

Gunton Woodland Community Project

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

A Message from the Chairman (David Briggs)

Hello to all our members and friends. The Work parties have continued very well with up to 25 volunteers.



One of the new WPs



Watering the trees



Our keen youngest member



Waveney Norse chipping

The seasonal jobs have continued with WPs at a level of sufficient numbers to be up to date with all the jobs in the wood. With the weather now in the winter season the work parties have been interrupted by rain several times of late. The hot summer has taken its toll on the trees that were planted in the spring. But we are hoping to replant during the next 3 months. We are preparing for the change in climate by using a newly acquired water bowser to help with the watering if there is a drought again next summer.

Waveney Norse sent a team up to the wood rather later than usual because of their busy work list.

They came for 2 days and felled trees from our 2021 inspection then returned with a chipper a few days later and chipped all the spoils from their previous work.



The damage to the seats



Putting in concrete blocks



Seat well fastened down

We have had some mindless vandalism throughout the year, but as usual we coped by repairing the damage. Our thanks to all our supporters and for the donation to help with these repairs.

The annual tree inspection carried out in October found a number of sycamore trees had died from Sooty Bark disease and were added to the list of trees that would have to be felled.

We continue with the winter work in our regular work parties held on a Thursday morning. At the moment the main task is chipping and repairs to fencing and path edging. During the next month we will be planting trees from last year which are kept in the nursery. We will carry on with the regular maintenance of our lovely wood. The Woodland Trust are delivering trees in the form of whips which we shall have to put in the nursery for a year because of their small size.

We received a very generous donation in Memory of George Sartain who sadly passed away recently. The donation was in lieu of flowers and it was his wish for it to be donated to GWCP. We have decided to use it towards a semi-industrial chipper which will be used to reduce the enormous piles of spoils that have accumulated around the wood.

Merry Christmas to all.

Events. Rosemary Briggs.

The bingo, fish and chips evening was a great success so we look forward to the next one. Snape Christmas Show this year was on Saturday 3rd December for the afternoon show. 45 members and friends attended and the show was as good as ever and was enjoyed by all. We hope to have a day trip again next year so keep an eye out for details.

What to look out for - by Janet Field

“What supports you to live? The following part text is from a book called ‘Active Hope’ by Joanna Macy and Chris Johnstone and it struck a chord with me given that I volunteer as a woodland worker.

“Next time you see a tree or a plant, take a moment to express thanks. With each breath you take in, experience gratitude for the oxygen that would simply not be there save for the magnificent work plants have done in transforming our atmosphere and making it breathable. As you look at all the greenery, bear in mind also that plants, by absorbing carbon dioxide and reducing the greenhouse effect, have saved our world from becoming dangerously overheated. Without plants and all they do for us, we would not be alive today.”

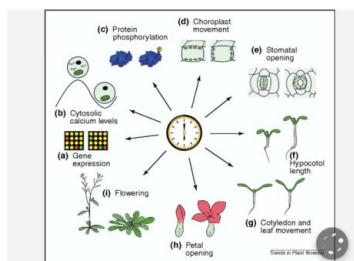
Given that we are now in climate change it is even more important that we do all we can to protect our trees and plants. Not only do they look attractive and help to keep us alive they also provide homes, food, hiding and resting places for many of the other creatures which share our world.”

Nature Notes Do plants suffer from jet lag? (Barry Shimmiel)

What controls the time that a plant grows a flower spike, and then produces a bud which turns into a flower that opens by day and closes at night? I used to think it was simply due to sunlight, darkness, warmth and cold as the earth rotates around the sun. **WRONG!**

Did you know that every component of life on earth, whether it's human, animal, plant or fungi, has within it a **biological clock** that controls its circadian rhythm based on a period of 24 hours. It does this by controlling the production of proteins in the plant that affect the growth genes that are switched on and off. These circadian rhythms will allow a plant to cope with adverse surroundings that will, if necessary, sustain it should it suddenly be plunged into total darkness. They control most aspects of the plant's behaviour, when to wait, when to grow and, for example, when to rotate its leaves to gain maximum exposure to the sun.

And here's another surprise. If a plant is flown from China to England it will suffer from jet lag because its biological clock has not synchronized with the environmental time zone in which the plant finds itself, just as it does with us humans. But there is a difference. Because a plant's circadian clock functions at the level of individual cells, rather than a whole human body, each cell will respond to changes in light receptors and so plants would combat jet lag in a matter of hours unlike several days as required by humans.



It is with deep sadness we announce that Paul Crawley passed away peacefully at his home on Monday 12th December. Andrea and their 2 sons were with him. We will miss Paul who was a real asset to the Work Parties. Andrea requests no Sympathy or Christmas cards please.

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