Loose Leaf
autumn/winter
2011 newsletter

Pull out sections for Volunteer Tasks and Crawley Health Walks.

Gatwick Greenspace Partnership

Photo: Courtesy of David Stevens
Thanks for taking the time to read about our work, I hope that we can encourage you to join in with some of our tasks or just do something for the wildlife in your neighbourhood. Alternatively, you might just want to take advantage of our free guided walks and explore the countryside near you as the seasons change.

Since the last “Loose Leaf” we have sadly had to say goodbye to Barry Wildish, our Green Health Officer and Ted Wright, one of our stalwart volunteer walk leaders. On a personal note, I would like to say a massive “Thank you” to them for all their hard work over the years…Their regular walkers and volunteers will miss them I’m sure. Stepping up to lead some of the walks now is Colin Choles, whom many of you will know already and I would like to add “Thank you” and “Good luck” Colin!

There was a good turn out for the British Birds of Prey event that we held at Tilgate Park in July, with almost 100 people enjoying a close encounter of the feathered kind and learning about them from their handler, Julian Huxley. Events like this are a great way of engaging people with wildlife, so I was pleased that the people who came were genuinely interested and were asking lots of questions. Huxley’s are based in Horsham, so if you missed them at Tilgate Park in July, you don’t have far to go to see them at your leisure.

In-between his Forest Schools sessions, Tom Forward was training hard earlier this year for his charity challenge in Snowdonia and he has filed a report in this issue. Pete Crawford is also doing his bit for charity…walking from Stonehenge to Avebury for the Alzheimer’s Society in the space of 24 hours in September. Well done Tom and good luck in September Pete.

Finally for now, I mentioned last time that we are planning to merge our leaflet with our colleagues at Buchan Country Park and Warnham Local Nature Reserve…This will hopefully now take place next Spring, to allow us more time to plan our activities, so watch out for that in April.

Regards,

Kevin Lerwill,
Project Officer.
March heralds the main Bird nesting season and so we turned our attention from Woodland management to tasks which created minimal disturbance or moved to sites where there was less risk of disturbance. This included footbridge installation (See photo) and informal Pond creation at Owlbeech Woods and repairs to squeeze gates at Glover’s Wood.

I heard my first Cuckoo on the 17th April. In fact, Spring was exceptionally warm this year and it saw the early emergence of many species, including Green Hairstreak Butterflies on the 24th April and Broad Bodied Chaser Dragonflies on the 8th May, a good couple of weeks earlier than normal.

The volunteers (including Corporate groups and students from Thomas Bennett school in Crawley) made a huge dent in the tall stands of Laurel (and Rhododendron) surrounding the ponds at Broadfield Park and St Leonard’s Park throughout the first half of the year…and the fire brigade were only called out by the public once! They will be a much more attractive breeding area for many species, especially Odonata, now that they have been exposed to sunlight again after years in the shadow of surrounding invasive shrubs.

We have also been helping to improve the green spaces just outside Dorking for Mole Valley District Council (and Surrey Wildlife Trust), as part of their Heritage Lottery Bid…including a new site for us…Deepdene Terrace, with a spectacular view from the top…although Claire Bostock had the misfortune of finding another Wasp nest here the hard way! Sorry Claire, it is a good job that you are not allergic to their stings, as you seem to be attracted to their nests in some way!

However, the barmy Spring eventually gave way to a more familiar English Summer and we were given a proper soaking during heavy showers at Hammond’s Copse in July… but at least we have been spared a hosepipe ban!

Kevin
Alongside a busy year at GGP delivering Forest School sessions, Bushcraft days and supporting schools and trainees in developing outdoor learning programmes, I set myself 4 major challenges for 2011 outside of, but related to work. These were to complete the Brighton Half Marathon and Brighton Marathon to raise funds for Sussex Wildlife Trust, to try to identify and learn about 1,000 wildlife species in a bid to improve my natural history knowledge, and to complete the Welsh 3000s challenge with an intrepid team from the CADIA (Gatwick Diamond Business Association of which SWT is a member) to raise funds for 12 local charities chosen by the group, including SWT.

At time of writing I have just completed the Welsh 3000s which for those who don’t know involves walking, scrambling and climbing 15 3000ft peaks in Snowdonia in 24hrs. This is a sleep deprived gruelling mission, covering 30miles and ascending a total of 4000m. We were pushed to the limits of physical and mental endurance and with fine weather on our side were successful. Nearly £10k was raised. On the way I added a few new species to my list including these Feral Goats (pictured) we passed on the way, which belong to a naturalised population living high up in Snowdonia and also the carnivorous Common Butterwort.

To date I have completed the Welsh 3000s, the Half Marathon in February, though unfortunately I did not even start the full Marathon in April due to a knee injury. I have just passed 800 species which includes wildlife from plants and insects to birds and mammals.

No time to rest yet!

Tom
For all walks: a sensible pair of walking boots or shoes are advisable. The level 2 and 3 walks may be wet and muddy and there will be occasional stiles and gates to negotiate.

Level 1 walks – Gentle walks, suitable for all

Suitable for the very unfit, those recovering from illness, accident or operation and walkers with limited stamina. No stiles on these walks.

**Worth Park** 10.00am, 1st Monday of every month. Worth Park (formerly known as Milton Mount Gardens) is located in Pound Hill. Meet at Grattons Drive on the corner of the park by the Tavern on the Green pub.

**Goffs Park** 10.30am Tuesdays at Goffs Park, Horsham Road, close to centre of town. The 23 & 24 buses stop just along from the carpark. Join Jayne from the free car-park by the level crossing.

**Broadfield Stream** 10.00am Wednesdays. Meet at the recycling Centre car-park, Broadfield Barton shops, Crawley. Buses 1, 10, & 20 call at the shops. Please join Martin and Katie for a cuppa in the community centre after.

**Cherry Lane, Langley Green** 10.45am Wednesdays at Cherry Lane Recreation Field, Langley Green. The 4 & 5 buses run along the nearby Martyrs Avenue.

**Level 2 walk. A brisk guided walk for an hour, 2-3 miles.**
**Every Tuesday at 9.30**

The Tuesday walk alternates between Buchan Country Park and Tilgate Park. For Buchan, off Horsham Road, meet at the Countryside Centre. Nearest buses 1,10, 23, 24, 200.

Tilgate Park meet at the carpark on Gainsborough Road, off Titmus Drive Nearest bus 2,3,73.

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### LEVEL 2 WALKS – ALL, START AT 9:30

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### LEVEL 3 CIRCULAR WALKS – ALL LEVEL 3 WALKS START AT 10.00, UNLESS STATED LONGER WALKS, MAYBE MUD, STILES

For more information, please contact the walk leaders as appropriate:

- Brenda: 07847 022288
- Pete: 0777 590 7492
- Kevin: 07788 101544
- Colin: 07841 758931
- Tom: 0777 137 5254

### The GGP walking festival – September 2nd-17th

- **Friday 2nd.** Tilgate Forest Trail (4 miles). Meet Gainsborough Road car park, Crawley. (Brenda)
- **Saturday 3rd.** St Leonard’s loop (7 miles). Meet at Buchan Country Park. With a pub lunch at the Dragon Pub en route. (Pete)
- **Sunday 4th.** Charlwood to the River Mole (6 miles). Park considerately at end of Chapel Road, Charlwood. (Pete)
- **Tuesday 6th.** Our regular Tilgate Park (2 miles) 9:30 start. see Level 2 walks above
- **Thursday 8th.** Pound the Parks (3.5 miles). Meet at Grattons Park car-park, St Marys Drive, (by the railway bridge) Crawley. (Pete)
- **Friday 9th.** East Horley Circular (6 miles). Meet at the Farmhouse Pub, Langshott, Horley. (Pete)
- **Saturday 10th.** Newdigate Woods (6 miles). Meet at Surrey Oaks pub, Parkgate Road, nr Newdigate RH5 5DZ. (Kevin)
- **Sunday 11th.** Sun Oak walk (5.5 miles). Meet Leechpool Woods car-park, Harwood Road, Horsham. (Tom)
- **Tuesday 13th.** Buchan Country Park (9:30 start see Level 2 walks above)
- **Thursday 15th.** Capel caper (6 miles). Meet at Memorial Hall car park off Mortimer Road, Capel. Pub lunch afterwards. (Pete)
- **Friday 16th.** Worthlodge Forest (5.5 miles). Meet at Maidenbower Park, off Maidenbower Drive, Crawley. (Brenda)
- **Saturday 17th – Rusper ramble (5 miles) Meet at the village car park by the church (Pete)**

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Volunteer Task Programme

THE VEHICLE LEAVES TILGATE PARK FOR SITE AT 9.30AM. PLEASE RING THE DAY BEFORE IF YOU WANT A LIFT (FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED), OR MEET ON SITE FROM 0945AM ONWARDS. ON THE DAY PLEASE RING 07788 101544 (OR 0777 5907492).

New to us?

We usually work from 10 ‘til 4pm but you are free to join or leave us earlier or later...Please wear suitable outdoor clothing and sturdy footwear. Drink and biscuits are provided, but bring a packed lunch if you are intending to stay all day.

All tools and gloves are provided as well as insurance and supervision. Under 16’s must be accompanied by a responsible adult and please ensure you have an up to date tetanus immunisation. A first aider will be available if needed.

September


Wednesday 7th – Deepdene Terrace. Small Tree removal. Meet at end of Deepdene Wood Road, at top of the hill, off Punchbowl Lane. TQ 175 489.


Sunday 25th – St Leonard’s Forest. Heathland maintenance. Meet at the old Ranger’s lodge on the bridleway, south of Forest Road, Colgate. TQ 221 324.


October

Wednesday 5th – Edolph’s Copse. Pond clearance. Meet at the main entrance off Stan Hill Road, Charlwood. TQ 234 422.

Thursday 13th – Edolph’s Copse. Pond clearance. Meet at the main entrance off Stan Hill Road, Charlwood. TQ 234 422.
Wednesday 19th – Tanyard Pond. *Coppicing.* Meet at Pond entrance, on Langshott Road, Lake Lane, Horley. TQ 293 440.

Sunday 23rd – St Leonard’s Forest. *Heathland maintenance.* Meet at the old Ranger’s lodge on the bridleway, south of Forest Road, Colgate. TQ 221 324.

Thursday 27th – Target Hill. *Coppicing and Pond clearance.* Meet at Pond entrance off Hobbs Road, Crawley. TQ 251 345.

November


Sunday 6th – Owlbeech Woods *Megabash.* Meet at the carpark by the playground at the end of Owlbeech Way, off South Holmes Road, Horsham. TQ 197 316. (Alternative parking at Leechpool car park TQ 195 313).

Thursday 10th – Hammond’s Copse. *Pondside coppicing.* Meet at entrance off Broad Lane, Newdigate. TQ 209 442.

Wednesday 16th – St Leonard’s Park Ponds. *Laurel clearance.* Park at track entrance off Hammerpond Road. TQ 203 299. The ponds are a 10 minute walk up the farm track and through the metal gate on your left, across the field.

Thursday 24th – Newdigate Ponds. *Small Tree thinning.* Meet at Reserve entrance, to the left of new housing. TQ 203 425.

Sunday 27th – St Leonard’s Forest. *Heathland maintenance.* Meet at the old Ranger’s lodge on the bridleway, south of Forest Road, Colgate. TQ 221 324.

Wednesday 30th – Warnham LNR, Horsham. *Grassland management.* Meet outside the visitor’s centre. TQ 169 326.

December

Thursday 8th – Edolph’s Copse. *Coppicing.* Meet at main entrance off Stan Hill Road, Charlwood. TQ 234 422.

Wednesday 14th – Buchan Park. *Rhodi burning.* Meet at visitor’s centre, off Horsham Road. TQ 246 347.

Sunday 18th – St Leonard’s Forest. *Christmas caper.* Meet at the old Ranger’s lodge on the bridleway, south of Forest Road, Colgate. TQ 221 324.

Thursday 22nd – Edolph’s Christmas Coppice (see 8th December). *(We are closed between Christmas and New Year’s Day).*

January

Thursday 5th – Owlbeech Woods. *Heathland maintenance.* Meet at the car-park by the playground at the end
of Owlbeech Way, off South Holmes Road, Horsham. TQ 197 316.

**Wednesday 11th – Ashplat’s Wood SSSI.**
**Rhodi clearance.** Meeting point TBA.

**Thursday 19th – Glover’s Wood.**
**Coppicing and glade creation.** Meet at the end of Glover’s Road, off Russ Hill Road, Charlwood. TQ 237 410.

**Sunday 22nd – St Leonard’s Forest.**
**Heathland maintenance.** Meet at the old Ranger’s lodge on the bridleway, south of Forest Road, Colgate. TQ 221 324.

**Wednesday 25th – St Leonard’s Park Ponds.** (See Wednesday 16th November).

**February**

**Thursday 2nd – Glory Wood SSSI, Dorking.** Tree thinning.
Meeting point TBA.

**Wednesday 8th – Hammond’s Copse.**
**Small Tree thinning.** Meet at entrance off Broad Lane, Newdigate. TQ 209 442.

**Thursday 16th – Tilgate Park.**
**Rhodi removal.** Meet at GGP office, Unit 7 Tilgate Park (limited free parking outside office). TQ 274 343.

**Wednesday 22nd – Great Turner’s Wood.**
**Task TBA.** Meet by Wood entrance on Highland Road, near Holmwood Station, off A24. TQ 174 434.

**Sunday 26th – St Leonard’s Forest.**

**Heathland maintenance.** Meet at the old Ranger’s lodge on the bridleway, south of Forest Road, Colgate. TQ 221 324.

**March**

**Thursday 1st – Glover’s Wood.**
**Coppicing and Glade creation.** See Thursday 19th January.

**Wednesday 7th – St Leonard’s Park ponds.** (See Wednesday 16th November).

**Thursday 15th – Broadfield Park.**
(See Thursday 15th September).

**Wednesday 21st – Buchan Park.**
(See Wednesday 14th December).

**Sunday 25th – St Leonard’s Forest.**
**Heathland maintenance.** Meet at the old Ranger’s lodge on the bridleway, south of Forest Road, Colgate. TQ 221 324.

**Thursday 29th – Betchworth Park.**
**Task TBA.** Meet at the first turning left off Punchbowl Lane, opposite Ladygate Road. TQ 177 496.

*Extra tasks may be advertised during normal task days and on the website.*
I always look forward to Summer...it’s when we are visited for a short time by a group of invertebrates that pre-date the Dinosaurs...Odonata. This family is divided into two distinct groups, Anisoptera and Zygoptera (or Dragonflies and Damselflies as they are more commonly known) and they have existed, almost unchanged for over 300 million years, although they are considerably smaller now than when this land had a subtropical climate and they were top predators in a world dominated by smaller insects.

The colourful species that we see flying around today have adapted easily to our patchwork system of Woods, Hedgerows, Fields and myriad Ponds, Streams, Rivers and Lakes and they all gravitate to fresh water in order to find a mate and reproduce. You can often see some species locked in a heart-shaped “embrace” as they lay their fertilised eggs (up to a 100 or so) into water or onto Pond vegetation, although this is to protect the female from other males while she is vulnerable. The larvae (or nymphs) then spend most of their lives, some up to 4 or 5 years, as predators in the Pond debris, before emerging onto a plant stem and hatching from their final exo-skeleton in late Spring onwards. As adults, they spend just a few weeks flying, feeding and finding a mate... They are incredibly agile in the air, even able to fly backwards and sideways and can move each of their 4 wings independently in order to reach speeds up to 30 mph.

For us, they are a key indicator species for good water quality, but they are also another indicator that our climate is changing, as more species cross over from Europe and begin to colonize the warmer parts of (southern) England. You can help them by creating a wildlife pond in your garden (the bigger the better), if you don’t already have one that is, but please only plant native pond plants, refrain from putting any Fish in it (they will eat the larvae) and then look forward to having visitors from a pre-historic world in your garden next Summer.
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Crawley Health Walks  
**February**

- **Thursday 2nd - Rowfant walk (4 miles).** Meet at Rowfant car park, Wallage Lane, opposite the old station and colas. (Brenda)

- **Friday 10th - Ifield (5 miles) Meet at car-park behind Plough, Ifield (Colin)**

- **Thursday 16th – Staplefield to Nymans (3.5 miles).** Meet at the lay-by on the west side of the village green, opposite the Tanners pub, B2114. (Brenda)

- **Sat. 18th – Old Crawley (6 miles) Meet at the Goffs Park car-park, by level crossing on Horsham Road, Crawley (Pete)**

- **Friday 24th – Leigh (4 miles) Park at the Plough, Church Road, Leigh RH2 8NJ (Colin).**


**March**

- **Friday 2nd - Balcombe to Staplefield (7.5 miles).** Meet in the lay-by on the B2036 south, just before you reach the village. (Brenda)

- **Friday 9th – Faygate foray (5 miles) Meet at the Holmbush pub, Faygate RH12 4SH. (Colin)**

- **Sat. 10th – St Leonards Forest (6 miles) Meet at the Dragon, Colgate (Pete)**

- **Friday 16th – Worth Lodge Forest (3.5 miles).** Meet at Maidenbower Park, Maidenbower Drive. (Brenda)

- **Friday 23rd – Capel caper (6 miles). Meet at Memorial Hall car park off Mortimer Road, Capel. Pub lunch afterwards. (Colin)**

- **Friday 30th- Balcombe to Ardingly (8 miles). Meet in the lay-by on the B2036 south, just before you reach the village. (Brenda)**
Native ponies such as Exmoor ponies are already used extensively in conservation grazing on nature reserves including chalk grassland on the South Downs and lowland heath in the Ashdown Forest. But not only is grazing with horses and ponies beneficial to these habitats, grazing your animals on species-rich grassland can actually be better for your horse’s health.

Horses and ponies have very different dietary requirements from cattle and sheep. With a few exceptions, such as brood mares and competition horses, the best diet for equines is a high-fibre, low-protein diet. The problem with modern pasture is that the grazing can be too rich and lead to health problems such as laminitis and obesity. A well-managed pasture full of fine-leaved wild grasses and wild flowers, alive with butterflies and bees provides a healthy environment for horses and ponies. Some plants even have medicinal properties that can benefit their health. There are other advantages too. Good paddock management reduces weed infestation, and as meadow species flower at different times, with varying palatability through the flowering season, horses and ponies actively search for their favourite plants, exercising as they graze.

The Gatwick Greenspace Partnership offers free advice to horse-owners including private owners, riding stables, studs and liveries on best grassland management. If you’re interested in finding out more please contact Petra Billings for further information on 01273 497515 or email petrabillings@sussexwt.org.uk.
Roe deer are common across the Gatwick Greenspace Partnership area, which has much ideal habitat for them. They need woodland but will often be seen grazing out in farmland, although always close to cover. They are native to this country, and are now the most widely distributed species of deer in the UK. However, they had been hunted to extinction in England by 1800 and were re-introduced from surviving Scottish stock.

Male roe deer are called bucks, and have antlers, with three tines or points, whilst the females called does, do not grow antlers. The young are known as kids, born in May or June. The deer tend to be solitary, unless it is a doe with her offspring but often form small groups in winter. They grow up to 75cm / 30 inches at the shoulder, although the does tend to be a little smaller. In the wild, roe deer rarely live much beyond 6 years.

Roe deer tend to be most active at dawn and dusk, but can be seen at any time. They are browsers, so eat a wide selection of plants, including the buds and leaves of trees, ivy, heather, bramble and grasses. This can make them a pest in woodland. When we do coppicing we have to put up fencing to keep the deer from browsing all the re-growth off.

In these parts you can often see them at Owlbeech and Leechpool Woods in Horsham, Buchan and Tilgate Parks, and anywhere across the wooded Surrey landscape. I often get good views of them from the train between Horsham and Crawley grazing in the fields around Faygate!

Although roe deer are common, and I have seen lots of them, to see one is always an exciting moment, an unexpected encounter with the wild.
The Friends of St Leonard’s Forest was formed on 21st January 1998 to conserve the heath land. This rare, sensitive and ecologically important habitat was becoming overgrown, resulting in fewer sightings of the rare birds, reptiles and invertebrates which it supports.

We would like your help with the following tasks, conserving wildlife friendly habitats, created and maintained by our volunteers:

- Cutting and pulling Birch and other invasive Heathland vegetation along the forest rides, encouraging Heather, Gorse and Alder Buckthorn to thrive.
- Brashing (removing the lower branches of conifers) allowing light into the edge of the plantation allowing more Heather to grow.
- Rhododendron removal. Although most of the big plants have now been removed over the last 10 years. This ongoing work is now looking to control smaller plants and seedlings.
- Pond digging in the wetter areas. So far we have created three ponds which have resulted in an increase in Dragonflies.

The group meets every fourth Sunday of the month at the rangers lodge off Forest Road on the bridal way just south of Colgate. TQ 221 324 Tools are provided.
Contact Mike Heald on 01403 731 885 evenings.

For more information - www.friendsofstleonardsforest.org.uk
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