

Friends of Leckhampton Hill & Charlton Kings Common

**FOLKtalk** 

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### Welcome to the 2015 Spring FOLK newsletter. In this issue:

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# Word from our new Chairperson John Harvey

John Harvey was elected the new FOLK Chairman at the AGM in November 2014. FOLKtalk will keep you informed about how John guides FOLK forward, meanwhile here are his first thoughts on taking up the reins.

My first public acts as the new Chair of FOLK must be to thank you for electing me and to thank Julius for both his sterling work in this post for the past five years and for his help in the changeover period, when two unusual issues arose.

One disadvantage that I have, compared to Julius is that I know very few of you, indeed, because of questions of data privacy, at the time of writing I do not know even the names of all members. I hope that this situation will soon change.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me if there are any issues that concern you or which you wish the Executive to discuss.



John Harvey discoursing on wildflower monitoring

The thinking behind my wish to be contactable, and to be able to contact members, is that the Chair and the Executive can be considered as the apex of a pyramid; a pyramid that depends for its solidity and impact on the support provided by its foundations, namely FOLK's members. I am very keen that FOLK fully represents your views and that a high percentage of you play an active part in our activities. Also, of course, and you will hear more of this later, we need more members to make our base even stronger.

So, what has the new Chair done in his first two months in post? Two significant issues hit me within days.

First, with very little time to reach a decision, FOLK was asked to support objections to a Planning Application for a gypsy and traveller site on Hartley Lane. Two factors decided the Executive that we should not do this. On the one hand, FOLK's constitution has in the past been interpreted as allowing it to comment on issues beyond our site's boundaries only if they had a direct impact on our interests, on the other hand, we were not able to develop a reasoned case that there would be any adverse impacts. We were asked by opponents of the Application to circulate details of their case to all members of FOLK. In the time available we would only have been able to do this electronically, but were advised that the terms on which we hold the e-mail addresses of members would not allow this.

Soon after this issue was settled, by the approval of the application, we were invited to organise an Open Day in June as part of the Lottery Funded Magnificent Meadows project, an arm of which is based at the AONB offices in Northleach. It soon became clear that the suggested scale of the event meant that we would need many volunteers and no little technical knowledge if it was to be successful. Again, we had very little time to make a decision, so would have had to use a mechanism such as e-mail to discover who might be willing to help and what skills they could offer. The combination of the uncertainty as to numbers and concerns about abilities lead us to turn down the invitation. We will however be offering some Guided Walks on June 13th

It is evident from the above that the question of how FOLK communicates with its members, and about what, are issues that much concern the Executive at the moment. Any views that you may have on this issue will be very welcome.

No doubt we will be hearing more from John in the coming months as he settles into his role of leading FOLK into new projects and challenges. Ed

## **The Word from Wayne (**Wayne Sedgwick Senior Community Ranger, Cheltenham Borough Council.)

Good news was received recently from the **Rural Payments Agency (RPA).** The Hill and Common would continue to receive Government financial support as the site qualifies under new criteria defining agricultural land. This funding will complement payments received under the Higher Level Stewardship scheme where we are in year 4 of a 10 year commitment to managing the Hill and Common to achieve demanding environmental and conservation objectives.

Winter is a challenging time for **grazing on Charlton Kings Common** as the nutritional value of the grass available to the cows is at a low level. The cows are currently off the Common awaiting the return of more favourable conditions. A number of the cows are on the grazier's land and a bull has been brought to join them to ensure the herd continues to grow. Discussions continue on the optimum size of the herd to match the available grazing.



Summer beckons

**Wildflower monitoring** is to be carried out in 2015, subject to the availability of volunteers. No

monitoring was done in 2014 as previous results suggested that changes in the variety of wildflowers on the Hill and Common would show up over the longer term.

A substantial grant has been made by the Cheltenham Borough Council Cabinet towards the costs of carrying out some **restoration and stabilisation work on what remains of the Lime Kilns**. This will involve repointing work. In order to improve public safety, the area will also have some fencing to discourage public access to the rock face behind the Kilns. An interpretation board is to be installed to tell the story of the unique geology of the Hill.



What we have to preserve at the Lime Kilns

Cotswold wardens will be putting up signs to inform the public about the **restricted byway status** that has been introduced to Daisy Bank beyond the metalled road. This will discourage vehicle access to the unmade road and will hopefully reduce the number of individuals in vehicles engaging in anti-social behaviour.

Work has been carried out by contractors to remove the growth of trees on the lower slopes of the Hill around the Devils Chimney. Around 20 trees, mostly Ash and Hawthorn have been felled as part of the plan to **restore the grassland** on this part of the Hill. These trees were within a quota. Further work is to be done, subject to the forthcoming bird nesting season to open up views of the Severn Vale and beyond. FOLK work parties have carried out clearance of the felled material paving the way for the recolonization of this part of

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the Hill by grass, associated wildflowers and hopefully the valued insect fauna that lives in the dry limestone grassland.

#### Wayne Sedgwick Cheltenham Borough Council

### **Introducing Julius Marstrand**

In this issue of FOLKtalk we are taking the opportunity to speak to Julius Marstrand. Hopefully all members will know that Julius has recently completed a long stint as Chair of FOLK. Julius reflected on his time as Chair in the last issue of FOLKtalk and his report to the 2014 AGM is included in this issue. As a member of the Executive Committee, he will continue to make a valued contribution to the work of FOLK.

When did you join FOLK? I attended a series of well attended public meetings organised by Cheltenham Borough Council to discuss the future of the site in 1999. I volunteered for a working party to set up a Friends Group and wrote what became FOLK's constitution. At the start there was a danger that FOLK could have been dominated by interest groups and the constitution was designed to avoid that situation. We have a long term turnover of officers on the committee at the same time as keeping some continuity. I was elected FOLK's first Chairman in 2000.

How do you enjoy the Hill? My first involvement was as a result of mountain biking through the site on my way to and from the wider Cotswolds with Cheltenham and County Cycling Club. Subsequently I and my family have used the site for walking and picnics.

What are your earliest memories of the Hill? I have a number of images of the hill, that I saw after coming to Cheltenham in 1997: the sight of Leckhampton Hill from the motorway, crowned by the cliffs of Deadman's and Upper Limekilns' Quarries catching the evening sun rising above Cheltenham. Then I was mountain biking on the Hill up the long climb of the Standard Gauge Incline to the ruins of the Limekilns and Plant House and beyond to the Devil's Chimney and cycling through

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the nearby bomb hole. The exciting ride back down into Cheltenham via Windass Hill and Sandy Lane completed the experience.

What changes have you noticed over the years? I notice particularly the loss of grassland, above and between tramway and Bridge car parks, caused by the spread of Ash saplings and encroachment of scrub. When FOLK first started work, even large scrub clearance working parties made very little impression on the overall site. In the early years the wonderful views across the Vale of Evesham were largely obscured by a screen of scrub along most of the edge of the scarp slope. At the eastern end of Charlton Kings Common the Cotswold Way was narrowed down to a single muddy path threaded between dense gorse higher than a person. Now the views have been opened up along most of the edge and the Cotswold Way has been opened up to a wide path. The biggest single change has probably been the replacement of the dry stone wall along the whole of the southern boundary of the Common in 2008/9. Over the years we began to see the impact FOLK's work was having.

What is your favourite view of or from the Hill? The best views are from the top of the Hill but the one I like the most is through a gap in the trees partway up the Hill on a footpath from the Lime Kilns back towards the Common. As I walk up the path a view opens out for a few yards over the Severn and Avon vale towards Malvern.



Julius' favoured view but Malverns in the haze

What is your favourite time of year on the Hill? In late spring when the leaves are still a brilliant limegreen and the canopy in not too dense so there is dappled sunlight. I love to see the early blossoming of the flowers and trees.

What aspect of the natural history, archaeology or geology of the Hill do you find most interesting? The industrial archaeology of the limestone workings, for example the standard gauge, tramways and winding wheels provide fascinating reminders of the past.



Former quarry on Leckhampton Hill

What does membership of FOLK mean to you? We are helping to preserve the wild nature of the site which is what attracts most users of the Hill. The site has always been managed but we work with the Borough to maintain access without the site becoming a country park. We aim to balance the use of the site with its valued character as unimproved limestone grassland.

What would you hope that FOLK would have achieved on the Hill by its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2025? I hope that FOLK will still exist in its present form as a voluntary friends group representing all users and that we will keep pressure on the owners to maintain it for all people to enjoy into the future.





Julius braving the January cold

# AGM November 12<sup>th</sup> 2014

For those members who couldn't attend the AGM, which was held at Leckhampton Primary School the following are the main bits of business of the meeting.

The Chair, Julius Marstrand, welcomed about 31 members to the fifteenth AGM of FOLK and then gave an interesting review of his 10 years of chairmanship of FOLK as follows:

As most of you are no doubt aware, the Friends of Leckhampton Hill & Charlton Kings Common came about as the result of a series of well attended public meetings about the future of the Hill, organised by Cheltenham Borough Council, between 1998 and 2000.

The site is well loved and well used by many local residents and many were concerned about the prospects for the site. Designated as a Site of

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Special Scientific Interest, the Borough Council was concerned that it could not afford to honour its statutory obligations to maintain the site's conservation status. Conservationists were concerned that important biological habitats, notably unimproved limestone grassland, were being lost. Geologists were concerned that nationally significant limestone exposures were becoming obscured. Recreational users, especially horse-riders and off-road cyclists were concerned that their freedom to use the site might be restricted, to protect what was left of the habitat. Ramblers, families and dog-walkers were concerned that their enjoyment of the site was being impaired by other users.

The difficulty was how to reconcile these apparently conflicting interests – all of whom love the site for different reasons. It was recognised that any attempt to impose the interests of any one special interest group over any others would be likely to end in failure. The public meetings nominated a small group of us to draw up FOLK's initial constitution. I drafted it, based on the Charities Commission model. This would help in case we ever need to register as a charity. The working party then tidied it up, before presenting it to an Inaugural General Meeting in July 2000 and the first Annual General Meeting was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2000.

I think it worth revisiting the original Aims and Objectives we adopted:

- 1\* To promote the conservation and management of the ecology, geology and archaeology of the Land
- 2\* To promote the land's status as an SSSI, an AONB and compliance with relevant National and European legislation
- 3\* To support the widest possible recreational use of the land consistent with the above objectives
- 4\* To promote public awareness and education in the objectives above

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5\* To liaise and consult with the owners and trustees of the Land and of adjacent land over matters of mutual interest.

It has been the way we have balanced these Objectives and the competing interests that has been behind the success of FOLK.

It is worth noting that the most heated discussions have usually not been between obviously conflicting interests, for example, between ramblers and horse riders – which had previously resulted in the erection of the 'horse-barriers' across the Cotswolds Way along the top of the East side of Charlton Kings Common, or between walkers and 4x4 drivers, which have plagued some other sites, or between mountain bikers and walkers. The most heated discussions have usually been between different groups of conservationists! Over what time of year mowing should be carried out, over the interests of birds or invertebrates as opposed to the limestone flora and so on.

It is even true that the interpretation of what is in the best interests of the "Land's status as an SSSI, an AONB and compliance with relevant National and European legislation" has not always been consistent. Ideas about how best to achieve this have even changed over time!

The constitution was designed to reduce the risk of the Executive Committee becoming a selfperpetuating clique, or the risk of a single special interest group packing a single General Meeting and taking control of the organisation. This is why the officers have to stand for re-election every year and are limited to how many years they may stand for re-election and only around one third of the remaining Executive Committee members are reelected each year.

I should like to take this opportunity to encourage this approach of not promoting any one 'special interest' above all others, apart from the general one of "promoting the conservation and management of the ecology, geology and archaeology of the Land", but "To support the widest possible recreational use of the land consistent with the conservation objective."

The site was originally purchased by the Town Council, on behalf of the people of Cheltenham, long before it was designated as a SSSI. If this principle is ignored, we cannot expect all the recreational users of the site to support the conservation efforts.



#### A lasting memorial

I was elected as the first Chairman and have had the great privilege of chairing FOLK for ten of its first fourteen years. After the maximum five years, I stood down and was replaced by Judith Frazer-Holland, another founder member. Judith served for four years, during which FOLK made great progress, not least working with CBC and Natural England to raise the funds for the 1.3km long drystone wall along the Southern boundary of Charlton Kings Common. Unfortunately she then became too ill to carry on and I was re-elected. There were many founding members of FOLK, but of those, apart from myself, the following were



members of the first Executive Committee: Honorary Secretary, Jack Shepherd; Treasurer, Anne North and Andy Gilbert, Shelagh Hallaway, Diane James, Tony Meredith, Maureen Peirce and Allan Wood, as Committee Members. We all owe a great debt to the work they did getting FOLK established. I am certainly grateful for their support, particularly Jack who was responsible not only for administering the Executive very efficiently, but also for producing the first newsletters.



Taking in the view from Charlton Kings Common

Since then many people have contributed to the success of FOLK, either on the Executive Committee, or in the Conservation Working Parties, particularly in the latter case Allan Wood, Judith Frazer-Holland and Mike Donnelly for co-ordinating the Working Parties. On behalf of all users of the site I should like to thank all of them for their efforts and support of FOLK to help maintain the site in the interests of everyone now and in the future.

#### **Treasurer's Report. Geoff Holt**

Geoff presented the audited annual accounts. Subscription income was down but donations were up, especially when the direct payments by Cheltenham BC for new tools, tool servicing and fuel were taken into account. The Treasurer stressed the value of this help and also noted the valuable donations from the Leckhampton with Warden Hill, Shurdington and Charlton Kings Parish Councils. He drew attention to the fact that despite these sources of income, there was an excess of expenditure over income, amounting to  $\pm 431$  for the year.

This deficit was largely due to a significant increase in the cost of producing the Newsletter, of which two colour copies and one black and white copy had been produced during the year, in contrast to the previous practice of having three black and white copies. Some issues had been larger than most in previous years. The Treasurer stressed that the Executive realised that FOLK could not maintain this increased expenditure in future years and had begun to discuss future policy. The Treasurer then initiated a discussion on this issue.

Several contributions from the floor welcomed the colour format and the excellent content of recent issues, for which the Editor was warmly thanked. It was suggested that the colour format created a much better image for FOLK, that of an active and lively organisation.

The value of the newsletter in promoting the organisation was stressed and it was agreed that recent issues did this very well.

The possibility of getting commercial sponsorship was raised. Comments from the floor suggested that the combination of the failure of past attempts to attract sponsorship and small print run would make this difficult. It was noted that some sponsors seemed only to fund organisations that were registered as charities. The Chair noted that in the past FOLK had considered that the constraints imposed by being a charity outweighed any benefits that might accrue.

The Treasurer noted that circulating the newsletter electronically would considerably reduce costs and asked the meeting for a show of hands as to how many of those present would be happy to adopt this approach. A large majority indicated their support for this. It was noted that this would require FOLK to develop a list of the e-mail addresses of members. The Executive were aware that some members would not wish, or indeed not be able, to receive Newsletters in electronic form. The Executive's present thinking was that



arrangements would be made for any members in these categories would continue to receive hard copies. A possible mechanism for producing such hard copies cheaply was being explored.

A member noted that copies of the Newsletter could be placed on the FOLK website and asked why the website was so limited in content. The Treasurer accepted this criticism and responded that this was another matter that the Executive was currently exploring. He expressed the hope that a much better site would be in place by the next AGM.

There was limited discussion of the option of reducing the number of Newsletters to two a year. A comment from the floor noted that in the early years of FOLK, four newsletters had been issued each year, but that the difficulty in getting enough material to fill the pages had resulted in the decision to reduce the number to three. The general feeling of the meeting was that, subject to funds being available, at least three should be produced.

The audited accounts were accepted at the meeting

Elections of Officers and the Executive committee took place. There were no motions or other business to debate and the meeting concluded with an interesting talk by Eleanor Reast from the Cotswold Conservation Board who is working on a three year national project, entitled "Save Our Magnificent Meadows" which will have activities in the Cotswold area

#### FOLK Work Party Report Autumn 2014

The regular FOLK work parties have continued over the Autumn/Winter of 2014/15 with only one having to be cancelled due to bad weather. Although we have encountered some cold winds, the occasional showers and muddy conditions, we have sometimes been able to enjoy a bit of sunshine and lovely clear distant views! Thanks to everyone who turned out in these conditions. Our work over this period has focused on three main tasks. Firstly, the main task has been to open up and widen a number of cattle tracks. With the cattle having been able to roam freely about the hill for some years now we are finding that they are not grazing some areas and having difficulty accessing others. We have therefore spent quite a few work parties opening up access routes as well as widening existing tracks where scrub growth has been restricting them. This has had the added benefit of pushing back the encroachment of gorse, which is overrunning some areas, and reexposing the grass underneath. It has also made some tracks more passable for walkers which hopefully they are appreciating.



A track through the gorse that has been widened

Secondly, instead of our usual work to clear scrub (to expose grassland) we have worked on an area alongside Daisybank Road to, for once, encourage scrub growth. This was on a hawthorn copse which has grown so dense that there is little undergrowth due to lack of light. As a trial, in a small area of this copse, we have removed a number of trees and reduced others significantly in height to trunks (pollarding) or stumps (coppicing) with the hope that they will regrow. We have cleared away and burnt most of the cuttings from this work but have left some in-situ over and around the cut stumps and trunks to try to protect any new growth from grazing by cattle or deer. This work will hopefully encourage a healthy understory scrub habitat to form. We will continue to monitor this trial area



and if it proves over time to have been successful we will probably extend it to the rest of the copse.



# Hawthorn copse by Daisybank Road with protected stumps

Finally, those of you who use the woodland walk leading from the limestone kilns and passing below the Devil's Chimney will have noticed that a significant area of ash trees have been felled. A large area above and along this footpath has been overwhelmed by the seeding and rapid growth of ash trees over the years which has impacted on the original grassland which Natural England requires to be maintained. It was therefore necessary for this area to be cleared to save the grassland. The felling was done by contractors but FOLK has spent a number of work parties tidying up and burning the brash resulting from this work.



#### Area below Devil's Chimney cleared of Ash trees

That is what we have done recently but what are we planning to do in the coming months? Well, we have to stop scrub clearance and tree removal **FOLKtalk** Newsletter Spring 2015

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from early March until the summer/autumn so as not to disturb nesting birds. Therefore, we will be getting on with other work such as footpath and car park perimeter maintenance and continuing our attempts to reduce the spread of Hemp Agrimony and to remove Ragwort.

As always you are welcome to join us on one of our work parties. We are a friendly mixed group of male and female members. You can work at your own pace and take a break as and when you wish. We meet at 9.30am at Tramway Cottage Car Park, Daisybank Road, and are on the hill for approximately 3 hours. Tools are provided by FOLK. For your own safety we ask you to bring and wear stout footwear and tough gardening gloves. We have three FOLK work parties a month. Dates for the next 6 months are printed below.

#### Work party dates for Spring/Summer 2015

April 2015	Thursday	Tuesday	Sunday
	9 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>
May 2015	Thursday	Tuesday	Sunday
	14 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	24 <sup>rd</sup>
June 2015	Thursday	Tuesday	Sunday
	11 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>
July 2015	Thursday	Tuesday	Sunday
	9 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>
August 2015	Thursday	Tuesday	Sunday
	13 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>	23 <sup>nd</sup>
September 2015	Thursday	Tuesday	Sunday
	10 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup>

For further information Contact Geoff 01242 244165 or Mike 01242 238790

Geoff Holt, Mike Donnelly FOLK Work Party Coordinator (joint)

# **SMOKE SIGNALS** other news from the Hill and Common and the conservation scene.

# Multimillion pound boost to save UK's Magnificent Meadows

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) has awarded a significant sum towards a national project to save the UK's remaining fragments of meadow. There were once natural wild flower meadows in every parish. Today only 2% of the meadows that existed in the 1930's remain. Nearly 7.5 million acres of wildflower meadow have been lost so far and they are still being destroyed.

The "Save our Magnificent Meadows Project" will take place over the next four years with more than 74,000 acres across the UK being targeted for restoration work. It is expected that over 500,000 members of the public will be involved. Save our Magnificent Meadows is led by the organization Plantlife, working in close partnership with county Wildlife Trusts, the National Trust, the RSPB and locally with the Cotswolds Conservation Board.

# Mark Connelly, Land Management Officer for the Cotswolds Conservation Board said:

"We are incredibly pleased to be a partner with this nationally important groundbreaking project. Wild flower grasslands are a nationally important and distinctive feature of the Cotswolds AONB landscape and which are disappearing apace. Thanks to Plantlife and Heritage Lottery Fund, this project places the Cotswolds firmly at the heart of efforts to help halt this decline and restore our grasslands for the benefit of future generations."

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Part of our precious grassland on the Hill Fort

Preliminary discussions have taken place within FOLK and with the Cotswold AONB about whether the Hill and Common could be a suitable location for activities linked to the Magnificent Meadows Project. As a result there is a possibility that we might get involved in 2016 but much more planning and discussion of organisation will be needed in the meantime.

Suggestions on how we could become involved in the project would be welcomed.

#### **Fencing around Lime Kilns**

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As mentioned above in Word from Wayne we are seeing some progress towards conserving what is left of the Hill's industrial heritage at the Lime Kilns. As part of the work, the base of the kilns has been fenced off using railings previously seen surrounding the large beech tree in Montpellier Gardens that was felled last year. The railings will help to deter people from climbing on the fragile stone and concrete elements of the kilns and accessing the exposed rock faces in the area.



Iron railings around the base of the Lime Kilns.

#### Can You Help?

In recent months the FOLK executive has set up a number of small groups to review aspects of what FOLK does and how it does these things. Some of you may have been contacted by one of these groups regarding your willingness to receive future issues of this Newsletter via the Internet. This group is also overseeing a revamp of FOLK's website (visit www.leckhamptonhill.org.uk).

One group has been charged with identifying those issues that might be critical to FOLK's future and which might therefore need anticipatory actions. This group considers that there are three particular matters that need urgent attention, namely:

- the need to increase membership
- the lack of a clear view of what members wish for the Common and the Hill;
- the suspected limited understanding of the site by many visitors and the benefits, in terms of greater support for FOLK and its work, of increasing this understanding.

Increasing understanding of the site falls clearly within FOLK's original objectives. These few paragraphs seek your help in all these areas.

We hope that all of you will be willing to recommend membership of FOLK to those that you know who have an interest in the site or who visit it regularly. We would like to know more about what you want from the site, or how you think that its value to the town and to visitors might be improved. Examples here might be more or different signage, improved access for the less able, more exposure of archaeological features or opening up new views.

The group is recommending that FOLK puts more effort than it has in recent years into "educational", in the broadest sense, projects. These might include guided walks, information leaflets, or notice boards. None of these will be possible without specialist expertise, for example to lead walks or to write leaflets. We will need input from members with expertise if we are to take these ideas forward.

If you have any views about the future of the site or have skills that could help develop our outreach programme, then please let me know as soon as possible. My contact details are: henry.harvey1@btinternet.com; telephone 01242 520053; The Brick House, Charlton Drive, GL53 8ES.

We hope to shortly carry out, over the Internet, a more systematic survey of members' views and a trawl for skills. We hope that those of you for whom FOLK has an e-mail address will be willing for us to contact you via that route. But please do not wait for that anticipated e-mail to reply to the requests above.

Many thanks in advance for your replies, which I may not be able to reply to individually.

John Harvey, Chair

#### And finally:

FOLK website.

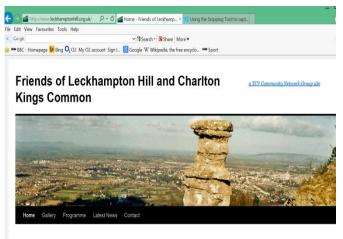
As mentioned elsewhere, we are moving towards having a more useful website. A basic site has been established, which can be viewed via this link:

#### www.leckhamptonhill.org.uk

We are waiting to fill it with material that will tell the world about FOLK and will help us to recruit new members.



All contributions will be gratefully received for example photos, articles, comments and fun items.



Latest News

**Thanks as ever to all our sponsoring organisations**: Charlton Kings, Shurdington and Leckhampton and Warden Hill Parish Councils have generously provided grants again this year. Cheltenham and County Cycling Club continue to help financially, and Cotswold Conservation Board and Cheltenham Borough Council give continuous support for which we are very grateful.

## About FOLK

FOLK is an organisation set up to work with landowners, to promote the conservation and management of the ecology, geology and archaeology of Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common. We support sustainable recreational and agricultural use of the land.

We welcome new members to support and help us in this important work. If you wish to join (either as an individual or as a family) please contact any of the people listed below. Annual membership is £6 per year for an individual or £9 for a family.

If you have any comments on the Newsletter or would like to contribute an article to the next edition later in 2013 please contact Peter Whalley on 01242 517024 or email to: <u>whalley-p@o2.co.uk</u> Articles of around 500 words plus a photo at any time would be most welcome

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