

January 2011

Hi All

This month we're "Clearing the tangle"

Sunday 30th January from 10:30

The area of Bigwood near the roadside is a bit of a mess and nearly impassable.

I know it sounds a bit like tidying but if we can clear the underbrush and the fallen branches away then that part of the wood becomes accessible rather than a mess.

A few of us have been up there and cut some of the fallen trees so they can be moved on the day. Probably another session to finish it.

The Lothian Conservation Volunteers are coming down to give us a hand too.

Gloves and eye protection will be useful.

Why?

If you observe anyone else at the woods, almost invariably they keep to the paths. Why?

Just getting off the path lets you see so much more.

Opening up these areas hopefully makes it easier to explore and a few more people might discover things they never expected.

We've still left one area as impenetrable - the bit down the hill from the boardwalks.

We have had groups thinning the birch regeneration and have also left an area as it is. Some birds find the denser type of habitat ideal for nesting. The bit down hill from the loop path and between the bridge and the owl box has been left standing.

It will be interesting to contrast these areas as they mature.

Have you wandered around the wood to the right of the path on the way down from the lay-by yet?

This was our first windblown area.

It was replanted, thinned a few times and now is beginning to look like a mature wood.

Nice to get off the path for a wee wander here.

There's a lovely clearing in there by the big birch tree and an old stump covered with moss.

Pics please.

Activity days

As you'll see from the calendar, we've got something on EVERY month. If you feel that what we have planned isn't really what you want to do come along anyway.

If there are several like minded folk then I'm sure that several different activities will take place.

I know there is someone itching to get a spoon carving group going. Possibly some greenwood furniture.

We are going to set up a photo album for the Photo day in February. 2 photographers coming Chris and Amy, see our diary.

No reason you can't post any images on our website meanwhile.

If you want to help start up a group just let me know.

We'd still like to get a wildlife group running for the youngsters.

Additional event

After the story telling day at the end of July there follows a whole weekend of events Friday 12th - Sunday 14th August **Wooplaw Story Gathering 2011**

Check out our [website](#) or [facebook](#).

Contact Howie for more details. guidcrack@hotmail.com

The Blog.

If you've had a look at the website you will probably have noticed the blog page.

Hopefully it will be a bit like the newsletter and have up to date information on it.

If you have anything you'd like to put on the blog, so it isn't just a record of just a few people visiting Wooplaw, then you can e-mail something to either me, Jay - our secretary or Chris - our treasurer and we can post it to the blog

That's, info@wooplaw.org.uk or sec@wooplaw.org.uk or subs@wooplaw.org.uk

If you have a picture then send it too as they look great.

Remember that you can always post your pictures on the "[Share your photos](#)" page so we can all enjoy them.

Non-wood forest products from conifers.

This is fascinating.

I must have been too excited when I did this and the link didn't work.

The one in the on-line blog did though.

Hopefully you googled the header and found it anyway.
If not then here is the link - www.fao.org/docrep/x0453e/x0453e00.htm

Another chance to vote. Still time.

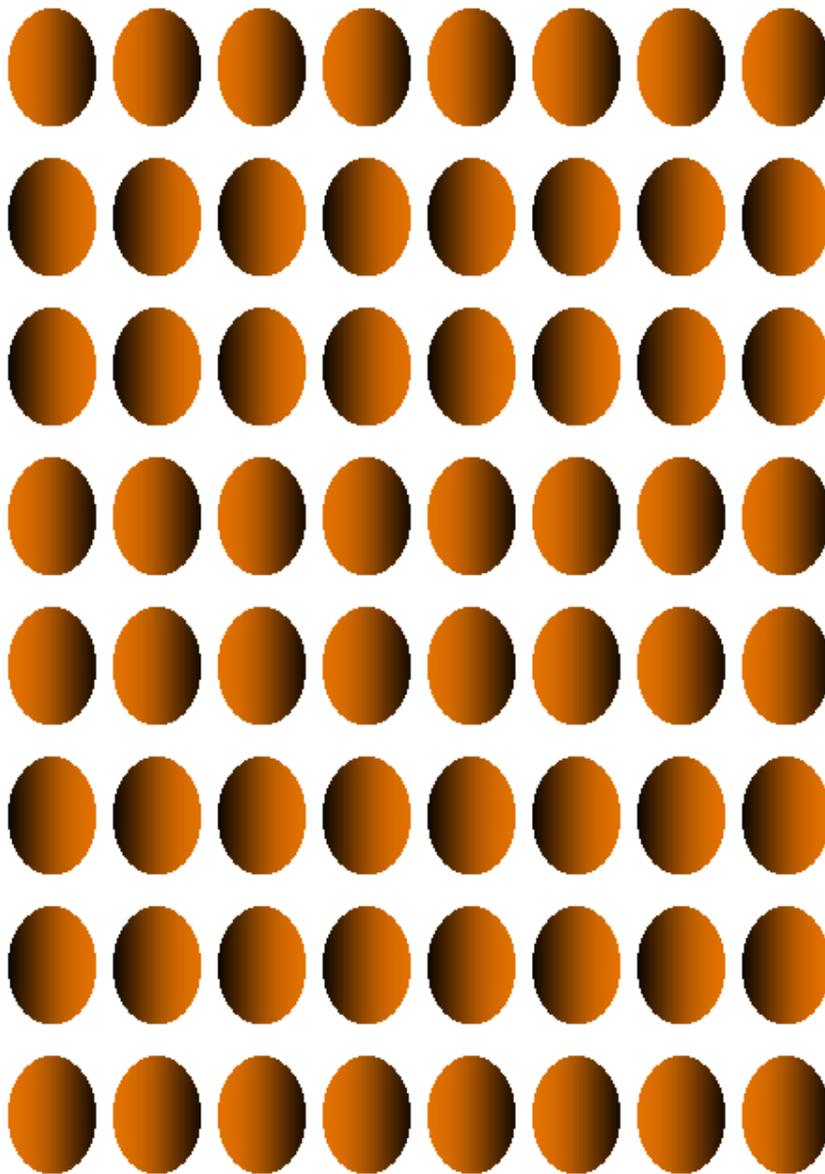
Get your vote in for the Woodlanders book

<http://www.peoplesbookprize.com/section.php?id=2>

You need to register so they stop duplicates and I'm assured you won't get spam.

Eggs

I'd count them if they stopped moving



Help someone starting up

Hello all.

I recently finished a degree in Furniture Crafts at the University of Cumbria.

I'm putting together a wee furniture workshop in a small barn that has been made available to me by Amanda Calvert - 1 mile north of Kingussie in the Highlands. I thought I'd give a shout out to see if anyone knows of any woodworking machines for sale that aren't being used and need a new home.

Any advice also appreciated as I'm just starting out.

Thank you

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Hi All ?

One week its the font - Comic Sans, then its the salutation.

I think someone's monitoring this update so they can comment on style.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-12247262>

Probably just paranoia.

Watch out for an article on paranoia next though.

38 degrees

There's still time to sign their petition

A petition of 150,000 will be one of the biggest ever - something the government can't ignore. Please ask your friends to join the Save Our Forests campaign by signing the petition at:

<http://www.38degrees.org.uk/save-our-forests>

Membership

You may have realised that the end of a year has come and gone.

That means our membership subscriptions are due again.

As we've no income, your donations/membership keeps us afloat.

Soon you'll get a begging e-mail telling you how to renew or even join if you haven't already.

Here's to another good year.

Just so you can get your diary up to date.....

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LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Sun 30 th January	Sorting out the tangle in Bigwood 10:30 - 4
Sunday 27 th February	Photographic tour 10:30 from the log cabin
Sunday 27 th March	Willow Harvest
Sunday 24 th April	Walk with an Ethnobotanist
Sat/Sun 28 th /29 th May	Green Woodworking weekend
Sunday 26 th June	Wild in the Woods
Sunday 31 st July	Guid Crack – story telling
Friday 12th - Sun 14th Aug	Wooplaw Story Gathering 2011
Sunday 28 th August	Fire, willow, whistles and spoons
Sunday 25 th September	Fungal Foray
Sunday 30 th October	Halloween
Sunday 27 th November	Improving the trees
Sunday 25 th December	Christmas Walk

They are all on the website and facebook for more details.

Pyramid selling - keep it up.

Please send this to newsletter to at least one other person and get them to sign up for it [HERE](#).

See you there.

Cheers

Bob Fleet

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