



# Laide & Aultbea Community Woodland



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Newsletter

[www.laidewood.org.uk](http://www.laidewood.org.uk)

## IN THIS NEWSLETTER

## Welcome to your new look Newsletter!

For 2014, we are updating our newsletter format to make it clearer and more consistent. We hope you like it.

We have been circulating newsletters since the first days of our Wood. Indeed, the early editions were entirely paper based. The first electronic edition was back in April 2008 (have we really been going that long...?) and looks quite a lot different to the sort of thing we are used to today. You can still find all the old back numbers online. Back then, the Wood had been open for a year and the website was just getting going. Can anyone remember when we first went live with the website (correct answer in the next issue)? Emails to [editor@laidewoog.org.uk](mailto:editor@laidewoog.org.uk)

### ❑ WELCOME TO YOUR NEW LOOK NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first edition of our new format newsletter

### ❑ CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Quarterly update from John Rippin

### ❑ COVER PHOTO COMPETITION

Our new quarterly photo competition

### ❑ EVENTS FOR 2014

New programme for the new season

## SUBSCRIBE!

To receive this newsletter in full, why not join us? For an application form, and details of how to apply to become a member, visit our website:

[www.laidewood.org.uk](http://www.laidewood.org.uk)



Here's a picture from May 2007 to help jog your memory. Haven't the new plantings grown up and covered that space left from the clear-felling?

In the coming weeks, the leaves will return on our new plantings of broad leaved species. Some of the willows that were planted earliest are now over 3m in height.

## Subscriptions now due

Subscriptions are now due for this year. Membership renewal /application forms are available from the website at:

[www.laidewood.org.uk/membership.cfm](http://www.laidewood.org.uk/membership.cfm)

Thank you to everyone who has already sent in their subscription. If you are reading this newsletter online, or if you have been sent it by a friend, would you consider becoming a member? Adult membership starts at just £5 for the year. See the above link to the website for details.

## Quarterly photo competition

In this first edition of the Newsletter for 2014, you will have noticed that the new layout includes a photo in the header of the title page. Typically selected from our own stock of photos, we are using several sourced from the editor to begin with. Can you do better? Have you a good digital image that you would like to see on the front page? Send us your entries via email to:-

[editor@laidewood.org.uk](mailto:editor@laidewood.org.uk)

Please send only one image per email. Image files should be no more than 7MB in size, and should be at least 800x600 pixels. If in doubt, send us the image from the camera and we will do the rest.

## Events for 2014

We are currently finalising the calendar for 2014, but here are some of the highlights for this coming season and dates for your diary:-



- ☐ *Easter Egg Hunt: Sat 18<sup>th</sup> April 2014*



- ☐ *Primrose Walk: Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2014*
- ☐ *Early morning bird walk: 14<sup>th</sup> May*



Peter Cunningham demonstrates electro-fishing

We also have planned later in the season the Pond Dipping/Electro

fishing day, several ranger lead activities, and our ever popular butterflies and moths walk, and a fungal foray in the autumn.



Fungi like this one start appearing in late August

So there is lots to look forward to in our calendar this year. What else would you like to see? If you have an idea, email us:

[info@laidewood.org.uk](mailto:info@laidewood.org.uk)

See the website for up-to-date details, and check there for any date changes closer to the time.

In the meantime, check out the new path through from the army bridge to the cascade – if you haven't seen it already, you'll be impressed. More on that project in the next issue.

