



Wildspace!

News from Parndon Wood Nature Reserve

November 2009

e-news

Welcome to the November edition of Wildspace E-News, the monthly newsletter that keeps you in touch with all the activities and news from across Harlow Council's Nature Reserves and Wildlife Sites.

Picture of the Month



Fungi at Parndon Wood

On Sunday 11th October over twenty people came along for a fungal foray in Parndon Wood. Despite the dry weather over 30 species of fungus were identified including the Dog Stinkhorn, Turkey Tail and Hairy Curtain Crust to name a few!

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CREATIVE WORKSHOP

All levels are welcome, from beginners to advanced. We will be cramming in lots of laughs, as well as techniques, so everyone should go away inspired and happy (I hope!).

Saturday 14th November 2009

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**Parndon Wood Nature Reserve
Parndon Wood Road
Harlow Essex
CM19 4SF**

The workshops will be £30 per person, and run from 10am -4 pm. This includes all materials needed to create some wonderful cards, plus lunch and a brew or two. Plus proceed percentage to Macmillan Cancer info

I will require a £5 deposit to secure your place, please email me to book:

leoniepujol@hotmail.co.uk
and post your deposit to:

Leonie Pujol
P O Box 1027
Canterbury
CT1 9GW

Midweek Volunteering

The last two Greenteam sessions have proved very popular with approx. 12 volunteers for each session carrying out tasks such as felling willows on a 12th century moat and clearing vegetation around newly planted trees.

November is also the one year anniversary of the Greenteam and as a result we shall be going back to the site of our first task, Timberland Fisheries, to plant some more trees on Wednesday 25th November 10am-2pm as an extra task on top of the schedule.

Also on the 16th December we have a Christmas task at Parndon Wood. For anybody interested at lunchtime we shall have a Christmas tea of homemade cakes. If we all bring a little something in (I like scones Dolly!) we will have a nice spread.

Our next task will be at Brenthall/Barnsley wood in Church Langley. Map:

<http://maps.google.com/maps?ie=UTF8&hl=en&ll=51.767163,0.142307&spn=0.009415,0.019248&t=h&z=16>

Meeting point. The bridleway between the wood and Ashworth Place. Parking also available along Ashworth Place

Greenteam Tasks

November 2009 – January 2010

All Wednesdays 10am-3pm

Nov 18th – Brenthall/Barnsley Woods: ride clearance/hazel coppicing

Dec 2nd – Netteswell Plantation: hazel coppicing, tree pruning and ride clearance

Dec 16th – Parndon Wood Christmas task

Jan 6th – Marshgate Springs: dam building, hazel coppicing and vegetation clearance

Jan 20th – Brenthall/Barnsley Wood: sycamore clearance/hazel coppicing

For more information contact:
glenn.mulleady@harlow.gov.uk
or 01279 430005

forest funtasia

The Forest Funtasia Project will be hosting some fun events at Parndon Wood;

The Great Winter Getaway

Sunday 15th November, 1pm-3pm

Parndon Wood is a great bird-airport for migrating birds, especially at this time of year. Children and their families are invited to drop in to discover what birds will be jetting in and out of Parndon Wood with birdie crafts and an airport orienteering trail.

Feed the Birdies

Sunday 28th November, 1pm-3pm

Please book.

Help our feathered friends through the chilly winter months by coming along to make fat balls and nut feeders.

Tree Dressing

Sunday 6th December, 1pm-3pm

Please book.

Children and their families are invited to come along to celebrate the trees of Parndon Wood with this special event. Make tree decorations from natural and recycled materials to take home or decorate the trees of Parndon Wood.

Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information on any of these events, or to book your place, please call 01279 430005 or email becky.naman@harlow.gov.uk.

Don't forget, children can also join in the fun with Forest Funtasia every Tuesday at Nature Club from 3.45pm to 5.45pm.

Nature's Insite Reflecting Out

A collaborative one day

performance and visual arts workshop with
Anthony Stapleton & Ivan Daggett

in Parndon Wood Nature Reserve (900 year old woodland),
Harlow, Essex, Friday 23rd April,
Spring 2010

The Art of Creating Being - an Invitation

What will happen if we go back to a raw perception of the natural world – the point before any known response was ever made ?

The Fool continuously steps into the unknown present with an eye to echo the landscape.

When we set out on our own into the wood we will engage with the unknown presence of ourselves. Returning we bring a sensed experience back into the unknown world of our colleagues. For this we will remember the sense of being a Fool who engages with the newness of each moment.

Introduction

Culture, ideas, society, civilisation, forms of making gestures and the perspectives we hold are varieties of landscape, language and expression which emerge in time through us from the places of the earth we inhabit.

The 'i' and the 'eye' (or the physical sense at the moment of perception, like here is to hear) are a focus for the route that opens a perceptual relationship, or a vision, in the site of Nature as an Art.

Intention

Participants will work individually in the wood to reflect the physical sense of relationship in its environment. Re-turning we will make a place to reflect back the imaginative and physical work to the group. This will involve performing, making, and sharing the forms made from the inner reflections to the outer relationships of Nature.

Price (within sliding scale) £30 - £45

Contact:

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or Ivan Daggett: ivandaggett@yahoo.com

Useful Links

- ❑ www.ancient-tree-hunt.org.uk to see details of the nationwide search for veteran trees.
- ❑ www.uksafari.com information on UK wildlife and identification charts.
- ❑ www.favouritetrees.com for information on The Epping Forest District search for veteran trees
- ❑ www.naturegrid.org.uk for information on biodiversity resources for teachers.
- ❑ www.londoncanals.co.uk for information on Londons canals!
- ❑ www.woodland-trust.org.uk for information on woodlands nationwide.
- ❑ www.enaturenotes.org.uk to create your own nature diary.
- ❑ www.naturedetectives.org.uk for childrens wildlife sheets and activities.
- ❑ www.foresteducation.org.uk for details of forest education schemes nationwide.
- ❑ www.efct.info details of a local Epping Forest Conservation Charity organising walks and events.
- ❑ www.harlowwildlife.org.uk for information on Harlow Conservation Volunteers and their work in the Town.
- ❑ www.harlowbees.co.uk for information on bees and bee keeping in Harlow

Contact Us

If you would like to find out more information, book a place on any of our events or have ideas and suggestions for our wildlife sites please contact us at:

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Harlow, Essex
CM19 4SF

Telephone: (01279) 430005

Email Biodiversity Officer :
glenn.mulleady@harlow.gov.uk

Website: www.harlow.gov.uk

Opening Times

Parndon Wood Winter opening hours are as follows from 1st October 2009-31st March 2010:

Sundays 11am-4pm

New Years Day 11am-4pm

Other times can be arranged by appointment for community groups and school visits.

November Events

Saturday 14th- Acorn Group 9am-12pm

Join the staff at Parndon Wood to help carry out some conservation work and learn more about what wildlife lives in the woods. (Suitable for 12-16 year olds).

Saturday 14th- Card Making Workshop 9am-4pm

Come along to Parndon Wood for a card making workshop in aid of MacMillan Cancer Care

Wednesday 18th- Greenteam Volunteers 10am-3pm

Come along for some fresh air amongst one of our many wildlife sites in Harlow and learn more about how they are managed. No experience necessary and all tools and equipment provided. Check out www.harlow.gov.uk or email glenn.mulleady@harlow.gov.uk for more details. Alternatively call 01279430005

Wednesday 25th- Plant a tree day 10am-2pm

Join staff and volunteers to help plant trees to improve biodiversity in the Town. Meet at Timberland Fisheries, Flex Meadow, The Pinnacles, Harlow, Essex, CM19 5UA at 10am.

Sunday 28th- Feed the birdies 11-4pm

Come along to Parndon Wood and help make some feeders and fat balls to keep our songbirds going through the winter.

For further information and to book on events please contact glenn.mulleady@harlow.gov.uk or view www.harlow.gov.uk

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Pamdon Wood: open Sundays 11am-4pm



Winter Sun

Photographed by Glenn Mulleady
Pamdon Wood Local Nature Reserve

For further information on events and opening times please phone 01279 430005 or view www.harlow.gov.uk

Harlow Town Centre Partnership presents

HARLOW'S CHRISTMAS CRACKER

Rob McVeigh

Ben Hanson

Sandra Dickinson

THE BIG LIGHT SWITCH ON

Sunday 15 November 2009

Harlow Town Centre

Fun starts at midday

**Big Light Switch On at 4.30pm
with characters from Cinderella
followed by fireworks spectacular**

Live performances in Broadwalk and Harvey Centre

Street entertainers

Fun fair (arrives Saturday)

Punch & Judy and fairground organ

**Pets Corner reindeer in the
Water Gardens**

**Main stage compered by
Terry James from**

ten-17
101.7FM - ONLINE

In Association with

HERALD

Join Santa's
Glo-Stick Parade

from The Water
Gardens to
Market Square
at 4pm

For details call 01279 446489 or www.harlowlive.com

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LATE NIGHT SHOPPING**
with
FREE PARKING

Full details on the back of this leaflet



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