



PORTAL WOODLANDS CONSERVATION GROUP

Newsletter: April 2007

Spring is well and truly here: the snowdrops have flowered, daffodils are blooming, trees budding, toads and frogs have spawned in the Woodland pond and squirrels are also breeding.



Nature Watch Club (5-11yrs):

Nature Watch was launched last June following a good deal of fund raising and preparation. There is now an excellent range of resources for the Club to use. Last year, 17 young people and their parents enrolled and 6 projects were completed. This year will see the addition of a further 2 projects (total 8). For dates visit the Group website and to book a place send an e-mail to naturewatch.pwcg@martlesham.org.uk

PWCG Objectives:

The PWCG committee have agreed on management and conservation objectives for the next few years as well as this year's annual project. The project tasks will run alongside our continued conservation work.

Project 07/08, Airfield Artefacts:

The project this year is all about the preservation of airfield artefacts within the Woodland. The work will concentrate on:

- Assuming plans are agreed, refurbishment of a pillbox which will provide a storage facility for the Group's tools and other small items
- Refurbishment of aviation gasoline fuel tanks
- Recreating warning signs for gasoline tanks
- Restoring concrete posts and fitting with gate to provide access to woods
- Rebuilding sandbag walls of revetments
- Clearing perimeter track and providing a soak-away

Work on the project has already begun and it is anticipated that it will be completed by March 2008. ***If you have any ideas for future annual projects, please let us know.***

Contacting PWCG:

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New volunteers are always welcome.

Group website:

www.martlesham.org.uk/portalwoodlandsgroup