



# WYCOMBE WILDLIFE NEWS

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## EUROPEAN EDITION

### EDITORIAL COMMENT

As the dust settles on our first Wildlife Watch Marathon, held in May, we prepare for our first Bat Week Event - see opposite column. Since there are now 18 schools affiliated to our Group, it is fitting that Bat Week is targeted at them and that one school has agreed to host the launch. The same school will be creating a bat garden in their grounds and we look forward to hearing about its progress.

In this issue we have included a holiday article that could become a regular September Newsletter feature, with your help. We also publish special articles from 3 European countries, all on very different conservation activities. We are most grateful to M. Frank Sérusclat, Mayor of Saint-Fons and Senator for the Rhône for sparing the time to write to us, and also to our other contributors, both from abroad and at home.

We also thank our sponsors for their generosity, in particular **Amersham International**, to whom we owe the existence of this issue, and to **Thames Water** who sponsored our Garden Pond Edition.

For the January 1992 issue we will be inviting articles from local conservation groups, but copy on any topic will be welcome, as usual. Pat Morris.

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### WYCOMBE TO GO BATTY

To raise awareness of bats & the need to conserve these fascinating but sadly declining mammals Wycombe District Council & **WyUWG** are jointly organising an innovative, exciting event - **WYCOMBE BAT WEEK**. The idea grew out of a bird and bat box placement project started by WyUWG in the Wycombe Woodlands earlier this year, a project which captured the interest of local residents.

Within the **Wycombe Woodlands Strategy** there is what we term an "enabling role". Through this we provide help and assistance to local environmental, community and school groups to enable them to undertake a wide range of environmental projects or woodland related activities within the Wycombe District.

**Wycombe Bat Week** is one example of this role.

The event is targeted both at school children and the general public through the "Bat Bus" Exhibition and a wide range of exciting events.

Many local & national conservation groups are supporting the week including English Nature, Forestry Commission, **BBONT**, **BTCV**, **RSNC**, **WATCH**, the Bat Conservation Trust, Friends of the Earth, and the Vincent Wildlife Trust. The event will also provide publicity for the relaunch of the Bucks Bat Group in October.

For information on **WYCOMBE BAT WEEK**, see leaflet enclosed. Steve Crosby.

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## THE 24hour WILDLIFE WATCH MARATHON.

This year WyUWG celebrated Environment Week with an imaginative event, its first 24hr.

### Wildlife Watch Marathon (WWM).

The objectives of the event were:

1. to highlight the wide range of habitats and species to be found locally.
2. to enable and encourage the general public to participate in the activities.
3. to publicise WyUWG.

The WWM started with waterlife of the Wye in which many local children participated.

In the afternoon habitats surveyed included: chalk grassland in Gomm Valley, heathland and pond communities at Black Park and ancient and secondary woodland of Bloom and Warren Woods. The highlight at Gomm Valley was the discovery of adder's tongue fern.

The most popular event, where over 35 people attended, was the bat detecting and moth trapping at Spade Oak. Numerous Daubenton's bats and an occasional noctule were detected and seen, but the moth trapping was disappointing as only 2 species were seen.

Many birds were heard during the night and early morning activities including a tawny owl in Davenport Wood, 2 cuckoos at Spade Oak and skylarks, reed buntings in Marlow.

Finally at Keep Hill a number of butterfly species were netted (figuratively).

In conclusion, the 24hr. Wildlife Watch Marathon, not only achieved its objectives but was an enjoyable and successful event. 393 species of plant and animal were identified including: 274 species of higher plants, 9 butterfly species, 6 species of mammal, and 51 species of bird. The Marathon was publicised in local newspapers, both before and after the event, and over 70 people participated in one or more of the activities. We hope to repeat the event next year, perhaps a month later, when we should be able to discover more species.

Finally I would like to thank everyone who helped and participated in the event but especially Steve Crosby (WDC), Emma Lansdell (BCC), and Dave Webb (NRA) for their advice and support.

Matthew Ellis.

Eight people came on the fourth. event of the Marathon - a walk on public rights of way through Bloom & Warren Woods. Lying immediately west of Flackwell Heath, these 2 woods occupy a prominent position on the chalk hills above Little Marlow. They are, however, composed of quite different woodland types, a fact that owes more to recent land-use history than geological or other factors.

Bloom wood, an ancient semi-natural woodland, is a characteristic Chiltern beech wood with mature beech trees dominating its structure & casting heavy shade on the ground beneath. There are two notable features of Bloom Wood. Its broad and sun-soaked rides maintained by the woodland's owner for management of timber and a plentiful supply of pheasant, the rides providing an excellent woodland edge habitat for a whole range of flora and fauna.

The second notable feature of Bloom Wood is its large colony of bulbous bittercress (*Cardamine bulbifera*) - one of the largest in the Wycombe area. This plant has a restricted distribution, the chalk woodlands of this part of the Chilterns and a few sites in Kent.

The recording party followed the footpath to the top of the hill where Bloom Wood becomes Warren Wood. This area experienced substantial disturbance over 20 years ago when the site was excavated and tipped with imported soils. Since then regeneration has produced a mosaic of sallow and goat willow woodland interspersed with open areas of rush pasture. The mix of chalk and imported gravel results in calcicolous plants such as yellow-wort growing amongst soft rush & rose-bay willow-herb.

Warren Wood is currently the subject of a new planning application (by Biffa Waste Disposal) to develop it for commercial and industrial waste disposal. BCC refused the application and it was to have gone to public enquiry (see Stop Press, p. 44). The WWM provided an extra opportunity to examine the area. Small mammals had not be recorded for the site but the Marathon group were entertained by a noisy and extreme active group of common shrews.

These, along with a bank vole caught in traps set earlier in the day, will be added to the 110 plant species and other information gathered and will prove extremely useful to defend this attractive site at any future enquiries.

Emma Lansdell (BCC).

## WILDLIFE and CONSERVATION IN EUROPE

### KELKHEIM'S ORCHARD-MEADOWS

Kelkheim is situated close to Frankfurt. The countryside in this region was dominated by extensive meadows with apple, cherry, pear and nut trees. The gathered apples were used to produce Frankfurt's apple wine called "Aepelwoi". The meadows were cut and used as feed. The growth of cities and the increasing intensity of farming between 1950 and 1980 resulted in the destruction of most of these orchards. The European Community even paid a bonus to farmers for many years to cut down the hightrunk fruit tress. The old, traditional sort of fruit trees were no longer profitable. So since World War II nearly 75% of the orchards were cut down and with their disappearance many birds like the little owl, redstart, hoopoe and wryneck became very rare because they were dependent on the orchard biotope. Recently the ecological, cultural and climactic importance of these orchards was recognized. Conservation groups and Authorities nowadays try to preserve what remains of this biotope.

The biggest risk to the orchards today is lack of management and planting of new trees

Problems also arise from the orchards being split up between many owners.

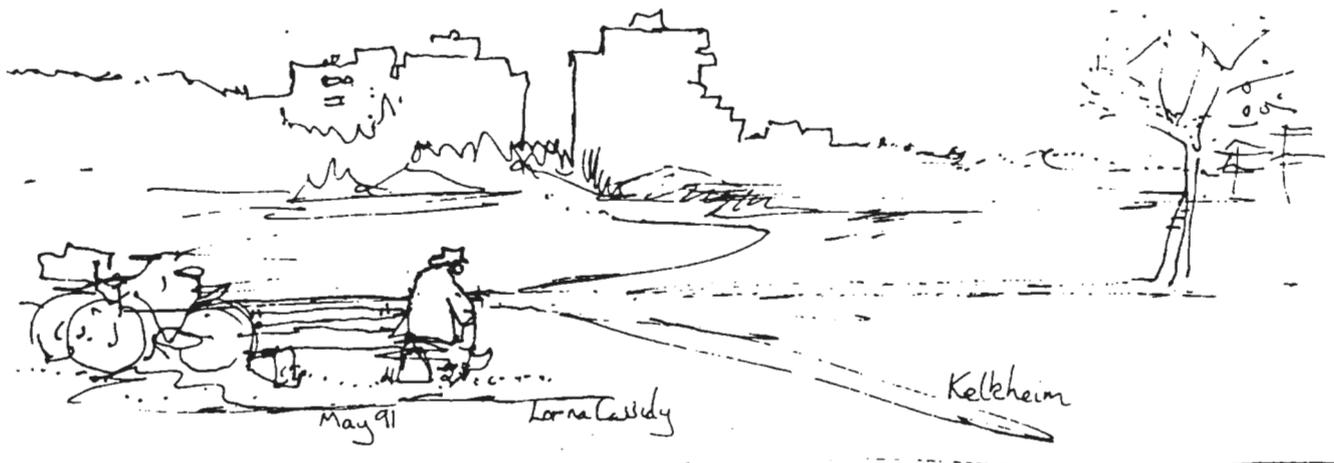
In the last 10 years we effected the legal securing of the orchards as "Landschaftsschutzgebiet"; after hard negotiations with owners and the town clerks we were able to plant more than 150 young fruit trees in parts of the "Landschaftsschutzgebiet". As owners we take care of 15,000 square meters, mow and gather them all year round.

In addition we look after the marshy wetlands of the "Schmiehbach" and help the barn owls, little owls and bats with special nesting boxes. For the information of the inhabitants of Kelkheim we arrange tours through the "Landschaftsschutzgebiet" and publish articles in the local press. It is also our job to monitor the stock of threatened birds and bats. Up to now we have identified 95 species of bird and 4 species of bat.

Oliver Konz.

Many thanks to Oliver for his English translation. His original article is available to anyone who wants to practice their German!

Pat Morris.



Anyone who has been to Lyon will appreciate its pollution problems. Here is a synopsis of an article written by M. Franck Sérusclat, Mayor of Saint-Fons & Senator for the Rhône, describing how his town is tackling these problems. Saint-Fons is Kelheim's French twin-town, and would also like to be twinned with Wycombe.



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CHIMIE VALLEE

#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS AT SAINT-FONS

Saint-Fons, situated near Lyon, was popular in the 1850s for its open-air cabarets and was frequented by Lyonnais on their Sunday walks. However, because of its proximity to the river Rhone, & the opening of the railway in 1855, but above all the passing of regulations in Lyon transferring all chemical & other noxious industries to Saint-Fons, it changed completely.

The earliest recognition of the environmental problems in this once rural community came in 1969, when M. Franck Sérusclat set up the first extra-municipal commission to fight against pollution. As a result of the Commission some of the pollution was reduced and dialogue between interested parties developed.

This initiative lost momentum and was relaunched under the first councillor for the environment and quality of life, Mme Vottero. Her brief included liaison between industry and the town, exchange of information and the creation of an "archimium", a cultural, scientific and technical centre. She also sought solutions to current problems such as noise, traffic and noxious odours from a purification plant. Increase in green spaces from 2 to 23 hectares (5 to 58 acres) formed a further part of her plan. An overall intervention strategy in environmental matters is now subsidised by 50% by a D.o.E. grant. Finally the town takes part in the committee co-ordinating the control of atmospheric pollution in the Lyon region.

Nowadays the inhabitants are made aware of their environment and of industrial risks through reports, posters, public meetings etc., The extra-municipal commission members make sure information is circulated and they listen to peoples worries. A series of documents has been prepared to teach the public about toxic substances and how to proceed in the event of air and water pollution. It is hoped, too, with the aid of teachers, to promote commentary and discussion in schools. The risks of nuclear power plants and other national and external threats can then be evaluated.

M. Sérusclat concludes that protection of the environment as become a political challenge. "It is an international problem, a problem of civilisation for the common patrimony of humanity knows neither spacial or temporal frontiers.



Commemorative Logo - Saint-Fons Centenary

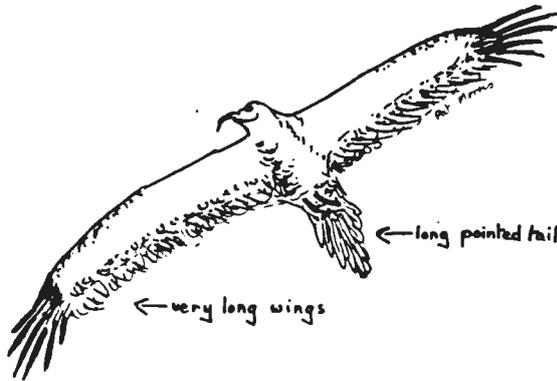
Editor's note: If you would like to read M. Sérusclat's article in full please send her a stamped addressed envelope stating whether you require it in English or French, and a copy the article will be sent to you.

The help of Wg. Cdr. Dick Dauncy is gratefully acknowledged, in the preparation of this synopsis.

STOP PRESS: We have just received notification that the current planning application to develop a commercial & industrial tip at Warren Wood has been withdrawn. However, we need to expand our knowledge of this fascinating site so we will be pleased to have species records from anyone walking the paths in the area.  
Maurice.

**ASOCIACIÓN LANDAZURIA  
FOCUSES ON EDUCATION**

The Spanish call it the "bone breaker", we know it as the Lammergeier. This endangered bird, whose wing span measures nearly three metres, is the emblem of the Asociación Landazuria, a conservation group from Tudela, Northern Spain. (see map ----> )

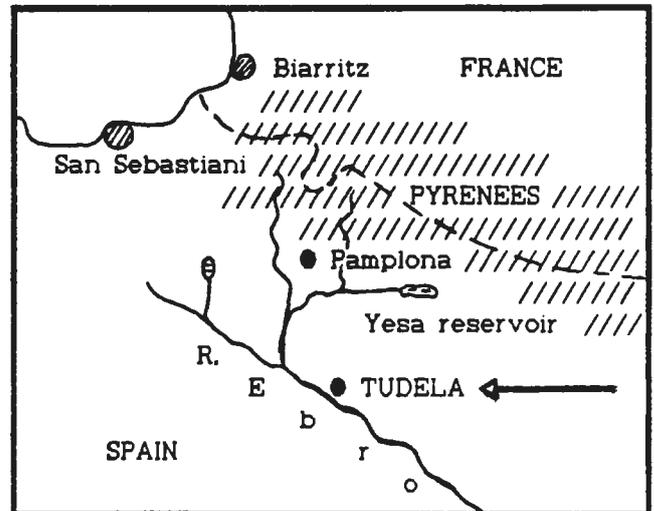


The "bone breaker" or lammergeier

The Group was formed in 1988 "for the defence and study of the environment". Since then it has carried out a number of campaigns, both educational and practical. Although some educational activities are for adults, organised camping expeditions among them, great emphasis is placed on the teaching of children. Members of the Group work in close collaboration with teachers and town council. They take 8 & 9 year olds out on excursions, pointing out the topography, land-use, flora & fauna of their region. This is followed up with related work in class. At Christmas, to promote respect for holly and fir trees, 10 year olds are invited to invent slogans decrying their destruction. As many Spaniards go into the countryside to cut holly and fir for the festive season, protection of these trees is now most necessary. Older children, aged 11-13, visit various habitats to study their plants and animals.

Of course, protection of the Lammergeier features in a number of practical campaigns, together with repair of storks nests, the stork being another threatened bird. Local anxieties are discussed, such as the siting of a paper works in the town and the effects of high density housing. Many Spanish citizens feel they need more green spaces in their towns !

In its three years of existence, the Asociación Landazuria has achieved a great deal. Let us hope that its campaign for the lammergeier is successful. It is said that there is only one pair left in the region, so it certainly needs their help.



Many thanks to Maria Pilar Sanchez for information on which this article was based.

**BIRDING IN MAJORCA**

Majorca was a rather unexpected holiday for me this spring - little did I know about the birds the island captures. Within 10 minutes of arriving at our destination we had 3 Audouins gulls in our "bins", one of the world's rarest species of gull.

We spent the 2 weeks in a villa in Puerto Pollensa, a superb base with the best birding in the north of the island.

The first day saw me raptor watching from the villa patio. Having never seen a Honey Buzzard before, I felt 19 on the first day was almost too good to be true.

On another occasion we saw redstarts, whin-chats, and flycatchers on the ground whilst overhead circled 7 black and a single Griffon vulture.

The 125 species of birds we saw contained some rare and beautiful birds: Golden Oriole, Marsh Sandpiper, Leonora's Falcon, Little Bittern and the bird of the trip for me, a male Rock Thrush - absolutely fabulous.

Mike Wallen.

## REPORTS

### NEWS FROM BBONT'S CHILTERN MILITARY ORCHID GROUP

In our attempt to ascertain and understand the range and status of the Military Orchid in England in the last century the Group visited the Natural History Museum on 4 February 1991 to examine specimens held in their Herbarium. None of the specimens had been collected by the Museum, all had been acquired as bequests. It would seem that it was the "in thing" for the keen 19th. century plant hunters to leave their collections to the Museum.

A military orchid floret.



Our visit revealed that it used to grow in the woods in the Wycombe Valley. The label on one specimen dated 1867 indicated that it came from Dane Garden Wood (this must be Deangarden Wood); two specimens dated 1867 and a third, dated 1843, were said to be from "woods in Wycombe" and two others from Fennel's Wood, Loudwater were dated 1877. A large specimen collected in 1877 from "Loudwater Wood" although labelled as a Military Orchid looked to BH and MY very much like a monkey orchid or possibly a hybrid between the two species. It would, therefore seem that both the Military and the Monkey orchid grew in woods in the Wycombe Valley about 120 or so years ago. However collectors seem to have pounced on them as soon as they appeared so they did not stand a chance to establish viable colonies. But if Kew's work on growing these orchids for re-establishment in the wild are successful these two woods are obvious candidates for sites for that attempted re-introduction.

Perhaps some thought ought to be given as to where in these woods this might be done and management of the areas selected begun now to get them to the right state for the re-introduction.

Bill Havers and Maurice Young.

## WYCOMBE GROUP

The sun joined us on Sunday 14 April with a very pleasant **BBONT/WATCH** family walk at Park Wood, Bradenham, led by Maurice Young. The children were shown galls, cowslips and violets and found evidence of badgers.

The children were amazed that the dandelion, which can be a source of annoyance to gardeners, contains as many as 200 florets (little flowers) in its "flower" and leaves that are tasty in salads and enjoyed by rabbits.

We had a full meeting for Nick Bessant's talk about snakes at the Rye Health Clinic in May with colourful, live exhibits and afterwards the children were invited to be held by a young royal python which quite happily attached itself to arms and hands.



The June meeting found us at Black Park followed by dipping in the nature reserve pond. Dragonfly nymphs, mayfly nymphs, water spiders, water boatmen, water louse - the list was endless. The children were very enthusiastic about their finds and finished off the afternoon walking round the orienteering course and we did not loose one !

We joined Ron Beavan at the Prestwood Picnic Site in July and enjoyed the sunshine with the butterflies. Brimstone, marbled whites, small heaths and some day flying moths were seen and due to the number of rabbits on the site the children were able to find a number of orchids.  
Christine Travers.

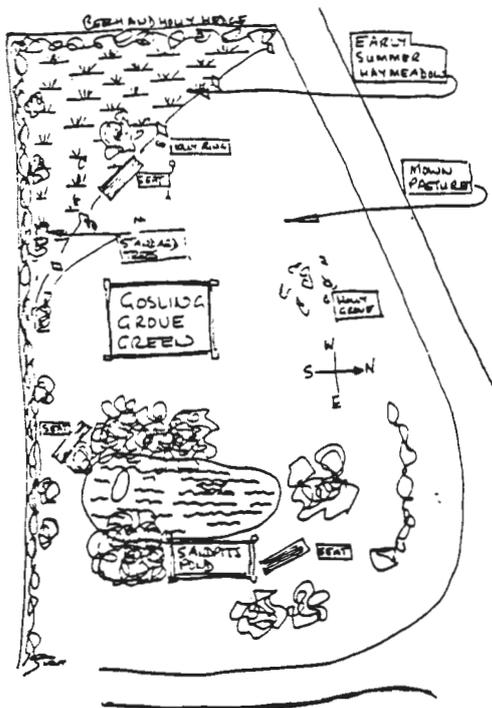
**WATCH** events are detailed in the **WYUWG** diary on page 49 and for information about **WATCH** please contact Sylvia on 0494 713430

## REPORTS - LOCAL GROUPS

### CONSERVATION PROJECT AT GOSLING GROVE GREEN

Gosling Grove Green is an interesting open space owned by Downley Parish Council. It consists of about an acre of ancient pasture land and a pond, both of which are shown on the West Wycombe estate map of 1767, and 5 oaks which are at least 200 years old.

The pond supports a good deal of wildlife, from dragonfly larvae to ducks and small boys. The most exciting species breeding in the pond is undoubtedly the great crested newt. Squirrels use the trees and there are many birds and bats.



Earlier this year local residents formed an action group, the Gosling Grove Greeners, to carry out the Parish Council's recommendations for the management of the site. Several of us turned out one afternoon in May to welcome members of WyUWG and help them remove rubbish from the pond. We also erected stakes to ensure that a part of the pasture would be left unmown - in order to simulate a hay meadow-like environment. In this meadow area, and around the pond, we then planted a selection of appropriate wild flowers. Finally, we held a collection to pay for affiliation to WyUWG, whose help and advice we shall be seeking again.

A Gosling Grove Greener.

## REPORTS FROM SCHOOLS

Talks on conservation have been given at two schools during the summer term, and at St. Bernards, 46 pupils took part in a "hands on" work experience day, as part of a post GCSE programme before entering the 6th. form. This work day was highly successful; the pupils gained a valuable insight into what conservation work entails and a number of them expressed a wish to carry on with such work in the 6th. The site where they worked also profited considerably from 48 pairs of willing hands, including the two members of staff who joined in.

Habitat creation plans at Claytons School have had to be shelved, pending a decision on a proposed merger with Westfield School. Since both schools are affiliated to WyUWG this should not be a permanent problem.

At Lady Verney High School plans are going ahead for a first ever Bat Garden (see Bat Week programme) as part of an on-going wildlife habitat creation scheme.

A number of plans at other schools are being considered. Please write and tell us what your school is doing and report on your progress.

## ENVIRONMENTAL SYMPOSIUM

It is, perhaps, just as well that space for this report is limited as, frankly, I was disappointed. Litter is a problem but there are far more pressing problems in the present day environment which need to be addressed. The 2 afternoon workshops attended by WyUWG members were obsessed with litter and I see from the published report they were not the only ones devoted to this enthralling topic.

The symposium only served to confirm my view that the answer lies in education - education of the general public, as well as government officers and employees, in matters pertaining to the environment. Until the basic facts are understood by all, folk will continue to kid themselves that solving litter problems will solve national and international environmental problems. If I may make so bold, I would suggest that next year's symposium should be entitled "What is the environment" then perhaps we can start to think about working together to save it.

Maurice Young.

# WILDLIFE NOTICE BOARD

## NAMES OF CONTACTS FOR WILDLIFE GROUPS IN WYCOMBE DISTRICT

BC	Butterfly Conservation	:	Ron Beaven	:	0494 444158
BTCV	British Trust for Conservation Volunteers	:	Martin Jakes	:	0296 383393
BBONT	Berks, Bucks, & Oxon Naturalists' Trust	:	Maurice Young	:	0628 472000
BBC	Bucks Bird Club	:	Arthur Brown	:	0628 604769
CS	Chiltern Society	:	Charles Mills	:	0494 528487
CWP	Chiltern Woodlands Project	:	John Morris	:	0494 461286
FOE	Friends of the Earth	:	Lyn Jack	:	0494 447680
EN	English Nature	:	Frances Richmond	:	0635 268881
RA	Ramblers Association	:	Anne Solomon	:	0494 443730
SWS	Saunderton Wildlife Sanctuary	:	Mrs Baker	:	084 44 2188
T&CHG	Thames & Chilterns Herpetological Society	:	Tom Burgess	:	0494 815319
WWF	World Wide Fund for Nature	:	Valerie Lambourne	:	0494 443761
WATCH	Wycombe 'WATCH' Group	:	Sylvia Barnes	:	0494 713430
WYUWG	Wycombe Urban Wildlife Group	:	Matthew Ellis	:	0628 522455

Enquiries or advice concerning BATS contact Matthew Ellis.  
For BADGERS contact BBONT Aylesbury Office : 0296 433222

### DID YOU SEE ?

#### JUNE

Bee orchid, Chairborough Rd. 12 plants!

#### JULY

Narrow-lipped helleborine, Green Hill.  
Herb-robert, white form, Tinkers Wood.

Fragrant orchid, 1 plant in garden,  
near Royal Grammar School

#### AUGUST

Violet helleborine, Marlow Common.

8 of the bee orchids transplanted  
to save them from being covered  
by tarmac when car park  
above Chairborough Road  
P.O.S. is extended.

### DID YOU SEE ?

#### MAY

Black redstart, Cressex Ind. Estate  
JULY

Banded demoiselle damselflies -  
Pann Mill Rye Mill, & drainage  
ditch near A404 lay-by, Bisham.  
Yellow-bellied toad, Hughenden Val.  
Speckled bush cricket, Gomm Val.

### ↑↑ WANTED ↑↑

Wildlife enthusiasts !  
Wycombe WATCH  
needs more helpers to  
plan & run activities  
for 8-12 year olds.  
Interested ?  
Phone Sylvia on  
0494 713430 (today)

### ◆ WyUWG HEALTH WARNING ◆

The yellow-bellied toad arches its  
back & feigns death. It also exudes a  
highly toxic, irritant fluid if handled.  
One member reports that his eyes smarted  
for several hours after rubbing them,  
although he had washed his hands.

**GARDENERS AHOY !** Cowslip seeds from editor's garden. Also  
marsh marigold root, water speedwell and forget-me-not plants.

OUR THANKS to the  
**Royal Society for Nature Conservation**  
and the  
**National Westminster Bank**

for their financial support of

**Wycombe Bat Week**

This sponsorship forms part of a a total package of £56,000 negotiated with the **National Westminster Bank** for **RSNC Wildlife Trusts' Partnership**. In all, some 18 local projects will benefit, with wildlife in our towns and wildlife sites as the focus. The sponsorship forms part of the

**Nat West Community Support Programme.**

**WILDLIFE IN THE SOVIET UNION**

Illustrated talk by the internationally recognized  
Russian naturalist, writer & photographer Dr. Kynstautus Aldirdas

8.00 pm. MONDAY 18th. November 1991. Admission £3

at the Beaconsfield High School for Girls, Wattleton Road, Beaconsfield.  
A **BBONT/S. Bucks** promotion, for details contact Maurice Young.

Our thanks to



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**BORING BORING BORING - DOGWOOD BASHING - BORING BORING BORING**  
Marbled whites & dark-green fritillaries are declining nationally  
but not at Gomm Valley thanks to management by local volunteers  
for more BORING (but effective) work parties at Gomm Valley see diary p.50

**REMINDER:** Please return your completed pond survey forms by  
the end of October - address on forms.

**PROGRAMME OF EVENTS - AUTUMN 1991**

**SEPTEMBER**

**Sunday 8 September, 2.00 p.m.**

RiverWATCH survey. A clean stream survey.  
Meet at Rye Health Clinic. (30p)

Wear old clothes and bring wellies.

**Monday 9 September, 8.00 p.m.**

Planning meeting, Priory Centre, Priory Road.

**16 Sept - WYCOMBE BAT WEEK - Sept 22**  
see BAT WEEK leaflet enclosed.

**OCTOBER**

**Friday 4 October 8.00 p.m.**

BBONT/S.Bucks, Winter Talks programme  
"An Autumn Amble in Leafy Bucks with  
Vic Scott", at the United Reform Church,  
Aylesbury End, Beaconsfield, SU 945 903.  
(BBONT members £1, non-members £1.30)

**Sunday 6 October, 2.00 p.m.**

WATCH Indoor meeting,  
Rye Health Clinic, Wycombe Rye.  
"Introduction to Astronomy" (30p)

**Sunday 6 October, 10.30 - 4.00**

Coppicing at Gomm Wood. Meet at  
Micklefield School, SU 894 934.

WyUWG work party, details from Matthew.

**Saturday 12 October, 8.00 a.m. start**

Day Trip to Swanage, leader: A. Idle  
Meet Rye Open Air Swimming Pool car park.  
contact Angus or Matthew for details.

**Saturday 19 October, 2 - 5 p.m.**

Scrub clearance at Round Wood, Meet at  
junction of Bookerhill Rd. & Woodland Close.

WyUWG work party, details from Matthew

**Saturday 26 October, 2.00 p.m.**

Fungus foray in Penn Wood. Meet at  
Penn Street School, SU 925 964.

**Sunday 27 October 10.30 - 4.00 p.m.**

BBONT work party at Gomm Valley NR. Meet  
under bridge in Gomm Road or on reserve.  
For more details contact Maurice.

**Sunday 27 October, 1.30 - 4.00 p.m.**

River restoration, Saville Lane, Marlow.  
Continuation of August task, contact Matthew.

**NOVEMBER**

**Friday 8 November, 8.00 p.m.**

BBONT/S. Bucks talk: "The Everglades"  
Venue as for October 4 above.

**Sunday 10 November, 10.30 - 4.00 p.m.**

Work party, Chairborough Rd. Pub. Open Space  
Access via track from Lincoln Road opposite  
Osters & Flemming, Cressex Indust. Estate.

**Sunday 10 November, 2.00 p.m.**

WATCH, Autumn Trees. Rye Health Clinic  
Bring wellies and outdoor clothes.

**NOVEMBER (continued)**

**Monday 11 November, 8.0 p.m.**

Planning meeting, Priory Centre, Priory Road.

**Saturday 16 November, 2.00 - 5.00 p.m.**

Conservation work party, Marlow Common,  
Meet at: SU 823 879

**Sunday 24 November 10.30 - 4.00 p.m.**

BBONT work party Gomm Valley as on 27 Oct

**Saturday 30 November, 2.00 - 4.00 p.m.**

"Wildlife roadways" Meet in Wooburn Park  
car park. Leaders: Emma Lansdell (BCC)  
and Matthew Ellis (WyUWG)

**DECEMBER**

**Sunday 1 December, 10.30 - 4.00 p.m.**

Habitat creation in the grounds of  
Wycombe Chair Museum, Priory Avenue.

**Sunday 1 December, 2.00 p.m.**

WATCH Talk & walk - Birds, on The Rye  
bring Binoculars, wellies & warm clothes (30p).

**Friday 6 December, 8.00 p.m.**

BBONT/S.Bucks talk "Butterfly Conservation"  
Nick Bowles. Venue as for 4 October

**Monday 9 December, 8.00 p.m.**

WyUWG Christmas evening talk  
at Priory Centre, Priory Road on  
"The Ecology of Burnham Beeches"  
by Dr. Helen Read.

**Sunday 15 December, 10.30 - 4.00 p.m.**

Work party at our Sheepridge Reserve.  
Sheepridge Lane, Bourne End.

**Thurs/Friday 26-27 December.**

"A conservation experience" (not to be  
missed!). The Bucks BTCV Christmas work  
party at Buttlers Hangings nature reserve,  
West Wycombe. Work off your Christmas  
excesses. Contact Maurice for details.

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