



# The Friends of King's Wood

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held 7pm 12 January 2009

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## Present

Diana Sawyer (DS)  
Jon Shelton (JS)  
Mick Sherwood (MS)  
Gaynor O'Connell (GO)  
Dan Jennings (DJ)  
Matt Care (MC)  
Simon Cavell (SC)  
Helen Cavell (SC)  
Amanda Thesiger (AT)  
Sophie Walkden (SW)  
Peter Walkden (PW)

## Apologies

None.

## Minutes

- a) Accuracy:  
The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 October 2008 were accepted.
- b) Matters arising:
  - i. **DJ to bring FC Risk Assessment template**  
DJ advised that the Forestry Commission is updating their Risk Assessment template. DJ will bring the updated template to the next meeting
  - ii. **DJ to check condition of Bedgebury benches**  
DJ has reserved 2 benches for King's Wood. DS requested that one be placed at the top of the Meadow and the other in Cutler's Valley as indicated on the map previously given to DJ.
  - iii. **Replacement notice board**  
DS is obtaining a price to repair and install the notice board and will report at the next meeting.



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## Agenda

### a) Chairman's Report

DS asked JS when he needs the £900 contribution to the new pond. JS will advise when the cheque is required

### b) Treasurer's report

SW advised that the current account balance is £1354.

### c) Membership report:

SC advised that membership is currently 139. 1 membership renewal cheque for £10 was received this month and given to SW.

### d) Stour Valley Arts

AT updated the committee on the plans of Stour Valley Arts over the coming year including details of new commissions and events. A survey conducted by SVA identified that the public would like more walks in King's Wood.

### e) Kentish Stour Countryside Project Update

JS advised that the new Cutler's Valley pond was completed in December and updated the committee on some of KSCP's plans for 2009.

### f) Forestry Commission Update

DJ was unable to provide an update because the person who would normally produce the report is ill.

### g) Forthcoming items

#### **AGM**

DS has booked the hall for the 2009 AGM.

#### **Quiz night**



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The committee agreed to organise a quiz night as a social event. The format will be finalised at the next meeting. MC suggested that the quiz consist of 8 rounds, 10 questions per round and a total of 1 hour of questions spread out through the evening. DS has booked the Iron Room for Saturday 7 March for £13. The Iron Room will seat approximately 14 tables of 4. MC agreed to be quiz master. DS is collating quiz questions. MC suggested that games such as Heads and Tails could be used to break up the evening. DS suggested a raffle be included. GO will print question sheets. Entrance will be £2.50 per person, children will be free. Advance booking will be required. JS offered to publicise the event in the next KSCP newsletter. It was agreed that guests will be able to bring their own food and drink.

## Events programme

SC to email DS an electronic copy of the 2008 Activities Programme.

The following walks were agreed:

Date	Time	Description	Lead
18/04/09	10:00	Bluebell Walk	Matt Care
26/04/09	10:00	Bluebell Walk	Matt Care
10/06/09	21:00	Nightjar/Glow Worms	Matt Care
10/10/09	TBC	Deer	TBC
17/10/09	06:30	Deer (Committee Only)	Matt Care
TBC	TBC	Six Mile Walk	Matt Care

Other possible events discussed were:

*Practical day* – turnout is usually low, the committee agreed to leave this as an adhoc event. Activity Days may be arranged for groups on request (Beavers, Mothers and Toddlers).

*Weekday Wander* – a regular walk on a set day of the month, eg. First Wednesday of the month. HC to discuss possible dates with co-lead Debbie Irwin



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*Sunset Stroll* – MC offered to lead one or two of these

*Dawn Chorus* – possibly lead by the Ashford Bird Group

*Tree Walk* – JS offered to lead

*Mini Beasts* – aimed at children. Debbie Adams may be prepared to lead

*Picnic Walk* – MC offered to lead

*Foraging* – JS to forward contact details for Fergus Drennen to DS ([www.wildmanwildfood.com](http://www.wildmanwildfood.com)). SW has contacts of another possible lead: “Ross”

*Fungi Walk* – Martin Newcombe is a possible lead

*5 Church Walk*

*Goose Fair*

*Dormouse Survey* - Craig happy to lead if he can borrow the KSCP landrover

*Spring Star Gazer*

*Butterflies* – JS offered to lead

## AOB

PW has identified a potential source of Dormouse boxes and will report on this at the next meeting

JS offered to ask Debbie Adams about a possible project to build and install bird boxes.

## Next meeting

Monday 9 February 2009