



# Bearsted Woodland Trust

## Welcome!

### To the very first Bearsted Woodland Trust Newsletter.

Following the prospect of Church Landway being developed for housing, we are pleased to announce that the site is now under the management of Bearsted



Woodland Trust. This newsletter includes information on the plans for Church Landway site and the Bearsted Woodland Trust, plus how you can take part in the plant a tree scheme and the Summer Event. We hope you enjoy reading, please contact the BWT using the reply slip to find out how you can be involved.

## The Bearsted Woodland Trust

- **What is Bearsted Woodland Trust?**

The role of the Bearsted Woodland Trust (BWT) is to manage and preserve the land at Church Landway, for the benefit of wildlife and the local community. The BWT has recently been established as an independent charity and is currently made up of founder trustees and a small committee.

- **How you can be involved with Bearsted Woodland Trust**

A Friends of Bearsted Woodland Trust is being established and anyone from the local community can be involved. As a Friend of BWT you will not only be kept fully involved and updated in developments, you will also have the opportunity to help your local area through volunteering at events and activities at Church Landway.

Individuals and groups will be asked for a small contribution (£2.50/individual, £5/family per year) to be part of the Friends of Bearsted Woodland Trust to cover costs such as newsletters and administration fees.

There is also the opportunity to be part of The Bearsted Woodland Trust Committee, to find out more, or become a Friend of BWT just fill in the attached slip.

- **The role of Medway Valley Countryside Partnership.**



You may have seen the name Medway Valley Countryside Partnership (MVCP) in connection with the work at Church Landway. The MVCP are overseeing the first year of work at the site, giving advice and help on management and securing funds.

After the first year the MVCP will continue to offer background support to the Friends of Bearsted Woodland Trust as needed.

MVCP is a not for profit organisation based in Maidstone. MVCP work with local communities, landowners, schools and other local groups to look after the countryside and wildlife.

**Don't miss The Church  
Landway Summer Event  
Sunday July 11th  
See inside for details.**



## Proposed changes!

A plan for the Bearsted Woodland Trust site has been developed, to preserve and manage the site as an accessible open space with great benefits to the local community and wildlife.

Aspects of the plan include:

- the grassland, orchard and scrub areas to be restored to provide valuable habitats for wildlife,
- informal paths installed to improve access,
- an informal seating and an educational wildlife area to be created,
- trees and hedges to be planted



## Fund raising for the Bearsted Woodland Trust.

Funds need to be raised for the work at Church Landway to continue, this will be achieved through; grant funding, individual donations, BWT membership and initiatives such as the plant a tree scheme.







## Church Landway Summer Event & Open Garden at Mote Hall! Sunday 11th July



*For the Grown ups!!*

*For the whole family!!*

Mote Hall Open Garden  
2-5pm



Your opportunity to enjoy  
the newly landscaped  
gardens of Mote Hall and to find out  
more about the plans for Church  
Landway.

Free entry for Friends of BWT.  
Join now or on the day!

(£2.50 PER PERSON OR £5 PER FAMILY  
PER YEAR)



Church Landway  
Summer Event  
2-5pm



ENJOY THE **FREE**  
ENTERTAINMENT AND  
ACTIVITIES AT CHURCH  
LANDWAY

*Sorry...no pets at the Open Garden.*

### Free activities at the Church Landway Summer Event including.....



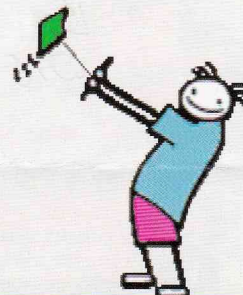
Renowned storyteller Rob  
Parkinson taking people to another  
world with his unique tales and  
amazing use of unusual musical  
instruments such as the Turkish Saz  
and Moroccan Gumbi.



Storytelling workshops will start at 2.30, 3.30 & 4.30pm

- Face painting
- Exploring the wildlife at the site with nature hunts
- Kite making and flying

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# Tree Planting Scheme!

Over 600 trees are to be planted to extend the native woodland of the site over the next couple of years. There will be the opportunity for you to be involved through the plant a tree scheme. Trees will be planted at a small cost, at your request, giving you the chance to make an ongoing and living contribution to the development of the site. Volunteers will also be needed to help plant the woodland! Please fill in the reply slip to find out more!



The Bearsted Woodland Trust will also be at the Bearsted Fete – come along and have a chat about the plans for Church Landway and how you can be involved.

## Return your slips and cheques to: Bearsted Woodland Trust

Mr Peter Willson  
Grangeway  
1b Otteridge Road  
Bearsted  
Maidstone  
Kent  
ME14 4JP

There are many opportunities for people to be involved including: becoming part of the BWT committee, publicity, manning stalls at events and practical work at the site.

**Just fill in the reply slip to let the BWT know you are interested!**

☐ **Yes** please I would like to become a Friend of Bearsted Woodland Trust. I include a membership fee of £2.50 per individual/£5 per family (cheques payable to Bearsted Woodland Trust)

☐ **Yes** I would like to be kept informed of activities at Church Landway including future volunteer opportunities

☐ **Yes** please send me more details on becoming a member of the BWT committee

☐ **Yes** I would like more information on the sponsor a tree scheme

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tel:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to the above address**



Your contact details will be held by Medway Valley Countryside Partnership and the Bearsted Woodland Trust. This is used solely to inform you of the activities at Church Landway and will not be passed onto any other organisation or individual for any other use.