

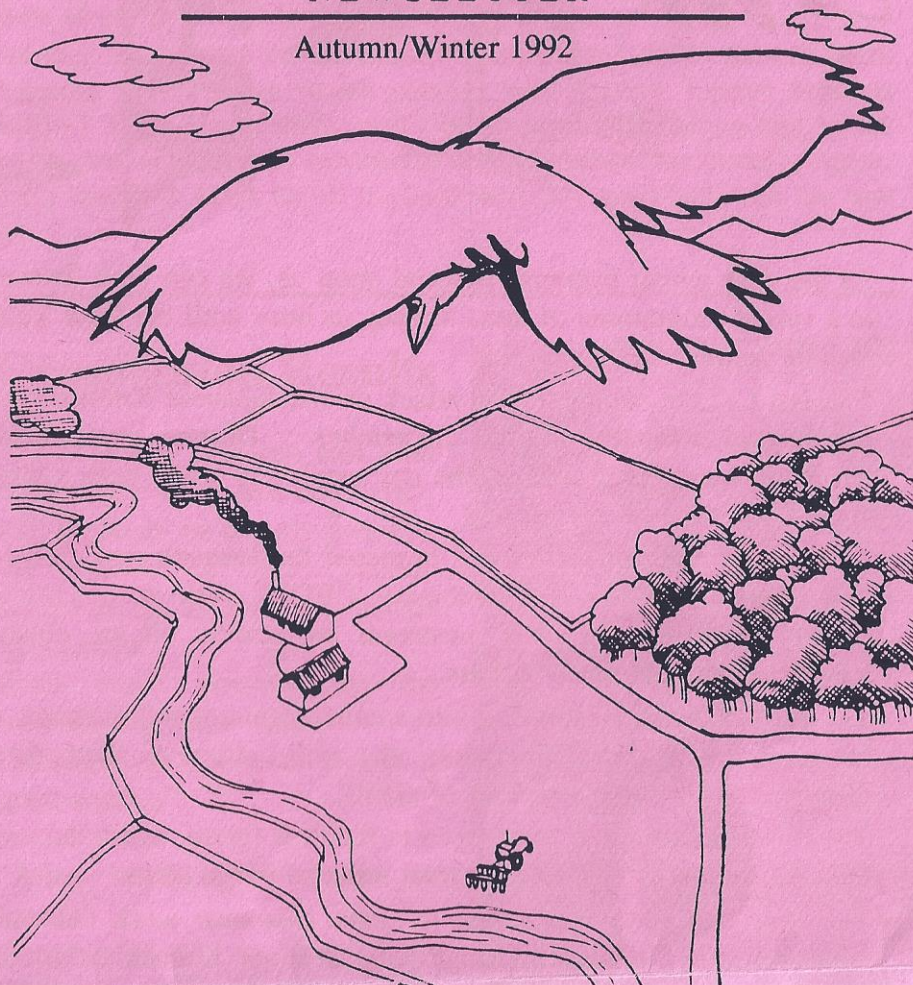
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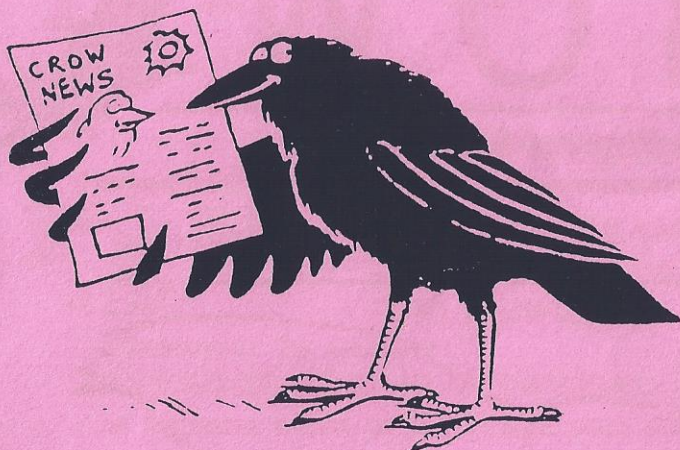
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PRACTICAL MIDWEEK
VOLUNTARY CONSERVATION
WORK TO PROTECT OUR
LOCAL COUNTRYSIDE



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As the dark winter evenings descend upon us, we can look forward to a varied programme of tasks to keep us busy until the New Year. Details on the back page.

The last CROW outing was an attack on the Japanese Knotweed on the Kennet towpath on 2nd September. Despite some fairly traumatic transport problems, the day went very well, with a large area of Knotweed being cleared.

The large growth of nettles that bordered the towpath was also cut down, with time for the customary CROW walk at lunchtime, which meandered its way upstream in search of an elusive Kingfisher without much success.

The cut Knotweed was loaded into a convenient council dustcart, to be taken away for incineration, the only effective method of disposal for this most tenacious of plants.

The root systems are to be sprayed in the near future, again the only effective means of ensuring the total removal of the plant.

This was part of a programme of path clearance work currently underway along this entire length of the River Kennet, extending into the Southcote Water Meadows and will hopefully provide us with some good tasks in the New Year.



all change

Several regular members of the CROW crew have recently moved on to pastures new.

Maurice, Sue and Dave all worked as Voluntary Officers at the BTCV office and all did a great deal to keep the CROW bandwagon rolling. Maurice has been appointed Woodlands Project Officer in Windsor and Maidenhead. Sue is doing voluntary work with the Wokingham Rangers and Dave is off to do a course in darkest Shrewsbury. Many thanks to them all and good luck to them in their new work.

Another shock move on the transfer market saw CROW stalwart Mark Sixsmith start a seven month contract with Premier League hopefuls BBONT FC. Mark, sadly, won't be able to come out on task in the future, but will hopefully continue to help out 'behind the scenes'. Again, many thanks to Mark for all his hard work and good luck with the new job.

Competition Results

Those of you who can cast your minds back to the last newsletter, will no doubt be eagerly awaiting the result of our caption competition, as will the person who entered.

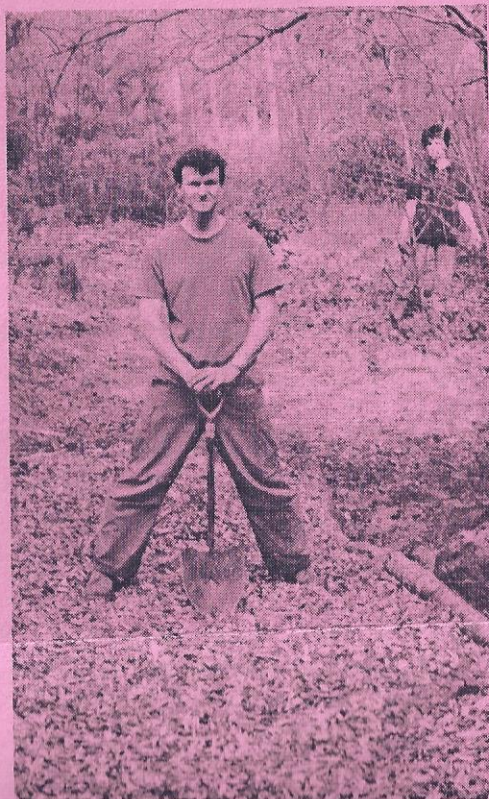
After much consideration the winning caption(s) read :-

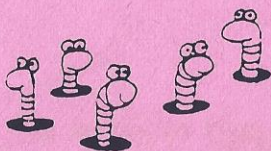
"Spade graft operation proves a great success"

and/or

"Alien spade graft found in woods"

Congratulations to our lucky winners and commiserations (again), I'm afraid, to Ronnie and Reggie.

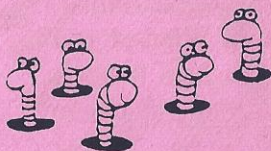




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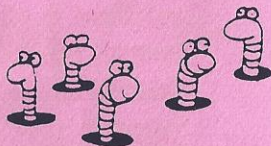


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WORK PROGRAMME

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Wednesday 7th October

RUSCOMBE POND, NEAR TWYFORD

A welcome return to the village pond at Ruscombe to carry out general pond maintenance.

Wednesday 4th November

MOOR COPSE, NEAR TILEHURST

We'll be continuing with last year's tree work at the excellent BBONT reserve, with, hopefully, a good bonfire and plenty of baked potatoes.

Wednesday 2nd December

CLAYFIELD COPSE, CAVERSHAM

As part of National Tree Week, we'll be paying our first visit to Clayfield Copse since its designation as a Local Nature Reserve. Coppicing or other tree work. Meet in the car park at 10am or follow the CROW signs if coming later.

Wednesday 6th January 1993

PROSPECT PARK, TILEHURST

Clearing the overgrown bramble from the woodland floor in 'The Rookery' behind the Mansion House.

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