



Friends of Leckhampton Hill & Charlton Kings Common

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Welcome to the 2013 Autumn FOLK newsletter. In this issue:

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The Hill and Common - another year of development

Grazing

This has been another year of change on the site. With the birth of 4 new cows last October, the size of the herd grazing Charlton Kings Common has been increased from 14 to 18. For animal husbandry reasons some of these spend time in the arable reversion fields behind Leckhampton Hill, or in the Cowslip Meadow at the Eastern end of the site and sometimes in Daisybank Fields. Happily since their introduction, there have been no significant conflicts with dog walkers or other users of the site and most visitors have got used to watching them roaming over the Common.

Following suggestions from Natural England and on advice from an agricultural consultant, Cheltenham Borough Council are now considering the introduction of limited pony grazing, alongside the cattle grazing, on an experimental basis. This is because native ponies may eat slightly different vegetation from the cattle, which may help to improve the biodiversity.

The priorities for managing a SSSI are rather different from the objectives for managing the Council's other agricultural holdings and FOLK is determined that this difference is recognised. There are a number of issues associated with mixed grazing and FOLK is working with the cattle grazer and CBC to ensure these issues are properly addressed and don't adversely affect the cattle grazing.



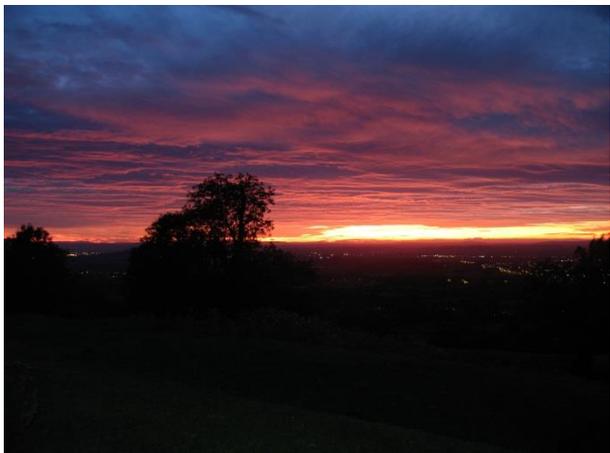
Getting to grips with the scrub

Work Parties

This is the second year that FOLK has not had to spend time erecting and dismantling temporary electric fencing. This has freed a lot of volunteer

time and has also encouraged more people to participate in Working Parties.

The improvements resulting from this can be seen across the site, but there is still so much more that could be done with more volunteers.



September sunset viewed from the Hill

Management Plans

Under the Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) agreement, we have to produce five separate Management Plans, relating to different aspects of conservation on the site: Grassland (which is one of the two reasons for the site's designation as a SSSI); Grazing; Scrub; Woodland; and Geological exposures (the other reason for the site's designation).

FOLK has always been very lucky to have experts on various aspects of conservation amongst members of its Executive Committee, including John Harvey who is leading the preparation of these Management Plans with CBC.

These Management Plans overlap: the management of grassland includes preventing the encroachment of scrub and, mainly ash, woodland. Grazing is the main method of management of the grassland on Charlton Kings Common, but not elsewhere on the site. The management of scrub directly affects the preservation and restoration of 'unimproved limestone grassland'.

We also need to have Management Plans for conservation of the Iron Age Fort, which is a Scheduled Ancient Monument (SAM) and the Industrial Archaeology. Work carried out by Cotswold Volunteer Wardens and Community Service teams has cleared much of the scrub from the ramparts on the Iron Age Fort and reduced the amount of root damage.

Further work is needed in the area known as the "Butterfly Motorway", which they use as a 'corridor', immediately below the Fort. It is now heavily overshadowed by scrub along the face of the Iron Age Fort. This obscures views from the Cotswold Way across the Severn Valley and Vale of Evesham.

Monitoring

To ensure that the Management Plans and associated conservation action are helping to improve the site, which is still not considered by Natural England, to be in 'Favourable Condition', improvements have been made in the way the outcomes are measured, including surveys of wildflowers and grasses and butterflies.

This is being done in partnership between FOLK, led by John Harvey and Serena Meredith and CBC's Community Ranger, Wayne Sedgwick.

Litter and fires

Sadly some people enjoy the site but don't follow the code of "*Kill nothing but Time, Take nothing but Photographs, Leave nothing but Footprints*". We've had a lovely summer, but revellers have left a number of abandoned camp sites, with fire sites, portable barbeques and huge amounts of broken bottles, beer cans and plastic rubbish.

These cause significant damage to the grassland and other vegetation, creating a hazard for pets, wildlife and children. People who do enjoy the site should avoid fires which damage the site and should not take parts of the industrial

archaeology to provide stones for camp fires. It goes without saying that litter should be put in the bins provided. It would be much better if visitors could take their litter home particularly if the bins are full. Please continue to **enjoy the site responsibly**

Julius Marstrand

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Cycling matters

Recent Newsletters included reports provided by Roger Smith, who is a member of the Cheltenham and County Cycling Club, on the mountain biking scene on the Hill. Roger acted as an active liaison between FOLK and the mountain bikers using the Hill. It has been very helpful to involve bikers in managing the different uses of the Hill and Common. Roger has now relinquished his role and FOLK would like to express their gratitude to him for the work he has done. As users know, mountain biking continues to be very popular and we are hoping to re-establish a link with the bikers and report on the mountain biking scene again soon.



Defying gravity!

Butterfly Monitoring – year 1

How?

At the inaugural meeting of the butterfly monitors group in early April, the site was

divided into survey areas – (1) Leckhampton Hill + Brownstone Quarry[LH], (2) Charlton Kings Common west of the Windass Hill track[CKCw], and (3) Charlton Kings Common east of the Windass Hill track + the Cowslip field[CKCe]. Within each area, numbered sections were identified, representing variations in habitat type. A fixed route was agreed during an initial "walk around" with the volunteer(s). A total of 30 sections were surveyed. Species seen in each section would be noted. A rough count would be made, for some species; recording 1, some (2-5 individuals), more than 5. This was to ensure that in future years records can be compared like for like. Then it was all systems go except the seasonably cold spring meant no butterflies.



Common Blue..... ©Russell Smith

What and Where?

Indeed, it was not until the first week in May that the newly emerged Orange Tips, Green Hairstreaks, Speckled Woods and Large Whites rather than hibernating Peacocks, Small Tortoiseshells and Brimstones were seen. Numbers of species and individuals remained low until the main grassland species appeared at the end of June (Ringlet) and beginning of July (Marbled White, Meadow Brown and Large Skipper). Then the numbers exploded! Within the 30 sections, Ringlet, Meadow Brown and Marbled White have been recorded in 28 – the only 2 sections where these species were not seen were from the wooded sections on LH(along the lower boundary edge slope) and

CKCw (on the plateau between the horse circle and the footpath exit to Hartley Farm). Even within these 2 sections, Speckled Wood and either Large Skipper or Large White were recorded. The maximum number of individual Marbled Whites counted in a single section was 43, with a minimum total of 490 over the survey period. This was an underestimate as it was within a narrow corridor either side of the route and counts were not done once a total of 6 was reached in most instances!

On the downside, Chalkhill Blues were only seen on LH in areas at the Salterley Quarry end, and not on the old CKCw site close to the pond near Daisybank Road. The colony may have gone from this area, but hopefully as the larval food plant Horseshoe Vetch is present the butterfly may find its way back. Duke of Burgundy was again seen on CKCe, but in a different location at the top of the slope close to the wall, but as this area has the larval food plant (cowslips) as well as shelter and shade from scrub, there is no reason why a colony should not establish itself here. Usually it is seen in the area above the Golf Course and casual reports from other observers have been received for this area again this year.



Marbled White.....©Russell Smith

Small (or Little) Blues were seen in 4 locations, but as single specimens, they may well not be breeding on site. The kidney vetch required for the larva is only present in discreet patches over the entire site, but is well established in the

rough grass between the Golf Course and Mountain Knoll Wood. This is certainly a species that could be encouraged to make the hill its home. Common Blue and Small Heath were widespread, the latter in good numbers, whilst Brown Argus was restricted to 6 sections. It was a bumper year for Dark Green Fritillary, a large and active butterfly seen across the site (15 sections) in low numbers, and Wall was seen in 3 (previously known) locations.

Migrant butterflies (Painted Ladies and Clouded Yellows) were also seen and recorded in low numbers, bringing the total number of species identified on the site as a whole to 30 for the season.

Hot spots

So where on the hill are you likely to see the most species of butterfly across the season? LH had 3 sections with 20 or more (max 22), CKCw had 1 with 17 and CKCe had 1 with 20. Generally butterflies enjoy warm conditions on the south westerly aspect of LH. Here thin soils, some mechanical grass cutting and rabbit rather than cattle grazing help to keep the more vigorous grasses in check, which allows the larval food plants to flourish with minimal competition. The challenge is to bring up the rest of the site to the same standard, whilst ensuring the widest possible biodiversity remains.

Conclusions

It is premature to draw firm conclusions from only one year's data. All the volunteers (myself included) were novices and on occasion positive identification proved difficult especially for the whites and skipper species. The hot weather mid-season made the butterflies hyperactive, reducing opportunities to see them at rest. For these reasons, I expect the records from this year to be underestimating the numbers and distribution of butterflies on the site. This will be corrected over time by additional surveys and

increased experience. Anecdotal evidence suggests this was a bumper year for butterflies. Time and future surveys will give a clearer picture.



Gatekeeper ©Russell Smith

Interested in knowing more?

A copy of the survey guidelines and maps showing the site and section numbers are available in soft copy on request, and will be on display at the AGM in November. A breakdown of the data by area, species and flight times (for selected species only) is also available. Please get in touch if you would like to help out next season.

Thanks to Russell Smith for the excellent photos of butterflies taken whilst he was carrying out surveys this summer.

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Introducing Russell Smith FOLK member

This item is a new one where we ask a FOLK member to share their thoughts on the Hill and Common. We hope to feature other members in future issues of the Newsletter so any volunteers would be welcome.

So with thanks to our first brave volunteer we introduce Russell Smith, whom you may have

seen on the Hill this summer scrutinising and photographing butterflies.



Russell Smith at the seaside?

When did you join FOLK? - I have been involved with FOLK since the beginning in 2000. At that time there were plans by the (Woodland Trust?) to plant new woodland on the site (Daisybank?) and I was concerned about the effect this would have on the open areas I had come to enjoy. I heard about plans to create FOLK & signed up at the first meeting.

How do you (and your family) enjoy the Hill? – It's a great place to fill your lungs and to walk off a hearty winter Sunday roast or simply to spend time together. It helps to put daily life firmly back into perspective.

What are your earliest memories of the Hill? – When I first came to Cheltenham at about the age of seven, I walked with my four brothers from Bath Road through Daisy Bank and up to the Devils Chimney (a long walk for someone this age) I remember we always used to stop at the little shop on the corner of Leckhampton Road with Old Bath Road to buy some lemonade for the journey.

When I was at Naunton Park School I enjoyed cross country running over the hill. In winter, sometimes we used to carry snowballs back to School cradled in our shirts to prevent them

from thawing (and our hands from freezing) to prove that snow remained on the hill, long after it had melted down in the town.

What changes have you noticed over the years? – Looking back it's clear to me that the vegetation has been steadily encroaching all over the hill. For example I remember the tramline from Daisybank to the Lime Kilns being quite 'open' whereas today it almost resembles a tunnel under the trees in summer. Of course there has also been a slow but steady decline in the condition of the Lime Kilns themselves.

I am pleased to say that the recreational use of the hill has become more diverse with many new activities such as cycling and paragliding over the years.

What is your favourite view of or from the Hill? – Undoubtedly the vista from the viewpoint above Dead Man's Quarry, taking in the Severn Valley towards Bristol, across to the Black Mountains and over towards Tewkesbury and Malvern, with almost all of Cheltenham laid out below.

What is your favourite time of year on the Hill? – Any time of course, but it's difficult to beat a warm morning, early in the year, approaching from Sandy Lane and quietly listening to the birds announcing the arrival of spring.

What aspect of the natural history, archaeology or geology of the Hill do you find most interesting? – I have always enjoyed Natural History and so involved myself with the Wildflower and Butterfly surveys. I have known Leckhampton Hill almost all my life and yet feel there are many more things still waiting to be discovered there.

What does membership of FOLK mean to you? – Being involved with FOLK gives me the opportunity to step outside my busy life, with

the reward of knowing that the voluntary work I do will really make a difference to a place that I have enjoyed since my early childhood.

What would you hope that FOLK would have achieved on the Hill by its 25th anniversary in 2025? - I would like to see FOLK continue to grow and have a firmly established role in order to serve the needs of the local community and preserve this unique place for the conservation of nature and recreation. To improve and maintain its status as an SSSI and to avoid making it an out of town 'parkland'.

Wild flowers on the Hill and Common.

As the beneficial effects of grazing and the FOLK work parties are seen in the conditions of the habitats on the Hill and Common, we are continuing to monitor the wild flowers at a number of places.



Field Scabious, with Meadow Brown ©Russell Smith

Volunteers completed a survey in the spring and early summer and an autumn follow up is underway. Data from this monitoring is being crunched by John Harvey, FOLK's resident botanical specialist and will be reported soon. We hope to see a greater variety of wildflowers, which will support a wider range of butterflies and other wildlife and a reduction in the coarser grasses.

Butterfly word search

This wordsearch was kindly created for the Newsletter by Mary Paterson, following the invitation in the last issue for contributions to encourage younger members to read the Newsletter. Solution at the end of the Newsletter

Find the 16 words listed, which make up the names of butterflies seen on the Hill this year or in the case of one of them hoped to have been seen! Then read the spare letters off, filling them in below to make a question. There is one extra letter, which you can probably guess. Words can go forwards, backwards or diagonally

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Adonis	Holly
Argus	Skipper
Blue	Small
Brown	Speckled
Burgundy	Wood
Common	
Dingy	
Duke	
Green	
Hairstreak	
Heath	

The message:

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Extra letter: - (Why?)

The Word from Wayne, Wayne Sedgwick Senior Community Ranger, Cheltenham Borough Council.

Grazing on Charlton Kings Common continues to be a major topic of discussion between all parties involved in management of the site. As reported in the last Newsletter, Natural England in meetings with the Borough has given qualified support to the extension of the grazing regime to include animals other than the existing Dexter cattle. As a result the Borough is investigating the practical and legal aspects of developing the grazing to include native breeds of ponies for example Exmoors. Natural England feels that autumn would be the preferred time to start this grazing. This would reduce the problem of dead grass creating "thatch" over the winter and affecting the grazing in the next season. The Council hope to commence trials early in autumn 2014. We will report on progress.

As part of the exercise to update the 2003 Management Plan to meet a 2014 deadline set by Natural England, work is underway on a **Scrub Management plan**. This is linked closely to the Work Party plan. Over the winter work parties will concentrate on areas of scrub including the spreading gorse. Paths will be created through the gorse to encourage the cattle to extend their grazing into areas where the grass is under threat from the encroaching gorse. It is important that we do not lose any grassed areas. The consequence of this was highlighted by recent impacts on financial payments to the Council resulting from concerns about the amount of grassed areas included in one of the agricultural support schemes.

An further concern of the Council is the deteriorating **state of the Limekilns**. A recent

consultant's report on the geological and technical aspects of any restoration has given a clearer picture of how challenging a job it will be to deal with the limestone rock formations in the quarry around the Limekilns. Further advice is being sought by the Council before deciding on plans to restore the Limekilns.

After consulting widely on the layout of the soon to be installed interpretation boards on the entrances to the Hill Fort, new draft designs are being produced. It is hoped that a design that will appeal to all shades of opinion will result soon. Watch this space!

A survey of **benches on the Hill and Common** had 34 at the last count. FOLK and the Council are discussing whether there is space for any more commemorative benches and how the installation and maintenance of benches can be managed to respect the wilderness nature of the Hill and the potential pressure from the public to put more memorials on the Hill.

The **Cotswold Wardens** held their AGM site visit on the Hill on the 11th of October when they were looking at the history of quarrying at a number of sites in the Cotswolds. Wayne Sedgwick hosted this visit.



Established woodland on the Hill

Attention is being turned to the **woodland** of the Hill in preparation for the production of the Woodland Management plan. A survey of the state of the woodland involving the Council's Tree Office is to be carried out over the next year. Ash

dieback is still a worry although thankfully it does not appear to have reached us yet. Ash is the dominant type of tree on the Hill and Common. The larch trees planted on the Hill are now reaching the end of their lives. There are some interesting alternative to clear felling such as removing their tops but leaving part to provide habitat for bats and other wildlife.

Mountain bikers are allowed to use bridleways and have permissive rights to ride on the Hill following recommendations in the 2003 Management Plan. However concern is increasing because of a trend towards more extreme downhill biking and that younger people are getting involved in this type of riding. As always litter is a problem.

In mid-September it was reported that a new mountain bike track had been made starting near the top of the Hill. Inquiries identified the biker responsible. Action was taken by Cheltenham Borough to block the track but it appears to be still in use. This incident highlights the need to have good liaison between the mountain biking community.

Work Party Report, autumn 2013

It has been a very rewarding year. The intensive grazing has allowed the management of working parties to be much more focused on grassland, conservation and scrub clearance. We now also have the benefit of Wayne Sedgwick Cheltenham Borough Council Senior Ranger attending the week day work parties. This allows us, with the CBC 4x4 truck, to transport tools and machinery to areas that we cannot get access to by car.

The FOLK volunteers with CBC, a contractor and the Community Payback Team have cleared a large area of grassland of gorse between the Cotswold Way and the new dry stone wall, this area ten months on has now a good covering of grass.

We have also taken down a number of ash trees. These trees were distributing thousands of seed

Pods which produce saplings into the grassland all of which need removing.

Good progress has been made in clearing the grassland of Hawthorn and Gorse on the south side of the path that runs from the gate on the turning circle and diagonally up the hill. We plan to clear the sides of the path line further up the hill as they are becoming overgrown with Gorse.

A site survey has been completed to put together the Work Party Programme for the winter months 2013/14. Included in the works are more clearance of the grassland and scrub in the glades above Bridge car park off Daisy Bank Road, which if cared for produces wonderful wild flower coverage in the summer and this area is much used by the public.



Work party and dog enjoy the fresh air

Also planned is to clear areas of Gorse on the escarpment adjacent to the Cotswold Way, the Gorse in this area has not been managed for a number of years and is old and little use to wild life and is taking over the grassland.

The Hazel Plantations have not been coppiced for a number of years and are very overgrown resulting in a number uprooting themselves. Having surveyed the plantations we have marked a small number of trees that will be coppiced this winter. We will monitor the regrowth over the next year. This will allow us to plan a future coppicing programme.

I look forward to another productive year. Volunteer numbers are still being maintained. Much more management planning for the future of the hill is being put in place. We now have the bases for benefits for all public users, the wild life and the wild flowers on the hill. Many have gone before us and fought for the rights of the public to use the hill and we should hand it over to the next generation in a good condition.

You are always 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 if you wish. We meet at 9.30 at Tramway Cottage Car Park Daisy Bank Road and are on the hill for approximately 3 hours. Tools are provided by FOLK. For your own safety please wear stout footwear and tough gardening gloves. We have three FOLK work parties a month dates for the next 6 months are printed below

For further information Contact Mike 01242 238790 or Geoff 01242 244165

Mike Donnelly, FOLK Work Party Coordinator

Work parties for 2012/2013

November 2013	Thursday 14 th	Tuesday 19 th	Sunday 24 th
December 2013	Thursday 12 th	Tuesday 17 th	Sunday 22 nd
January 2014	Thursday 9 th	Tuesday 21 st	Sunday 26 th
February 2014	Thursday 13 th	Tuesday 18 th	Sunday 22 nd
March 2014	Thursday 13 th	Tuesday 18 th	Sunday 22 nd
April 2014	Thursday 10 th	Tuesday 15 th	Sunday 27 th
May 2014	Thursday 8 th	Tuesday 20 th	Sunday 25 th

Smoke signals

Correction

In the last Newsletter it was reported that newts were killed during burning of grass on the Hill. It has been pointed out that as there is no water or wetlands associated with the dry limestone country it is unlikely that newts would be seen on the Hill. It is more likely that lizards would be the victim, which is perhaps even more a cause for concern.

AGM reminder

Don't forget the AGM on November 13th 7.00 pm Leckhampton Primary School. After the business there will be a talk on Management of Wildlife in the Cotswolds given by Will Masefield who works for the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust. Will has appeared on BBC Country File where he has featured in articles about the role of the Wildlife Trust in involving communities in wildlife conservation.

Open Spaces Society

FOLK is a member of the Open Spaces Society (OSS), which is a campaigning body fighting to preserve our national heritage of open spaces. The OSS produce a regular newsletter headlining current issues for example the Government's policy of streamlining planning decisions. Have a look at their website for more information on www.oss.org.uk.

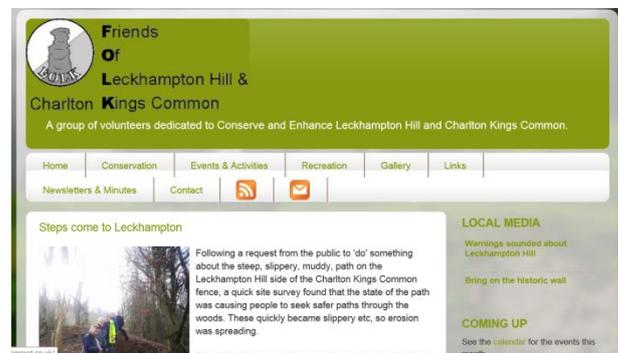
The Birds of Gloucestershire

The Birds of Gloucestershire, the most comprehensive book about the county's bird life that's ever been produced, will be launched at the **AGM** of the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust on Saturday, 16th November.

The book contains 249 species all beautifully illustrated by some of the UK's leading bird artists. Visit [Nature In Art](#) from 12th November - December 15th and see The Birds of Gloucestershire exhibition, with original artwork

from Sir. Peter Scott, Robert Gillmor and Peter Partington.

FOLK website



FOLK is soon to have a new presence on the Worldwide Web (www). We hope to launch a new website soon, which will help to publicise our message to a wider audience. The web address will be www.leckhamptonhill.org.uk Details to follow soon

Thanks to supporters

We are very pleased and grateful to report that we have received financial donations from both Cheltenham Borough Council and Cheltenham & County Cycling Club towards the costs of producing the FOLK newsletter. These donations, along with the ones we also receive from the local Parish Councils, are extremely important contributions to the work and financing of FOLK.

Interpretation Boards

Work is progressing on the design of display boards to give visitors an introduction to the Hill Fort and its associated archaeology. Cheltenham Borough is employing a designer to produce ideas for the boards. It is planned to have two boards at sites to be agreed at the approaches to the Hill Fort.

Newsletter

This newsletter has colour for the first time. We hope readers like this improvement. This

is part of an updating of the newsletter over the coming issues. Your feedback would be welcome.

Memorial benches

Requests for the siting of memorial benches on the Hill continue to be received by the Borough Council. FOLK has carried out a survey of the benches and fed this information to the Council. There will be a very limited scope for additional benches of a robust and common design and approval will be conditional on the provision of adequate funding for the future care of any new benches. Further details will be provided when a decision is made by the Council.

Tree walk

A "Tree Walk" was led by Chris Chavasse, the Cheltenham Borough Tree Office, in the evening on August 7th. Participants reported having an enjoyable and informative walk.

Devil's Chimney Chase

As an example of the varied use of the Hill, the Devil's Chimney Chase is a 10 kilometre multi terrain running event staged on July 27th by the Cheltenham Almost Athlete's Club. This is the seventh annual staging of this event, which starts at the Richard Pate junior school.

Feathered friends

Has anybody spotted this bird around the Hill?



Red Kite

Red Kites are being seen in the skies over the Cotswolds as they extend their territory ever westward from the areas in Buckinghamshire, where they have established a stronghold.

The Newsletter has not featured birds associated with the Hill and Common for some time so if any members would like to contribute an item on birds please contact the editor; thanks in anticipation.

Butterfly word search solution

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The Butterflies
Adonis Blue
Brown Argus
Common Blue
Dingy Skipper
Duke of Burgundy
Green Hairstreak
Holly Blue
Small Heath
Speckled Wood

The hidden message:

How many butterflies did you see this lovely summer?

Extra letter: F (for FOLK!)

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: whalley-p@o2.co.uk Articles of around 500 words plus a photo at any time would be most welcome

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