



Hi Everyone,

Back from our holidays and recovering from our Art & Craft Sale we have to say thank you to Alan for leading the October meeting when they pulled up hundreds of Paterson's Curse. We also wish to thank all those people who helped us raise \$710.75 at the sale, and to those who donated cakes, flowers, jams etc for us to sell.

Danny Flynn has volunteered to help me whipper-snip the plantations, we could still afford one more helper for a while. My weekend 'boys' are cutting the oats on the Olympic site and CNP have mown the tracks, a very welcome change from the past few years when it was always done at the end of the season.

Baine Geike showed us how to monitor the health of our dam water. He will be back in the autumn and we have promised to hone our skills before then. I now have all the equipment needed and several of us could now offer help to anyone wanting to learn more. I will be at the Kathner St dam on Sunday 3rd December from 1.30pm for anyone who wishes to come.

Our AGM will be on Wednesday 22nd November at 7.30pm (7pm for Committee members) at 21 Ordell St Chapman. Please make an effort to come, we had a very poor turn out last year and we want to hear your views. All Committee positions will be declared vacant but no-one will be pressed into taking on an unwanted responsibility.

The November meeting is on Sunday 19th at 1.30pm in the large plantation taking out weeds inside the guards around the shrubs. Nearest entrance is Titheradge Place. On Friday 24th is the CNP Christmas Party at Athllon Drive, the Minister and Colin Adrian have both said they will be there. That promises to be a busy week!

The end of November is time to make out your Caretaker's Reports; if you haven't visited your site lately perhaps you could go to check on its health and tell us about it. Please remember to phone in your hours at the end of the month.

Last, but by no means least, we welcome new member Joan Revill. Joan is about to go on holiday to India but she will be back and with us for next year, the International Year of the Volunteer. We also welcome Pauline and Gösta back from their travels together with four of their family from Sweden.

Statistics for October:

Hours	On Ridge	253	(71 whipper-snipping)
	Off Ridge	67	
	Total	320	
Herbaceous weeds pulled or sprayed		18400	
Woody weeds cut & sprayed or dug		17	
Trees and shrubs planted		Nil	
Herbaceous plants planted		Nil	
Grasses planted		240	

Dates to Remember:

Sunday 19th November	Monthly Meeting, Large Plantation up from Titheradge Place 1.30pm
Wednesday 22nd November	AGM 21 Ordell St Chapman 7.30pm
Friday 24th November	Christmas Party Athllon Drive 6.30pm.
Sunday 3rd December	Waterwatch at Kathner St 1.30pm
Sunday 17th December	Monthly Meeting 1.30pm

Cheers  
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