

Friends of Portsdown Hill Newsletter

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A festive update of events and walks

Let's hope you are able to attend some of our activities in the first months of 2022. Keep an eye on the FoPH website for any amendments and news of what's happening on the hill.

Richard Jones Countryside Officer

Talks

In anticipation of restrictions on indoor meetings or guidance that would discourage attendance, **there will not be a talk in January.**

To allow more space between everyone at our talks, we shall meet in the larger room at the Hall. **This means that we will be meeting on a Thursday (rather than a Wednesday) evening. Start time 7.30pm.**

Thursday 10th February **Pompey Pals**

Chris Pennycook from the Fort Widley-based charity that brings to life the story of the recruitment of local men to fight in the Great War**.**

Thursday 10th March **What's bee….n happening!**



Linda Turner has been surveying bumblebees on the hill and will describe how their population has fared in recent years informed by her observations and the surveys of others.

Walks **(Meet at Fort Widley)**

Monday 3rd January 10.00 am -12.00 pm. **New Year Plant Hunt**

Looking for plants in flower in midwinter. Are there more about than we would expect? Organised by the Cumberland House Natural History Museum— for further info and to book: www.facebook.com/events/990316738215711

Thursday 24th February 10.00 am – 12.30 pm **Winter trees**

As we go for a walk over the hill we shall be examining the twigs, branches and bark of trees and scrubs and naming them. Of special interest is the juniper.

www.portsdown.org.uk/ The FoPH website.
www. havantnature.net/Wildlife information on Portsdown and further afield.
www. portsdown-tunnels.org.uk Portsdown's underground history.