

CHEPPING WYCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

AMENITY LAND COMMITTEE

APPENDICES

THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2008

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Tylers Green Memorial Trees

In 2008, volunteers with the Special Trees and Woods Project began looking into the history of the stately row of mature lime trees on Back Common. These were thought to have been planted in around 1920, to commemorate the local men who were killed in the First World War.

There were eight trees and two obvious gaps in a very evenly-spaced line, which at first suggested that there were ten trees, each representing three of the 30 men listed on the war memorial in St Margaret's churchyard.

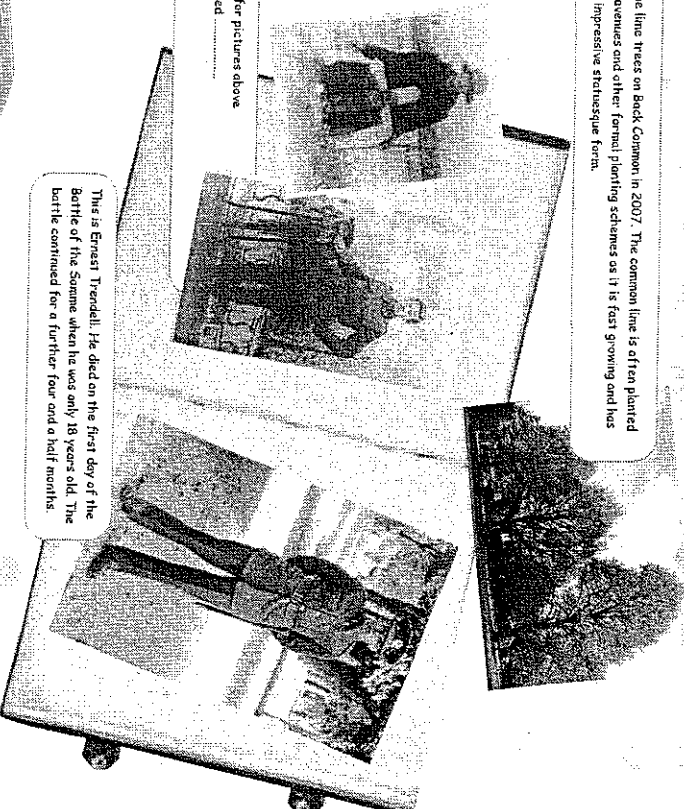
However, research into parish records and contemporary newspapers revealed that a total of 30 lime and beech trees had been planted in groups around Tylers Green, but not until 1937.

In the Bucks Free Press of 5 November 1937 it was reported "between thirty and forty ex-servicemen assembled on Tylers Green Common armed with picks, spades and forks, and planted trees which will be a memorial to fallen comrades as well as a commemoration of Coronation year" (of King George VI).

At a British Legion meeting in October 1937 Sidney Fountain's name was drawn from a hat of all 30 names to determine that his name plaque would be under the tree in St Margaret's churchyard.

Since recognising the significance of these trees the missing trees and their plaques have been replaced with help and support from the local community. Many details of these brave men can be found in the remembrance book in St Margaret's church porch.

The lime trees on Back Common in 2007. The common line is often planted in rows and other formal planting schemes as it is fast growing and has an impressive strobilous form.

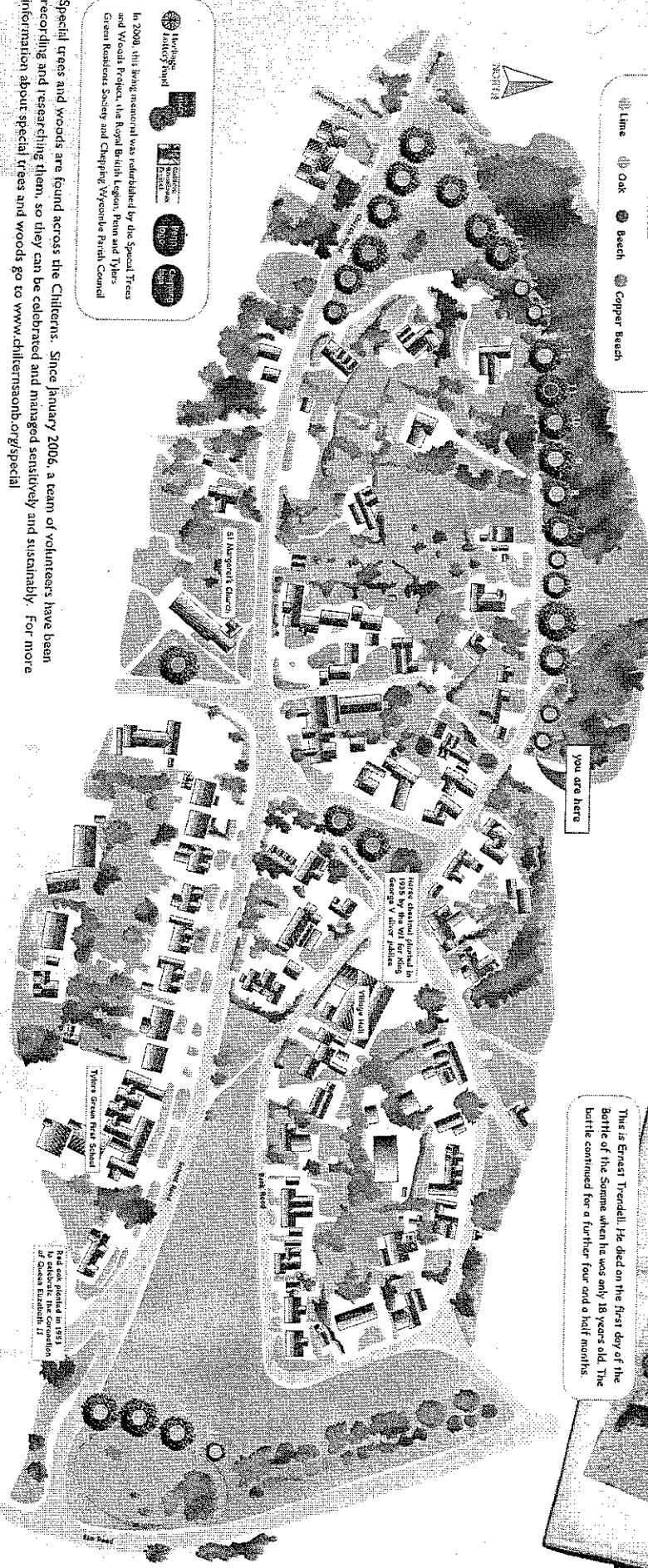


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This is Ernest Trendell, he died on the first day of the Battle of the Somme when he was only 18 years old. The battle continued for a further four and a half months.

Species of Memorial Trees...

- ☉ Lime
- ☉ Oak
- ☉ Beech
- ☉ Copper Beech



you are here

Historic photograph taken in 1923 by the WI for Mrs George V Silver Jubilee

In 2008, this living memorial was rededicated by the Special Trees and Woods Project, the Royal British Legion, Rem and Tylers Green Residents Society and Chipping Wycombe Parish Council

Special trees and woods are found across the Chilterns. Since January 2006, a team of volunteers have been recording and researching them, so they can be celebrated and managed sensitively and sustainably. For more information about special trees and woods go to www.chilternsarb.org/special

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04 July 2008

Dear Mr May

Trees bordering 55 Southcote Way in Kingswood

Thank you for your letter of 1 July 2008.

As you state, the Council has provided permission to residents bordering Kingswood to employ qualified tree surgeons to undertake pruning work to trees that are overhanging their properties. This general permission continues to apply and I note that you, as indicated, have chosen to take advantage of it on at least two occasions.

Unless I hear from you to the contrary, I will treat your letter as a request for the Council to undertake work on your behalf, and without cost to you, on the basis that you are no longer in employment and that this is an exceptional circumstance for consideration by the Amenity Land Committee when it next meets on 18 September 2008.

If trees on Council owned or maintained land pose a health and safety risk then priority action is always taken to address such concerns. The Council Warden's assessment of the trees bordering your property was that no such risk was evident. However, I note the comments you make in your letter which will be considered in full.

I will revert to you shortly after 18 September 2008 with the Committee's decision.

Yours sincerely

H R O Jones
Clerk of the Council

cc Ms K Wood - Amenity Land Committee Chairman

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1/7/08

Mr H Jones
Chepping Wycombe Parish Council
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Dear Mr Jones

I refer to our recent discussions concerning the beech trees in Kingswood next to my boundary fence.

As you know, I am concerned about the height of the trees and the branches that overhang my garden.

Regarding the height of the trees, they are now far in excess of the height they were when my family moved to my property 20 -25 years ago. As you know, I have paid for the trees to be pruned twice in the past but as I am now a pensioner can no longer afford to do so.

The height of the trees blocks out light from both the house and the garden. The kitchen is in darkness with the result that we now have to use electricity to light it at times that we did not used to. We also have to use a tumble dryer more frequently as clothes will not dry naturally indoors in winter. We also have to have the heating on more. As well as costing us more this is also not environmentally friendly.

I have been advised that the property has acquired "ancient lights" (under the Prescription Act 1832) as light has been coming across the property into the house in excess of 20 years and therefore the property has acquired a right to continue receiving that light and that right is now being breached by the height of the trees.

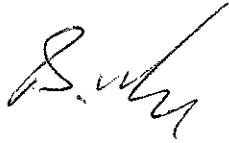
In addition, it is not possible for grass or any other plant life to grow in the garden, detracting from our enjoyment of it. The trees are now pressing against the boundary fence and I expect in time they will damage it.

I have also raised safety issues with you, in particular concerning my young granddaughter playing in the garden. There are often branches, albeit thin, but up to six foot long that drop down without warning. There are also larger branches that overhang the garden. You may be aware of a phenomenon known as "sudden drop" that can affect beech trees which result in large branches of healthy trees dropping without warning, which could result in damage to property and more worryingly personal injury/fatality

I know that you arranged for a warden to inspect the trees, who is of the view that no action needs to be taken. However, I do not believe that he viewed the trees from my side and therefore cannot see that he has come to a balanced judgement.

My neighbours on either side of my property have paid to have the trees on the other side of their boundary fences pruned as those trees were affecting their enjoyment of their property. Both my neighbours are in employment and able to sustain the costs of a tree surgeon. The fact that others have felt the need to prune the trees shows that I am not overreacting or being difficult and pernickety. I hope in the light of the above the Parish Council will reconsider its decision and agree to pay for the trees to be cut back and pruned.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian May', written in a cursive style.

Brian May

Friends of Kingswood Meeting

Wednesday 18th June 2008 8 00pm

Those present :

Alan Reynolds – Chairman (AR)	Mark Fredericks (MF)
Jeff Herschel (JH)	Brian Goodchild (BG)
Ian Forbes – Secretary (IF)	Fred Wells (FW)
Roger Wilding (RW)	David Harris (DH)

- | Item | | Action |
|----------|---|--------|
| 1 | Apologies for Absence | |
| 1.1 | Helen Devine | |
| 2 | Previous Minutes – Noted as accurate | |
| 2.1 | Matters Arising from Previous minutes | |
| 3 | Future Ideas | |
| 3.1 | Roger has three more walks planned. | RW |
| | 1. Summer Flowers 19 th July 2008 | |
| | 2. Fungi Finding 25 th October 2008 | |
| | 3. Spring Flowers 25 th April 2009 | |
| | All events to start at 1000 hrs at the Cock Lane Cemetery Car Park (always on a Saturday) | |
| 3.2 | Working Sessions | |
| | To be arranged once post markers and additional posts provided by JH CWPC. | |
| | Noted theft of three posts and agreed to replace. | |
| 3.3 | Next Cock Lane Meeting Ian to arrange (nb 8 00pm start) | IF |

4 **Tilhill Woodland Management Plan – Dated December 2007**

4.1 Comments made by group

1. Welcome larch thinning
2. Welcome thinning of weaker specimens with specimen trees being left. Prefer natural regeneration if at all possible
3. Want to leave some beech to achieve maturity
4. Suggested that beech pollarding as done in Burnham Woods be tried to give further interest to the wood

5 **Future Path Plans**

5.1 Posts needed to replace stolen posts and to provide a lead in from the Dolphin area

5.2 ATC offer of help – Ian to explore

5.3 Future tasks –

IF

- Mark additional paths
- Make good drainage damage opposite Breakheart Hill

5.4 Design of Boards CCB may well assist. DH to provide contact details

DH

5.5 Jeff H to look at other areas of resources

JH

5.6 Agreed to mark out and publicise the red route first and then to add additional paths

Contact phone numbers (01494 unless otherwise stated)

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Ian Forbes 816438
Roger Wilding 438374
Fred Wells 436669
Mark Fredericks 01628 482884

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Helen Devine 816494

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Amenity Land	Last Year		Agreed Budget	Current Year		Projected Actual	Next Year Budget
	Budget	Actual		Revised Budget	Actual YTD		
<u>101 GEN AMENITY AREAS</u>							
OverHead Expenditure	12,083	14,850	6,336	6,336	3,186	6,720	6,555
Total Income	655	3,766	3,783	3,783	1,066	1,361	702
101 Net Expenditure	11,428	11,084	2,553	2,553	2,120	5,359	5,853
<u>102 FENNELS WOOD</u>							
OverHead Expenditure	1,579	793	1,665	1,665	457	1,665	1,736
Total Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
102 Net Expenditure	1,579	793	1,665	1,665	457	1,665	1,736
<u>103 RAILWAY LAND</u>							
OverHead Expenditure	397	474	1,421	1,421	1,517	1,596	1,944
Total Income	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
103 Net Expenditure	397	474	1,421	1,421	1,516	1,595	1,944
<u>104 KINGSWOOD</u>							
OverHead Expenditure	19,161	10,605	18,843	18,843	1,549	18,843	16,917
Total Income	5,020	40	5,020	5,020	5,021	5,021	20
104 Net Expenditure	14,141	10,565	13,823	13,823	-3,472	13,822	16,897

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<u>105 TYLERS GREEN COMMON</u>							
OverHead Expenditure	13,555	11,658	14,596	3,027	14,596	14,862	
Total Income	833	810	2,356	2,172	3,446	905	
105 Net Expenditure	12,722	10,849	12,240	856	11,150	13,957	
<u>106 WIDMER POND</u>							
OverHead Expenditure	1,132	476	4,183	202	4,183	4,212	
Total Income	512	157	777	0	777	540	
106 Net Expenditure	620	319	3,406	202	3,406	3,672	
<u>199 AMENITY CAPITAL</u>							
OverHead Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	
199 Net Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Amenity Land - Expenditure	47,907	38,856	47,044	9,938	0	46,226	
Income	7,020	4,772	11,936	8,260	0	2,167	
Net Expenditure	40,887	34,084	35,108	1,678	36,997	44,059	
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4001 STAFF SALARIES	3,756	4,190	4,000	4,000	1,702	4,000	4,200
4013 RENT	15	0	15	15	0	0	15
4028 CAR PARK WORK	6,000	9,333	0	0	0	0	0
4029 BENCHES AND SIGNS	2,000	797	1,000	1,000	1,399	1,399	2,000
4037 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	312	530	1,321	1,321	85	1,321	340
OverHead Expenditure	12,083	14,850	6,336	6,336	3,186	6,720	6,555
1001 INCOME - RENTS	655	655	672	672	377	672	702
1083 THIRD PARTY CONTRIBUTION	0	3,111	3,111	3,111	689	689	0
Total Income	655	3,766	3,783	3,783	1,066	1,361	702
101 Net Expenditure	11,428	11,084	2,553	2,553	2,120	5,359	5,853
102 FENNELS WOOD							
4001 STAFF SALARIES	1,329	543	1,415	1,415	207	1,415	1,486
4013 RENT	250	250	250	250	250	250	250
OverHead Expenditure	1,579	793	1,665	1,665	457	1,665	1,736
Total Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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103 RAILWAY LAND							
4001 STAFF SALARIES	344	474	366	366	366	366	384
4037 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	53	0	1,055	1,055	1,230	1,230	1,560
OverHead Expenditure	397	474	1,421	1,421	1,517	1,596	1,944
1002 INCOME - PERMITS	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Total Income	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
103 Net Expenditure	397	474	1,421	1,421	1,516	1,595	1,944
104 KINGSWOOD							
4001 STAFF SALARIES	5,748	4,251	6,121	6,121	1,145	6,121	6,427
4023 STATIONERY & PRINT'G	50	0	50	50	0	50	50
4037 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	6,296	3,204	5,395	5,395	4	5,395	2,600
4038 MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	2,627	1,250	2,705	2,705	0	2,705	3,170
4059 FORESTRY FEES	4,440	3,900	4,572	4,572	400	4,572	4,670
4994 TFR FR EARMARKED RSV	0	-2,000	0	0	0	0	0
OverHead Expenditure	19,161	10,605	18,843	18,843	1,549	18,843	16,917
1002 INCOME - PERMITS	0	37	0	0	0	0	0
1077 GRANTS RECEIVED	5,000	0	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0

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1079 OTHER COST RECOVERED	20	3	20	20	21	21	20
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<u>105 TYLERS GREEN COMMON</u>							
4001 STAFF SALARIES	8,159	7,332	8,688	8,688	2,888	8,688	9,122
4014 ELECTRICITY	77	67	79	79	23	79	90
4037 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	3,319	6,211	4,829	4,829	117	4,829	4,150
4994 TFR FR EARMARKED RSV	0	-3,953	0	0	0	0	0
4999 TFR TO TRACKS RESERVE	2,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	0	1,000	1,500
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1001 INCOME - RENTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1002 INCOME - PERMITS	706	730	727	727	46	727	765
1004 INCOME - SERVICE CHS	77	30	79	79	10	79	90
1077 GRANTS RECEIVED	0	0	500	500	0	525	0
1078 MAINT COST RECOVERED	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
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4012 WATER	489	-14	504	504	102	504	500
4037 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	149	0	3,153	3,153	0	3,153	3,160
OverHead Expenditure	1,132	476	4,183	4,183	202	4,183	4,212
1004 INCOME - SERVICE CHS	244	0	251	251	0	251	250
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Amenity Land Committee						
Projected Variances from budget 2008/09						
code	Site	Description	budget	projected	variance	reason
Expenditure						
4029/101	amenity areas	benches	1,000	1,399	399	higher than budgeted
4037/103	Railway land	tree work	1,055	1,230	175	higher than budgeted
Income						
1083/101	Cock Lane recycling	resurfacing	-3,111	0	3,111	contribution received in 2007/08
1083/105	Tylers green common	third party contributions	-1,000	-2,065	-1,065	
1083/101	general amenity areas	third party contributions	0	-689	-689	donation for bench
total variances of less than £100					-42	
Total					1,889	