

# Sun Rising News

The twice yearly newsletter of  
Sun Rising Natural Burial Ground and Nature Reserve



## Autumn/Winter 2018

### Events

**Bulbs, Perennials and Seeds** Planting Day is Saturday 13 October this year, 11 am – 3 pm. We'll have plenty of bulbs: native wild daffodils, snowdrops, English bluebells, and snakeshead fritillaries. These average at 50p a bulb – let us know **by 30 September** if you'd like us to come aside for you. We'll also have some perennials and our own wildflower seed packs.

If you prefer to source your own, please remember that you need to follow our [Acceptable Plants List](#). Everything not native to this area and soil will be removed, including all daffodils except the *Narcissus pseudonarcissus*, and all bluebells that aren't clearly English.

**Armistice Day** 11 November 2018 not only falls on Remembrance Sunday but is of course the centenary. So as not to compete with events at war memorials in towns and villages around, we shall *not* be holding a gathering at the cairn this year. Instead, we will be planting native daffodils, initially one for each of the men named on the Tysoe war memorial. If you would like us to include a daffodil for a loved one who lost their life, or whose life has been affected by conflict, please let us know. If you'd like to help with the planting on the afternoon of 11 November, do get in touch.

**Tree Planting** Planting of memorial trees takes place late November to mid-December. Our deadline for placing tree orders is 5 November this year. Get in touch if you have any queries.



**Pre-Christmas at Sun Rising** On Sunday 16 December, 11 am – 3 pm, we will be holding our winter event, with mulled wine and mince pies, carols and Christmas music, and an assortment of possible gifts for friends and family: honey, our beautiful hare lapel pins, tea towels, cards and wreaths – as described below. If you'd like to help out on the day, let us know. Otherwise, simply come along. All proceeds will go to the Friends of Sun Rising.

**Christmas Day** Sun Rising will be open on Tuesday 25 December as usual. In the morning, there'll be hot coffee and mince pies, and warm company for those who find the day especially hard.

**Saturday 2 March: Talk and Tapas** The first of a series of nature talks in Tysoe Village Hall, this will be led by author and adventurer Carl Portman on 'Spiders, at home and abroad' – we anticipate a highly informative and entertaining exploration of the subject! Tickets must be bought in advance and are available from September. It's £10 per person, to include a glass of wine and tasty tapas. Doors open from 5.30 for the 6 pm talk. All proceeds to The Friends.

### The Friends of Sun Rising

**The Friends' AGM** was on Sunday 9 September this year. Many of you came along for a lovely afternoon in the village hall where fundraising, events and projects were discussed, together with plans for development at Sun Rising. If you'd like a copy of the Annual Review, let us know.

David Brown then gave us a fascinating talk on the moths of Warwickshire, with many amazing photographs. Thank you, David!

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**Tea Towels** Although a good number of these have been sold, we still have plenty of our beautiful Sun Rising tea towel. The autumn scene of the roundhouse from the pond was painted by professional artist, Philip Bannister. The tea towels are of organic cotton and sell for £10, with all profit to The Friends. Have a look [online](#).



**Christmas Cards** Our winter cards show six winter photographs taken at Sun Rising. Blank inside, they can be used for Christmas or any other occasion through the season. They come in packs of 6: £9 for one pack, or £7.50 per pack for two or more. Please get in touch for P&P and order information.

**Wreaths and other Tributes** Most choose Sun Rising because of its natural feel – it doesn't look like a cemetery. One way we achieve this is by not having lots of tributes on graves. Small bunches of flowers are left for a few days or until they wilt, but anything in oasis, plastic, with glitter or other additions is removed straight away.

At Christmas, many families like to place a wreath on a grave. However, the same rules apply. If it is completely natural, we'll leave it until 6 January – but bright ribbons, paint, glitter, plastic, oasis or anything not natural will be removed.

To help families who want to get it right, we're selling wreaths that are 100% natural, fully biodegradable and beautiful. They are £25, £5 of which goes to The Friends. If you'd like to order a wreath, please let us know **by 1 December**. Samples wreaths can be viewed at <http://sunrisingburialground.co.uk/friends/wreaths.html>.

## The Sun Rising 2020 Wall Calendar

The 2018 calendar proved such a success, we are keen to create another for 2020. What we need is **your photographs!** We'll need a photo for each month of the year, taken at Sun Rising, with a high enough resolution for printing. Do please send us any pictures you think may be suitable.

## News

**The Roundhouse Roof** Many will have noticed how the sedum and moss roof of the roundhouse has been slowly losing its integrity. Too wet for sedum, then too dry for moss, it has also been steadily torn apart by birds for nesting material! Work has just begun to replace it with cedar shingles, which will settle gently into the feel of the nature reserve.

**New Opening Hours** Please note that our opening hours have changed from 'sunrise – sunset', to:

April – September 8 am – 8 pm

October – March 8 am – 5 pm.

If you have any queries, let us know.

**Instagram** You may like to look us up or follow us on [sunrisingnaturalburial](#). If you post a photo of the burial ground, add #sunrisingburialground to the caption or set the location as Sun Rising Natural Burial Ground.

**GDPR** In line with new legislation, in May 2018 we put together our new data protection and privacy policy. If you would like to know what data we hold on you, and why we hold it, do get in touch.

## Notes

**Busy Times** If you would rather visit Sun Rising on a quiet day, do give us a call and we can let you know if there's a funeral or something else is going on.

**Mailing List** If you'd like to receive this newsletter and other updates but are not on our mailing list, get in touch. Feel free to print or email it to family and friends. If you're receiving it by post, but are happy to do so by email, paper-free, let us know.