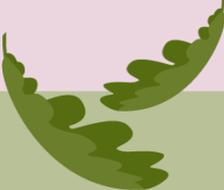


# NEWS

## FEBRUARY 2017



**Gift to  
Nature**

**We are so busy this month its unbelievable! Three events, plus Nick busy on the sites before nesting season**

### DO YOU WANT TO BUILD A SANDMAN?

Come to **Small Hope Beach** Shanklin (PO37 6EA) on **Sunday 19th February** at **11am** and build a sandman / snowman. It WILL go ahead whatever the weather! We bring carrots and coal, you bring a spade and your silly ideas! Suitable for adults and children. Suggested £2 per person donation to Gift To Nature. There is NO NEED to book.



### OR DO YOU WANT TO LAY A HEDGE?

On **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February** from **10am – 4pm**. This year's site is the same as 2012 at **New Barn Farm, Sunhill, Calbourne**, (PO30 4JA), off the main Newport-Calbourne road. The site is provided by kind consent of Mr. Chris Spence. Please check the website for updates and how to get involved.

[www.iwhg.org](http://www.iwhg.org)



### FINAL CALL FOR TICKETS!

For our **Hedeglayers' Supper** to raise funds for hedgelaying. A delicious, rurally inspired menu, created by the chefs especially for event, to reflect our local environment and seasonality. Includes an auction and with entertainment provided by local trio **Second Time Around** it's looking like a great way to kick of your island social calendar. Tickets will be £25 per head. Quay Arts, Newport, (PO30 5BW) **February 25<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm – 10.30pm** To book for the Hedge laying Supper go to

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/gift-to-nature-hedeglayers-supper-tickets-30853054316>

### AND A HERITAGE TALK IN EARLY MARCH

The meadows at Pig Leg Lane have sat within the Island's agricultural landscape for over 4000 years and the archaeological evidence of its long history still survives today. Dr Ruth Waller will be giving a talk explain the archaeological clues left behind by our ancestors who farmed the land since the Bronze Age. The talk will take place on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March** at



**7pm** at **All Saints Church Hall, Ryde**. Please call the Gift To Nature events line 01983 201565 to book, or email [events@gifttonature.org.uk](mailto:events@gifttonature.org.uk) . There is no charge, but donations can be made to Gift To Nature.



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## OTHER NEWS

### Gift to Nature on the High Street !

As part of the drive to raise our profile and funds for the charity, We are branching out into the high street. We cannot divulge the exact location yet, as all the behind scenes paperwork is still being completed, but we can reveal our shop will focus on **outdoor living** and offer a range of new and donated goods related to enjoying our great outdoors. But we need your help ! So please have a look around your cupboards and sheds and if you find items you no longer use please donate them to our new venture. We are especially happy to receive outdoor gear and anything associated with outdoor pursuits or gardening.

We are incredibly lucky to have so many wonderful **volunteers** to help us with some of the essential landscape work, but if that's not for you, this could be your chance to shine. We will need help in the shop and need to compile a roster of people who could offer some retail support. Please see <http://gifttonature.org.uk/gift-to-nature-on-the-high-street/> for more details or email [vanessa.langley@gifttonature.org.uk](mailto:vanessa.langley@gifttonature.org.uk)

### Bullys Pit

This spring we are doing work at Bully's Pit in partnership with Brading Town Council, and with support from the Woodland Apprentice scheme run by Hampshire & IW Wildlife Trust, funded by Down to the Coast. We are working to cut back some of the bushes and shrubs down there and open up some paths. All this clearance gets done now in the winter because that avoids disturbing the birds and other vulnerable wildlife. It will also be good for the chalk-loving plants and animals such as butterflies to have more sun reaching the quarry floor. But it's not just for wildlife - it is for humans too! When we have made some room up there we hope to have some events this summer in the pit, so keep an eye out for publicity later this year when we let you know what we have planned. This quarryman has been supervising.



### Pan Mill Meadows

We have now completed our ground and tree works funded by SUEZ Trust. There is still art work to go in. We thought you might like a peak at some of the new interpretation and signage provided by local company **Creative Interpretation**.



### Dodnor Cement Kilns

We are so sorry if you could not get on this tour. We were over-subscribed three times! For those of you who came along, it was excellent, for those of you who couldn't get a place, we will arrange a later event.



### And finally

Thank you the lovely ladies from Ryde Golf Club who made us charity of the year in 2016. We are keen to hear from anyone who wants to do the same this year!



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**Gift to Nature** provides opportunities to allow residents and visitors to enjoy the natural environment by creating, enhancing and providing access to sites and activities that deliver benefit to all.

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