



# WYCOMBE WILDLIFE NEWS

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## RIVER EDITION

### EDITORIAL COMMENT

Locally, the first quarter of 1992 has been characterised by drought. Water still flows from the tap, and the garden pond seems as full and flooded with frogs as usual. But not so in the countryside. Where is the Hughenden stream and the river Misbourne ?

For wildlife the drying up of rivers can mean death. It is, therefore, timely that **Wycombe District Council** is launching its **River Wye Study**.

### COMMENDED for work at Sheepridge

The Group has won a Commendation for its work on developing the Sheepridge Nature Reserve as a site valuable to wildlife, Maurice Young collected the certificate, and a cheque for £75 from **Wycombe Dist. Council**, on behalf of the Group on March 2nd. 1992.

Many thanks to all who have contributed to the success of this project.  
Pat Morris.



The Wye just below the cascade in West Wycombe Park.

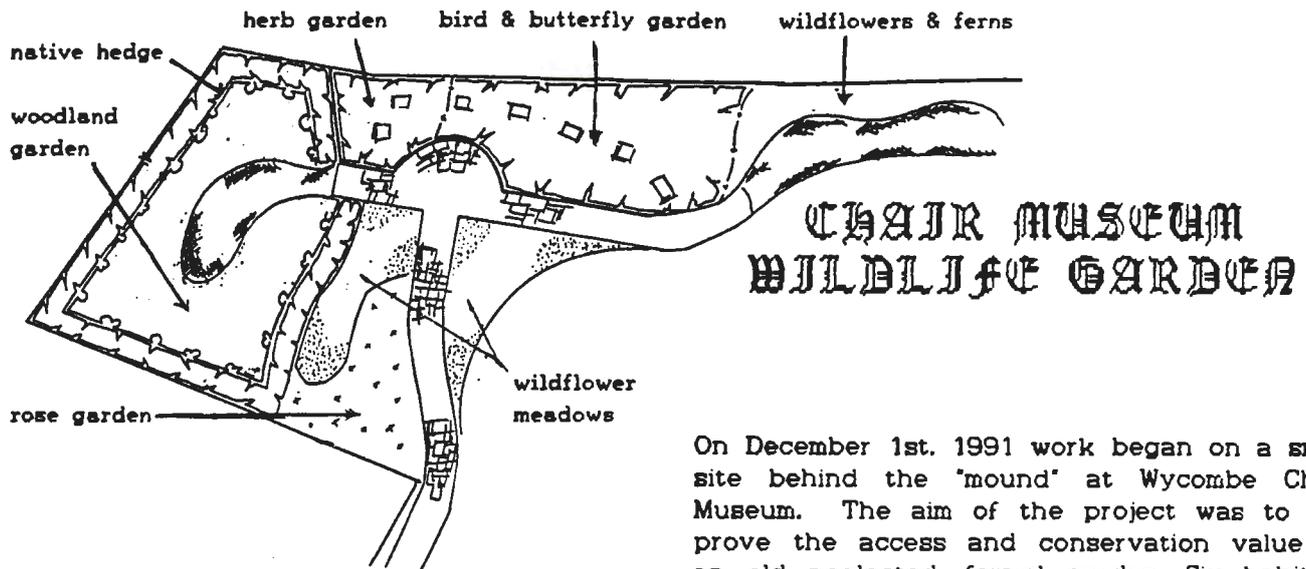
We publish 2 articles on rivers in this newsletter, one on the wildlife of the River Wye, the other on man's use of water, which has enabled the expansion of a threatened bird species, the white stork, in Northern Spain.

Pat Morris.

We thank the **English Courtyard Association** for their sponsorship of this issue. We are also most grateful to **Wycombe District Council** their generous core-funding grant of £4,500 towards our future activities.

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On December 1st. 1991 work began on a small site behind the "mound" at Wycombe Chair Museum. The aim of the project was to improve the access and conservation value of an old neglected, formal garden. Six habitats attractive to wildlife were planned to be completed in just six working parties!

A daunting challenge but a good turn out to most of the work parties, despite the cold weather, ensured it was finished by the end of February 1992.

Of the six areas created, see map above, five were planted with native species. The planted areas were mulched with bark chippings, which meant many wheelbarrow loads trundled round from the car park to the site - from what seemed a never diminishing pile !!!

The original, paved path had a number of badly cracked stones & the backbreaking task of trying to repair it fell to Richard Halliday - it looks good now it is finished.

One of the last jobs was to repoint the wall of the raised beds which was competently completed by Steve Crosby and other capable helpers.

This was a successfull project and I would like to thank all who came along and helped out, I hope to see you all again on other projects.

Jo Hale (Project Officer)

☺ ☹ ☺ **RESPONSE TO MEMBERSHIP ENQUIRY** ☺ ☹ ☺

Nearly half the current membership responded to our questionnaire. The majority wish to help the Group by manning exhibitions or stalls and/or by practical management work, Next came species and habitat recording closely followed by the provision of transport.

Might I suggest those offering transport get in touch by 'phone, then we can link you up to others requiring transport to tasks so we get more to our work parties.

Interests expressed were wide and varied: birds, butterflies, animals, wildlife gardening and walking - so throughout the year our programme should appeal to everyone at least some, if not all of the time.

The most interesting aspect of the replies was that few members professed to specialised knowledge, which goes to show that enthusiasm and willingness to help are just as vital as expertise - something you gain as time goes on.

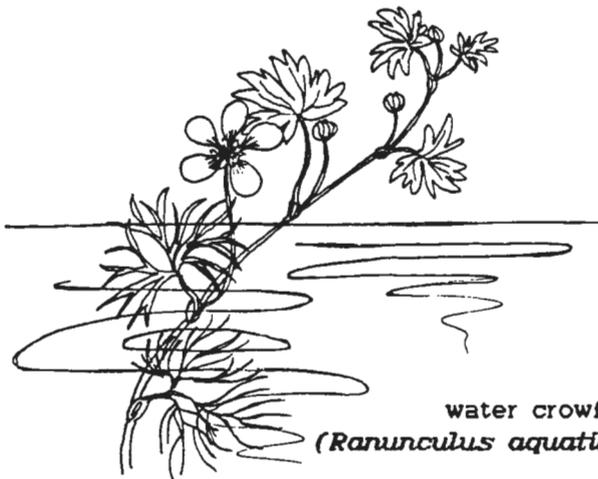
For the record, I am willing to help out where ever possible; my interests are diverse but I do have a distinct interest in animals but currently I am not an expert in any aspect of wildlife, but I'm working on it!

Sue Haines (Treasurer & Membership Secretary)

## A WALK ALONG THE RIVER WYE

The great variety of habitats and landscapes one encounters on a stroll by a river, reflect a society's relationship to that river and so in a sense is a historical document, but unlike any history book the river is dynamic, forever changing & responding to daily events.

Before the development of High Wycombe the Wye would have been a fast flowing stream with a gravel bed, and where not too shaded, alive with feathered water crowfoot with its delicate white flowers pulsating in the clear flows, flanked by the paler starwort and expanses of watercress.



water crowfoot  
(*Ranunculus aquatilis*)

Much of the Wye has lost its gravel bed and its velocity slowed making it unsuitable for water crowfoot, through mill impoundment, dredging and widening, and even diversion.

The resultant silts often provide a perfect medium for emergent vegetation like reed mace and sedge, essential cover for breeding coot and moorhen and a bridgehead for dragon and damselflies when exchanging the aquatic environment for a terrestrial life.

Away from the channel where the banks have not been converted to vertical cliffs of concrete or wood, we find those wetland species once common in meadows, like the pink lady's smock and subtle flowered figwort home to the figwort weevil.

Moving away from the river, for the habitat of a river must not be viewed in isolation from the land through which it flows, look out for areas of rough grassland used by several birds of prey, or the sturdy teasel utilised by goldfinch in winter.



water figwort (*Scophularia auriculata*) and starwort (*Callitriche stagnalis*)



There are willows like the large crack willow, formerly commercially coppiced, a process that not only prolonged its life and improved it as a habitat, but also created a unique feature on the landscape.



Jewel of the River Wye  
Kingfisher (*Alcedo atthis*)

The shrubby willows like the willow and grey willow, whose catkins mark the beginning of spring, provide low, overhanging branches that provide the perfect launch pad for the kingfisher to dive onto the unsuspecting stickleback or minnow.

Of course on a walk by the river there is much more to be seen, but a river is more than an important habitat, it is part of our cultural heritage and an important meter not only of the quality but to our attitudes to our environment.

David Webb  
(National Rivers Authority, Thames Region)

## LOCAL WOODLAND BIRDS

High Wycombe is fortunate to be surrounded by a variety of woodland, much of it beech, and although uniform beechwoods are not particularly exciting places for birds, clearings and areas in them support other trees and bushes. It is here that a wider range of species is to be found.

Many of our resident birds are well underway with breeding during March & April. During April, May and early June a number of summer visitors swell the birdsong in our woods. We hope to hear and identify many of these when we listen to the early morning birdsong at Keep Hill in June as part of this year's **Mini Wildlife Marathon** (see noticeboard, page 69). For those who are thinking of coming, here are a few of the species we hope to find.

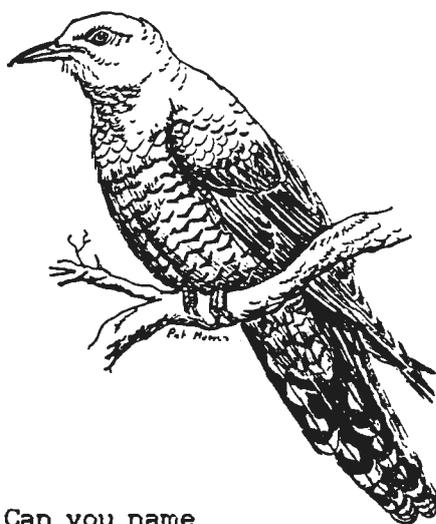
### Resident birds:

Many of the commoner woodland birds can be seen and heard in our gardens.

Blackbird, robin, chaffinch and wren are very much in evidence, while song and mistle thrush will certainly be heard, the latter singing from taller trees in the area. The song thrush is easily recognised as it usually repeats each note 3 times.

The "real" woodland birds among our residents we hope to see on the **Mini Marathon** include:

the greater spotted woodpecker, nuthatch and the elusive tree creeper. With luck we may also see, and hear!, the green woodpecker, a species that usually feeds in more open areas, on insects such as ants, but picks a nest site in a tree, often on the edge of a wood. If there are any conifers we might find the tiny goldcrest with its high pitched song, too high for some people to hear. Blue tits and great tits are likely to be everywhere and we might find coal tits in these areas. On the larger side magpies and crows should be easy to spot and we may get a glimpse of the strikingly marked jay. Everyone seems fascinated by birds of prey and the last time I visited Deangarden Wood I was fortunate to see a sparrowhawk twist and turn its way through the trees.



Can you name this bird?

### Summer visitors:

Many of our summer visiting woodland birds prefer the woodland edge or clearings and it is here where we should find both chiffchaff and the willow warbler. The blackcap's fast, warbling song is often heard where taller bushes grow beneath more mature trees, as is that of the closely related garden warbler, although this bird is somewhat scarcer. Another summer visitor is the unobtrusive spotted flycatcher which can often be found at the back of the Dyke from mid May. But the most familiar song is that of one of our largest summer visitors, yet least observed. Everyone knows the song of the cuckoo but how many can describe its looks?

### Scarcer species:

There are not too many rarities around our way but the High Wycombe area does regularly turn up the scarce hawfinch, which although very illusive can be picked up by its call and squeaky song. Another bird that is hard to find is the lesser spotted woodpecker. But any wood in the Wycombe area could hold a pair or two, particularly if there are plenty of spindly trees. Last and perhaps most exciting of all is the hobby but there is always a chance of spotting this bird as I did 2 years ago over the Rye.

Hope to see you on the 7th. June. Jim Rose.  
(Bucks Bird Club)

### TALES AT THE PRIORY CENTRE

Two excellent talks were held at the Priory Centre - "The Ecology of Burnham Beeches" by Dr. Helen Read on 9th. December, 1991, and "My wildlife garden" by Mrs. Barbara North on 10th February, 1992. Both were illustrated with superlative slides and were greatly enjoyed by those attending.

### LOCAL GROUPS MEETING

**Wycombe** committee members were among those who attended a meeting at the Reggie Goves Centre on 25th. March, 1992 to discuss administrative and communication problems of local environmental groups.

## SAN MIGUEL'S STORK COLONY

Landazuria, the Association for the study and defence of the environment in the Tudela region of Navarre, has been conducting protection campaigns for white storks (*Ciconia ciconia*) for 4 years. This is because the bird is very scarce in the north of Spain, and this area is its most northerly distribution in the Iberian Peninsula.

Paradoxically, and in spite of its scarcity in the region, Alfaro, a Riojan city which is only 18km from Tudela, has a stork colony of 61 pairs, 54 of them situated on the Collegiate Church of San Miguel, the most noteworthy building of the City.

In 1980 the stork population was only 12 pairs, but in the last few years it has reached 61 pairs and become the largest colony in Spain, even larger than some found in Extremadura, - stork country par excellence.

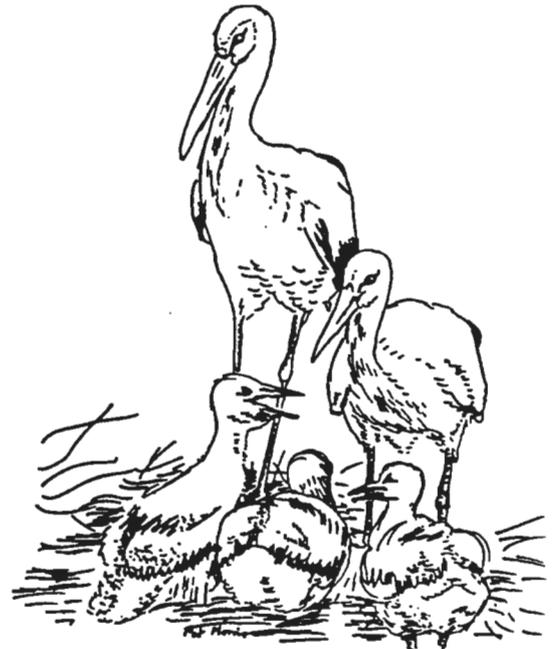
In San Miguel's Church, exquisite brickwork enhances the appearance of its 18th. century neoclassical facade and is the reason for it being designated a National and Artistic Monument. Its pinnacles and cornices would seem to have been created to offer hospitality to its present-day guests, but one must not forget that in the 17th. century storks did not live in these latitudes.

The colony is set in an exceptionally urban environment. The only areas of natural vegetation are to be found on the banks of the nearby rivers, the remainder of the surrounding countryside being under cultivation. However, species of great interest such as the grey heron (*Ardea cinerea*) and booted eagle (*Hieraetus pennatus*) still survive there.

In recent years the storks have benefitted from the introduction of a new crop, rice. Since the rice fields are flooded for part of the year they form extensive 'wetlands'. The food potential for the storks - amphibians, molluscs, fish, insects, is enormous !

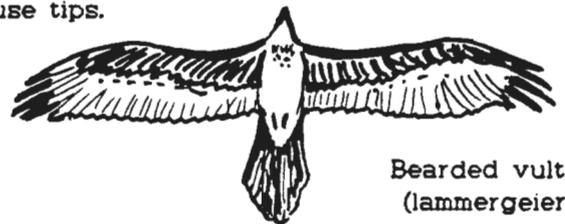
The magnificent spectacle on summer evenings of nests full of fledgelings trying out their wings in their first flights, could be short-lived if essential work of re-roofing the church is not carried out with care which this strange and unique phenomenon of our Region demands.

Maria Pilar Sanchez.



Storks at nest

We thank Maria Pilar for her article, also for correcting the Editor, who erroneously believed Landazuria's emblem was a Lammergeier. It is in fact the Egyptian Vulture, the smallest and commonest of Europe's vultures which, like the black kite and our gulls often feeds at refuse tips.



Bearded vulture (lammergeier)



Egyptian vulture



The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds has a positive and active Environmental Education policy and publish a number of curriculum guides outlining various "bird" studies and activities relevant to the requirements of the National Curriculum. WYUWG has purchased a set of these publications. If any teachers are interested in seeing them do give me a call.

Maurice Young.

## REPORTS - SCHOOLS

### SCHOOLS HIT THE HEADLINES

Schools continue to play an active part in conservation, with their activities reported in the local press. As a result of their efforts, **Lady Verney High School** were highly commended in the competition for the **Environmental Award 1991** run by **Wycombe District Council**. In addition some of the girls, helped by their Geography teacher, have completed their first maps towards the 'mapping of Wycombe's wildlife habitats', a project initiated by our Group.

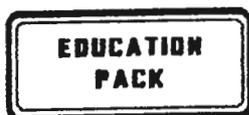
Pupils of **Wye Valley Upper School** produced such good ideas for conservation projects, that one of these will be put into action on a plot of land at the school.

Boys of the **John Hampden School** have done further work to complete their Service Section of the Bronze Award of the **Duke of Edinburgh's Scheme**. Two of them gallantly donned waders to help clear out the pond at Pond Wood, Penn and half-a-dozen others helped clear scrub and coppiced some hazel at Buttler's Hangings, the **BBONT** reserve at West Wycombe.

• Do remember that **WyUWE** can advise school and youth groups on conservation projects for **The Duke of Edinburgh's Award** and provide tools and training, as well as sites to work on, Contact Maurice if you want more information,

• If your school would like to know more about 'mapping Wycombe's wildlife habitats', contact Maurice.

• Why not enter your school's environmental project for next year's award from **Wycombe District Council** ?



**BUTTERFLY  
CONSERVATION**

The **British Butterfly Conservation Society** have produced a **Butterfly Conservation Education Pack** for schools. If you would like to see a copy, we have one. We also have application forms available for any schools who wish to get their own (free) pack.

### SCHOOL CHILDREN IN 'DEMONSTATION'

Some 70 school children from **Micklefield County Combined School & Hatters Lane County Secondary School** spent the morning of Wednesday 26th. February 1992 'demonstrating' in Gomm's Wood.

With the help of **Southern Electric's** local team, who completed much of the preparatory work and the assistance of volunteers from **Wycombe District Council, BTCV, the Chiltern Woodlands Project, Lane End Conservation Group**, parents and teachers, the children took part in practical activities to mark the official launch of **BTCV's** Demonstration Wood at Micklefield.

Armed with bowsaws and loppers they helped clear scrub from 'Micklefield Bank' to encourage wild flowers, insects and butterflies and widened footpaths to improve access for the public. Others tried their hands at the ancient craft of coppicing and made traditional woodland products such as bean poles and hedging stakes.

Over 40 adults attended a guided walk around the wood and saw a pole lathe & shaving horse demonstration. The opening ceremony was performed by Gerry Kerr, Divisional Manager for **Southern Electric** and Councillor Peter Cartwright, Vice Chairman of the Council.

This is the first of 7 woodlands in the south to be sponsored by **Southern Electric** under its joint 'Trees for the Future' initiative with the **British Trust for Conservation Volunteers**.

This was a tremendous start, the enthusiasm for the project was marvellous. It was terrific to see so many children having so much fun helping to protect their environment.

The aim of the High Wycombe Project, made possible by **WyDC's Woodland Strategy**, is to develop Gomm's Wood as a focal point for community action, involvement and education in practical woodland management & conservation.

A number of exciting events are planned for this year. Anyone wanting to find out more or get involved should contact Steve Crosby or Martin Jakes on 0494 421827 & 0296 383393.

## AUTUMN ORPHAN

The first albino hedgehog we saw was a regular visitor to our garden during 1990. He was big and bossy. To our delight we had a baby albino in the garden last year - perhaps son/daughter of the adult visitor. This little one survived falling into our neighbour's fish pond during the day. It was rescued well covered with bits of green stuck on its prickles. I dried it out, wrapped it up in an old tea towel and put it on a hot-water bottle. It slept for a while, then had a little dog food before being released in the evening when several other hedgehogs were in the garden.



Late in the autumn it turned up again at a time when no other hedgehogs were around. As it only weighed about 10oz, I put it in a small rabbit hutch in the garage with food and water. However it went to sleep and after a few days I was advised to keep it indoors so it would be warm enough to feed. The first night I left it in a box in the kitchen and it climbed out. When I came down there was no hedgehog but noises coming from under the cupboard under the sink. When I opened the door, it got out and nipped behind the washing machine! It then spent the next 2 months living in a large wooden box in the hall - with a wire 'lid' - sleeping all day and feeding and being generally noisy at night. It had its share of titbits at Christmas. It was quite clean for a hedgehog. If it soiled the little inner nest box during the day, there would be a great deal of rustling

while it tried to make a nest under the newspaper in the open part of the wooden box. Within minutes of the nest box being refurbished, back it went. Thankfully we did not get that pungent "hedgehog" smell in our hall.

The weather was too cold to release it when it reached 11b 9oz, so it went back in the rabbit hutch in the garage and now it is in a sturdier rabbit hutch outside. It sleeps for about a week to 10 days and then feeds for perhaps 2 nights. I leave a little brown bread and margarine cut into small pieces and a teaspoon of cottage cheese in the hutch. If the cottage cheese disappears before I go to bed, I put out some Pal with rabbit or turkey. This system works well as long as it does not wake later, but that has only happened twice.

It's nearly release time now so it will be put in the open greenhouse with some food to make its own way hopefully. One year our "winter orphan" actually made its summer nest under the nest box in the greenhouse and stayed there well into August.

Hilary Hide.



Expert Dr. Pat Morris (no relation of the editor!) will give a talk on hedgehogs at Bourne End Community Centre, Wakeman Road, Bourne End on Tuesday 19th May, 1992, 8 pm. If you would like to know more about these "Prickly subjects" why not go along. details from: Rod Symondson 06285 21706

### ST. DAVID'S DAY WALK (1/3/92)

In spite of the rain this walk was well attended, with 2 members of Flackwell Heath WI also present to glean ideas for their own organisation. They were most impressed by the knowledge displayed by the 2 leaders, Angus & Maurice! Anyone watching must have thought the participants crazy, peering into yew trees to examine galls, and bent over identifying grasses and mosses in the drizzle. However a good time was had by all, our thanks to the leaders.

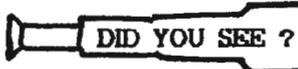
Pat Morris.

# WILDLIFE NOTICE BOARD

## NAMES OF CONTACTS FOR WILDLIFE GROUPS IN WYCOMBE DISTRICT

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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
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Enquiries or advice concerning BATS and BADGERS  
contact BBONT Aylesbury Office: 0296 433222



### FEBRUARY

30 Mandarins - ducks, Taplow/Cliveden area.  
Merlin, Marlow Bottom.  
Dunlin, Little Marlow.  
3 Curlew, Bourne End.  
Mediterranean gull, Little Marlow Grav. Pts.  
Ring billed gull,  
Glaucous gull, Hedgerley.  
4 male Blackcaps, Loudwater & other locs.  
4 Chiffchaffs, Little Marlow.

### ☛ CAN YOU BEAT IT ? ☛

First frog: 09/02/92  
Pond Wood pond, Penn  
First frog spawn: 27/02/92  
Amersham Hill.  
First comma and brimstone: 04/03/92  
Mop End nature reserve.  
First primrose: 12/2/92  
Amersham Hill.  
First small tortoiseshell &  
peacock butterflies 19/03/92  
Hazlemere.

### ↑ ↑ ↑ WANTED ↑ ↑ ↑

**FOX SIGHTINGS:** Manchester Polytechnic are carrying out a study on urban foxes, so please let us know if foxes use your garden and we will pass the information on.

**HOUSE MARTIN DATA:** Do house martin nest on your house? If so could you let Warren Clayden, on 0494 464318, know when they arrive.

**POND SURVEY FORMS:** If you have one of our pond survey forms do please complete it over the next few weeks and send it in.

We wish the Wycombe **WATCH** team a happy "retirement" from leading the activities for youngsters and thank them for their regular contributions to the Newsletter.

# WYCOMBE WILDLIFE WATCH MINI MARATHON

 Organised by Wycombe Urban Wildlife Group 

## SATURDAY 6th. JUNE 1992

		Leader(s):
11.30 - 2.00	Prestwood Picnic Site - Guided Walk Bring packed lunch (park at SU 865991)	Angus Idle ( <b>WyUWG</b> )
2.30 - 4.30	Gomm Valley Walk - nationally important site for butterflies (park under railway bridge in Gomm Road)	Maurice Young ( <b>BBONT</b> warden)
5.00 - 6.30	Pond Dipping on the Rye (Park at Rye Pool car park)	Conservation Officer National Rivers Authority
6.30 - 7.30	Refreshments at Rye car park	
7.30 - 8.45	Mammal trapping at Deangarden Wood (Assemble in Rye Pool car park)	Emma Lansdell ( <b>BCC</b> Ecologist) Matthew Ellis (Scottish WLT)
9.00 - 10.30	Bat detecting behind the Dyke (park in Rye Pool car park)	Matthew Ellis ( <b>S.W.T</b> ) Jo Hale ( <b>WyUWG</b> )
10.45	Mammals & Coffee (Rye Pool car park)	

      **WyUWG**      

## SUNDAY 7th. JUNE 1992

9.00 - 10.15	Morning chorus in Keephill Wood (Park at the Rye Pool car park)	Jim Rose (Bucks Bird Club)
10.30 - 12.00	Winchbottom Valley walk Identify some interesting plants (Park in lane at SU 857905 or in gateway SU 859905)	Angus Idle ( <b>WyUWG</b> )

All the events will be led by experts. Please feel welcome to come to any or all of the events

For details of meeting points and to check any changes to the above programme contact Jo Hale

It is hoped to run a mini-bus between events for those without transport, starting from the Swimming Pool car park on the Rye at 11 a.m., on Saturday 6th. June. Reserve your seat with Jo as soon as possible (0628 486695), to avoid disappointment.

## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS - SUMMER 1992

### MAY

Sat - Mon, 2-4 May, from 10 a.m. each day.

**BTCV** task with Friend's of the Young Deaf. Scrub clearance and footpath improvement. Park at Micklefield School, Herbert Road and follow signs, details from Martin Jakes (0296) 383393.

**Sunday 3 May, 12 noon. Guided Walk**  
Gomm Wood with Friend's of the Young Deaf. Location and contact as above.

**Friday, 8 May, 7.00 p.m. Farm Visit**  
See how farming and wildlife can coexist. Road Farm, Gt Missenden. Park in farmyard SU 885 027 (Take A 413 from Gt.M. to Wendover, turn left after 1 mile for Road Farm) Contact: Angus Idle.

**Sunday, 10 May, 2.00 - 4.00 p.m.**  
**BBONT** Munday Dean orchid reserve open day. Park at Woodlands at end of Munday Dean lane. SU 824884. Contact: Maurice Young.

**Monday 11 May, 8.00 p.m. Planning meeting.**  
Priory Centre, Priory Rd. Contact: Pat Morris.

**Thursday 14 May, 7.00 p.m. Woodland Walk**  
Millfield Wood with **BBONT**. Park at Hughenden Church car park. Contact: Maurice Young.

16 - 24 May **ENVIRONMENT WEEK (WDC)**

**Monday 18 May, 7.30 a.m. WDC**, presentation "The River Wye" at Reggie Goves Centre.

**Sunday, 23 May, from 10.30 a.m.**

**WyUWE's** Environment Week contribution:  
Tree planting at Desborough Road Recreation ground, park - rec. ground car park SU 846 398. Contact: Jo Hale. Come & plant YOUR tree.

### JUNE

**Tuesday 2 June, 8.00 p.m. Planning Meeting**  
Priory Centre, Priory Road. Contact: Pat Morris.

**Saturday 6 June WyUWE WILDLIFE WATCH**  
**& Sunday 7 June MINI MARATHON**  
see page 69 for programme details.

**Sunday 21 June, 2 p.m. Father's Day Foray**,  
A walk round our newly created nature reserve, at Sheepridge. You don't have to bring dad! Pk in Sheepridge Road, SU 884 886, Contact: Jo Hale.

**Wednesday 24 June, 7.00 p.m. Grasses**  
learn your grasses with an expert - Small Dean Bank. Park in NT car park, Small Dean lane, SU 823 990. Contact: Angus Idle for details.

**Sunday, 28 June, 10.30 - 12.00 noon.**  
**Booker Bat Cave Open Day.** Meet in Squash Club car park, Booker Air Park. 10.30 prompt to be conducted to bat cave (NO unaccompanied access to airfield!). Contact: Steve Crosby.

### JULY

**Sunday, 12 July, 2.30 - 5.00 p.m.**  
Butterflies galore, Gomm Valley NR open day. Park in Gomm Road. Contact: Maurice Young.

**Sunday, 12 July, 9.00 p.m. Bats & Glowworms**  
Chairborough Road NR. Park near entrance in Chairborough Rd, just below the Jolly Bodger SU 848 924. Contact: Roger Wilding.

**Monday, 13 July, 8 p.m. Planning Meeting**  
Priory Centre, Priory Rd. Contact: Pat Morris.

**Sunday, 19 July, 7.30 p.m. Birds, Blooms & Butterflies** at Mop End NR. Contact: Pat Morris.

**Wednesday, 29 July, 7.30 p.m. Bats & Bangers** with PHAB, meet by Tourist Information Office, Court Gardens, Marlow. Contact: J. Hale.

**NO MEETINGS IN AUGUST** - enjoy your hols.!

### SEPTEMBER

**Friday, 4 September, 7.30 p.m. BAT WATCH**  
Bourne End with Bucks Archaeological Soc. Park at Spade Oak car park, SU 884 875  
Contact: Angus Idle.

**Monday, 14 Sept., 8 p.m. Planning Meeting**  
Priory Centre, Priory Rd. Contact: Pat Morris

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**NO END** to work sessions - come any time after the start and stay as long as you like.