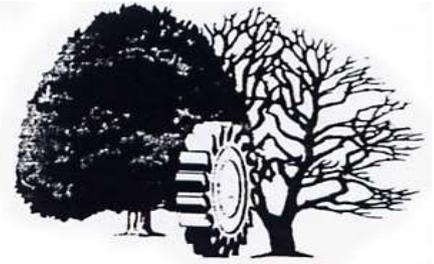


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A not so colourful Spring Walk

This year's Spring walk again proved very popular with 29 people attending; both local residents and from further a field. The weather was very kind to us but not so much the flowers which are usually the highlight of the day. We saw the odd wild daffodil and the celandines and wood anemones were just starting to show their heads. The same time last year we only just managed to catch the flowers before they went over. In a normal growing season the flowers usually grow in succession but this year, due to the very late cold spell we had in March, this delayed the growth of the earlier plants and as I write this, on a visit to the wood you will see a marvellous display of blue bells, celandines, wood anemones, stickwort, wood sorrel, ladysmock and dog violets; most unusual to see them all out together. On our walk, unperturbed by the lack of wild flowers, our leaders Cardiff Rangers Raj Chettri and Alex Stewart gave us a very informative and anecdotal talk about the Coed-y-Felin. If you missed us this year we hope to do the same again next year and if you are interested in other wildlife events in and around Cardiff then please visit Cardiff's facebook page "Wild about Cardiff".

Over the last year we had a number of enquiries as to what is happening to the wild flower meadow by the Heol Cefn Onn entrance? Over the past few years we have been sowing a non native mix of flowers which proved colourful and fast growing but was very time consuming and costly as each year the soil had to be fed with nutrients and new seeds sown each year as they did not reseed themselves. We have therefore decided to try to grow a more traditional native crop but as these prefer a less nutrient rich soil we left the area fallow last year. So now this spring we have rotivated and treated the area to try to control some of the weeds and grass and sown a native mix of wild flowers. These may not prove so colourful but should be easier and cheaper to maintain in the future. Already snakeshead fritillaries and ladysmock are up.

For our working parties, last month we started the process of repairing some of our muddy paths, clearing out the mud and filling back in with stone which has been left around the wood in convenient piles. Long hard work with lots more to do.

For this months work we are taking on a much lighter task; starting the annual painting of our fences and gates, meeting as usual at the Heol Cefn Onn entrance at 2.00 pm. If you have an old paint brush then please bring that along.

We are also holding our A.G.M. on 5th June in the Cabin Library Meeting Room, Old School at 7.30pm so if you would like to know more about Coed-y-Felin and the work that we do, please come along. Refreshments are being provided.

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Diary Dates

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**Sunday 16th June 2013 : Working Party, meet Heol Cefn Onn Entrance at 2.00pm.
Painting our fences and gates**

**Sunday 21st July 2013 : Working Party, meet Heol Cefn Onn Entrance at 2.00pm.
Continuation with the painting of our fences and gates.**