



February 2011

Hi All

This month we've got our Photographic walk

Sunday 27th February from 10:30

Chris Fairgrieve and Amy Alcorn are our photographers for the day.

We'll be setting out from the log cabin.

Don't have a camera? Just come for the walk.

THE GREAT BRITISH ELM EXPERI- MENT



The Conservation Foundation is attempting to unlock the mystery of why some trees survived Dutch elm disease which wiped out over 25 millions trees in the UK. Cuttings taken from mature parent trees found growing in the British countryside - which appear to have resisted Dutch elm disease for over 60 years - have been skilfully micro propagated. The resulting saplings are being distributed to hundreds of schools, community groups, local authorities and private landowners who have signed up to take part in the '**Great British Elm Experiment**' .

We've got one !!!

The Lauder Brownies are planting it on the 27th and they'll keep in touch with the Conservation Foundation and let them know how it gets on. Also to see how it's parent tree is doing. There's already one at Stow school planted on 27th January. Check out their [MAP](#).

[Flickr](#)

Have you looked and entered Wooplaw into the search
Loads of photos from all sorts of people.
Really great.

CWA Wood products Seminar - 10th March at Milton

The program is attached

January Event Sorting the tangle

We had a really good clear out in Bigwood.
Loads of habitat piles to show for the day
Picture on the [blog](#)

Sale of the English forests

Looks like it's stopped.

Well, on hold anyway

[HERE's](#) an interesting tale which now sounds very familiar.

Maybe we all need a Willingale.

Oh, and our MP voted with the government despite the fact it only affected England and Wales and also that it would mean the Forestry Commission in Edinburgh losing 400 - 600 jobs.

Here's the link to [Hansard](#) which also shows how each MP voted.

This week there have been several good programmes on Radio 4 about woodlands

I must be getting old if I'm in the Radio 4 demographic.

[The Long View](#)

[Excess Baggage](#)

A few days left to listen to them if your quick.

Non-wood forest products from conifers.

Follow up.

Our expert from the Botanic Dr Stephan Helfer e-mailed me about this last month.

One of the 'edible' fungi in one of the tables just happened to be the Death Cap.

He's taken it up with the United Nations, who published it, so we wish him well.

Nice to be of help and nice also to see that someone reads the updates.

:~)

Dog walkers.

The reason dog owners need to clear up behind them in the town is because the muck gets on everyone else's feet and clothes.

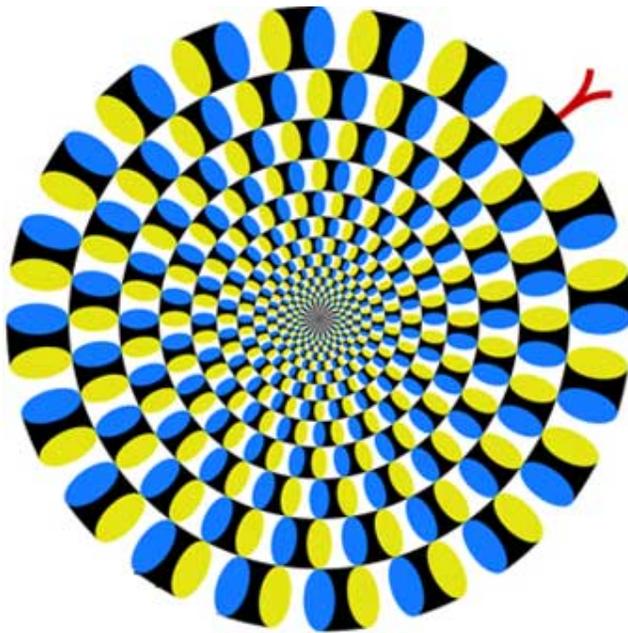
Why do they think it's any different at Wooplaw?

If the dog is way off the paths in the wood then OK but please don't leave it on the paths and car parks where **everybody** walks.

Around the gate at Axehead car park was a mess when we had a group of about twenty people there.

NOT NICE.

Do we have snakes at Wooplaw?



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The Cooker

Did you see the blog last week?

The tip is only down the road but someone still couldn't manage



Matt Ince, a student at Edinburgh University came down and stayed overnight with his friend Ewan.
He's researching for his dissertation on 'The benefits of Community Woodlands'.
Probably back in Edinburgh still trying to get warm again.
It was while walking around Easterpark that we spotted some of the 'dodgy trees'.
See the [blog](#)

A wonderful [video](#) of greenwood turning in Bhutan
Jut need some volunteers for the motor.

Membership

Soon you'll get a begging e-mail telling you how to renew or even join if you haven't already.
Our treasurer is checking out paypal so we can take plastic.

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

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LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Sunday 27th February

Sunday 27th March

Photographic tour 10:30 from the log cabin

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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