

Sun Rising News

The twice yearly newsletter of
Sun Rising Natural Burial Ground and Nature Reserve

Spring/Summer 2018



News

The New Wildflower Meadow In late 2017 we began work creating another acre and a half of wildflower meadow between the roundhouse and the pond. The seed mix we used was slightly



different from that of our established meadow. This year the seeds likely to germinate first are the arable weeds that were already in the soil: charlock, fool's parsley, goosefoots and thistles. It may take a year or so for the wildflowers to come through, but with careful management it'll be a rich and beautiful habitat fairly soon.

Managing Growing Trees As time slips by, our first memorial trees are now moving beyond their ten-year guarantee and being managed as part of the nature reserve. You'll see some have been pruned, branches removed, the canopy lifted, to help the development of the woodland. If you have any queries or concerns, let us know.

A Bus to Sun Rising Stagecoach have now let us know they are happy for buses to stop outside our main entrance. Passengers need just ask the driver in plenty of time. Returning passengers can flag down the bus simply by putting out an arm to indicate for the bus to stop. The relevant bus is the number 6 (Stratford to Banbury) service. It has a very limited timetable, so do check times before you travel.

Bees and Honey At the Friends' AGM in 2017, those attending voted to continue having bees at Sun Rising, giving us their lovely honey. This means there will be about 10 hives onsite, for a few months through the early summer. Do respect their space and keep a good distance.

The Friends of Sun Rising

The Friends' AGM this year will be on Sunday 9 September in Tysoe Village Hall. It is open to all subscribing Friends (£10 subs can be paid on the door). As well as updates on fundraising, events and developments at Sun Rising, there will be a talk by David Brown. David is a respected author and county recorder for large moths. Together with his extraordinarily beautiful photographs, he will share many fascinating stories from his experience of moth-watching in South Warwickshire.

Becoming a CIO After many years of waiting, now following further government legislation, it is possible for small charities like The Friends to register with the Charity Commission. The trustees are steadily moving through the conversion process from charitable company to charitable incorporated organization (CIO). We'll tell you all about it at the AGM.

Hare Lapel Pins Having sold out in 2017, we now have a new boxful of our beautiful lapel pins. They are £3 each and will be on sale at all our events. Do let me know if you'd like one or more by post: please add £1 (P&P) or £3 if you are ordering 4 or more.



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Events

Cake Sale and Coffee Morning

Saturday 19 May, 10.30 – 12.30, this event is all about tea, coffee, cake and good company. Pop in and buy a delicious homemade cake or stop for a while, for a coffee and a chat. The date ties in with Dying Matters Awareness Week, and you are welcome to join informal conversations on the theme of death and dying, and what we can do to make the journey easier for all involved. All proceeds go to The Friends of Sun Rising. The event will be held at Tysoe Village Hall. We'll need cakes donated too!

Open Day Saturday 9 June, 11 am – 3 pm, is our annual open day. It is an opportunity to meet staff and trustees, have a tour around the site and talk about your own needs and wishes. Tell your friends!

Afternoon Tea with a String Quartet

Saturday 9 June 3 – 5 pm: what could be more delightful than afternoon tea in the beauty of a nature reserve on a summer's day, to the gentle sounds of a classical string quartet? With delicious cakes, a raffle and tombola, it's all in aid of The Friends of Sun Rising. Do come along and support this key fundraising event.

Nature Walks Sunday 27 May and Sunday 29 July, 11.30 am and 3 pm. Would you like to know more about the nature reserve, about the wild flowers that spring up on graves or in the wildflower meadow, the different trees, butterflies and bees, or why we manage the pond or the hedgerows as we do? Come and join a morning or afternoon walk in May or July.

Nature Surveying Days On both Saturday 26 May and Saturday 28 July, 10 am – 4 pm, this is an opportunity to contribute to our surveying of the nature reserve. There's no need for specialist knowledge – experts and beginners are all welcome. These are gentle days, sharing knowledge and learning something new, and all of

it goes to helping record the development of the nature reserve.

Notes

Walking through the Meadow This is a heartfelt plea for families not to walk through the grasses and flowers of the summer meadow. You may well be leaving a trail of trodden vegetation right across someone else's grave.

Regulations Our Cemetery Regulations have recently been updated, in particular to clarify our rules about what is left on graves. Simple cut flowers, without ribbons, cellophane or other wrapping, may be laid flat on graves or by memorial posts. They'll be removed after five days, or earlier if they are tatty. Cut flowers stuck upright in the earth will be laid flat. Where they may compromise the natural ground cover, they'll be relocated or removed. Anything not in keeping with the natural feel of the burial ground will be removed, including dyed blooms, coloured or sparkled floral accessories, tributes in oasis, plastics, wires, jars or vases. The updated Regulations can be found on the website. If you'd like a copy sent to you, let us know.

Buying in Advance It is now only possible to buy a plot in advance at Sun Rising if you are over 65 years old. Let us know if you have any queries.

Busy Times If you would rather visit Sun Rising on a quiet day, do give us a call and we can let you know if there's a funeral or something else is going on.

Mailing List If you'd like to receive this newsletter and other updates but are not on our mailing list, get in touch. You are always welcome to print it or email it out to family and friends.

