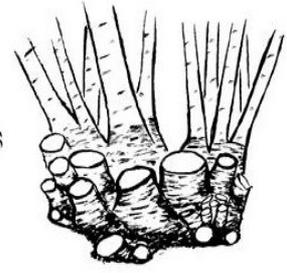


July 2015

ASCCG Newsletter

Avon and
South
Cotswolds
Coppice
Group



...custodians of our native woodlands and traditional crafts.

Hello!

Welcome to July's newsletter for the recently formed Avon and South Cotswold Coppice Group. Enjoy!

Events '15

It is our intention to put together a whole series of events running throughout the year so that we can meet together on a regular basis. Site visits, skill-shares, barbecues, work-parties and maybe even a gig(!). We'd like to hear from you if you are able to host or help organise anything like this.

Below are details of the first few upcoming things in the months to follow:

July

Thursday 30th July – Cherry Wood Project site visit & BBQ

Site visit to the Cherry Wood project plus evening BBQ, from 4pm. It's also Cherrywood's weekly volunteer workday, 10am start all welcome. Bring something for the BBQ and a beer to wash it down. See [Cherry Wood's website](#) for directions.

August

Sunday 16th August - Crosscut Sawing Day, Duchy Woodyard, Tetbury, GL8 8SE.

Skill-share day, led by Merlin and Brian, looking at all aspects of choosing, using and maintaining big crosscut saws (and there'll be a pit saw!). Places might be limited if this proves very popular, so please contact Brian (below) if you'd like to come. Free to paid-up ASCCG members; donation required from others.

September

TBC – Hazelbury Manor Site Visit

October

17th - 18th October Ncfed AGM Cumbria

more information to come but a date for your diary! Not to be missed!

Website

The ASCCG Website is up and running...thank you Louis! Have a look at www.asccoppinggroup.co.uk

All we need now is information from you if you are a member and would like to be on the website. We intend for the members page to consist of information about members who are working or involved in activities that might be of interest to others (coppice related). Please email Brian Williamson (brian.hurdles@virgin.net) with your name, general location, a sentence or two about your services and products and contact details. Please please please keep it brief.

Work parties

A number of Groups and Organisations run coppice management work parties. If you'd like yours included, please email Michelle the secretary with the details.

Coppice restoration in Westonbirt Arboretum.

There is a big project going on here to bring some sixty acres of woodland back into a coppice rotation and to provide a long-term livelihood for three or four people. Much of this coppice will be short (seven year) rotation hazel and some twenty five acres have already had a first cut.

The aim is to build up a Group of volunteers dedicated to moving the project along and to developing their own skills. There is essential work to be done throughout the year: cutting through the autumn and winter; restocking by layering or stooling during the spring and early summer and bramble control during the late summer.

Currently, these work parties are run on the 1st Wednesday of every month, but Brian is also trialling Sunday work parties, the next two of which will be on Sundays March 29th and May 3rd. Please contact **Brian Williamson** (brian.hurdles@virgin.net) for more details.

The formalities

Donations and membership payments

These can be made in person to either Brian, Michelle, Olly or Tim with cash or by cheques addressed to **Miss M Mateo**.

July 2015

If you would like to make a direct bank transfer please send this to:

Miss M Mateo

Sort code **090127**

Account Number: **00156488**

If you are doing direct bank transfers, please email the ASCCG Secretary at michellemateo@hotmail.co.uk with your name, the amount transferred (including the date) and please state if you would like part of your donation to go towards the NCFed (especially if you are looking for the discounted insurance offered).

Want to get more involved?

Would you like to take part behind the scenes and help push the group onwards and upwards? We do have a monthly core group meeting so if you'd like to join in, drop the Secretary an email with your contact details and we'll let you know when the next meeting is.

Have you got any events/work parties/volunteer days you would like ASCCG members to be aware of? If yes, again please email the Secretary Michelle with your ideas!

Many thanks!

Michelle

ASCCG Secretary