

# BWAG Monthly Reports to Bredhurst Parish Council

## March 2007

- We have been contacted by the Ancient Yew Group (<http://www.ancient-yew.org/>) who wishes to survey all yew trees within the village and the woodland. They hope to produce a comprehensive report detailing all notable trees. Once completed, this will be available on line at [www.bwag.org.uk](http://www.bwag.org.uk)
- Representatives from BWAG attended a Public Rights of Way conference on 17 February. This was an excellent day, organised by KCC. Many topics were covered, including the [Countryside Access Improvement Plan](#). This is an initiative to obtain feedback from Parish Councils, rambling associations, equestrians and all other user groups on improvements to the rights of way network across the county. The draft plan is due for publication in June 07 and it will prioritise areas of work, which KCC hope to start in summer 07. Last autumn, Bredhurst PC submitted wide-ranging proposals for improvements to the PRoW network within the village and the surrounding areas and we will continue to work closely with KCC to ensure our recommendations are implemented.
- Our felling license from the Forestry Commission has been granted and coppicing is due to commence w/c 13 March 07. Information signs will be erected in the woodland explaining the beneficial effects that coppicing will have on plant and wildlife within the woodland.
- Further meetings have taken place with Kent Police and measures are being considered to deter illegal off road activity.
- BWAG and Kent Wildlife Trust have organised an event to be held on 28 April. It is aimed at landowners across Kent and will provide information on all aspects of woodland management issues. The event will be opened by Hugh Robertson, MP, Faversham and Mid-Kent. There will be a range of speakers in the morning and a tour of Bredhurst Hurst in the afternoon. BWAG are grateful to Jane and Stephen Page for hosting the event at Green Court. BWAG members are welcome to join the tour of the woodland in the afternoon and should contact Vanessa Jones for further information.
- The new improved BWAG website is now completed and will be published within the next couple of days. It contains masses of information, maps, photos and details of forthcoming events.