



SUSSEX & SURREY COPPICE GROUP

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Coppice Week

10 to 15 June 2012

A rare event for people to learn and enjoy coppice crafts in beautiful outdoor surroundings, in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere with some of the country's most experienced experts and craftsmen. This year the event will be held at Godinton House, Godinton Lane, Ashford, Kent, TN23 3BP. Please contact David Rossney (esusforestry@btinternet.com) if you wish to book a place on any course. Prices have been reduced by funding from RDPE for farmers & woodland workers. There is free parking & camping for all participants.

One Day Courses	Tutor	Date	RDPE Cost
Besom Brooms, Hay Rakes and Tent Pegs	Terry Heard	10 June	£33.00
Introduction to Tree Bark Weaving	Mark Lloyd	10 or 13 June	£33.00
Eastern European Fan Birds	Sean Hellman	10 or 11 June	£55.00
Introduction to Spoon Carving	Peter Maton	12 June	£33.00
Introduction to Bentwood Hazel Chairs	Richard Hobbs	14 June	£40.00
Two Day Courses			
Willow Garden Structures and Panels	John Waller	11 & 12 June	£55.00
Traditional Sweet Chestnut Gate Hurdles	Alan Sage	13 & 14 June	£55.00
Traditional Wooden Clog Soles	Jeremy Atkinson	14 & 15 June	£125.00
Three Day Courses			
Charcoal Burning – Ancient and Modern	Alan Waters	12 to 14 June	£60.00
Traditional Hampshire Hazel Hurdles	Neil McLaughlan	11 to 13 June	£80.00



The European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development: Europe Investing in rural areas.



Hands On Day

July 7th & 8th



This year is our 15th Anniversary as a group, so we would like to make this years 'Hands On' event as good as we can make it. As well as getting involved in the usual 'hands on' activities we hope you will all come along & celebrate the occasion. There will be plenty of food, drink, wood & friends, what more do you need for a great weekend? Edged tools & music, I hear you cry!! There'll be there as well.....

Fernhurst Furnace, Vann Road, West Sussex.

Editors Comments:

Thanks to those of you who pointed out the couple of errors in the last newsletter. If you have any info or see any errors, please do let me know. Thanks. Please also note my recent change of email address below. The deadline for the next newsletter is 09/07/12.

Alan Sage
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info@ajscrafts.co.uk

Woods Needing Woodsman:

Bolney, West Sussex.

Newly restored Hazel coppice available either as a one off cut or continuous ongoing management.

Contact: Rob Seward to arrange a viewing.

Tel: 07703346390

Email: rob.seward@btinternet.com

Polesden Lacey, near Dorking, Surrey.

660 acres of woodland, that could support several Coppice workers.

The National Trust are looking to help & assist in any way they can.

Contact: Andy Goodwin to arrange a viewing.

Email: andy.goodwin@nationaltrust.org.uk

Petworth area.

Hazel coppice, some in rotation, some overstood, available for cutting. Please contact the head forester

Neil Humphris.

Tel: 01798342502 or 07768618565

Email: neil@leconfieldstates.co.uk

If you wish to list yourself, or your wood, you can either contact Alan Sage (info@ajscrafts.co.uk) or download the form off of our web site: <http://coppicegroup.wordpress.com/downloads/>

Fuel Tips

from Gemma Root

With diesel prices now at around £1.50 per litre, here's some info that Gemma has gathered online. Please note that some of this info applies more to petrol rather than diesel & the terminology maybe a bit yankee...

Buy or fill up your vehicle in the early morning when the ground temperature is still cold. Remember that all service stations have their storage tanks buried below ground. The colder the ground the more dense the gasoline, when it gets warmer gasoline expands, so when buying in the afternoon or in the evening....your litre is not exactly a litre. In the petroleum business, the specific gravity and the temperature of the gasoline, diesel, jet fuel, ethanol and other petroleum products plays an important role. A 1-degree rise in temperature is a big deal for this business. But the service stations do not have temperature compensation at the pumps. In motor sport, vehicles are filled by weight & not by the litre as it is more accurate due to these temperature/density variations.

When you're filling up do not squeeze the trigger of the nozzle too fast. You should be pumping on a low speed thereby minimizing the vapours that are created while you are pumping. If you are pumping on a fast rate, some of the liquid that goes to your tank becomes vapour. Those vapours are being lost into the atmosphere or returned to the filling station tanks.

One of the most important tips is to fill up when your gas tank is half full. The reason for this is the more gas you have in your tank the less air occupying its empty space. Gasoline evaporates faster than you can imagine. Gasoline storage tanks have an internal floating roof. This roof serves as zero clearance between the gas and the atmosphere, so it minimizes the evaporation.

If there is a gasoline truck pumping into the storage tanks when you stop to buy gas, Do not fill up; usually the gasoline gets stirred up as the fuel is being delivered, you might then pick up some of the dirt that normally settles on the bottom of the storage tank. Supermarkets in the UK also rarely clean out their tanks in comparison to other fuel suppliers.



Charlie

It's with great sadness that I have to announce the passing away of 'Charlie'. For any newer members, 'Charlie' was Alan & Jo's dog & has been part of the group for longer than most of us....He will be missed by us all, may he rest in peace.

Sweet Chestnut Blight Alert:

Cryphonectria parasitica, or more commonly known as 'sweet chestnut blight' has now been found in the Sussex & Warwickshire areas. The latest news on this & other pests & diseases can be found on the FC web site: <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-6abl5v>

Your Committee:

Please do feel free to contact your committee regarding any matter(s) or if you have any comments or suggestions for the group to continue to move forward.

We are also always looking for new people to join the committee, so if you feel like you can contribute something to the group please let one of us know.

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Forthcoming Shows, Events & Meetings:

Dates:	Times:	Event:	Venue:
17 th May	7.30pm till 9.30pm	Members Meeting	@ Buchan Country Park, Horsham Road, Crawley, W.Sussex. RH11 9HQ
4 th June		Surrey County Show	@ Stoke Park, Guildford, Surrey.
1 st July	11.00am till 4.00pm	Hatchlands Craft Event	@ Hatchlands, Guildford, Surrey.
7 th July	11.00am till it ends	Hands On Day	@ Fernhurst Furnace, Vann Road, West Sussex.
26 th July	7.30pm till 9.30pm	Members Meeting & AGM	@ The Roundhouse, Buchan Country Park, Horsham Road, Crawley, W.Sussex. RH11 9HQ
21 st to 23 rd September	9.30am till 5.00pm	Weald Woodfair	@ Bentley Wildfowl & Motor Museum, Halland, Lewes, East Sussex. BN8 5AF
6 th & 7 th October		Surrey Woodfair	@ Birtley House, Bramley, Guildford, Surrey. GU5 0LB
15 th November	7.30pm till 9.30pm	Members Meeting	@ Buchan Country Park, Horsham Road, Crawley, W.Sussex. RH11 9HQ

For any queries regarding any show(s) please contact Mick Stanton Tel: 01483 810062

T-Shirts Available Soon:

We will hopefully have coppice group T-Shirts for sale at cost price at the next members meeting. Available in several different sizes.

Members Free Ads:

To place a free ad, simply email me your text & photo: info@ajscrafts.co.uk

Froe Heads For Sale:

British made froe heads, fully welded, in a range of sizes. All blades approx 8mm thick by 50mm deep steel. Inner diameter of eye is 35 mm, screw fixing hole for handle provided. All posted 1st class.

Extra Large - 13.5 inches (34 cm) £18 + £5.75 P&P

Large - 11 inches (28 cm) £16.50 + £4.50 P&P

Medium - 8.5 inches (22 cm) £15.00 + £4.50 P&P

Small - 6 inches (15 cm) £13.50 + £3.25 P&P

Set of all four - £55.00 + £11.00 P&P

Contact: Leo Bjorkegren

Email: info@abature.co.uk



Woodland Workshop Space Wanted.

Sculptress requires woodland workshop space in Witley area, in return I can help with any woodland management activities.

Contact: Ruth Wheeler

Email: sculptit.artgallery@virgin.net

Wood Carving Workshops.

Wood Carving & Children's Art Workshops @ £75.

Discounts available for any family group members.

Contact: Ruth Wheeler

Email: sculptit.artgallery@virgin.net

Opportunity To Sell Your Products.

I am looking for coppice products to add to my product range that I sell at Craft Fairs & Events throughout the year. If you have stock that maybe suitable then please get in touch with photos & prices. The products will be sold with 20% commission & on a sale or return basis.

Contact: Ruth Wheeler

Email: sculptit.artgallery@virgin.net

View Members Business Ads Online.

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