



LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

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All Hallows Eve...

It is very unfortunate that Ray has actually broken his hand from the fall he had during the last volunteer's day. This was not discovered for a couple of weeks and he still has his hand in plaster at this time. As a result he was unable to volunteer for the October work day and will be out of action throughout November. Ray, we all wish you a full and speedy recovery. Since the last volunteers' day, Simone, Mark and I have continued with the coppicing throughout October. On the morning of Sunday October 31st after a good lie in, we all prepared to work in the nature reserve and then didn't go. The devil was in the clouds and the rain made a spirited attempt at making the ground very wet and the outdoors generally unpleasant. However, the intention was to have the volunteer's day on November 7th instead.

Sixteen people turned up on the 7th and the work progressed well. In light of Ray's incapacity, Steve Soughurst volunteered to chainsaw while the rest of us worked elsewhere.

Several new people came including some from the U3A Climate Change Group. Welcome to Ashby, Sue, Anne, Claire, Lyn and Arnold. The last person packed up at 13.00 and at the end of the session it was easy to see where we had been. Many hands and light work come to mind.

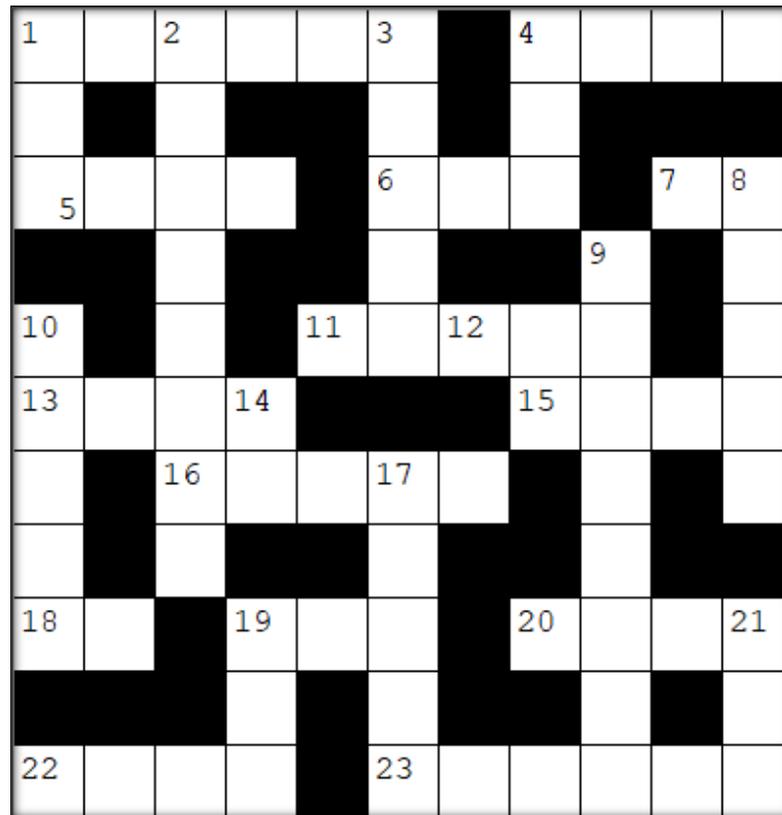
While many of the thinner trees and much of the fallen ground cover has now been cleared, there is still the problem of felling the bigger trees which require the use of a chainsaw. I am hoping to have help in this department from the Paddock Wood Council Estates Team who have helped in the past.

The flower meadow was cut again to even out the grass length and a new plastic and metal bench has been placed at the dipping pond.

Mark and I had a meeting with David Sargison, from Paddock Wood Town Council, about planting trees in the wood for the 'Queen's Green Canopy' initiative and we are awaiting confirmation from the council. If all goes well, it is probable we will be able to plant some fifty plus trees around the perimeter of the Orchard Meadow. Tunbridge Wells Borough Council is offering, for free, about 750 trees of various sorts if anyone wants to acquire a tree for planting. These can be planted on your own land or on public land with agreement from the council. I am hoping the council will also take monetary donations for other trees if anyone wishes to go down this road. All trees planted will have to be cared for by the person or persons who plant them, including watering them every week through the summer. The trees will be planted either early this coming spring or next autumn, as it is likely the summer will be too hot for planting and make the quantity of water required to keep them alive too great.

I have about thirty oak trees for planting in the current coppice area when we have finished chopping down the birch and poplar. I would eventually like to plant a hedge along the boundary between our nature reserve and the Berkeley's construction site.

FHW Crossword No 159



Clues Across 1,15. Result of activity on 7th, (6,4) 4.1.4. Spick & Span, (4,3,4). 5. Wagon, (4). 6.19.15. Tree disease, (3,3,4).7. Personal data, (1,1). 11. Secret hoard, (5).13. Precipitation, (4). 15. See 1.16. Compass point, (5).18. Greeting, (2). 19. See 6.20 & 9 down. What Steve Songhurst did, (4,8). 22. See 4. 23. Brief 13, (6).

Clues Down 1. Conjunction, (3). 2.Billboard, (8). 3 17, Coastal Redwoods, (5,5). 4. Japanese drama, (3). 9. Cutting tool, (8). 10. FHW hedge material, (5).12. Social media term, (1,1). 14. Negative, (2).1 7. See 3. 19. 24 Hours, (3). 21. City transport system, (1,1,1)

Solutions to FHW Crossword No 158

Across

1.Meadow. 4. Pond. 7. Dead. 3. Wally. 8. Elfish. 11. OR.
12. Toads. 16. Hedge. 18. Ha. 20. Floral. 23. Pair.
24. Path. 25. Severe

Down

1.Mud bath. 2. Azalea. 3. Wally. 5. Oats. 6. Day.9. Ire.
10. Hog. 12. Reserve. 14. Oaf. 15. Duo. 17. Damage.
19. Males. 21. Last. 22. Lop.

Any News?

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