

# **Sadlers Wells Community** **Woodland CIO**

Registered Charity Number 1171849

## **Newsletter No. 24 – Spring 2019**

Welcome to our latest Newsletter.

### **General News**

The small bridge in the New Plantation has been repaired following damage caused by it being used by animals, and the opportunity was taken to strengthen it by using heavier timber which we hope will reduce the risk of similar damage in the future, The paths and bridges are only intended for use as footpaths and not by horses. We are grateful to Phil Mayers for carrying out the work. He also removed a small tree which fell in December near the entrance to the Wood.

We have now agreed a quotation from Richard Reeves regarding the fence on the Spurstow side of the New Plantation. As anticipated, they recommended that it would be quicker and cheaper to remove the old fence completely and put in a new one. They also recommended that we replace the top rail with another strand of barbed wire as the barbed wire would stop the cattle in the field pushing against the fence when they try to browse the trees. If you look down the line of the fence, you can see a distinct browse line where they have reached over the present fence and their pressure on the fence is the main reason why it now needs replacing. It is hoped that the work will be done before Easter but we are in the hands of the contractors.

## **Sadlers Wells needs YOU!**

Help is needed to keep the Wood maintained so, if you are a regular user of the Wood or a supporter of the Wood, can you assist? It is now time that someone took over from me and we are looking for volunteers for the job of Chairman and also to undertake the various administrative tasks which have to be carried out in running the Charity. The time involved is not great but help is needed to run and maintain the Wood which is a great amenity for the Village, so please offer your services so that the good work can continue for the benefit of those who enjoy what the Wood has to offer. Please contact me or any of the other trustees and we will let you have further details.

## **Celandines**

Celandines are a sign of spring with their yellow star-like flowers looking like rays of sunshine. The one that is common is actually known officially as the Lesser Celandine (formerly known as *ranunculus ficaria* but now as *ficaria verna*), a member of the buttercup family. It is a low growing, spreading perennial plant which can be invasive in a garden. Its flowers open and close with the sunshine but it does have one extra trick in that quite often does not bother to open if the sunshine comes only later in the afternoon. The Lesser Celandine has several other more local names such as Spring messenger, Golden Guineas, Brighteyes, Butter and Cheese and is also known as Pilewort when used for medicinal purposes.

The Greater Celandine (*Chelidonium Majus*) is not in the least related to the Lesser Celandine and is a member of the poppy family, with poppy like flowers as can be seen from the photograph. It is not particularly common but we have had a specimen growing on the left hand side

of the entrance to the Wood for the past few years. It is also a perennial. Its sap is orange and like latex, and it is, or was, a herbal remedy for warts.

## **Village Day**

We shall again be having a stall on Village Day which this year is Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June and also intend to have the usual free quiz as a gentle test of natural history knowledge, but the prize is a bottle of wine which will go to the person whose ticket is drawn out of those who provided all the correct answers. There will be a similar quiz with a suitable prize for juniors. The stall is a good opportunity to make our presence known and to meet existing Friends of the Wood and also hopefully to recruit some new ones. Assistance in running the stall would be greatly appreciated and I will be sending out the usual plea shortly before the day itself.

## **Friends of the Wood**

The annual subscription is still a minimum of £5-00 each and the 2019/20 subscription became due on 1st April. The wood produces no income itself and we therefore have to raise all the money needed to pay for insurance, maintenance, etc. Your subscriptions are therefore very valuable to us, not only in themselves but also because they show a commitment from the local community.

Please treat this newsletter as the usual request for payment and an early response would be greatly appreciated. Payment should be made in the same manner as previous years with the slip at the end of this Newsletter either to Michael Bourne or Bob Harris whose details are given below; cheques should be made payable to **Sadlers Wells Community Woodland CIO**. Please ensure that the full name is used as I have heard from another organisation that several banks in the interests of

'efficiency' are now checking cheques electronically and that this 'efficiency' means that the sorting machine can only recognise the cheque if the payee's name matches exactly the name of the account into which it is being paid, so that, for instance, a cheque might be rejected if the CIO was left off.

Payment can now also be made by standing order and, if you would like to do this, please indicate accordingly on the slip and we will send you the relevant information.

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## **And finally.**

It has been reported that one cubic metre of mud in the Mersey Estuary contains enough food in the way of worms, crustaceans, molluscs, etc to provide the calorific equivalent of sixteen Mars bars! It's no wonder that waders like to feed in river estuaries. The Mersey is the eleventh best wetland in Britain for birds and is home to some hundred thousand birds every year.

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Amount (min. £5 per person)

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