



## **Friends of Nore Barn Woods Newsletter – June 2011**

### AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends will be held at 12 noon on Saturday 25th June (following the work party), on the foreshore at Nore Barn, by the picnic table. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. All members welcome! Please note that Accounts for 2010 may be seen on our website (see below).

### Subscriptions

2011 subscriptions are now due. If you have not paid, please help us by returning cash or cheque as soon as possible.

Supplying an email address will reduce the cost of photocopying and shoe leather! Subscriptions and donations are our main source of income.

### Bank erosion problem

Erosion of the Southern shoreline continues, but at a slower pace than anticipated. To date no oak trees have been lost - the situation however remains critical.

Despite efforts to secure major funding for repairs, and investigating "self help", no practical solution has resulted.

Reluctantly the problem has been returned to Havant Borough Council who, as owners of the land, have prime responsibility. The good news is that newly elected Emsworth Councillor Richard Galloway has committed to support efforts to protect this shoreline. The Friends have congratulated Richard on his election success and look forward to some real progress.

### Website

The Friends' website continues to be updated. You can visit the website at:  
<http://www.norebarnwoods.org.uk>

### Nature

The January newsletter reported that the woods were waterlogged. What a difference two months makes! After a long period without any noticeable rain the ground is parched.

Within the woods there have been displays of bluebells, wild arum spikes, three cornered leek, and lots of pink and white hawthorn (May) blossom. Hairy garlic has also been in flower on the main path.

### Incidents

There continues to be a number of bonfires being started within the woods. This is particularly worrying during the present drought. If you see any antisocial behaviour, please dial 101.

### Workdays

Work days have become really popular this year, with 22 people attending the May work party.

Future work days will be held on the following Saturdays 10:00 to 12:00 noon. Everyone welcome. Meet at the shore end of Warblington Road.

25 Jun (followed by AGM)  
Jul/Aug no workdays  
17 Sept

### Thank you

Whether it has been through the work days or as moral support, your membership is greatly appreciated.

### Contact details

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