

Chairman's report 2014

Roy reported that the last year had been highly successful for the Friends. We now have 119 Members on the books, with 93 paid up, the highest ever. Money in the Bank is over £30,000, again the highest ever. And the Friends are now caring for an additional conservation area of approximately 5 acres.

A Garden Party was held in July 2013. Thanks to Dee Townsend for leading, and Bruce for hosting.

We attended the Emsworth Show in August. Thanks to Dee Townsend for leading.

A Bottle Auction was held at Christmas – thanks go to Doug Outram.

Maggie Gebbett ran the highly successful Cream Tea in June 2014, raising nearly £1800. Our thanks go to her, supported by Diana Williams, Gwen Perchard, Ruth Tarr, Susie Hamblen, Valerie Bowers, Dee Townsend, and Barry King-Smith. Thanks to Jonathan Robertson for strimming the grass for the event.

The Shore conservation project appears to be moving towards a successful conclusion. Thanks go to Mike Thomas for driving through the project and Maggie Gebbett for her sterling fundraising efforts.

Agreement has now been reached with farmer Young and HBC to conservation care for Nore Copse (to the west of the Selangor path).

Investigations are taking place on Selangor Path to see whether the drainage can be reinstated and the path improved/cleared. This is currently not a FONBW project, but Jonathan Robertson is leading this as an individual.

Finally, thanks are due to David Linington for maintaining the website.