



FRIENDS OF WALTON FIRS

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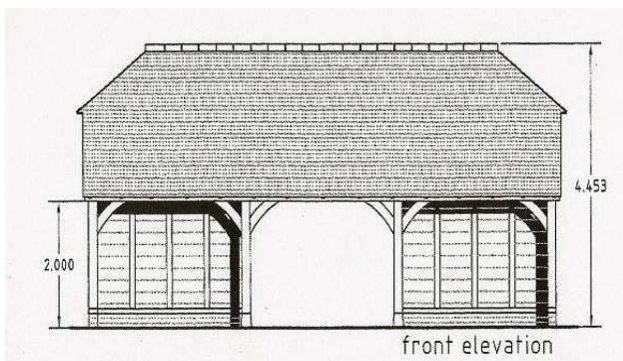


IT'S OURS LET'S DEVELOP IT !

In launching our 3 year development plan we have set ourselves the monumental task of raising funds to turn plans into reality for the benefit of young people. The likely amount to achieve our three main projects is over £400K by grant applications, fundraising and donations and with the help of our Friends of Walton Firs.

**Please join us and see for yourself what is planned at the
Friends of Walton Firs Open Day and AGM
On Sunday 17th May from
11am until 4pm**

**Come for an hour or the whole day (bring your lunch) and see the site in action
1100—1600 guided tours
1130—a presentation open to all on what's happened and what's planned
1530—Board members AGM
RSVP to stella@waltonfirs.co.uk or as overleaf**



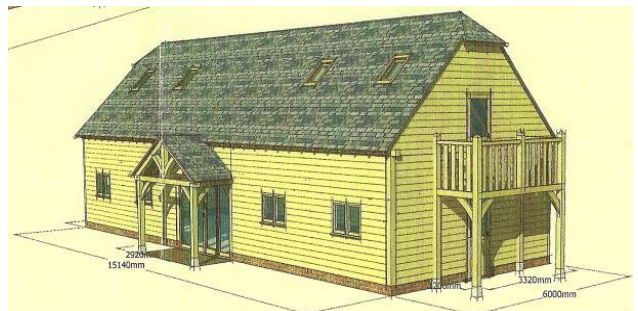
Dutch Barn Shelter

The Barn has a footprint of 8.4m x 5.6m and will add considerable value to the site.

Priority One—The Dutch Barn all weather shelter particularly for our day visitors will be adjacent to the car park, which will undergo development to complement the new building. In kit form The Barn will be constructed by our Service Team. It's paid for and should be ready by May or June 2009.

Priority Two—A new Administration Building is urgently needed, and planning permission has been sought. The current building is too damp to house computers or photocopiers and offers no facilities for meetings or even where our disabled visitors can change, eat or rest. It is essential that we raise funds to replace this building.

**To make this a reality we need to raise
£150K over the next year.**



The Proposed new building

The 4.4m high timber clad building will blend in with its surroundings.

Please support our

Charity Clay Shoot

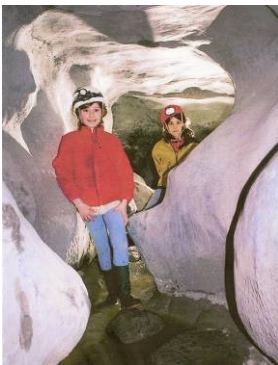
30th May at 10.30am
Ryde Farm, Ripley Road, Clandon, Surrey
at £55 per head

Organised by Andrew Leigh,
with the kind permission of Sir Rocco Forte.

See flyer for further information and booking form



The current Office, Shop and First Aid post



Priority three — to construct a **Potholing Experience**. No similar potholing experience exists in Surrey. Construction is planned for the winter, to be ready for summer season 2010 .

Wheelchair users can be lowered into a 'cave' while other young people can explore on foot.

AT OUR RECENT BOARD MEETING

IT WAS AGREED THAT AN **EDUCATION OFFICER** BE APPOINTED AS SOON AS FUNDS PERMIT TO DEVELOP EDUCATIONAL USE OF THE SITE AND TO DELIVER NATIONAL CURRICULUM BASED COURSES. THIS IS A FURTHER COMMITMENT TO OPENING THE SITE TO A WIDER RANGE OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

PETER WILMAN (DIXCART LTD) AND MANISHAKAR DAS (PROCTOR & GAMBLE) WERE APPOINTED AS DIRECTORS

Thank you for being a Friend of Walton Firs
Your support in kind, money or time is gratefully acknowledged.

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