



**Worcestershire
Wildlife Trust**

Droitwich Local Group News

Summer 2019

Firstly, FAREWELL and heartfelt thanks to John and Naomi Christelow, who have served on Droitwich local committee for several years and have recently made a significant move to northeast Scotland to be nearer to their daughters. We wish them good luck and every happiness in their new adventure. Hopefully we can look forward to hearing news about their wildlife encounters in the not too distant future.

Obviously their departure leaves vacancies on your local group committee, so if any of our loyal readers are looking for a new and enjoyable challenge, then please do contact Sue Jenkins on 07702371953 or mention your interest to committee members at any of the meetings.

Review since the last newsletter...

The final indoor meeting of our spring season was held on Monday 11th March when founder of the Staffordshire Mammal Group, Derek Crawley, delivered a most entertaining, fascinating and informative, illustrated talk entitled "Mammal Tracks, Signs and Trails."

A guided walk, led by reserve manager David Molloy, to the recently acquired Hardwick Green Meadows was arranged for Thursday 13th June. Sadly, due to inclement weather conditions, this had to be postponed until July.

Summer is here...

I'm writing this in June and "summer" is allegedly here. Despite the torrential rain and with the hope that the sun will return, there are many opportunities to savour the delights of our varied local wildlife. For example, comparing parenting styles on The Flashes at Upton Warren between avocets, black headed gulls and others; spotting peregrine falcons on the masts; perhaps just listening for our swifts, swallows and house martins, which will be leaving us shortly. Please cherish those precious moments and remember to share them at our next meeting, when we look forward to welcoming you all!



Avocets at Upton Warren by Bas Yates

Come along to a talk or walk

Summer is gathering pace and shorter daylight hours are already taking hold. Below is a brief outline of future events to mark in your diaries and calendars...

Monday 9th September, 7.30pm

"My Wild Year" a talk by Roger Pannell

Join Roger Pannell for an entertaining journey through a wild year.

Thursday 19th September

Bat Walk to Coney Meadow

Join us and bat expert and ecologist Paul Wilkinson from the Canal and Rivers Trust for a walk along the River Salwarpe and Droitwich Canal to Coney Meadow and back.

Booking essential - Sue Jenkins 07702 371953 / suejenkins@doctors.org.uk £3 per person

Park at the playing fields on Ombersley Road near the entrance to Droitwich Community Woods.

Monday 14th October, 7.30pm

"The Barn Owl: Its Plight & Future" – a talk by Alan Peace

Illustrated talk with at least two owls for some of the audience to hold – bring cameras!

Saturday 26th October, 11am

Chaddesley Wood & Anthill Meadow

Join local expert Gordon Forrest as he leads us on a seasonal wildlife exploration.

Booking essential - Sue Jenkins 07702 371953 / suejenkins@doctors.org.uk £3 per person

Meet at the junction of Jubilee Ride with Tanwood Lane. Optional pub lunch afterwards.

Monday 11th November, 7.30pm

"Wildlife Of Orchards" - a talk by Helen Woodman

Join Worcestershire Wildlife Trust's Head of Conservation, Helen Woodman, for a fascinating talk about orchard wildlife. There will be an opportunity to sample cider and perry.

Our talks are held at Droitwich Methodist Church, Worcester Road, Droitwich WR9 8AN

All our welcome at our meetings, which include refreshments and cost £2.50 per person.

Please note that WWT Christmas cards and calendars will be on sale at our November meeting.

Please remember to check online at Worcestershire Wildlife Trust's website for up to date information www.worcswildlifetrust.co.uk