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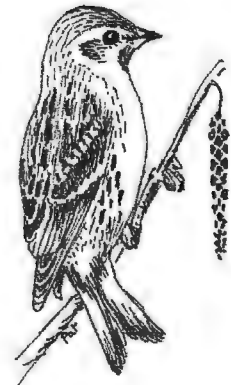


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**Wycombe Wildlife Group** is a registered charity with the following objects:

To conserve the environment, mainly using volunteers, for the benefit of the public.

To educate the public in the principles and practice of conservation.

Within **Wycombe District** the Group:

Surveys wildlife habitats and their associated flora and fauna, giving those taking part plenty of opportunities to increase their knowledge and identification skills.

Helps manage local wildlife sites, undertaking practical conservation work on local nature reserves.

Provides advice to schools, other bodies and individuals on all aspects of wildlife.

Stimulates public interest in wildlife and its conservation.

Organises walks, talks and other activities covering a wide range of wildlife topics.

Provides advice on and encourages wildlife gardening.

Organises activities for young children and their parents.

Co-operates with other groups with similar aims and supports the Environment Centre on Holywell Mead.

**Wycombe Wildlife News**

is published 3 times a year to promote the Group and wildlife issues and inform members and the public of its activities.

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**Editorial**

We have just come through a record-breaking year, weatherwise. After the wettest May since 1979, the year 2006 produced the most prolonged summer since records began in 1659, with July being the warmest on record. We all had to suffer, along with our gardens, the natural consequences, drought and extended hosepipe bans. December also started unusually mild, though rain and even a mini tornado featured largely. Will the rain be enough to replenish the depleted aquifers ?

Perhaps another record might be the super-abundance of fruit and berry crops in 2006, with apples, pears and plums never being more plentiful for our consumption, and acorns, Beech mast, Ash "keys", sloes, hips and haws, and even hazelnuts, there in profusion for wildlife. It was sad, however, to note the usual farm cutting their hedgerows in August, and depriving not only the birds of an extended feast of huge blackberries, but us also. I know farmers must make a living, and there is a point to not letting one's hedgerows eventually blot out the scenic views, but every year, and so early? It would have been wonderful to wait a little bit longer and let people and wildlife enjoy nature's bounty.

Pat Morris

**WANTED**

**Programme Officer**

To take over the tasks of arranging speakers for talks at members' meetings and organising walks, visits and other outdoor events.

Pat Morris, who is giving up this role after 17 years, can provide lots of contact information to help whoever volunteers to take on this important role. A full role description setting out the Programme Officer's responsibilities is available and a great deal of support is provided by the Members' Activities Sub-committee which meets to discuss ideas for future events and plan the outline programme.

**New School Member**

We welcome the following school which has recently joined the Group

The Downley School (contact Sue Francis)

Views expressed in this newsletter are those of the authors and not necessarily those of the Group.

For the purposes of management of the Group, membership information is held on computer.



## Our green valley

(This article originally appeared in "Hughenden News" magazine)

In Richard Llewellyn's book "How Green Was My Valley", Huw Morgan, growing up in a mining community in rural South Wales, is taught many harsh lessons, but looking back, it becomes clear to him that there is nowhere so green as the landscape of his own memory of home. I would like to ask you the similar question about your valley, Hughenden Valley, as it is today. How green is our valley?

When Benjamin Disraeli bought Hughenden Manor 150 years ago he was well aware of the importance of landscape and in particular the importance of trees in the design of landscape. Trees were used to give format to the landscape, to give focus to the scenes you wished to look at and delight in. They were used to emphasise the features you wanted to see, and to hide those things that you didn't. If you go to Hughenden Manor, the house that Ben (not Jack) built, you will see how he used trees to emphasise his formal gardens and to give privacy to his house. Just think, where can you see his house from a distance - only really from Coates Lane hill. He also designed avenues through the trees so that he could have vistas, such as that down to the stream, to enjoy. His woodland was planted and managed to give the scenery for which the Chilterns are renowned.

When Naphill Common was made a site of Special Scientific Interest it was designated as "Ancient grazed woodland" and in order to keep it as such, the nature Conservancy Council decided that nothing had to be done to it, and that there was no need for any maintenance. Years later they discovered their utter mistake. With no management, Naphill Common changed, so subtly with time, but to such an extent that its SSSI status nearly had to be revoked. That lesson has been learnt.

Should we not therefore be applying that lesson to our valley? Hughenden valley is the only one of

the valleys running down to High Wycombe which hasn't been turned into an urban area, the one remaining green corridor into the town. That nice Mr Prescott has turned his smiling face on our valley with Article 4 to prevent Property Spy from filling more fields with houses. But it is obvious that his patron deity is actually the Roman god Janus, the one with two faces facing in opposite directions! If we don't look after our valley, it could easily become one of his concrete jungles.

Just look at how our valley has changed with time. Two of the Valley farms have gone, one to a number of barn conversions and the other to Property Spy's untidy plots. Yes, we like the woodland tunnel effect along the road from High Wycombe which is a legacy of Disraeli's landscaping, but when both Church Farm and Hitchenden Farm were farmed, there were vistas either side of the road of Chiltern fields, grassy hillsides and hill-top Beech woods. Now nobody it seems wants to spend money cutting and maintaining the hedgerows and the vistas are gone or going fast. We think our valley is protected by being in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and being designated as Green Belt. But remember the lesson of Naphill Common. Nobody is obliged to maintain our valley, and things will change unless we do something about it! We can ask the National Trust if they will cut their hedgerows so that we can again see the clean sweep of the fields on the Manor side of the valley. Who will cut the overgrown hedges on the other side which hide the view of the hillside?

Remember this: when you lose a farmer, you lose a lot of pastoral images. At least Vantage Land and Property Spy did cut their hedgerows, but I guess that their motive was to help them sell their plots. Our hillsides are in the form of chalk cuestas which give a unique landscape feature which needs to be seen.

Angus Idle



*Hughenden Manor from Disraeli's Monument.*

*Photograph by Roger Wilding*

## Wycombe's Natural Heritage Sites

It was a special occasion for those attending Roger Wilding's talk on Wycombe's natural heritage sites, for it was the first time new digital projection equipment purchased by Wycombe Wildlife Group, was used for a public presentation.

The talk was given at the Environment Centre on Holywell Mead on 25th September 2006. For his talk Roger had scanned and computer-enhanced some of his slides and showed views of many habitats within a 3-mile radius of the High Wycombe Parish Church. These could later be identified on a large map displayed alongside the screen, and prepared by Frances Wilding.

Because of the hilly nature of High Wycombe, there were plenty of views to choose from, and Roger pointed out how these, sadly, were often marred by the white roofs of modern commercial buildings, which spoil the landscape. We all felt that the local architects should see these pictures, and take note of the effect of their designs. Some views, like those from Tom Burt's Hill, were familiar, but others, such as the one overlooking Wooburn Moor, were completely unknown to some of the audience.

Roger ended with the suggestion that photographic records should be kept of local views, so that the effects of hedgerow growth and encroaching scrub could be monitored, and, if necessary, follow-up action taken to preserve the open views.

Thank you Roger for such a comprehensive and thought-provoking talk

Pat Morris

### Harlequin ladybird (*Harmonia axyridis*)

The alien Harlequin ladybird, a voracious predator of aphids, has now reached Wycombe District (see Observations on back page). Its unwelcome advance (it is a threat to our native ladybirds and to lacewings and hoverflies) may, however, be controlled by wasps and other insects by parasitising its body (reported in Daily Telegraph 7<sup>th</sup> November 2006). Only time will tell whether this natural form of control is effective

Pat Morris

For further information, visit the website [www.harlequin-survey.org](http://www.harlequin-survey.org)

*View over Wooburn Moor from Upper Dearhams Farm, Loudwater.*

*Photograph by Roger Wilding.*



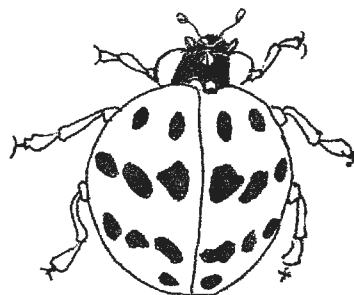
### Interested in reptiles or amphibians?

A new county recording group for reptiles and amphibians (BARG) is being set up. Anyone interested in taking part in this new venture should contact Tony & Val Marshall on [ecorocker@gmail.com](mailto:ecorocker@gmail.com).

A meeting will be arranged at the beginning of 2007 for everyone who wants to be involved. It is important to obtain members in all parts of the county. No experience is necessary - training events and information sheets will be available in due course. Members of BARG may carry out recording of sites, follow up reported sightings in order to verify them, and take part in a variety of recording and monitoring projects.

BARG is affiliated to Amphibian & Reptile Groups UK (ARG-UK), the National Amphibian & Reptile Recording Scheme, and the Bucks Museum Environmental Records Centre.

Tony Marshall



#### Identification features

Length 6-8mm.  
Body domed.  
Up to 18 spots.  
Brown legs.  
W or M on pronotum.



## Wycombe's Swans - 2006 update

The Swans on the Dyke in High Wycombe during November were probably at record numbers. Remarkably forty-seven were counted on one day. There had been about half that number during the summer. No cygnets were known to have hatched in the town this year. Tom and his mate built a nest by Wendover Way near the waterfall but none of the eggs hatched. WDC Rangers had erected a protective fence but no cygnets were seen. Vandalism? At the other end of the Dyke David made a nest but his partially disabled mate, Kate, probably cannot get up the bank. However her dodgy leg is no worse. One egg was found on the paved area by the boat house. In the past, broods were regularly raised upstream at Sands and West Wycombe but the waterless river and lake prevented this in 2006. One Swan was found wandering in a car park in Wycombe Marsh in August and released to the Rye unharmed. One pair with rings A2S and A2T arrived on 22<sup>nd</sup> October having been released at Reading only eleven days previously. We must

wonder whether they travelled via Marlow and Bourne End or flew over the hills!

Over on the Thames the Swan Uppers were pleased to record the high number of cygnets in July between Sunbury and Abingdon, showing the health of the Swans to be improving with the reduction in lead poisoning, the general cleaning up of the river and other benefits. Fourteen Swans were found contaminated with engine oil at Marlow on 3<sup>rd</sup> November and removed for cleaning by Swan Lifeline. They were returned a week later. Unfortunately more oily birds were reported by members of the public during the following week. Most oiled Swans on the Thames are affected by a lighter oil, probably the contents of chip pans being discarded by boaters and campers.

If you come across any Swan with a problem, please tell Swan Lifeline on 01753 859397.

Eric Britnell



*Swans on the Dyke*

*Photographs by  
Mary Williams.*



## The Real Ratty - Report on Phil Horwood's talk on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2006

This talk was given as a follow-up to an article which appeared in the September 2006 issue of Wycombe Wildlife News. In his talk, Phil Horwood of Wycombe District Council Ranger Service, presented slides of the life of the Water Vole, the "Ratty" character, famously portrayed in Kenneth Grahame's book "The Wind in the Willows". Phil also pointed out the differences between the Water Vole and the Brown Rat, with which it is so often confused. Though, sadly, there have been no recent sightings of Water Voles in High

Wycombe, Phil was hopeful that they would eventually return. His knowledge of local areas where they once existed was admirably demonstrated in conversations with members of the audience, who could also remember seeing them in the past. After the talk there was plenty of time to chat to Phil, and to one another informally and this resulted in a most pleasant social occasion. Many thanks, Phil, for giving up your free time and presenting this talk.

Pat Morris





# WYCOMBE WILDLIFE FAMILY GROUP

## Reports of Wycombe Wildlife Family Group meetings SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2006

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September Haymaking fun day

**A**round 35 people came along to Funges Meadow Nature Reserve to join in our annual "Haymaking Fun Day". Families enjoyed the sunshine whilst looking for minibeasts. They then followed a scavenger hunt where they searched for 20 listed items from the longest blade of grass to munched

leaves. Pond dipping was by far the favourite activity of the day and this carried on into the darkness while we listened for bats on the bat detector and watched them catch their prey over the pond.

Julie Hopton

### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October Things that go bump in the night

**O**ur session in October had to change from "Apple juicing" to "Things that go bump in the night", which was themed around Halloween festivities. 32 people came along and made bat masks, flying bats, spiders and pumpkin stained glass panels from card and tissue.

Julie Hopton



*New leader Kristi with an example of the children's work.*

*Photograph by Julie Hopton*

### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November Natural art

**W**e had a brilliant "natural art" session in November. About 25 children were given the chance to let their imaginations go wild and they certainly created some fantastic creatures and sculptures from Willow, Dogwood, Hazel, cones, and other natural items, all locally

sourced from our woodlands. The odd piece of coloured wool or tissue paper added extra colour to their prized possessions which they took home to show Mum, Dad, Nanny or Grandpa.

Julie Hopton



*Children displaying their natural art.*

*Photographs by Julie Hopton*



## **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2006** **The Holly and the Ivy**

**F**or this event, the Family Group held open house at the Environment Centre for children who wanted to make Christmas decorations or cards. The lower room at the Centre was a sea of industry. It was a true family occasion, with several groups of parents with more than one child, brothers, sisters, cousins and even a few teenagers. A total of 87 people turned up between 2pm and 4pm and, as they came and went at different times, all were fitted in. At 3pm, I counted 42 people, including 19 children.

Many of the children like Chloe and Jessie were making Christmas cards with Nan being the most popular recipient. Others were making Christmas wreaths from evergreen branches with Holly, Fir cones and ribbons for decoration. I noticed one boy carefully weaving Mistletoe into his! At other tables, decorations were taking shape from strips of coloured paper and liberal applications of glue. Age was no barrier as 14 month old Eva was putting in some good work.

The 2007 Family Group programme has been planned up to June, but Julie would be pleased to receive suggestions for events in July and August.

Mary Williams



*Photographs by Mary Williams*

*Children working on their mural on the WWG stand at Wycombe Town Show in August 2006.*



*Photographs by Lorna Cassidy*





## Midweek visit to Wycombe Wildlife Group's allotment 19<sup>th</sup> September 2006

Although only four of us gathered outside the Environment Centre for the short walk to the allotment, we were joined by five others when we got there. We had a pleasant morning while we were shown round by Lorna Cassidy, the allotment management co-ordinator. The allotment was looking very attractive, with a number of flowers in bloom, including Buddleia, Michaelmas Daisy and Crane's-bills, and the Bees were busy collecting pollen. The vegetables, including Runner Beans which Lorna had trained over an arch, were

impressive. Another visit to the allotment is planned for May to give those who weren't able to come on this occasion, another chance to see this little-known asset of our Group. In the meantime, Lorna is preparing an exhibition of photographs of the allotment through the seasons for our wildlife gardening exhibition at the Environment Centre in the summer. Look out for details in our next programme.

Pat Morris

## Cadmore End Common walk 14<sup>th</sup> October 2006

The weather was dry and cloudy with mist when Bärbel Cheeswright led 11 of us to see the restored ponds on Cadmore End Common. The first pond we visited was  $\frac{3}{4}$  in Wheeler End and  $\frac{1}{4}$  in Cadmore End, a great big stone in the pond marking the boundary.

When work started on the second pond in November 2004, it was completely overgrown and 72 trees had to be taken out from in and around the pond. It is now a lovely stretch of water, Mallards have produced 35 ducklings and, for the first time this year, a pair of Coots have nested.

Bärbel showed us a third pond which has not been cleared, so we could get an idea of how the other two had looked before clearing work had commenced. She stressed the importance of both habitats for the diversity of flora and fauna found on the Common. Bärbel pointed out a 450 year-old Oak tree, and both blossom and ripening berries on the same Holly tree. On the way back to the car park we saw a Hawker dragonfly.

21 species of fungi were seen during our walk and these are listed on the October 2006 page of Scene in Wycombe on our website.

Karen Roberts

## A good autumn for fungi

Despite the long hot dry summer, 2006 finished with a very good autumn fungus season. The highlights for me were finding 14 fruiting bodies of the rare Old Man of the Woods (*Strobilomyces strobilaceus*) in Common Wood and managing to get some photographs of the even rarer Parasitic Bolete (*Pseudoboletus parasiticus*) which grows only on another fungus, the Common Earthball (*Scleroderma citrinum*) and can be found near Marlow. Although

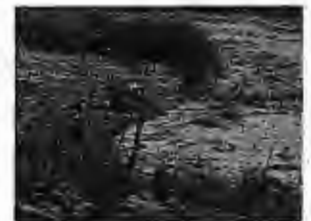
the normally spectacular display of Waxcap species on the Common at Penn Street was very disappointing this year, the rare Pink Waxcap (*Hygrocybe calyptiformis*) put in its usual appearance on the nearby vicarage lawn. The Parrot Waxcap (*Hygrocybe psittacina*) came up on our lawn again this year but not in such large numbers as in 2005.

Roger Wilding



*Allotment visit*

*Photograph by Lorna Cassidy*



*Cadmore End Common*

*Photographs by Roger Wilding (on left)  
and Mary Williams (on right)*



*Old Man of the Woods and Parasitic Bolete  
Photographs by Roger Wilding*



## From the kitchen window by "Phil Space"

By the beginning of December, I would have expected to have seen large numbers of birds in the garden but they haven't returned after the summer. I've seen a few Blue, Great and Long-tailed Tits in the Apple tree. A small flock of Starlings have visited the Dogwood occasionally, and eaten the berries. A Robin did too but, instead of landing and eating, it hovered in the fashion of a Hummingbird, snatched a berry and then flew to a convenient branch to eat it. But where are the House Sparrows? Numbers are down nationally we are told, but there were quite a few pairs here some months back. Only 2 or 3 pairs seemed to have returned. Food placed on the bird table goes untouched. There are still Rooks, Jackdaws and Magpies but the pair of Collared Doves have disappeared.

The absence of birds is counter-balanced by the blooming or continued flowering of various plants, however. Kerria and other plants often bloom sporadically throughout the year but the Winter Jasmine was out two months before

Christmas. Valerian, Purple Toadflax, Periwinkle, Lamium, Bramble and Phlox still have flowers and there were flowers on Holly and Rosemary. There have been letters in the papers on this subject, of course, and perhaps the strangest record was of Daffodils seen in Kent. I've seen wild Roses in Hughenden Park and a Wayfaring Tree in bloom at Downley. Now there are Narcissi and Lords and Ladies poking through the ground. Cow Parsley and Chervil in the garden have died down but are now growing again, so far without flowering. Pelargoniums, Fuchsias and other plants in troughs and pots are still flowering even after several frosts.

The yellow Buddleia still has a few flower heads, which is good news for the butterflies which feed on it on sunny days. My last species sightings for 2006 were Comma and Peacock on 29 October, Small Tortoiseshell on 6 November and Red Admiral on 9 December.

## Don't kill your birds with kindness

Since wildbird feeding started on a large scale, a lot has been discovered about diseases affecting wild birds. Last year Salmonella and E-coli, which also affect humans, were in the news, and then there were the fears about H5NI spreading from birds to humans. Now outbreaks of yet another disease have been found, Trichomoniasis. Although the latter cannot affect humans, and in the past has only been known as a disease of Pigeons and Doves, which could be passed on to birds of prey who ate them, it has now been found in Finches and Sparrows. Trichomoniasis, which is caused by the microscopic parasite *Trichomonas gallinae*, is a particularly horrible disease. It builds up in the throat and gullet and causes choking and eventual death. It is passed on through food or water contaminated with infected saliva, or maybe droppings.

It is therefore more important than ever that we observe strict rules of hygiene when feeding garden birds. Clean feeders regularly, provide fresh water daily, and rotate feeding areas. Use a brush dipped in detergent for cleaning, or a

proprietary brand of cleaner, such as Arkklens for feeders and drinking bowls, and Gardenklens powder for sprinkling on feeding areas.

We all feed birds because we want to help them survive. We don't want our well-meant actions inadvertently to lead to their deaths. Don't kill your birds with kindness.

Pat Morris



*Microscopic Trichomonas organism*  
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## What's that bird? - Winter visitors



### **Siskin**

Length 12 cm

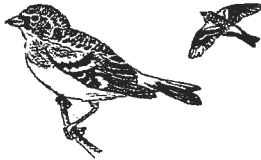
Smaller than Greenfinch and more streaked. Male has black forehead and chin patch. Yellow wing bars.



### **Greenfinch**

Length 14.5 cm

Plainer and more chunky than Siskin with yellow edge to wing. Both the Siskin and Greenfinch have yellow outer tail feathers.



### **Brambling**

Length 15 cm.

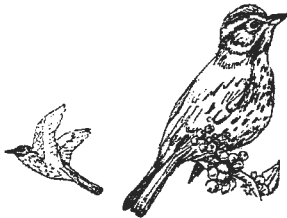
Similar to Chaffinch but with a white rump. White wing bars. Male has orange breast and shoulders.



### **Chaffinch**

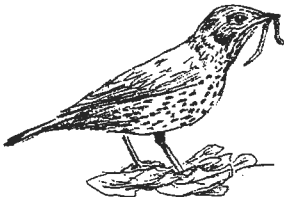
Length 15 cm

Greenish rump. White wing bars and white outer tail feathers, which are prominent in flight.



### **Redwing**

Length 20 cm. The smallest member of the Thrush Family. Prominent white stripe over eyes. Rust-red flanks and underwing.



### **Song Thrush**

Length 22 cm.

Beige underwing.



### **Fieldfare**

Length 25 cm

Grey head and rump. Dark tail. Chestnut brown back. White underwings.



### **Mistle Thrush**

Length 28 cm.

The largest member of the Thrush Family. Shows white underwing and white tips to outer tail feathers in flight.



## **IMPORTANT**

### **Membership subscription changes**

**T**he Group has managed to keep its subscription charges unchanged for at least 10 years but it has been decided to make the following alterations from April 2007.

One rate will cover all categories of membership. The present concessionary rate will be withdrawn and a new discounted rate will be offered to members who pay by Standing Order.

Members already paying by Standing Order will have their subscription rate frozen at their existing level for a further three years.

Members still paying by cheque or cash will be invited to complete a Standing Order mandate before April 2007 and, if they do, they will also benefit by having their existing rate frozen for three years.

**From 1 April 2007 the subscription rates will be:**

Members signing up to Standing Order before April 2007 - current rate held for another three years

Members and new members paying by cash or cheque - £7.00

New members paying by Standing Order - £6.00

There is no need for you to take any action at the moment. The Membership Secretary will write to members not yet paying by Standing Order early in the new year to offer the Standing Order facility.

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If so complete this application  
(or a photocopy) and send to :

WWG Membership Secretary

c/o 73 Carver Hill Road,

High Wycombe, HP11 2UB

I / We wish to join WWG

Name :

Address :

Tel. no.

Amount enclosed, (please circle)

£5 (Individual/Family/Household/  
School/Organisation)

£2.50 (Student or Retired Individual)

(Rates applicable up to 31.03.07)



# WILDLIFE NOTICE BOARD



## Observations



### Butterflies and moths

August Purple Emperors - Penn Wood  
 19.09.06 Hummingbird Hawkmoth - Downley  
 29.10.06 Last Peacock - Downley  
 06.11.06 Last Small Tortoiseshell - Downley  
 06.12.06 Last Comma - Hazlemere  
 09.12.06 Last Red Admiral - Downley

### Birds

Late Sep 74 Linnets, 56 Long-tailed Tits - Grange Farm  
 29.10.06 380 Redwings - Beacon Hill

### Harlequin ladybirds

28.10.06 Cock Lane Cemetery car park  
 31.10.06 3 at the Environment Centre on Holywell Mead  
 03.11.06 Hughenden Park  
 07.11.06 In house, Amersham Hill Drive

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