# RECENT NEWS

#### Penlow Field throughout 2018 - Welcome to our fourth newsletter

#### We welcome to rest....

2018 has seen 12 residents move in to Penlow, Eileen, Roger, David, Mike, Christopher, Shannon, Amelia, Terence, Anthony, Kenneth, Sandra & Jean. Ashes of Peter H, Peter L, Gail and babies Zac & Reggie have also been laid to rest.

As always it has been a privilege to meet all family members and to have been able to help a little at such a difficult time.

Also a really big thank you to those of you who are able to give feedback to the ANBG.

#### Tree planting days..

I have spoken to all families due to have trees to confirm tree choices. Trees are being ordered this week.

Please contact me to arrange a date if you were wanting to be in attendance at the time.

Thank you.

#### Open day....

We decided to host another open day in July - we were lucky to have fabulous weather for it.

It was lovely to show around both old and new faces.

Thank you to those of you who made it.



Small Copper Butterfly - a new spotting for 2018

### Bug hotels ...

We thought that it would be a fantastic idea to build some bug hotels in the woods. We did this using recycled materials and by asking children to come along and get involved.



We held two bug hotel building

mornings, everyone had a great time getting involved. We



used old pallets for the bulk of the build and then filled them with various things such as leaves, old tiles, old bricks, wood with holes drilled in it, stones, bamboo, hay and rotting branches.

We thought up some wacky names for the hotels (with the help of Sheridon's Mum!). We have the Creepy Crawly Crash Pad, Spider Stop-over, The Hopping High-Rise

Habitat House and Bumble Bee Hollow.

We hope you all enjoy having a look to see if there are any bugs checked in to the hotels when you're at Penlow next!



Atlantic Rest Natural Burial



#### Bees....

As a result of our open day in July we found a local beekeeper, Brian - he agreed to bring a hive out to Penlow and look after it. There are approximately 20,000 bees in there at present, we hope that in the spring there will be as many as 60,000 and some honey in the summer!

Thank you to Brian.

#### Christmas Amnesty...

As you are aware we allow biodegradable wreaths on loved ones' graves until 5th January.

We were introduced to Bude Blooms earlier this year - a newly established eco florist and floral grower, offering biodegradable arrangements.

Cassie is offering two different wreaths if anyone is interested priced at £20 & £30.

Cassie can be reached on 07817 303140



Alternatively there is lots of

holly in the woods at Penlow if you'd like to pick some. Please do be careful though as it's mainly off the beaten path.

(Please do not put plastic or glitter in the wreath.)



## Inspection time...

As an additional measure added by the Association of Natural Burial Grounds to the Code of Conduct - we are all now inspected on our procedures and documentation.



The purpose of this is to guarantee that the site can continue to operate if/when the inevitable happens to those who run it.

So its a pretty big document! Ours is almost 10,000 words, but I am very pleased to tell you that it is the most comprehensive guide that Rosie (Manager of the Natural Death Centre) had seen so far!



Berries a plenty on the Guelder Rose trees in the coppice, earlier in the year and below some of the Holly in Penlow Woods

with warm wishes from Tom, Sheridon, Sophia & Meredith x





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