



News From Ashdown Forest

November 2022

Upcoming Events:

Information about all our events can be found on our website www.ashdownforest.org/events

James Adler, CEO, will be giving a talk about Ashdown Forest in a warming world, highlighting how climate change is affecting the Forest and how the Forest helps keep CO₂ out of the atmosphere. We will also be talking about the possible threats to the Forest from proposed changes to fracking permissions and environmental protections. The talks are free to attend, and booking is not required.

- Tuesday 1st November – Uckfield Civic Centre, Weald Hall
- Monday 7th November – Freshfield Hall, Forest Row
- Thursday 17th November – Nutley Memorial Hall
- Wednesday 23rd November – Ashdown Forest Centre
- Friday 25th November – Crowborough Community Centre
- Tuesday 29th November – Fairwarp Village Hall

The talks start at 7:30pm except at Ashdown Forest Centre which is a lunchtime talk at 1pm

- Sunday 13th November 11am – Remembrance Sunday at the Airmen's Grave
- Sunday 13th November 7:30pm – Four Seasons on Ashdown Forest
- Monday 21st November – Ashdown Forest Mini-Explorers
- Sunday 11th December – Christmas Wreath Making Workshops
- Monday 19th December – Ashdown Forest Mini-Explorers
- Weekends from 19th November to 18th December – Ashdown Woodturners will be giving woodturning demonstrations at the Forest Centre.

Christmas trees, cut from Ashdown Forest, will be on sale at the Forest Centre from the end of November.

Four Seasons on Ashdown Forest

Join us at Ashdown Park Hotel & Country Club on Sunday 13th November to celebrate "Four Seasons on Ashdown Forest", with special guest, Proms host and BBC Radio 3 presenter, Katie Derham.

In the magnificent setting of the former chapel at Ashdown Park, sit back and enjoy the beautiful sounds of Vivaldi's Four Seasons, performed by the Icon Strings quartet with internationally renowned first violinist, Martyn Jackson. Feast your eyes on a presentation of a stunning collection of photographs throughout the seasons by local photographer Craig Payne, created in collaboration with Ashdown Forest CEO James Adler, now brought together in a coffee table book, "Ashdown Forest: Through the Seasons".

All proceeds from the event will support Ashdown Forest. Our thanks to Ashdown Park Hotel for their generous support in hosting this not-to-be-missed event.

Tickets cost £40 per person (£25 for under 16s) and are available now at <https://bit.ly/fourseasons13Nov>

Reserve your copy of "Ashdown Forest: Through the Seasons" when buying your tickets and take it home on the night, or pre-order your copy via the Ashdown Forest online shop here: <https://ashdownforest.org/shop/>

All proceeds from this event, plus 50% of the profits from sales of the book, will go to support Ashdown Forest.

Meat Boxes:

We are taking orders for Ashdown Forest beef boxes this autumn, which will be ready in early December.

Two different products are available:

Beef boxes - £15 per kg available in 5kg and 10kg A typical 10kg box may contain:

3 or 4 joints, steak (usually rump & sirloin), stewing steak (in 500g bags), mince (in 500g bags)

The proportions of cuts will vary between boxes.

Cooks' boxes £12.50 per kg – available in 5kg and 10kg consisting of mince and stewing cuts

To place an order please email conservators@ashdownforest.org and please include a contact number.

Ashdown Forest 2023 Calendar

Ashdown Forest 2023 Calendars are now available to buy from the Visitor Centre or online. They are available in A4 and A3 size. The calendar has been sponsored by the Friends of Ashdown Forest and photographs are by Dave Brooker.

Car Park Payments

Many of you will know that the Conservators have been looking into payments for parking in the Forest's car parks. Ashdown Forest has, for some years, experienced increasing numbers of visitors and decreasing levels of funding. The result has been that it has been an increasing challenge to conserve the Forest and provide open and safe public access. Despite restructuring the organisation to save money, the Forest continues to generate a significant annual deficit. Donations, fund raising initiatives, grant funding and commercial activities are useful sources of funding but have not bridged the gap or allowed for improvements. Having considered a wide range of alternatives, parking payments were identified as the best way to generate a proportion of the income needed to keep Ashdown Forest safe and open for the public.

The required permissions to proceed have now been secured and the Forest will be implementing the payments later this year. We will publish information about how to support the Forest through payments ahead of the start date and will communicate this widely.