



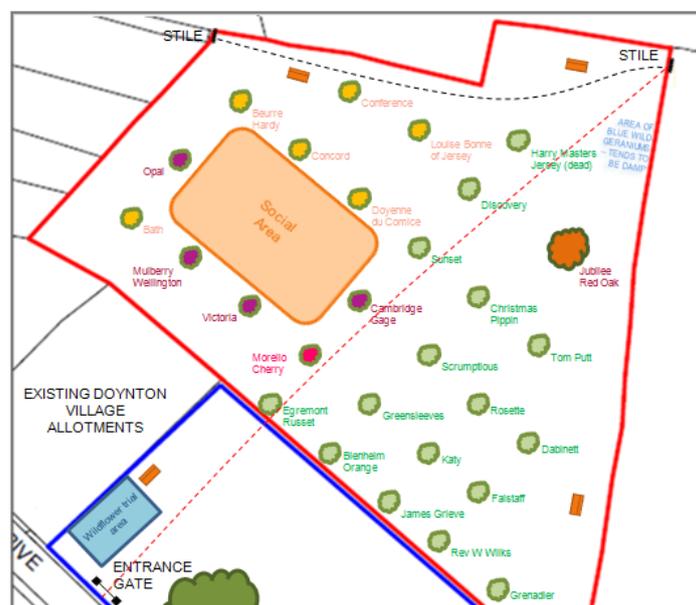
Friends of Summers Field Newsletter Christmas 2013

It's been a busy year:

- In February we purchased a ride-on mower with grants from SGC and Big Lottery Awards for All.
- We then obtained planning permission to install a secure shed behind the village hall to house the mower. This was on the basis agreed with the Village Hall Committee that we could occupy the shed rent free in return for cutting the village hall grass.
- The shed was purchased and erected in April:



- Also in April we planted a further 10 fruit trees in the orchard completing the initial planting plan:



- Unfortunately one tree didn't survive the wet Spring, but all 27 of the others seem to be thriving.
- With the great weather we had during June and July we thought we were safe in planning a celebration barbeque, but as luck would have it Saturday 27th July turned out to be a wash out. The sight of Huw cooking under an umbrella will remain as a lasting memory though!
- In August Pete Dinham kindly scraped off the top soil for the trial area of the wild flower meadow with his digger:



- Our second Cider Festival fundraiser was held on 26 October and again proved very popular. The general consensus seems to be that the apple pie eating contest should not feature in future events, though! This year's event raised £537 compared to £487 last year, so many thanks are due to all that participated, donated puddings or prizes and helped with the preparation.
- A further 18 trees have been purchased with the remainder of the grant funding and 10 of these will be delivered and planted in a work party on Sunday 8 December. Volunteers will be welcome!

Future plans are to plant the last 8 trees next Spring, bringing the total to 44 and to continue the development of the wildflower meadow taking account of the results from the trial area. We are also planning to put up a notice board by the entrance gate.

Depending on availability of funds, the Parish Council is also planning to replace the stiles on the public footpath across the North side of the field with Marlow gates to improve accessibility (the stiles on the path behind the playing field would also be replaced as part of this project with all the gates being installed by the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens).

As always we will continue to need donations and membership fees to cover the annual outgoings which amount to £1300, so a response form is attached for anyone who would like to make a further donation or apply for/renew membership of the interest group (£10 per year).

A Merry Christmas to one and all.

Sandy King

29/11/2013

Friends of Summers Field

Response Form

Please complete the relevant section(s) and return to Sandy Higgins at Hill View, Church Road, Doynton BS30 5SU.

Donation

I wish to make a general donation of £..... to the Community Orchard and Wildflower project and enclose cash or a cheque for this amount payable to Friends of Summers Field Ltd.

Membership

I wish to apply for/renew membership of the Friends of Summers Field interest group and enclose a cheque for £10 payable to Friends of Summers Field Ltd.

Gift Aid

I am a UK taxpayer and attach a completed Gift Aid form

I am a UK taxpayer and have previously submitted a Gift Aid form

I am not a UK taxpayer

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Gift Aid declaration – for past, present & future donations

To: Friends of Summers Field Limited

Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made

today in the past 4 years in the future

Please tick all boxes you wish to apply.

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 28p of tax on every £1 that I gave up to 5 April 2008 and will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give on or after 6 April 2008.

Donor's details

Title _____ name or initial(s) _____

Surname _____

Full home address _____

Postcode _____

Date _____

Signature _____

Please notify Friends of Summers Field Limited if you:

- Want to cancel this declaration
- Change your name or home address
- No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

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