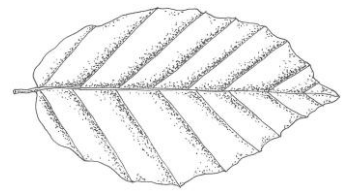


# Associates of Epping Forest Field Centre Winter 2010 Newsletter



2010 has been a brilliant year for the Centre; the busiest on record with more than 20,000 learner experiences provided. It's not over yet, however, as the Winter Wonderland programme runs until 16<sup>th</sup> December, which helps to bring outdoor learning experiences to groups with special educational needs. The Associates Committee and the EFFC staff team would like to wish you a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year – we look forward to seeing you in 2011, which will be our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year.

## Coming up

### Looking for a last minute Christmas gift?

Places on our popular Natural History and Local Interest courses make fantastic gifts for those who enjoy learning more about the Forest and its flora and fauna. Some courses even help you gain practical skills such as hedge laying or gardening for wildlife. [\(Read more\)](#)

### Cleaner Vacancy

We have been very lucky this year to have had two excellent cleaners; Catherine and Amy. Unfortunately we lost Catherine to further education and Amy to a teaching job. This means we have a vacancy for the position of cleaner. If you know anyone who might be interested please visit the FSC website (link) for further information. [\(Read more\)](#)

### Waitrose Community Matters

We have been fortunate enough to be selected as a beneficiary of the Waitrose Community Matters Scheme, and you will be able to vote for us throughout January at the Buckhurst Hill store to receive a portion of the £1000 available. If you or your friends shop in Waitrose please vote for us. [\(Read more\)](#)

## News



### Seasonal Celebrations

Over the weekend of the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December we successfully continued our tradition of holding crafts and refreshments in collaboration the City of London's 'Visiting Father Christmas' event. This is the third year of this partnership and it is clear that it is progressing well. [\(Read more\)](#)



### Good Luck Helen

Best wishes go to Helen Robertson, Assistant Head of Centre as she takes up the post of Head of FSC London East, Stratford. Good news is that Helen will still be using her vast knowledge of the Centre to help the Associates as part of the Committee. [\(Read more\)](#)



### Eco Ranger Summer Scheme

Funded by the Essex Community Foundation Grassroots Grants, the Summer Scheme allowed a total of 20 participants aged 8-10 to take part in a range of practical, outdoor activities aimed at increasing their knowledge and understanding of the natural world, particularly biodiversity and sustainability. [\(Read more\)](#)