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NEWSLETTER

Allington Hillbillies

A look back at 2012

Time once more to look back over the last years events. When I first started the newsletters, I did wonder what on earth I would be writing about after issue number three. How much can you write about a 40 acre hill?

I now find that a bi-monthly newsletter just does not keep you up to date with all the news. Thankfully we do now have some members of the Allington Hillbilly group who are much more in tune with modern ways of keeping in contact. So 2013 will see us being more electronically up to date, with the use of Face book with links to Bridport nOice, a web based news and diary forum..

Now where shall I start? For a bit of fun I am going to jumble all the events up and ask questions as I go along. No prizes, but hopefully it will bring back many happy memories. Let's starts with.....



Three different bonfires. But can you remember either the dates or the reason that we had them?



Large Trees.....

What happened and when?

By what name did the locals call this tree?



Is it a Hazel, Chestnut, Lime or Oak tree?

.....to small trees



- How many trees were planted in the Jubilee Wood?
- Name four different types of tree planted?
- Which Vicar came and blessed the trees?
- Which Jubilee were we celebrating?
- Who made the Wooden sign "Jubilee Way"?
- Who decorated all the bags that the trees were placed in?
- Which organisation supplied the trees?
- Who planted the "Royal Oak"?

Insects, bugs and creepy crawlies



It's not an earth worm , what is it and where was it found?



I'm rare, what am I?



I'm common, what am I?



We are not bees. What are we?



What type of insect is this?



When did we do the butterfly survey?

Which web site can you visit to find out the results?

Can you name these three butterflies?

What was the most common butterfly on the hill this year?

All things Wood



Who hand crafted the footpath signs?
How many signs did he make?
Can you name six of the signs?

What wood was used?
How many letters carved in total?
Which sign has a love token ?



Both these seats were donated to the hill.
Name each donor..



Hand crafted wooden discs could be found at three places or events.

What or when were they?

We know how to party



Festival of fun, but which one?



Ground Force, who's who?



Thank you

Thank you

Washingpool Farm for all your support helping us with our fund raising festivals.

Thank you

for all the draw prizes donated by Hillbilly members and

Clipper Teas

Washingpool farm

Co-op

Waitrose

Boots

Bridport Kick boxing club

Bridport Arts and crafts

Groves

Red Plum Art Gallery

Thank you

Weller

Scaffolding

for all your help

helping us raise

funds for

the hill.

Thank you

to the following organisations for funding during 2012

Allington Parish Council

Bridport Town Council

Waitrose

Morrison's

Lions Club Bridport

Mayor's Quiz Night

West Bay Car Boot fund

West Dorset Leisure Development fund

Oddfellows Arms, North Allington

Thank you

Sicor nets for rope and scramble nets.

Huck nets for help with play equipment items, to be installed.

Higher Elwell farm for lots of help with Jubilee Festival.

Thanks also to

Rev Peter Edwards for loan of the tea urn.

Axminster Music for loan of PA system..

The handbag stall, East Street for loan of Marquee.

Charmouth Scout group for the loan of the tea tent.

Impromptu Jazz Band for playing live for free.

Get Stuffed of South Street, for help with catering.

Hungry Mule for loan of BBQ.

Thank you

Chant's, Bradford's

Jewson's

supplying wood

for the bonfires

Also

The local farmers

who helped in the

construction of the

Jubilee Beacon

Thank you

To Linda Bullock of the Town Council for all her help and advice. Mayor and Mayoress Dave and Anne Rickard. The Bridport News and View from Bridport for some excellent news coverage.

Thank you all for your continuing support and for never saying no!

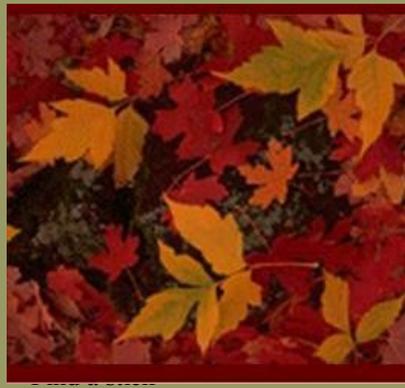
Thank you

Jonathan Burgess

for being a very

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Woodland Trust manager



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Dates for your Diary

The Diary
for working parties and events
will follow shortly.

I hope you enjoyed looking back on 2012. For me it will hold many fond memories.

I look forward to sharing with you the delights of the hill and encourage you to share your special moments with others through the newsletter, Facebook, or perhaps by adding something to the wishing Arbour. Hope to see you on the hill during the year.

Happy New Year

What Next?

At the moment the hill is in a sorry state due to the consistent rain. It always does get muddy this time of year, but I think you will all agree that this has to be the worst.

We have been donated more chippings. Sadly the ground is too waterlogged to get any vehicle on to the hill. We need weeks of dry weather or hard frosts before we can attempt to repair any of the paths.

“As a charity the Woodland Trust are always keen to find ways to help finance improvements to the sites, especially those as well-used as Allington Hill. As they take a leading role in helping protect the UK’s native trees and woods from a wave of new tree diseases, not least of these being Ash dieback, then their resources will be more pushed than ever. Therefore we can all help with the up keep of the hill by helping to raise match funding locally” (from Woodland Trust manager Jonathan Burgess.)

Many match funding grants are available and local people and businesses are very keen to protect this little oasis of green we are so lucky to have on our door step. We will be looking at the feasibility of raising such funds within the next few months. I will let you know in the next newsletter if we feel it is a viable idea and how we hope to achieve it, without spoiling the natural look of the hill.

The weather

As many of you are aware my husband keeps records of our changing weather, recording it on a daily basis. It is interesting to look back over the last few years at the rain fall.

The total amount of rain for each year is as follows.

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| 2010 | 676 mm |
| 2011 | 684 mm |
| 2012 | 1,377 mm More than double the yearly total. |

It is therefore not surprising that the footpaths are a sea of mud. With most of the rain falling in the last 6 months of the year.

Working Parties

We have all had so much time off from our working parties that we seem to have lost the momentum. I feel that the ground is still too wet and muddy even to plan a working party in the next few weeks. We need to get as much work done on the hill before the end of March as possible. Therefore when the weather is fine we will be doing multiple working parties and advertising them in the local press, Facebook and other local media. We continue to need your help and if you can give a few hours of your time at least once, it would be much appreciated by many.