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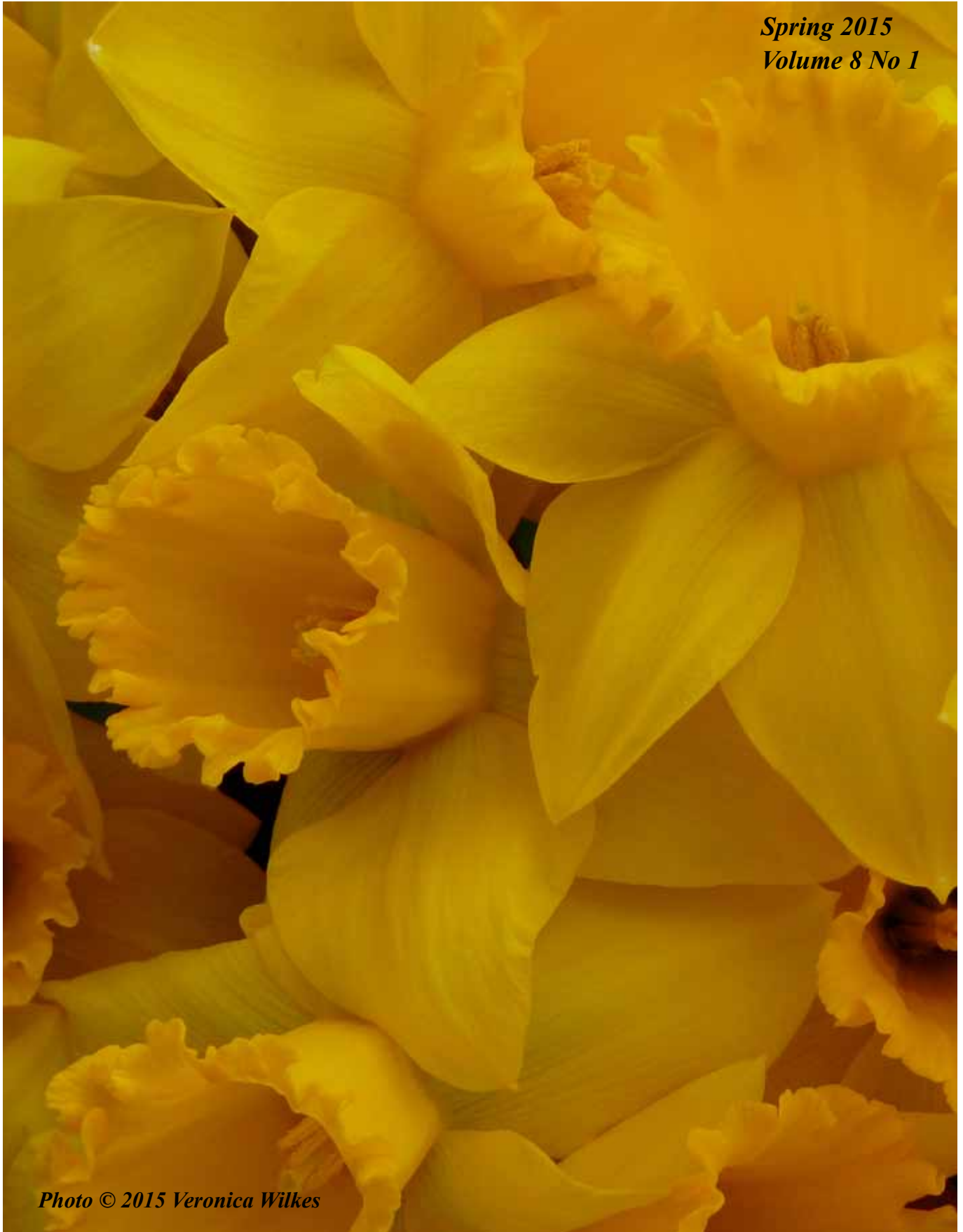


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MANAGEMENT MATTERS

Last time, I mentioned the new Members Only section on our website. Here you will now find all our forms, new or updated policies and the minutes of Management Team [MT] meetings. Look out for our Volunteer Policy - coming soon. If you have not received the password for this section, please contact me. It is especially important for those who actively volunteer for the Group to read relevant policies and adhere to them. The updated Health & Safety Policy is a good example. One result of this has been the Safety Guidelines – now attached to all email reminders of working parties. I recognise that the more experienced amongst you may view these as another example of the heavy hand of H&S, but the trustees and MT take their duty of care extremely seriously. So, please be assured that all measures in place are purely to safeguard members.

As many of you will know, the Water Vole Project ended on 31 March. Due to the huge success of this, the MT has agreed that the Group should continue to fund Jane Reeve, as Water Vole Project Officer, for the next six months. Hopefully, by this time further funding will be in place to take this vital work on. The Wetlands Project, led by Tony Burnand, has also ended and I would like to thank Tony, on behalf of the Group, for his invaluable, detailed ditch assessment work.

A couple of other MT initiatives worth mentioning are: making this newsletter and our Diary of Events more available to the public, and contributing to the Neighbourhood Plans being produced across the Manhood.

In relation to the latter and as the weather warms, I would like to stress the importance of recording our local wildlife. Many planning applications for new developments are being made across the area and if we want to oppose or make the best of these, in the respect of wildlife, we need evidence of their impact on nature. And this relies a great deal on records of wildlife using these sites. So, do keep records of wildlife you see - however common – and send them to Anthony Preston [our Biodiversity Records Officer]. Standard forms are available in the Members Only section and look out for survey and identification courses in the Diary of Events.

If you do have any ideas for courses you would like or comments about any of the above, particularly the policies, do contact me.

Joe Savill



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Community Wildlife Project Officer's Report

With the days getting longer and sunrises getting earlier, it is fantastic to get out into the countryside and enjoy this incredible area and the wealth of wildlife it supports.

It has been a busy time and in the Graylingwell and Roussillon area we took part in the RSPB's Big Garden Bird Watch. It was amazing to see the range of species at Graylingwell Park. As part of the 'Festival of Winter Walks' we led a guided walk from Medmerry Harbour to Pagham Harbour, viewing the wading birds that depend on our harbours for refuelling and rest. We explored the area to the north of Chichester with a walk from Roussillon Park to Lavant. We were very fortunate with the weather and we enjoyed watching a small flock of long-tailed tits, *Aegithalos caudatus* and a lovely tiny bird, the firecrest, *Regulus ignicapillus* near the River Lavant.

National Nest Box Week takes place in the second week of February and gives a chance for people to encourage birds into the garden to roost. The idea is to put up nest boxes in the local areas, not only to protect the wildlife we already have, but to encourage even more birds to brood in our gardens. As more trees are cut down, birds lose their homes, so putting up boxes is a great way of helping our winged friends. We provide the opportunity for children to be a part of this national event at Southbourne and Chichester areas as part of the half-term activities.

In the Southbourne area, I am working with two Year 6 classes, fortnightly in Southbourne Junior School. It has been very inspiring working with the younger generation. The sessions have included; pond dipping, looking at all the invertebrate life within the school pond and recording the biotic readings; and the Greenshank Ringing Project, which provided an excellent overview on this special winter wader and highlighted that wetlands like Chichester Harbour are an important service station for migrating birds. Travelling from Sweden to Africa they need a place where they can rest and refuel. Disturbance is a big issue and birds get tired and hungry. If there is bad weather more fuel/food is required. Following this exciting project the next session we took the classes out on the Chichester Harbour Conservancy's Solar Boat. An excellent outing looking at all the winter waders that visit our harbours and with the special highlight of seeing a Peregrine *Falco peregrinus*.

At Tuppeny Barn, work has ranged from events to reinstating the pond and hedgerow management. Tuppeny is an important wildlife area. They provide fresh produce, and they are a lovely team, in an amazing eco build and demonstrating 'field to fork' education. Explore their website, check them out on Facebook or pop in and meet the team on Thursday (10am – 5pm) and Friday (9.30am-4pm).

In the Fishbourne area, we have carried out water vole surveys at the meadows, which is an excellent site for these lovely critters and we were fortunate to watch a kingfisher *Alcedo atthis*. We have held regular site visits and talks with local walkers with dogs about the impact we can have on our protected important sites. We are now in the midst of preparing for the Fishbourne Family Dog Show, which will be on Monday 13 July from 17.00 until 20.00 at St. Peter's Place, Community Hall, Fishbourne.

There is always so much to learn and understand, so we continue training. This has covered: Hedgerow Management, Social Media, Bat Sound Analysis and Conflict Resolution and Disengagement Training - all interesting and beneficial.

We attended the annual Sussex Biological Recorders' Seminar, which is always a tonic, meeting so many passionate people/groups who are doing so many amazing things on improving and safeguarding our biodiversity for years to come.

Special thanks go to all the teams, groups and individuals that we work with.

Sarah Hughes

FIFTY SHADES OF GREY?

Selsey and the Manhood Peninsula have one of the best selections of fifty shades of grey in the country. To be precise there are exactly 48 shades of grey in the community, so it is also one of the most exciting places to live. I refer, of course, to seagulls. Twelve separate species of gull live along the seashore and in the nature reserves such as Pagham and Medmerry.

Last year yet another gull turned up along this coast, at Littlehampton – a Kumleins gull. Twitchers from all over the country came to catch a glimpse of the rarity, which is a sub-species of the Iceland gull. It has slightly greyer shades of colour on its primary wing feathers.



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So if there are commonly only twelve species, how do we get fifty shades of grey? The answer is that each bird goes through a slight plumage change each time it moults, once per year, until it reaches the age of four, and in some cases, just two. But add breeding plumage change and this shoots up to sixty shades of grey.

Our most common gull is the Black-headed gull. In winter it has a white head, in summer, a completely black head. But so does the Little gull, also the Mediterranean gull, both found on the Selsey shore. Both lose their hoods in winter too.

Everybody knows the Herring gull, which now uses our rooftops as though they were cliffs. Go to Church Norton by the church and look across the harbour and you will see other large gulls which are nesting, having scavenged rubbish from tips and back gardens. Largest of them is the Greater Black-backed gull, which with its long neck and loud belving bark almost resembles a black and white goose.

So next time you go for a stroll in this most beautiful part of the world, and have nothing better to do, see if you can work up to the fifty shades of grey in the sky around you. Be warned though – you will need a good bird book – typically the Collins Guide, which is pocket-sized.

Richard Williamson



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WATER VOLE PROJECT OFFICER'S REPORT

This is the last report from me as the Water Vole Project Officer as the HLF Water Vole Project comes to an end after three years. The years have flown by in a haze of laughter, mud and cake!

I have decided to use this opportunity to reflect on the brilliant work of all my volunteers and the projects they have contributed to.



I have put together some tables to summarise all the work that has been achieved and photos as they help to tell the story.

The Water Vole Patrol has been made up of 25 core members and 76 occasional attendees.

Volunteer Time over the last three years has been amazing:

Year		Volunteers days
Year 1	1 April 2012 – 31 March 2013	96.7
Year 2	1 April 2013 – 31 March 2014	110.2
Year 3	1 April 2014 – 31 March 2015	114.1
	Total	321.0

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We have carried out active conservation management at the following sites:

Site	Number of management visits to each site				
	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Spire Cottage Pond, Hunston	/	/	3	/	3
Bushells Farm Pond	2	3	3	1	9
Morgans Pond	3	3	9	1	16
Florence Pond	1	7	7	/	15
Church Farm Lane ditch	/	/	6	/	6
Grasemere	1	3	2	/	6
Tynan's pond	/	1	/	/	1
Almodington ditch	1	1	2	/	4
Sheep dip Pond	/	1	1	/	2
Haydons Pond	2	3	2	/	7
Almodington Lane ditch	2	1	1	/	4
Crablands	2	1	3	/	6
Mapsons Farm	7	2	2	/	11
Fly tip pond	/	2	3	/	5
Southend Farm	4	4	2	/	10
Littleton	1	3	1	/	5
Earnley Crooked ditch	3	1	5	1	10
Brackelsham Bay ditch	1	7	8	/	16

The Water Vole Patrol has been involved in some Large Projects:

Project
Pre-planted Coir Rolls unpacked, distributed and hammered into different riparian locations
Parrots Feather Removal from large pond in Bracklesham
Nomansland at Morgans Pond uncovered after years of neglect
Church Farm Lane ditch recovery and link up to ponds
Water Vole surveying at Chichester Golf Course
Water Vole trapping at Chichester Canal
Water Vole trapping at Medmerry
Supporting Master Student's research on water voles in the Bremere Rife

The records submitted to the Sussex Biodiversity Records Centre to record positive signs and sightings of water voles:

Year	Number of Records
Year 1	65
Year 2	80
Year 3	70



The following map shows the sites where we have recorded positive water vole signs over the three years.



I can't thank everyone enough for all the support that has been given to me and the project. We have achieved an awful lot and, although the water voles can't say it, I am sure that they are very grateful. I have had a brilliant three years and hopefully there will be more to come.....

Jane Reeve

COMMENTS FROM A WATER VOLE PATROL VOLUNTEER

I really enjoyed the conservation work, being outside with nature and friendly people. I liked the thought that our work was improving the water voles' environment and would help to give them a chance to move around and meet other water voles! I like working outside, watching birds and other wildlife and meeting like-minded people. It was hard work but good fun, and there was yummy cake to keep us going. All the food and hospitality was brilliant actually. The water vole trapping was the icing on the cake. Seeing them when we inspected the traps was exciting. They looked so cute.

I'm sad that the project has come to an end. Though I still volunteer every week over the other side of Sussex with the Conservation Volunteers, there is something special about the Peninsula and I will be glad to help again when I can.

Linda Laverty

Fixing and Linking Our Wetlands (FLOW) Project on the Manhood Peninsula

The Heritage Lottery Fund funded our 3-year Water Vole Project from April 2012 until March 2015 and, with the end drawing nigh, I suggested that I would see if I could identify a source of replacement funding. I found some possible sources but, importantly, the flooding had caused a lot of other groups to be interested in the need to reduce the risk on the peninsula. Accordingly, we were able to present the wetlands both as water channels needing management and as habitat supporting a range of rare wildlife species.

The HLF would not have considered another application for the same purpose but it has a different pot of money - the heritage fund - and MWHG has applied to undertake a landscape scale project on the peninsula designed to improve and enhance the wetlands habitat thus connecting up the internationally important sites at Chichester and Pagham Harbours and the newly created Medmerry site. This grant has two phases - Setting up the project and delivering it:

- **Development phase**, which would be focussed on West Wittering Parish, involves drawing up a costed management plan and familiarising staff and WHAG members (see later) with assessing the wetlands for 7 months i.e. September 2015-March 2016; then a break while HLF considers progress and the application for the second phase,
- So that if they agree to it, a **Delivery phase** for 4 years and 5 months making 5 years in total running from July 2016-December 2020.

The application includes:

- **Staffing:** Project Manager and an assistant, a Field Officer to do the practical survey work
- **Other personnel:** Someone to **mentor** the project who has ecological and wetlands qualifications thus providing specialist knowledge and a link to the Project Board and MWHG Management Team; someone to provide an **Evaluation plan** at the beginning of the work and to provide halfway and final reports; someone to carry out **financial work** ie take a larger role off Gill Jennings and to work with David Scott, Hon Treasurer; plus a **Graphic Artist** to design a suitable logo to put on all the publications/displays/leaflets etc.
- Working with the **local community** via Parish/Flood Action Group (WSCC just set up a forum for all Sussex FAGs which Jane Reeve sits on)
- Setting up **WHAG** (Wetlands Habitat Advisory Group) involving representatives from each of the key stakeholder groups with an interest in the Manhood Peninsula - CDC, CHC, WSCC, SWT et al.
- Training volunteers to record **habitats** on large-scale maps – something the MWHG Management Team wants to do (i.e. Gina, Dave, Joe et al) and follows on from original work done by the group for the Parish Maps
- Training Volunteers to record **Ditch condition assessments** and come up with costed management plans for each parish (i.e. Tony's work which he has trialled in both Birdham and West Itchenor parishes) applying it to each parish in turn with input from the WHAG
- **Volunteers** - working with and supporting people giving their time
- Holding **WHAG meetings** and inputting their thoughts to the particular parish under consideration
- Coming up with a draft **report**, circulating it to the WHAG, and finalising it
- Drawing up an **associated work plan** in 2 parts – that work which Volunteers could do; and that work which requires issuing tenders for suitably qualified chain saw/JCB operatives to do like taking down overhanging trees or creating and deepening junction ponds.
- **Implementation:** Coming up with/suggesting sources of suitable funds which a parish or flood Group could apply for e.g. Birdham Pond de-silting was put forward for WSCC Operation Watershed funds by Birdham Parish Council
- **Liaising** with all key stakeholders, making regular presentations to partnerships and wider community and contacts with other similar projects
- **Promoting** outcomes via the media
- **Education** – promoting the importance of wetlands in local schools etc.
- **Governance** - relating the work of the project via the mentor to MWHG Management Team. Providing regular reports to the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Jill Sutcliffe

WHY LOW MILK PRICES ARE DAMAGING THE BRITISH COUNTRYSIDE AND WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP!

Once again Dairy Farmers are being paid well below the cost of producing milk. Many will have no option but to sell up and retire from milk production. 1,000 dairy herds could close this year leaving only 9,000 in England and Wales. The number of dairy farms has already halved in the last ten years, from 20,000 to 10,000.

Milk buyers point to world over-supply of milk and reduced demand from China and Russia as the reasons for the latest round of milk price cuts. However these external factors would have little effect if milk was sold at a sensible price in UK supermarkets instead of as a “loss leader”, since most of our production is consumed domestically.

Low milk prices matter because:

- a) Very low prices drive out family farms and increase the industrialisation of dairy farming leading to cows being kept indoors 365 days of the year on huge units of over 2,000 cows.
- b) Milk will be imported from countries with lower welfare standards. All UK dairy farms have to meet stringent farm assurance standards – the Red Tractor logo – and are regularly inspected.
- c) Grazing cows will disappear from the British landscape which owes much of its beauty to the need to enclose livestock in small fields.
- d) Grazing livestock have a symbiotic relationship with nature, keeping down scrub and creating a diverse habitat for wildlife.
- e) There is a knock-on effect throughout the rural economy when dairy farms close. Most dairy farms will have around 150 suppliers of goods and services as well as having several employees.

On our own farm we are fortunate to have a contract to supply Marks & Spencer with most of our milk. M&S are the ONLY retailer not to enter the ‘race to the bottom’ to sell milk at £1 or less for 4 pints. They have a pricing mechanism which enables the farmers to cover their costs and invest in their dairy units for the future, and they insist on the highest standards of animal welfare and sustainability, with frequent inspections by their own vets.

This commitment has given us the confidence to invest in our dairy unit so that we can achieve the highest standards of food safety and welfare for the cows and staff who work for us, and so that it is an attractive and viable business for the next generation to continue.

Our cows and youngstock graze the marshes and water meadows around Pagham Harbour helping to preserve the costal wetland habitat which is home to many endangered species such as Lapwing, Barn owls, Sandpipers and Curlew.

By continuing to campaign for a minimum price for milk we can all help ensure a future for UK produced milk and for cows to continue grazing in fields. You can also help by supporting your local milkman or buying milk from M&S.

Chris Spiby

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Caroline's Dairy website*



GARDEN WILDLIFE SURVEY

I have been asked on behalf of the MWHG to collect and collate information on the wildlife of the Manhood Peninsula. Much of this data will come from observations made by volunteers engaged in projects across the peninsula, but there are other ways that members can contribute to this important part of our work. Two very valuable sources, which are often overlooked, are private gardens and local parks. Gardens and public open space, whether maintained or left to nature, attract an interesting and very varied array of wildlife, even in urban areas.

What is required is a record of sightings and movement of birds, mammals, amphibians, reptiles and invertebrates no matter how common they are. If you feel more comfortable just recording one or two 'classes' e.g. birds and mammals, that's fine. Accuracy is most important and although many creatures are instantly recognisable, identifying invertebrates can prove challenging. When identification is difficult try and take a photo of the creature from several angles and check the result against a good reference book. Sometimes, if you are not too squeamish, placing a captive invertebrate temporarily in a small see-through container can aid identification.

All that is required to carry out a survey is a diary or survey sheet, a camera, a couple of good reference books covering garden wildlife and an enquiring mind. I have included a portion of a suggested survey sheet which would adequately cover the information required. I look forward to receiving your observations and possibly photographs later in the year. These can be sent to me on d.haldane1943@tiscali.co.uk or to newsletter@mwhg.org.uk.

Garden location or Grid Ref.		Period of observations			Name of observer	
Common name	Scientific name	Where seen	Number seen	Date	Observer	Comments
Brimstone butterfly	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>	at rest on Holly leaf	two males	05.03.15	DRH	Food plant Buckthorn not found at this location
Bumble bee	<i>Bombus lucorum</i>	foraging in leaf litter	one	05.03.15	DRH	

Dave Haldane



Note from Peter White -

Sighted on 20 February 2015 in my garden at Clayton Road a little egret was nosing around the pond and taking a great interest in the fish.

Seems little egrets are becoming more adventurous! Pond lovers beware !!!!

ASHE GROUP

We have been busy (and weather-beaten) while coppicing and tidying our various sites, although work on Morgan's pond in Almodington has stopped for the time being because the birds are starting to look for nesting sites. Shortly, we will be starting our moth and bat surveys, both of which are great favourites with group members. Pond dipping at any time is fascinating but maybe we should wait a little while longer for kinder weather. This season we hope to survey all sites and to record every species of wild flower on pond sites, footpaths, roadside verges and ditches. Last year Jacky and I recorded over 70 species on the footpath behind "Silver Gates". I remember what a beautiful warm morning it was.

We hope the roe deer have left us a few fruiting branches in the community orchard in Sidlesham. Funny how they are surrounded by all the lush vegetation they could wish for, but cannot live without the orchard or their annual shindig among Bert's precious roses.

Our sympathy and love go to Jackie Sawday and her family on the death of her husband, Peter, in January, following a long illness. Jackie is a member of the ASHE Group.

Gina and Veronica

Morgan's Pond



BRACKLESHAM BAY PARK

I have not had so much time in the last year to spend on the site as I would have liked. The ditch has seemed to be more litter-free and less damaged since football was stopped on the adjacent playing field. Hunting for lost balls was always a damaging problem. A vast housing estate has been built to the north of the park, and no doubt when this is occupied we will see an increase in litter and dog fouling as use of the park increases. I do hope not.

On my last full day's work in October last year we had very close sightings of a moorhen, creeping its way along the ditch edge feeding as it went, and also wonderful views of a grey wagtail bathing and feeding very close to us. This was another great sight and also a first record for us here. There was also a steady stream of jays going backwards and forwards over the houses to the south of the ditch during the day, taking acorns from the holm oaks *quercus ilex* nearby to bury for their winter food. Very few of our own native oaks produced acorns last autumn so the jays had to resort to these much smaller food items to survive. Water vole activity was noticed during our last visit and the water level has been good throughout the winter so we hope they have survived for another year.

My thanks must go to the members of the ASHE group who have kindly offered to help keep up work at the ditch.

Trevor Gibson-Poole

CRABLANDS MEADOW

Oh Deer.....Freeman Hardy & Willis

Three deer in Crablands.



Since my last report I have tried to monitor the movements as they seem very sporadic. The deer may stay and be in occupancy for a period of time then seem to decamp to other pastures. The best guess is that a movement back and forth to Medmerry is in order, although obviously this cannot be proved. My observations are of only three. However, people have reported five. We have called them Freeman Hardy & Willis, so an additional two will create a naming problem. The wildlife fence that we constructed in the summer not only looks good but provides them with a degree of protection as a couple of foxes have been spotted and there is the constant thought of human skulduggery.

We aim again to check on the situation regarding the Southern Marsh Orchid and it is hoped that the annual count can once again resume. We will then have to ask for your assistance to undertake this task. It is a shame that this had to stop but the observation that the deer movement is transitory means that we may be able to continue with least disturbance this year. The amount of rain that we have had means the Rife and surrounds are flooded for long periods of time. The impact of this will become apparent when the first vole survey is completed. The signs last year were poor. Let's hope the rain has not been detrimental.

John Hiscock

DONNINGTON

Walk or cycle along a stretch of The Salterns Way behind The Apuldram Centre www.apuldram.org and you will pass the native hedgerow that we planted four years ago at Mile Pond Farm. At the end of February it looked bare and still in winter dormancyuntil closer inspection revealed that the hazel had borne catkins and buds were breaking into silver pussy willow. A robin sang from a nearby hawthorn tree. All welcome signs of spring awakening!

Felicity McStea



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EAST BEACH POND

The attractive rustic post-and-rail fence along the north and east boundaries of East Beach Pond is prone to regular vandalism. Where possible the volunteers carry out repairs but if the damage is extensive the landowners CDC are called upon to make good. This means a team has to travel from Chichester, which entails vehicle usage, fuel, manpower hours and replacement parts, an expenditure which soon mounts up. With local authorities having to make budget cuts this means prioritising their work load. As part of this cost cutting we have been informed that CDC are no longer prepared to replace damaged parts and in time the fence will most likely be removed.

Wet weather throughout the latter part of 2014 caused the site to become waterlogged and severely hampered our work. We did however manage to keep the site litter-free, removed all wind-blown branches and cleared the debris from the outlet channel. As we moved into January and while the ground remained soft we began the perennial task of thinning out the invasive Alexander's. During this work we were delighted to see the first flowers of the year in the form of snowdrops and quite unexpectedly several very early-flowering primroses and a couple of daffodils.

So as not to bring down the wrath of the committed bird-watchers on our heads and well in advance of the birds' nesting season, which is generally considered to be from 1 March to 31 July, we completed the task of cutting back all remaining straggly shrub growth and damaged tree branches. We also cleared the vegetation from around the base of specimen trees to reduce the competition for water and essential nutrients. This management technique also allows the base of the tree and any surface roots to be examined for damage or early signs of decay.

Dave Haldane



HEALTH AND SAFETY MYTHS

The Manhood Wildlife and Heritage Group has in place an up-to-date health & safety policy, safety guidelines for volunteers, which are attached to work emails, and risk assessments for each site. These not only inform but are put into action. The purpose of health & safety is to keep people safe, to save lives not to stifle them. Therefore, it is a pity that over the years myths and wrongly invoking health & safety have tended to trivialise its importance, and in some cases make it appear absurd. The banning of hanging baskets, the mandatory wearing of earplugs at rock concerts and a ban on mortarboard throwing have never been imposed by legislation. Many of these myths are now being debunked by the Health and Safety Executive, which has set up a Myth Busters Challenge Panel made up of 14 members, people with many years' experience of health & safety. Myths have misrepresented health & safety, and I hope debunking them will help it to be taken more seriously.

Val Gatehouse

Heritage

The leaflet for the railway carriages heritage trail is about to go to print. It will be launched as part of the Selsey Walking and Outdoor Festival in May.

Research is continuing for the heritage trail in Sidlesham based on the Land Settlement Association. More than 500 people have seen the archive films and we have links with the relatives of 22 of the original ex-miners and shipbuilders who came from the north of England and south Wales.



The photograph shows the original settlers in 1936 outside Keynor Hut which can still be seen in Cow Lane, next to Keynor Farm House where the LSA estate manager used to live. We plan to launch the heritage trail at an LSA day in June.

SWALK

For those of you with copies of 'Walks around Sidlesham' there are two amendments in respect of pubs . . . SWALK 1 is now to The Grey Stag (formerly The Anchor) in Sidlesham and the Boat House Cafe has replaced the Spinnaker at Chichester Marina on SWALK 3.

Despite the wet and windy weather we have still managed to get out every month throughout the winter - see below

Bill Martin



WALKS LEAFLETS OUTLETS

Our walks leaflets can be purchased from the following places:-

Chichester District Council, Selsey Office
Hunston Post Office (Tramway Walks only)
Raycraft, High Street, Selsey
RSPB Pagham Harbour Local Nature Reserve
Selsey Printing and Publishing
Selsey Town Council Office

MWHG Website

www.mwhg.org.uk

At the moment, the only section which is regularly being updated is the "Current Programmes" page. New content and updates are regularly required for example on wildlife, heritage, etc.

All contributions welcome.

email: website@mwhg.org

USEFUL WEBSITES

Manhood Wildlife and Heritage Group - <http://www.mwhg.org.uk>
Recording the changing seasons - <http://www.naturedetectives.org.uk/>
Local wood recycling - http://www.aldingbournetrust.co.uk/services_recycling.htm
Local - Bags made from 100% recycled clothing - <http://www.thegreendoor.co.uk/>
Sussex Bat Group - <http://www.sussexbatgroup.org.uk/>
UK moths - <http://ukmoths.org.uk/>
Bug life - <http://www.buglife.org.uk/>
Mammal Society - <http://www.abdn.ac.uk/mammal/>
Green shop - <http://www.greenshop.co.uk/>
Environmental calendar - www.countmeincalendar.info
Swift Conservation - <http://www.swift-conservation.org/>
Wildcare Shop for products relating to ecology, Park management or conservation. - <http://www.wildcareshop.com>

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

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10 August 2015 (Autumn)
10 November (Winter)
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