

Cam Valley Wildlife Group

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Events Programme February, March and April 2011

February

Saturday February 12th

Conservation Morning at Paulton Reserve, Tenniscourt Road

Start Time 10am

Contact Carol Powley 01761 452179

Wednesday February 16th

The American Project. Talk at the Best Western Centurion Hotel

This lecture is the result of a commission David Boag undertook, but he also took the opportunity to explore some of the more remote corners, including Alaska, Florida Everglades, Grand Canyon, to mention a few! His photography captures not only the scenery but also the wildlife he encountered on the project.

The interest in the lecture is enhanced by the challenge of discovering how David works in locations so far away from home and with unfamiliar animals and plants.

He has achieved some amazing pictures of enthralling prairie dogs and chipmunks – of cold-blooded alligators and rattlesnakes – of vibrant flowers and dramatic birds.

David is a professional photographer who was with us a couple of years ago with a lecture on “Natural Quarry”, and we are delighted to have a return visit.

The talk is at the Best Western Centurion Hotel starting 8pm.

We arrive at 7.30pm for coffee and biscuits first, we have books for sale and also wildlife cards by our own photographer, Diana.

Entrance is £2 Members, £3 non members and children are free

Saturday February 26th

Conservation morning at Goosard reserve, Paulton

Start Time 10am

Contact Roger Oliver 01761 419778

Sunday February 27th

A Winter Wildlife Ramble with Egor,

Start Time 2pm

We are meeting up at the Old Church, Holcombe and walking around the nearby woods looking for the unusual, and signs of early spring. Please wear suitable footwear. It should last around 2 hours

Contact Egor 01373 813216

March

Saturday March 12th

Conservation Morning at Paulton Reserve, Tenniscourt Road

Start Time 10am

Please contact Carol Powley 01761 452179

Wednesday March 16th

The Diet of Urban Peregrine

A talk by Ed Drewitt.....Urban dwelling peregrines – find out more about their lifestyles and habits, in particular diet and behaviour of hunting at night

Ed describes himself as a Naturalist, broadcaster and wildlife detective.

He is the Learning Officer for the Dinosaur Project, University of Bristol by day, and in his own time works on a huge variety of freelance nature related opportunities.

The talk will be at the Best Western Centurion Hotel starting 8pm.

There will be coffee and biscuits available from 7.30pm.

Entrance £3 non members, £2 members and children are free.

Sunday 20th March

Birding at Langford Lakes

Langford Lakes is charming place to watch birds set in the delightful Wylde Valley midway between Warminster and Salisbury. It is a Wiltshire Wildlife Trust reserve with open access and includes three lakes with four hides, and a stretch of the river Wylde within its tranquil setting.

We will meet in the Victoria Hall car park in Radstock at 11am to arrange car share. Please bring a picnic, suitable footwear and binoculars if you have them.

Contact. Peter Watson. Mobile 07860 627744

Saturday March 26th

Work Morning at Goosard Reserve, Paulton

Start Time 10am

Contact Roger Oliver 01761 419778

April

Wednesday 6th April (and every Wednesday until September)

Botany Walk

Start time 7pm

Botany walks resume every Wednesday evening. A full programme will go out with the next newsletter, meanwhile please phone Helena for details. Please also contact Helena if you would like to help plan this year's walks or have particular suggestions for venues.

Contact Helena Crouch 01761 410731

Sunday April 10th

Excursion to Brownsea Island led By Diana

Brownsea Island belongs to the National Trust and has been described as “ the best place for seeing wildlife in Dorset”. It has 500 acres of Woodland, Heath, Shore and Wetland.

Start Time 8am at Victoria car park in Radstock for car share, to catch the ferry which leaves at 10.30am from Sandbanks, for the Island.

We will spend the day there and catch the 4.30pm ferry back to the mainland.

Members of the National Trust are free, non members pay £5

Ferry costs approx £4.50

Guided Tour £2.50 which take place at 11.30am or 2pm

It is important that you tell Diana beforehand (by February 25th at the latest) if you are intending to go as she has to book the guided tour and needs 15 people to qualify and pre payment is required. Please bring a picnic and wear suitable footwear.

Please ring her for full details 01761 433688 or e mail dianawalker4@gmail.com

Saturday April 16th

Work Morning at Paulton Reserve, Tenniscourt Road

Start Time 10am

Contact Carol Powley 01761 452179

Saturday April 30th

Work Morning at Goosard Reserve, Paulton

Start Time 10am

Please contact Roger Oliver 01761 419778

Forthcoming Events

Saturday May 21st

Bird Song Walk 11am – 2.30pm with Peter Watson . This walk has been organised by Friends of Silver Street Reserve

Sunday June 20th

Excursion to Wisley

It is intended to go by coach to this RHS flagship garden if there are enough people interested. £8 approx. entrance (RHS members are free) plus coach costs

Please contact Barb Jones 01761 232321 or email barb@fossewayhouse.f9.co.uk if you would like to go.

We are planning to visit a Heronry on the Somerset Levels early in May

Insect Days

"There will be various invertebrate events (bug walks, surveys and so on) throughout the year held on an ad hoc basis in addition to those that may appear in the events programme. If you are interested in participating in any of these events, please contact Deborah on 01761 435563, at deborahwhitelands@gmail.com, or by post : Deborah Porter, 59 Lower Whitelands, Radstock, BA3 3JP."

Meetings

Management	Tuesday February 1 st	Tuesday April 5 th
Events	Monday March 21 st	
Conservation Forum	Thursday March 6 th	Thursday May 5 th

Conservation Forum meetings are starting up again. Anyone with an interest in conservation matters, including reserve management, projects and planning, is most welcome to join in. We will be meeting at the Methodist Hall in Radstock at 7.45 pm for an 8 pm start. Refreshments will be provided. Please note that access is through the side entrance opposite the bus stops in The Street. Feel free to contact Deborah for information on 01761 435563, at 59, Lower Whitelands, Radstock, BA3 3JP, or at deborahwhitelands@gmail.com, to secure your cup of tea/coffee !

Please make a note in your diary of the following event

"Buglife, the Invertebrate Conservation Trust, will be making a presentation about brownfield sites on **Saturday 5th March** at the Working Men's Club in Radstock, as part of What's Next for Radstock a series of public gatherings organised by Radstock Action Group on local environment, energy and sustainable communities.

The site allocation phase of the process of drawing up plans for development in B&NES to 2026 is now underway. With the fate of Radstock Railway Land, the best brownfield site in B&NES, also up in the air, this is an opportune moment to learn about the value of brownfield sites to wildlife and biodiversity from the national body looking out for the needs of invertebrates in a changing environment. Cam Valley Wildlife Group will also be making a presentation on the wildlife of Radstock and the surrounding area and there will be a presentation with a display on 'renewable energy'. The event is scheduled to run from 10.00 am until 2.00 pm, but for details of the running order and to confirm the time nearer the event, please contact Deborah on 01761 435563 or visit the Radstock Action Group website at radstockactiongroup.org.uk

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