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## PENSFORD FIELD NEWSLETTER

We would like to thank all the enthusiasts for the success of the table top sale in the Barn Church Hall last October, we made £263 and special thanks go to Caroline Blomfield for her lovely cards and pictures and to Merry Ford for the refreshments. The general opinion was that it was great fun and a good way of recycling things as well as making a bit of money for the field.

Jamie Simpson is in the field at the moment cutting the hedge in a traditional method known as hedge laying. His poles and sticks all come from his ancient wood coppice in Kent and it will make the hedge grow back thicker which is excellent for birds and small mammals. Please take care if you are visiting because Jamie works with sharp tools. For funding this we are very grateful to "Its your community" from [O2.itsyourcommunity.co.uk](http://O2.itsyourcommunity.co.uk)

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November the local Bhuddist group are running an ORANG-UTAN event from 3 – 5pm. They are asking if people can visit the field wearing orange and bring £1 to donate towards buying land to save these wonderful creatures from extinction because of the removal of their habitat to plant a monoculture of oil palms.

At the Kew Sparkle on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December Pensford field will have a stall to sell our envelope re-use labels (great Christmas presents !) and our quiz sheet. This will keep you busy over Christmas and the price is only £1 !

Our wassail will be on 9<sup>th</sup> January in the orchard and in the presence of the Mayor at 3pm, please put that in your diary as it only happens very other year.

The entry double gates to Pensford Field are on lock number 2001.

We have been given £3000 by Richmond Parish Lands Charity towards our electricity in the studio, and it is being matched by the Initiatives Fund from Richmond Council for the same sum.

The Small Grants fund will be giving us money to buy tickets and help fund our events, we are very grateful to all these bodies.