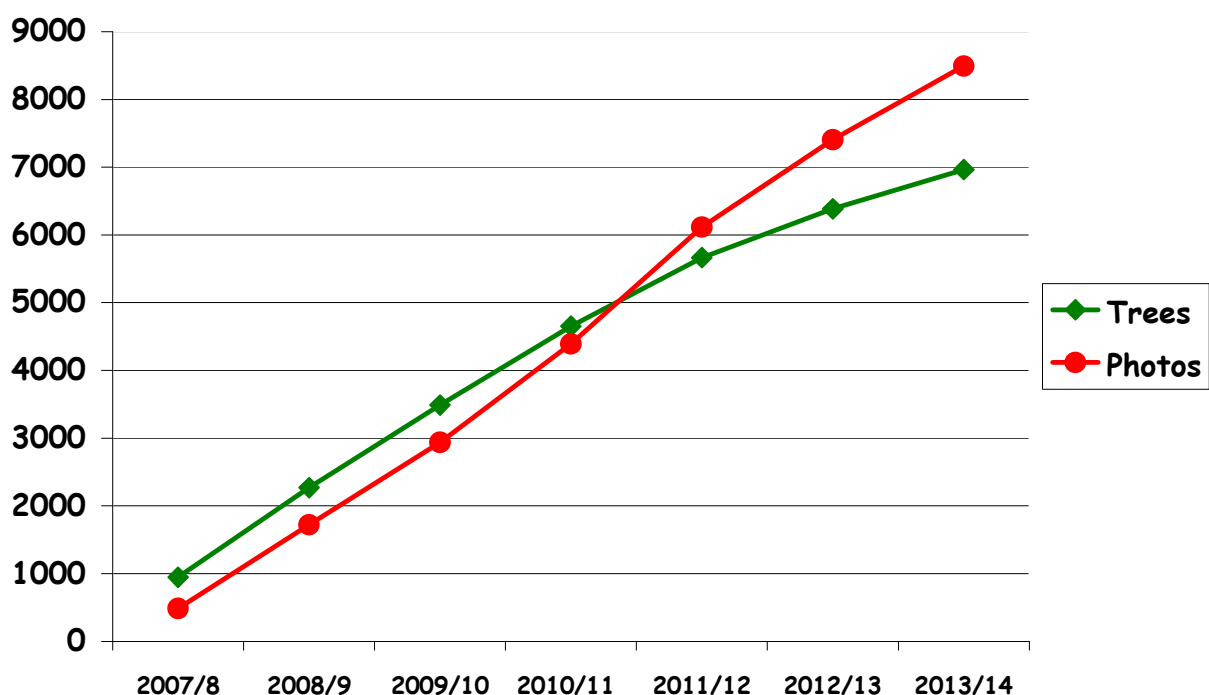
1011 - 15%

2012-13

721 - 10%

2013-14

579 - 8%



effort of surveyors in Arborfield and Barkham continues and between them they are just two short of 1500 trees (with 635 and 853 respectively).

As highlighted at the AGM, we have had no recorders from Swallowfield, which is very surprising since there are definitely people in that parish who are interested in trees and they do have a lot of very fine specimens publically accessible.

We really do need more surveyors. For instance, we have just two recorders covering Woodley and Winnersh. Initially we ran training courses in areas where we wanted to recruit surveyors, but we found that although the courses were very well attended, they didn't produce many active surveyors. These courses take a lot of time to prepare and are quite expensive for us to put on; the photocopying of the handbook alone is a considerable amount for an organisation that does not charge a membership fee. Hence we now approach training on a one-to-one basis, so if you haven't done any surveying for us, but would like to, do get in touch with your coordinator or with me (datamanager@wdvta.org.uk), either directly or via the website (there are contact forms on the website and any queries are forwarded to the most appropriate person).

If you have done some surveying in the past and are now in a position to do some more, perhaps because the area you originally did has been completed, then of course we'd love to hear from you too.

If you want to know what's involved, I'm very happy to explain things to you. There are details about the survey on the website. Don't be put off by the size of the handbook. It's designed to cover all aspects and perhaps makes the task look much bigger than it needs to. The basic task is finding large trees, measuring them in the correct way and recording the details. Entering the data onto the computer recording sheet can be done by others if you don't feel competent in that area. We do want photos of our trees, but if you don't want to take photos, someone else could do that; at least we'd have a record that a veteran tree existed in that position.



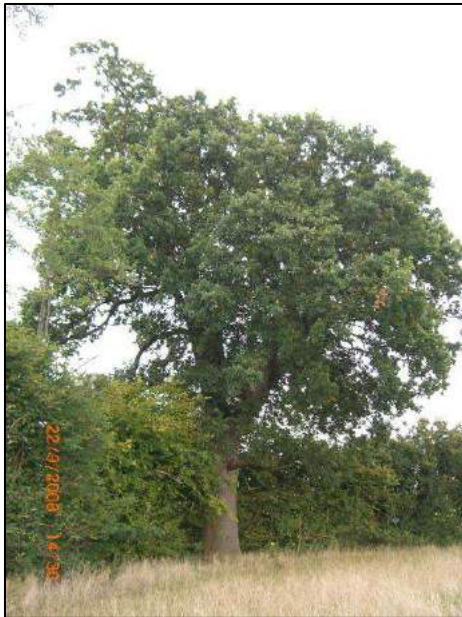
Summer is coming and what could be better than getting out into the fresh air, exploring your local environment and finding the lovely trees that can be found throughout the Borough?

SADLY DEPARTED - IN BARKHAM AND RUSCOMBE

Thanks to Janet Firth in Barkham and Graham Hook in Ruscombe for these before and after photos.



MRN 3863 - This Monterey Cypress, with a girth of 4m, lost a branch in the winter storms and subsequently all branches were cut back.



MRN 3878 - A hedgerow oak with a girth of 4.15m was severed in two



- whilst a smaller hedgerow oak (MRN 3879) with a girth of 2.8m was severed at its base



MRN 4690 - Although this Common Lime had a girth of just 1.8m, it was part of the historic lime avenue planted by John Walter III in 1885, so its loss is particular sad.



In Ruscombe this roadside English Oak (MRN 2285) with a girth of 4.5m was clearly rotten inside. A section of the fallen trunk has been removed where it was blocking the ditch.

In the 'before' photo, you can just see the surveyor standing beside the tree, illustrating its size and significance to the treescape of Waltham Road. Another sad loss.



There are probably more losses that we don't know about yet, but it seems that Wokingham has escaped the major tree loss experienced by so many places over the last few months. Richmond Park is reportedly littered with fallen trees. On the next page Chris Martin describes the situation in two other areas.

The effect of storms blowing down trees is clearly evident, but this past winter has been the wettest since 1766, and we don't know yet what the long-term effects will be on our tree populations. After this mild, wet winter, the National Trust reports that many trees (other than ash) came into leaf early this year and are already displaying summer foliage.

Climate change experts predict that such weather patterns are likely to become more common and so it is particularly important to monitor the health of our trees; and organisations such as the Woodland Trust, the Tree Council, the National Trust and the Wildlife Trusts will be doing just that.

A LITTLE REPORT FROM UP NORTH

Chris Walters

As one of your more remote readers I was pleased to be invited to pen a piece, giving our experience in the supposedly 'wet and windy' North during this past Winter of 2013/14. I have two report versions - the difference in 115miles / 185km is almost astonishing!

i) Impressions of a Lake District holiday in March: from our limited observations, Cumbria seemed similar to what we heard from down South - trees down in large numbers, signs on river banks of substantial rain-driven floods;

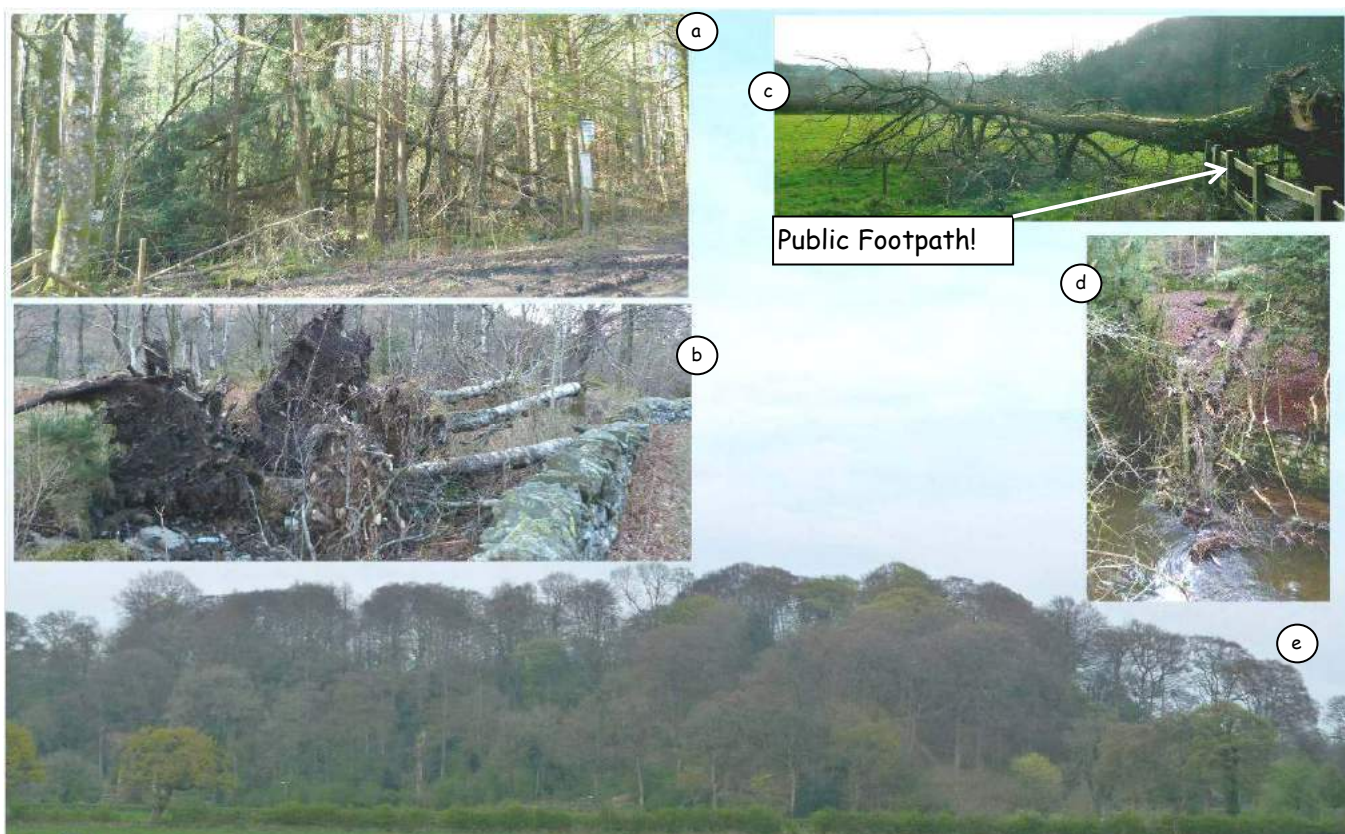
ii) Our local experience: there were trees downed, but mostly occasional, single trees. River banks showing almost no signs of floods.

These are mere personal observations - I'd need a meteorological expert to even start to explain this! Here it was very wet, at times the gales were very strong. We had less rain and also less damaging gales. 'Here' (we live only 15km from Manchester!) is on the NE fringe of the Cheshire Plain and in the low foothills of the Pennine Chain. This Winter we 'enjoyed' our own microclimate - less rain and less wind even than many other areas in the NW. I have no means to explain why that should be.

The images below are only examples of many observed.

Lake District: a) Portinscale (at least 10 trees down), b) Grange-in-Borrowdale (5 trees).

Our area: c) Romiley (1 tree), d) Marple (2 trees), e) Kirk Wood, Chadkirk, almost totally unscathed and yet fully exposed to all westerly gales.



WHEN IS ABUSE NOT ABUSE? If you saw someone deliberately breaking the branches of a mature oak tree, what would you think? If you were in Sherwood Forest, it may well be a legitimate activity. They have nearly 1000 ancient trees which provide a valuable habitat, not least for 1500 different beetles, including 200 red data book species. For their survival a continuity of veteran trees is required, but there is a significant generation gap. There are old and young trees, but not enough "almost vets". Hence some mature trees are being artificially "veteranised" to give them the veteran tree characteristics needed to maintain the continuity of habitat. How do they do that? By breaking branches to start the hollowing process.

PROFILE - RACHEL SANDERSON

You probably recognise Rachel, if not from the talk she gave to a WDVTA meeting, then from other environmental activities. She is involved with so many of them. She currently heads the Chiltern Commons Project. Read all about that on their website: www.chilternsaonb.org/commons.html

"When I grow up, I want to be a...." It's a phrase we all know, but do many of us know what we want to do - or do what we want? I don't feel grown up yet, but my work is now something I want to do and I enjoy it - and that's a real privilege.

I think I took the natural environment for granted until itchy feet took me around the world when I was 20. During that year, the adventures I most enjoyed were always in National Parks - the sounds of the Australian rainforest at Cape Tribulation; tramping around the coastal route in New Zealand's Abel Tasman NP and through the hills to Fjordland NP; the majesty of Mt McKinley in the July twilight and watching a wolf pack hunting in Denali NP; the glaciers in the Canadian Rockies; the power of the bore tide in the Bay of Fundy ... to name but a few.

All I wanted to do when I got home was to leave, to return to wilder places than we have in this crowded island. So I saved and left, for much longer the next time; but when I returned I knew I was coming home because I wanted to be here, not just because I was broke! Yes we live on a crowded island, but it's very varied and there's nothing quite like the British weather and our seasons.

For the first ten years I was back, I spent weekends going for long walks exploring quieter parts of the country or volunteering for BBOWT and the National Trust. From Monday - Friday I would gaze out of the office window wishing I was working outside rather than behind a desk, wishing that my job was the sort of thing I did as a volunteer. Then in 2003 I started afresh and enrolled at Sparsholt College, Hampshire. Three years later I had a degree in Conservation Management - I knew how to look after our semi-natural habitats and the species they support.

These days I have a desk, but I am probably outside for half the week. Working outside might involve surveying, or talking to people about how they manage land (or helping to resolve problems that arise with that), or explaining to others how and why things are the way they are. That's the bit that I find most rewarding - both understanding how our ancestors have shaped and influenced what we have today and sharing that knowledge with others.

Jobs in the conservation sector are sometimes project related and are often short-term due to funding. As you'll never make a million, the people attracted to the sector share a vocation and a passion to conserve what we have left. As well as working with 'partners' like paid staff at the National Trust, Wildlife Trusts and other NGOs, I also work with many highly motivated volunteers who give up their time to take care of their local environment with tremendous enthusiasm. These people, like you, are gems to be treasured because they make things happen.



Rachel surveying on Whipsnade Heath July 2009

The second verse of Joni Mitchell's 'Big Yellow Taxi' sums it up for me ...

*They took all the trees
And put them in a tree museum
Then they charged the people
A dollar and a half just to see 'em
Don't it always seem to go,
That you don't know what you've got
'Til it's gone
They paved paradise
And put up a parking lot*

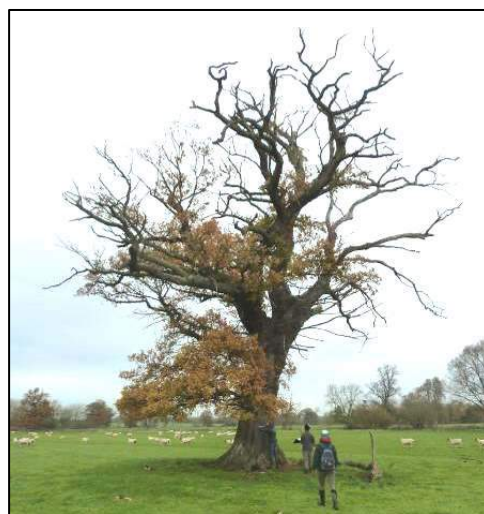
The pressure of development is a real threat to our open spaces, trees and wildlife and we must be its voice to preserve it for future generations.

Rachel Sanderson

THE GARDEN AT SWALLOWFIELD HOUSE

Barbara Stagles

Some of our oldest recorded oaks (such as the one shown here - MRN 7707) would have been young oaks when John Evelyn visited the Swallowfield House majestic gardens in the 18th century. Recent photos of Swallowfield House show that very little is left of the gardens - but many of the trees are still there!



From the diary of John Evelyn (1620 - 1706)

"Hence we went to Swallowfield; this house is after the ancient building of honourable gentlemen's houses, when they kept up ancient hospitality, but the gardens and waters as elegant as 'tis possible to make a flat, by art and industry, and no mean expense, my lady being so extraordinarily skilled in the flowery part, and my lord in diligence of planting; so that I have hardly seen a seat which shows more tokens of it than what is to be found here, not only in the delicious and rarest fruits of a garden, but in those innumerable timber trees in the ground about the seat, to the greatest ornament and benefit of the place. There is one orchard of 1000 golden and other cider pippins; walks and groves of elms, limes, oaks and other trees. The garden is so beset with all manner of sweet shrubs, that it perfumes the air. The distribution also of the quarters, walks, and parterres is excellent. The nurseries, kitchen garden full of the most desirable plants; two very noble Orangeries well furnished; but above all, the canal and fishponds, the one fed with a white, the other with a black running water, fed by a quick swift river, so well and plentifully stored with fish, that for pike, carp, bream and tench, I never saw anything approaching it."

SWALLOWFIELD PARK

Swallowfield Park surrounds the house and is recorded as far back as 1316. It is described in an article on medieval parks of Berkshire in the Berkshire Archaeological Journal - see the supplementary document on our website for references and photos.

The Dinton Volunteer Group recorded 221 trees there between October 2010 and November 2012.

Swallowfield Park is private, but the parish has many lovely old trees which are publically accessible, with several along footpaths. So it is very surprising that we have been unable to recruit any surveyors in Swallowfield.



www.wdvta.org.uk/WDVTS/suppdoc/swallowfieldpark.pdf

We have just 235 recorded trees there, the extra 14 having been recorded on an *ad hoc* basis by recorders from other parishes. This compares with 1088 in the adjacent parish of Shinfield.

If you'd like to help rectify this, please get in touch (email address on page 1).

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do our politicians value trees?

Unfortunately the answer seems to be **NO !!!**

I think you all know Kew Gardens and the important work it does. Its funding is now under threat from Government cut-backs. Kew's work is of global importance. Find out more and sign a petition urging the Government to think again about these financial cuts:

<http://tinyurl.com/kew-petition>

Boris Johnson certainly doesn't seem to value them. Referring to the plans for HS2, he is quoted as saying *"It's tragic we have protest groups talking about 'this ancient woodland' when actually there's no tree in this country that's more than 200 years old. Most mature trees die at about my age, the average life expectancy of a tree can't be more than about 60 years."*

Andy McSmith reporting it in the Independent on-line on 28th April, concluded *"Sometime, when he is not too busy, the mayor should visit Greenwich Park, within the city over which he presides, to apologise in person to the magnificent trees there that are known to have been planted in the year 1664, and to others believed to be even older."*

This was featured in 'Have I Got News For You' followed by a *"How old is this tree?"* quiz.

The Woodland Trust website reported his views with the comment: *"He has shown breathtaking ignorance and environmental illiteracy in equal measure with his latest comments."*

I wonder what John Redwood's views are.

*"The tree which moves some to tears of joy
is in the eyes of others only a green thing that stands in the way."*

William Blake (1799)

A FAVOURITE TREE - THE OLD MAN OF CALKE

This old pollarded English Oak (*Quercus robur*) is thought to be the oldest tree in Calke Abbey Park, a fascinating National Trust property in Derbyshire. It was one of the earlier trees recorded by the Ancient Tree Hunt (number 109) and has a girth of 10m. It's 1000-1200 years old, and is just one of a number of magnificent ancient trees in this park. Boris should really visit it. The current woods at Calke, along with those at Chatsworth, Charnwood and Kedleston were once all part of Sherwood Forest.



Until recently vehicles used a track adjacent to this remarkable tree, but a new one has been created to avoid root compaction.



DISEASES UPDATE

OPM

Last month the Forestry Commission announced "*another push to eradicate the oak processionary moth (OPM) from oak trees in the Pangbourne area*". Although no nests were found there last year, five adult moths were found. Whilst this of course does not constitute a breeding population, it does mean that they haven't been eliminated yet. OPM was first discovered in Pangbourne in 2010, 61 nests were found in 2011 and 4 in 2012.

Some areas will be treated from the ground, but two areas of Sulham Woods, near Tilehurst are difficult to access and will be sprayed from helicopters. Herridge's Copse, a SSSI woodland, which was treated by helicopter in 2013 will not be treated again this year as no evidence of OPM was found there. The parts of Sulham Woods to be treated are not within the SSSI.



For the latest information about OPM (and other diseases) see the Forestry Commission website.

ASH DIE-BACK

This disease is spreading, but according to DEFRA, more slowly than had been feared. However it is still considered a greater threat than Dutch Elm Disease and by 2018 all the ash trees in Kent and 20-25% of those in Berkshire are likely to be infected. So we do need to be vigilant and check our ash trees for symptoms. Look out for brown/black/orange leaf stalks with shrivelled leaves.



See the Forestry Commission website for details of the symptoms, including a video, picture guide and downloadable identification sheet - as well as maps showing the current distribution of the disease.

Four potential chemical treatments have been identified, and field tests are underway. Whilst not eradicating the disease, they could be useful in protecting specific high-value trees.

ELM YELLOWS

Elm yellows (EY) or elm phloem necrosis is yet another threat to our elm trees. It has already killed over 100,000 elms in North America. In Europe, it was first reported in Italy in 1981. Since then it has spread to Germany, France, Serbia, Austria and the Czech Republic. Last year it was confirmed in southern England in a two-year old 'Morfeo' propagated from scion material imported from Italy. 'Morfeo' is a very popular elm cultivar because of its resistance to Dutch Elm Disease. What will happen to the disease-resistant elm we planted last year?

Symptoms of EY include distorted growth, yellowing, leaf loss and the development of "witches' brooms". It often causes death, especially of young trees. It is a bacterial disease (caused by *Candidatus 'Phytoplasma ulmi'*, an obligate parasite of phloem tissue) and spread by insect vectors, including widespread species such as the common froghoppers and *Cixius* species. Vegetative propagation from infected material is another source of infection.



This month's

A C R O N Y M / I N I T I A L I S M

NPPF - National Planning Policy Framework

Fortunately, most of you will never have to deal with the details of the NPPF, but it does affect all of us because this is the Government legislation that determines planning matters, and as we are all too well aware there is a lot of development in Wokingham Borough!

Paragraph 77 of the NPPF concerns the designation of **Local Green Space** and allows local communities to protect areas of green space that are important to that community. These green spaces can be recreational areas, parks, sports pitches, allotments, woodland or other specific habitats of environmental or ecological value. They don't have to be in public ownership or accessible to the public. This is potentially a very powerful tool in our fight against the loss of green space and anyone involved with Local or Neighbourhood Plans should make use of it.

For more information just Google "local green space".

DID YOU KNOW?

You can get help with your computing problems.

Several of our members are having problems with new software, having updated their Windows or Microsoft Office, or wanting to use DropBox or Google Drive. Featured in the February 2013 issue, it's worth reminding members that there are computer help classes available geared to your specific requirements. These are run on a one-to-one basis, so you have your particular problems solved, without having to deal with aspects that are of no current interest to you. They are run by volunteers, with just a very minimal charge to cover the cost of room hire. Such classes are held in Wokingham and Shinfield - and possibly in other parishes (but the Wokingham ones are only for the retired). You need to book in advance.



The Wokingham classes are held on Wednesday mornings.

Google "Understanding Computers at Wokingham Methodist Church" or phone 0118 979 8019.

The Shinfield ones are held in the Spencers Wood Pavilion on Tuesday mornings and cost just £3 per session. Phone 0118 988 3400 or email ucclub2013@gmail.com

The Wokingham U3A also runs a computer support scheme for its members.

WEBSITES & READING

- ① <http://tinyurl.com/kew-petition> - Kew Gardens & petition to save their funding
- ① www.chilternsaonb.org/commons.html - The Chiltern Commons Project
- ① [www.forestry.gov.uk/pdf/FCPH-ADD_photoID.pdf/\\$FILE/FCPH-ADD_photoID.pdf](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/pdf/FCPH-ADD_photoID.pdf/$FILE/FCPH-ADD_photoID.pdf) - Ash dieback symptoms - printable guide
- ① wdvta.org.uk/WDVTS/doclist.php - supplementary documents associated with our webmap
- ① wdvta.org.uk/treewarden.php#reading_wardens - Reading Tree Wardens Update.
- ① wdvta.org.uk/mail_us.php?formtype=Join+the+Tree+Wardens - Tree Warden application form

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Don't forget: The latest database and all the latest files relating to the survey are on the Yahoo site:

groups.yahoo.com/group/WDVTA

Details of all trees in our database are available via the web map pages: wdvta.org.uk/WDVTS

Finally, and most importantly,
THANK YOU to everyone who is out there recording our trees.
We wouldn't have a database without you.