



Dear Member,
Happy New Year!

In a change to the advertised schedule the January talk will be by John Tuer on *The Trees of Europe from Top to Toe* at St Peter's Church Hall Tuesday 10 January 2023 @ 7.30 pm.

Circumstances at his end have now prevented Tom the Apple Man from being able to join us on Tuesday, 10th January. But we do not like to create a vacuum and want to make sure our members still have some event per month. So John Tuer, our Treasurer, has stepped in to give us a talk about the trees in Continental Europe. He calls his talk *Trees of Europe, Tip to Toe*, and it is a repeat of the talk he gave us some years ago when we were a branch of the International Tree Foundation.

However, since then as the Severn Tree Trust, we have many new members for whom this will be totally new, but some of you might like to hear it again ! John will be looking at why in Europe, the countries have strict policies of keeping their trees while over here, in Britain, we seem happy to let trees go readily for all kinds of reasons. John will be looking for a specific "USP" that makes it difficult for us to want to remove trees in Britain. He will also be referring to what kinds of species we might bring into this country following global warming.

Severn Tree Trust December planting at Hopesay Hill near Craven Arms.

We had a lovely morning helping the National Trust plant Hawthorns. These were plants grown from berries collected by Andy Gordon and Andrew Allott which were then grown on by Peter Aspin for the last few years.

Thank you to Peter for getting the Hawthorn plants up the day before and on the morning of the planting getting the ones out of the root



Figure 1: The new hedge line at Hopesay Common using site specific Hawthorn seed grown by STT members Peter Aspin, Andy Gordon and Andrew Allott. (photo Richard Dorrell)

trainers at 6am in the morning plus picking Holly Berry seed to be sowed alongside the Hawthorns.

Thank you to Andy for sowing the Holly Berry Seed along the hedge line.

Thanks must also go to Andrew Allott, Jon Keen, Peter Aspin, Andy Gordon and John Tuer for helping carry the hawthorns up the Hopesay hill and planting them.

We probably planted more than the NT did!

There are more to plant along the hedge line, when the NT gives us the date. I will forward this on to members as soon as I know, hopefully in January.

Tree Planting in memory of Don Mansell

John is sorting the tree planting for Don at 12 noon on Sunday 22 January at Mereside. Meet at Mereside Community Building.

I picked up the three Bird Cherry (*Prunus padus*) trees, plus guards, posts and buckle ties, on the thursday before Christmas. They are heeled in our garden.

Other news

Angela Hughes has an historic gardens day **at Eyton Hall** at Eyton upon the Weald Moors on 19 February from 1-4pm with refreshments, Hot chocolate and cakes etc! Post Code and Sat Nav is TF6 6ET.

The snowdrops are wonderful right through the woodland there with new plantings of trees.... so it would be of interest to members. This is not an STT event, but we actively encourage you to get out and about and see the snowdrops and the trees!



Figure 3: Mystery tree at Eyton; can anyone help Angela find out what it is? (Angela Hughes)



Figure 2: The snowdrops in the woods at Eyton with at least one Redwood and a Yew visible. (Angela Hughes)