



# WYCOMBE WILDLIFE NEWS

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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

When I first settled in Wycombe, more than 30 years ago, we could hear the nightingale singing in the garden at night, and little flocks of hawfinches used to gather to crack open the fallen cherry stones in autumn. The cuckoo could be heard, its voice echoing across the valley, in spring. These birds have long disappeared, along with the habitat where they bred, and have been displaced by housing estates. Although I still have 30 to 40 species of bird that visit my garden each year (I keep records for the British Trust for Ornithology), for them to return, they must have somewhere suitable to nest. The same applies to the 18 types of butterfly that put in an appearance each summer: it is impossible for them all to find the right spot to lay their eggs in my one habitat.

It therefore became important to me that enough of Wycombe should be protected from development for these beautiful creatures to survive and bring me joy and entertainment each day of my life. So when I heard of the WyUWG and the work they did, I was only too pleased to join in and help. It was not something I could achieve on my own.

Presumably, many of you have joined for similar motives - you want to conserve the beautiful open spaces, both for yourself and for wildlife, and you want to share your joy in nature with like-minded people. But perhaps up to now, this has been difficult. This is where the newsletter will play a vital part. Not only will you be able to read about events you have missed, possibly through ignorance, but you will also be able to see what is planned for the future, so that you can give your support.

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There is plenty that you can do to help - by reading through you can select the activities which most appeal to you. Most of all, however, you are provided with a means of communication with others. By writing to me, if you haven't been able to attend any meetings, you can have your say.

I would like to express our thanks to all those supporters who have helped so willingly in the field and to those who have contributed to this letter. My personal gratitude goes also to Lorna Cassidy and Wycombe District Council Print Room for their help and advice. A happy New Year to you all.

COPY FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER TO BE IN BY MARCH 13TH, 1990, TO: PAT MORRIS, 30 AMERSHAM HILL DRIVE, HIGH WYCOMBE. TEL: H.W. 29484.

## BELFIELD PIT

### A Site of Special Scientific Interest

**History:** This area, defined of Special Scientific Interest for geological reasons, was probably excavated when the first railway embankment was built, over 100 years ago. An arm of the railway once ran north to Broome & Wade's factory, where tanks were manufactured during the war. These tanks were tested out on a concrete road that circled the hillside above, on land mostly converted into allotments and smallholdings. Hughenden Avenue and Garratts Way were developed some twenty years ago. Two footpaths emerged, one from part way up and coming down the escarpment right into the factory yard; the other, footpath 25, comes directly through a proposed housing estate, and had to be "claimed" or it would have been lost in the layout. The bottom part, as it skirts the pit on a very narrow cliff, has yet to be added to the definitive map. On old maps it curved round the hill and crossed over the railway on a bridge demolished some ten years ago.

**Present Day Situation:** After a bitterly fought public enquiry, planning permission was obtained for an estate of warehouses and Salvation Army Citadel at Bellfield Pit. The developer has already cleared trees and shrubs, and billboards have been put up without planning permission to conceal the mess. The inspector stipulated in his report that development "was to be kept five metres away from the escarpment". This should provide sufficient space to link footpath 25 with footpath 26, thus preserving a wild tract of land and enabling walkers to avoid crossing busy roads. It would supply a "lung" for factory workers and act as a wildlife "corridor", linking the mainline railway embankment to Hughenden Park and the open countryside beyond, following part of the course of the stream. It would be of major value both to wildlife and to us. Constant vigilance is therefore necessary to make sure the inspector's stipulations are honoured by the developer.

Lorna Cassidy



A rooftop view of Bellfield Pit, from a house in Priory Road



People gather for the inaugural walk at the Rye

## Grants For Nature Conservation from Wycombe District Council and Buckinghamshire County Council

Wycombe District Council  
Queen Victoria Road  
High Wycombe  
Bucks HP11 1BB

Buckinghamshire County Council  
County Hall  
Aylesbury  
Bucks HP20 1UX

**WYCOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL** runs two schemes:

1. The **Department of Planning and Architecture** administers an annual landscape enhancement budget, covering both the urban and rural parts of the district. Suggestions for major schemes, have been sought from local amenity societies, and further ideas are always welcome. Schemes are implemented by the District Council, in association with local groups where appropriate.

Contact: *Mrs. B. Cowling*  
*Department of Planning and Architecture*

2. **District Secretary's Department** administers a £10,000 grant for enhancements to the natural environment. It is available to all local voluntary amenity groups and Parish Councils. Applications are assessed annually, with a minimum of five approved each year. Usually, projects are financed 100%, up to a maximum of £2,000.

Contact: *Miss E. Baker*  
*District Secretary's Department*

**BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL** runs three grant schemes:

1. The **Conservation Grants Programme** is offered by the County Council in conjunction with the Countryside Commission. It is available in rural areas, principally towards the cost of:
  - (a) Amenity tree planting of native species;
  - (b) Hedge-row works;
  - (c) Pond restoration.

The grant is at a rate of up to 50% of the proposed works.

Contact: *Mr. A. Riley*  
*B.C.C. Planning Department*  
*(Landscape Section)*

2. **Grants for Rural Conservation and Enhancement Projects** are similar to those offered under the Conservation Grants Programme, but can cover a greater variety of schemes. Grants are payable up to 50% of the proposed costs, up to a maximum of £2,000.

Contact: *Mrs. S. Butler*  
*B.C.C. Planning Department*

3. The **Landscape Rehabilitation Grant** is available for areas of trees that have been subject to storm damage (principally as a result of the October 1987 gales) or land in the vicinity of such trees.

Grant aid is up to 50% of the cost of:

- (a) Replacement planting;
- (b) Tree surgery.

Contact: *Miss D. Marshall*  
*B.C.C. Planning Department*  
*(Landscape and Forestry Section)*

**Bernadette Cowling**  
Wycombe District Council  
Department of Planning and Architecture

### KEEP HILL WALK - 23 APRIL 1989

About 100 people turned up for the launch of the group on the 23rd. Each of the leaders, Matthew, Eric, Ron and Maurice took a party of 20 or more on a walk lasting about 2 hours.

Points of interest were indicated along the route; the difference between male and female yews, the work carried out below the waterfall to improve the habitat for crayfish, the beautiful show of fritillaries planted by the Wycombe District Council in the damp "meadow".

In the wood itself, areas were indicated where it is hoped to carry out some clearance of the scrub to bring back butterflies and the chalk grassland flora. Woodruff was just coming into flower, and the ecology and use of various woodland herbs was described.

One of the main attractions was the sight of Coralroot, *Cardamine bulbifera*, with its beautiful pink flowers. This plant reproduces by bulbils and has a very restricted distribution in Britain being confined virtually to this area in the Chilterns and the Weald.

Thank you all for turning up and making the afternoon such a success. At least one Councillor was present, and Lyn collected over 10 subscriptions. Well done!

**J WELSH**  
Nature Conservancy Council

### MICK GAUSMAN OF WYCOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL LEISURE DEPARTMENT WRITES:

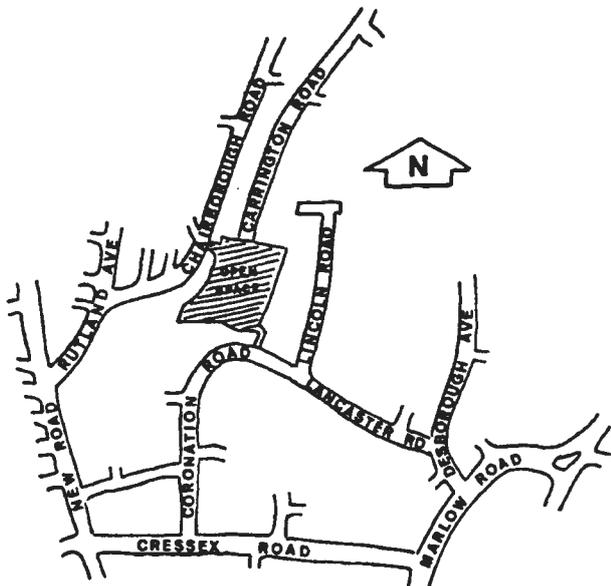
Wycombe District Council is in full support of the Urban Wildlife Group. At the moment there is a survey of all Council woodland and their proposed uses being carried out by the Economic Forestry Group, so until this has been done it is hard to say what the long term outcome will be. As far as Keep Hill, the Rye and Wendover Way are concerned, it is still proposed to have a nature trail that runs around and through this area, half of which is to be available for use by disabled persons and hopefully the local groups such as Urban Wildlife Group, Watch etc. will be able to work on projects to help build this.

The area of Keep Hill was incorporated as a Borough Open Space in 1907. Keep Hill is a chalk hill with a capping of clay and the woodland is a good example of typical hanging beechwood. The existing nature trail starts at the Rye Dyke, at the car park and climbs through the woodland to 400 ft at the top of the hill. Total length is approximately 1 mile. There are many birds, small animals and plants in this spot that live and grow in a truly wild state. Control of the area is covered by Council Bye-laws.

## THE WILD SIDE OF A PUBLIC OPEN SPACE : CHAIRBOROUGH ROAD

When you think of a public open space your mind almost certainly conjures up a picture of the usual green desert of regularly mown grass with perhaps a few sycamore trees planted at regular intervals and may be a park bench or two and a children's swing and slide. For anyone who does not know what to expect, the Chairborough Road Public Open Space might come as quite a surprise.

Tucked away between Cressex Industrial Estate and the large residential area stretching from Chairborough Road to Castlefield lies a site which holds a great deal of interest for the Urban Wildlife Group and indeed for anyone who wants a breath of the countryside without leaving the town.



First and foremost the Chairborough Road Public Open Space is as its title suggests a place where the public can go for recreational purposes and there is the usual space for ball games and playground equipment has been placed there. The play area only occupies a small part of the total site, however, and is surrounded by a variety of different habitats which form an existing valuable site for wildlife and offer a great deal of scope for enhancing their potential for conservation purposes.

On the southern side of the open space there is an unusual area of hawthorn woodland behind which lies a seldom visited corner dominated by stinging nettles and rose-bay willowherb, good for wildlife even if almost impassable for humans. The northern side of the site consists of a scrub-covered slope with a veritable maze of paths, all of which are regularly used by local residents and their dogs. This area of scrub is home to a number of species of birds and flowers are to be found alongside the paths. Where a glade exists within the scrub, butterflies flit to and fro. Adjoining the mown grass play area is an expanse of grassland which has been left unmanaged for several years and here a colony of Marbled White butterflies has survived although the numbers have dwindled in recent years. Other butterflies are found here including the Small Tortoiseshell which lays its eggs on the nearby stinging nettles. Behind the grassland area is another expanse of rose-bay willowherb and stinging nettles which stretches to the foot of the cliff-like slope which ascends to the plateau and the industrial estate above. Even the boundary fence on this plateau has its surprises: who would expect to find Common Horsetail, Hard Rush and Reed Canary Grass growing there? But they do, along with more plant species than anywhere else on the open space. Altogether over 170 species of plant have been recorded for the Chairborough Road Open Space, along with some 30 bird species and 23 different butterflies. There are also plenty of moths but we need an expert to carry out a survey to identify them. I'm not sure if there is a resident fox on the site but the one I saw lying contented in the sunshine one afternoon (the fox that is, not me) certainly looked at home there.



The Wycombe Urban Wildlife Group's report setting out conservation management recommendations for the Chairborough Road site was passed on to the Wycombe District Council and, following a site visit attended by a representative of the Council's Leisure Department, the Group was given permission to carry out conservation tasks on the open space with a view to enhancing its wildlife interest. Noticeboards provided by the Council were erected by the Group in November and these were used to inform local residents and visitors of the extent and purpose of the work being carried out. Work on the site then started on 2nd/3rd December, widening some of the paths within the area of scrub, extending the existing glade and creating new glades. Other work proposed for this site include arranging with the Council for the rotational cutting of the grassland area, improvements to the paths by the use of wood chippings and litter clearance. At some stage, it is hoped to create a nature trail which I am sure would be well used by visitors to this excellent urban wildlife site.

Roger Wilding

## NEWS FROM THE RESERVES AROUND WYCOMBE -

### Gomm Valley Nature Reserve

Did you know that in the Wycombe urban area there is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (S.S.S.I.) which has been monitored weekly for the past 20 years as part of the national survey of butterflies? Despite its national importance it is surprising how few people know about the Gomm Valley nature reserve - it must be one of Wycombe's best kept secrets!

30 species of butterfly have been recorded on the reserve. Most spectacular of these are the dark green fritillaries, one of our brightest butterflies - a glorious, vivid orange with a contrasting dark brown chequered pattern. There is a strong breeding colony on the reserve and it is not unusual to see 20 or so on the wing in July. In 1980 and 1987, when the numbers of this species fell nationally, they actually increased at Gomm Valley. This increase can be attributed to management of the reserve in those years and is encouraging for those, including Wycombe Conservation Volunteers, who put in a lot of hard work clearing scrub.

Butterflies are not the only wildlife of importance on the reserve, the other "specialities" are the reptiles - no, not boa constrictors, but slow worms and common lizards. You can see the latter any sunny summer's day basking on the sunny side of ant hills but move slowly for they "disappear" rapidly into the nearby undergrowth as soon as they detect any movement.

This year 36 different plant galls were identified on the reserve. Whether or not this is a record we can not tell for few records of these strange growths exist but a new national society, the British Plant Gall Society set up a few years ago aim to put this omission to rights.

Gomm Valley is a nature reserve the town should be proud of and should do all it can to protect and conserve it and its wildlife - come and see it for yourself, there will be visits to the reserve in the coming year's WyUWG programme. Your help would also be most welcome on any of the work parties, keep an eye open for them in the Wycombe STAR.

Maurice Young

## WALK AROUND SPADE OAK GRAVEL PITS (LITTLE MARLOW) SUNDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER, 1989

We met in the Spade Oak car park at 10.00 a.m., a beautiful crisp and sunny morning. A few redwings were flying around and calling from the bushes around the car park.



*Cormorants in roost tree*

Fifteen people assembled, including Matt Ellis, Angus Idle, Lyn Jack from the Urban Wildlife Group, and a good friend Jim Rose and his daughter Catherine from the Bucks Bird Club. The main purpose of the walk was to observe some of the birds associated with the gravel pit and its surroundings. Matt helped to point out the various habitats and their conservation values whilst Angus's great knowledge of plants gave a different aspect. We took a nice slow pace around the pit, probably due to the blue sky and sunshine.

We were lucky in the fact that at the present time Spade Oak holds more duck than ever before. The number of pochard (c. 450) is a Bucks record and the number of tufted duck (c. 300) is exceptionally high. Everybody was shown the difference between the various duck species encountered - gadwall, pochard, tufted duck, shelduck and teal. We were also treated to a good view of the cormorants (c. 25) in their roost tree and of a heron on a barge. The group were also shown the differences between the three gull species present but without doubt the ornithological highlight was the presence of a male goldeneye. Various other "small" birds were encountered, redwings, fieldfares, robins, dunnocks, but these birds unfortunately do not pose for as long as the ducks do.

On the botanical front, Angus found some flowering holly which was unseasonal but, more appropriately, he did find sun spurge. I would like to thank Angus, Matt and Jim Ellis for their help during the morning.

Mike Wallen

## OUTING TO SANDS BANK

On 9th July Maurice Young led an outing to Sands Bank but the damp conditions and disturbance caused by motor cycle scramblers detracted from the afternoon.

The area is situated on a south facing slope behind the industrial estate and new football stadium in Hillbottom Road and below Sands Wood and Towerage Lane. Two footpaths cross the bank and enthusiasts have studied the area in recent years listing the many wild flowers present. Well over 100 plants have been recorded and combined with a list of 30 species of butterfly and the closeness of the town makes this site of prime importance. The possibility of establishing the bank as a nature reserve has often been discussed.

Birds are not numerous but yellowhammer and the spectacular song flight of the tree pipit can often be seen in May. The bank is part of the West Wycombe Estate and it is hoped that with the increased general concern for conservation, some agreement can be reached in the near future involving Nature Conservancy Council, BBONT and Wycombe District Council, with our own group being the people "on the ground".

Some hawthorn and dogwood scrub is now starting to encroach upon the open areas and if no attempt is made to check the spread, many of the chalk hillside plants and insects will not survive for very long.

No doubt the group will organise another visit next summer and among the flowers we could expect to see in July are:-

Rock Rose, Milkwort, Sweet Briar, Centaury, Vervain, Marjoram, Clustered Bellflower and 3 species of orchid

Butterflies would include:-

Marbled White, Skippers, Common Blue, Meadow Brown, Ringlet, and probably Dark Green Fritillary

Eric Britnell

## "A TALE OF THE RIVER BANK"

Texas Superstore in Loudwater is where you may go to find all you want/need for D.I.Y., but it is also the site where Thames Water Authority (now National Rivers Authority - Thames Region) have been carrying out improvements to the River Wye to enhance its nature conservation value.



The first stage of the River Wye enhancements has included planting willow stakes; placing "nicospan" groynes and the construction of a nicospan shelf.

The first task that we (WyUWG) have undertaken was planting reeds inside the nicospan shelf. This involved transplanting the reeds from one side of the river bank to the other using a small "bath like" boat. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves despite some of us looking as if we had taken a "mud shower".

Our second task at Loudwater again involved getting wet and muddy. This time we removed rubbish which had been dumped in the river. Items removed included traffic cones, supermarket trolleys, a drill (useful for a D.I.Y. enthusiast), and other 20th Century artefacts.

We have just received a plan for the Stage II enhancements. These will include creating a fish spawning weir, pollarding willows and constructing more nicospan groynes.

I would like to thank all those who have helped with the various projects during our first year. Please watch out for further details of future tasks. We shall be again working at Loudwater in the summer.

Matthew Ellis

## PUTTING PLANTS FIRST

A new national group, PLANTLIFE, launched by David Bellamy in November is turning the conservation spotlight onto plants. One of the species they want to improve the lot of is the cowslip and this can be done in 2 ways. Numbers of cowslips in the wild can be increased by appropriate management of sites and they can be grown in gardens. WyUWG conservation work at the Chairborough Road site should, we hope, increase cowslip numbers there and management at Buttlers Hangings, Park Wood and Gomm Valley is, in part, intended to increase cowslip and primrose numbers on these nature reserves.

## GENERAL MEETINGS

A BARN DANCE was held on Friday, 15th September, 1989. This day was chosen as it had been designated Urban Wildlife Day by the RSNC. It was held at the Royal British Legion Hall. All those who attended had a most enjoyable time.

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On 8th August, 1989 a talk on BEES was given in the Friends' Meeting House to a small, but fascinated audience. The speaker had brought along part of a hive of live bees, and illustrated his talk with numerous slides.

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On 10th October, Mike Collard, from Bucks Badger Group, spoke in the Parish Rooms about BADGERS. He described how to recognise if there are badgers in the vicinity, and stressed the importance of secrecy, if they are known to be present, for their own safety. He showed some excellent slides.

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At the final meeting of the year a talk was given by Mike Finnemor, on 12th December, 1989. Once again, we were shown a number of fascinating slides, to stress the size and harmlessness of BATS, and how to discover if they are present around our homes. Another high-class and informative evening.

## HOW I CAME TO BE INVOLVED - LYN JACK WRITES ...

What does the word "environment" mean? The dictionary definition is "surrounding objects or circumstances". For most of us, however, the word conjures up images of woodlands, streams, rivers, mountains and seaside. Indeed most people think of the environment as the more or less unspoilt wilderness of the countryside. However, perhaps the most important part of the environment is the bit of it we see every day: our homes, schools, offices and the streets of the town or city we live in. It is this urban "environment" which is the subject of the Friends of the Earth "Cities for People" campaign, and this aspect which ties in closely with the aims of the Urban Wildlife Group.

The "Cities for People" campaign aims to encourage the enhancement of the urban environment by sensitive planning, including parks and gardens, and areas for wildlife and people to enjoy, and by the reduction of traffic problems by improved public transport and traffic calming techniques.

It is the urban environment in which many of us spend most of our time which is under greatest threat from pollution and development. It seems to me that if we cannot look after our urban areas, keeping them clean and pleasant to live in, both for us and for the wildlife with which we share our lives, there can be little hope for the environment we all think of when we use the word, but rarely, if ever, see.

It was my involvement with Wycombe Friends of the Earth which introduced me to the Urban Wildlife Group. The two organisations contrast in many ways, FOE being concerned with global issues of the environment problem whereas the UWG gets involved chiefly in local matters. However, the spectrum of "green" activity is wide enough to include something for everyone, and my involvement with these two organisations allows me to do something with obvious direct benefits to the community in which I live, and also to help publicise some of the bigger problems which require attention on a national and international level.

## INTRODUCING WYCOMBE WATCH GROUP

Some of you may already know of the national environmental and conservation club for children - WATCH. Its membership is run from the RSNL headquarters at Nettleham, Lincoln. There are also many local groups around the country, catering for children aged 8 to 14, encouraging active involvement in conservation, observation and crafts.

Last March Wycombe's own WATCH group was launched, with a Wildfowl watch on the Dyke at the Rye. We meet every month, with varied activities, some indoor, like a talk about owls, or making gifts from natural materials, some outdoor activities like making and siting bird boxes and pond dipping. We hope to contribute to conservation work in Keep Hill Woods behind the Rye, and also adopt a BBONT reserve, Buttlers Hangings, and help with conservation there.

Future meetings will include a talk on badgers, a survey of the bird boxes which were installed this winter and a session on game birds by the warden of the Rye, Mick Gausman.

We encourage individual initiative too, with a series of eight badges which can be earned with projects done in children's own time. Hannah Lamb from Prestwood won the first badge, with a report on the Y.O.C. group she attends at her school.

If you would like more information please telephone a leader, either Brian on H.W. 441487 or Sylvia on H.W. 713430.

Dates: For further "WATCH" meetings, see back page.

## BBCS APPEAL FOR "ATLAS" PROJECT

If anyone is interested in helping the British Butterfly Conservation Society's "Atlas" project by keeping records of butterflies seen in his or her area each season, please contact: Caroline Steel, Brasenose Farm, Eastern By Pass, Oxford OX4 2QZ. Tel: Oxford (0865) 775630.

## MAPPING WYCOMBE'S WILDLIFE HABITATS

One of the Group's first and most important tasks is to survey and map the Wycombe District in order to identify and record all sites where wildlife is found. It



Your Wildlife Group  
Needs YOU!

sounds a daunting task but it will be easy if we get plenty of help. You do not have to be a professional cartographer (that is a map maker - all long words will be explained) for the maps will be provided courtesy of Wycombe District Council. All you have to do is go out and look at the area covered by the maps and note areas of woodland, grassland, scrub, industrial sprawl of concrete and asphalt etc. and colour in the maps with coloured pencils. Training sessions will be organised, mainly to ensure uniformity, the work itself is easy enough. Can you help? If you do not want to work on your own there is no reason why you should not get together with a few friends to map the area around where you live. It is the best way to get to know your home town and its wildlife, we look forward to hearing from you. If you would like to help, contact Maurice, or Matthew.

## CAN YOU HELP? EMPTY ALUMINIUM DRINKS CANS

Recycling aluminium drinks cans offers us the opportunity to do two good turns for the environment:

- Reducing the volume of rubbish to be buried in domestic waste tips relieves pressure on local areas for rubbish disposal.
- The proceeds of sale of scrap metal can be very useful for charitable organisations. Members of the UWG can help the group by collecting their empty drinks cans, squashing them and passing them to Lyn Jack at 349 London Road who will sell them for UWG funds. Feel free to leave bags of cans behind the house, or bring them to UWG meetings.



GIVE YOUR OLD CANS  
THE BOOT

## SAPLING APPEAL

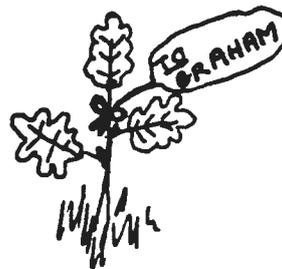
May I use the opportunity of a newsletter to put out an appeal for tree saplings.

College Lake, a BBONT reserve near Tring, has been created from a chalk quarry. There is a lake for wildfowl, an arable weed project, a marshland area, and currently being developed, a 10 acre woodland, replacing what was, only last year, a corn field.

The warden, Graham Atkins, needs trees, lots of them. If anyone has grown conkers or acorns and wonders what to do with the results, Graham can use them. Unwanted garden invaders can be potted up and find a welcome at College Lake.

If you would like to take your own trees there, phone Graham on Tring 4969. Alternatively get your tree to a WATCH group meeting and they will get it to College Lake. Pots will be returned if labelled.

Ring Sylvia, H.W. 713430 for the dates of WATCH meetings. Thanks.



**WYCOMBE URBAN WILDLIFE GROUP  
DIARY**

**Tuesday, 9th January**  
7.30 - 9.30 p.m.

Committee Meeting  
Evelyn Roe Room,  
Priory Centre,  
11 Priory Road,  
High Wycombe

**Saturday, 20th January**  
2.30 - 4.30 p.m.

**Sunday, 21st January**  
10.30 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.  
Conservation Work Party  
Chairborough Road Open Space  
Meet at Grid Ref. SU 849922  
Further details from Matthew

**Sunday, 4th February - 2.00 p.m.**

Following the success of our previous walk, another chance to visit: Spade Oak Gravel Pit, Bourne End  
Meet in the public car park on right NOT Pub Car Park,  
Coldmorholm Lane, Grid Ref. SU 883847

**Tuesday, 13th February - 7.30 p.m.**

Talk by a Conservation Officer from the  
Thames Water Authority  
Evelyn Roe Room, Priory Centre  
11 Priory Road, High Wycombe

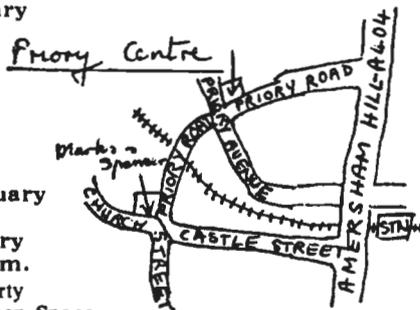
**Tuesday, 13th March - 7.30 to 9.30 p.m.**

Committee Meeting  
Evelyn Roe Room, Priory Centre,  
11 Priory Road, High Wycombe

**Tuesday, 10th April - 7.30 p.m.**

Video night and Annual General Meeting  
Evelyn Roe Room, Priory Centre,  
11 Priory Road, High Wycombe

\* Apologies to all those who found themselves locked out at the "Bat" meeting - it was NOT our fault, but a booking error elsewhere!



**DIARY  
1990**

**WORK PARTIES:**

- Sunday, 28th January:** Buttler's Hangings, West Wycombe  
10.30 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.  
Coppicing, bonfire and scrub clearance
- Sunday, 4th February:** WATCH work party on Keep Hill  
2.00 - 4.00 p.m.
- Sunday, 25th February:** Buttler's Hangings, West Wycombe  
10.30 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.  
Coppicing, bonfire and scrub clearance
- Sunday, 7th June:** Buttler's Hangings, West Wycombe  
10.30 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

**INDOOR MEETINGS:**

- Friday, 19th January:** Growing wild (wild flower gardening) talk by Glynne Onione. Local seedsman and professional gardener. The Old Rectory, Beaconsfield - 8.00 p.m.

**OUTDOOR MEETINGS:**

- Sunday, 13th May:** WATCH/BBONT family day at Buttler's Hangings  
2.00 - 4.00 p.m.

For further details of the above contact Maurice Young on Marlow 72000.



**PUBLIC MEETING  
WYCOMBE FRIENDS OF THE EARTH**

**JOHNATHAN PORRITT**

**SPEAKING AT WYCOMBE TOWN HALL**

ON

**THURSDAY, 1ST MARCH, 1990**

AT

**8.00 P.M.**

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

**Donations Will Be Accepted On The Door**

**WHO'S WHO**

**YOUR CONTACT LIST**

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and the Wilding Family