



## HAM NEWS Bulletin ~ Oct-Dec 2011

HAM AGM ~ Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Burgage Hall, Church Lane,  
Ledbury

AGM Meeting starts at 7.30pm, and then is to be followed with a talk by Dr Jane Sedgley on

**Mysterious Mystacina and Cryptic  
Chalinolobus**

**An Introduction to Bat Research in New  
Zealand**



There is no parking immediately nearby the hall, so parking in the nearby streets should be fine as there are no parking restrictions in the evenings. For directions, please go to the link below or see info underneath.

<http://www.ledburycivicsociety.org/lookingafterledbury/lookingafterledbury/directions.html>



The Burgage Hall whereabouts are fairly straightforward. Find the Market House: it's a large black and white building on stilts at the northern end of High Street (coloured pink/red on the map above). (Nearby shops include CC, The Baker's Oven, Ledbury News, HSBC Bank.) Standing on the pavement with your back to Market House, face a shop called Celebrations, which is one shop to the left of The Baker's Oven, and around the corner is a narrow cobbled street: that's Church Lane.

Walk up Church Lane towards the church spire and after a few buildings along on the right hand side, just before you reach the Prince of Wales pub on the left, you'll find an iron gate and railings. Enter through the gate and in front of you is Butcher Row House Museum. There's a large sign outside. The entrance to Burgage Hall is alongside the museum.

## MAMMAL SOCIETY NEWS

### Mammal News Out

The Autumn issue of Mammal News is out – with articles on Vaccinating Badgers, Dutch Mammals and Red Squirrels amongst others, it's another issue chock full of mammaly goodness. If you are a member of The Mammal Society and do not receive your copy of Mammal News shortly, [please contact the office](#) – you don't want to miss out.

Don't forget we still need you to [complete our members' questionnaire here](#) which will let us know what you like, what you don't, and what we can do to improve what The Mammal Society offers.

### Spring Conference Bookings for Members

The Mammal Society Spring Conference on 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at Chatham in Kent is now open for members to book their spaces. As we have kept the price of the conference very low for 2012, we are anticipating that the event will be very busy, so are restricting bookings to members only until 4<sup>th</sup> November. [Members can book their space here](#). If you are not a member, [click here and join today](#).



### Regional Seminar

There are still a few spaces left on our Regional Seminar at Bangor University on 12<sup>th</sup> November, but they are going fast so [book your regional seminar space now](#). Prices start at £20 for students – you can [find out more about the day here](#).

### Has the recent weather impacted on Mammals?

We've been approached by media outlets recently asking if the unseasonal weather has had an impact on mammals. What have your experiences been recently? If you have any information you could share, even anecdotally, [please let us know in the office](#) and we will pass your experiences / findings on.



### Back issues of Mammal Review for Sale

We've been approached by a member of The Mammal Society who wishes to sell his back issues of Mammal Review from Volumes 1 – 35. If you are interested, [please contact the office](#) and we will pass on your details.

### Competencies for Species Survey guidance

We've been working with IEEM and groups such as BCT and ARC to produce a set of Competencies for Species Surveys with the aim of helping drive up standards of practice within the ecological profession. The documents are available to [download from the IEEM website](#). We recommend you read the Overview in conjunction with each document.



## Interesting Gallery

We always like receiving interesting links and pictures from you so please keep sending them in. Thanks to Alison Sen for this link to a [great gallery](#) of animals and birds with leucism and other skin colour variations.

## BATS

### Bat Box checks

Nov 20	Lea & Pagets	(Woolhope)
Dec 18	White Rocks	(Doward)
Jan 15	Ast Wood	(Ledbury)
Feb 19	Nupend	(Woolhope)
March 18	Woodend	(Doward)
April 15	Ast Wood	(Ledbury)

Contact Dave Smith on 01432 266937/07905 84942 or [davetreesmith@aol.co.uk](mailto:davetreesmith@aol.co.uk) if you want to attend and for more details.

## OTHER

Living with Mammals Survey - [www.ptes.org/lwm](http://www.ptes.org/lwm) & Mammals on Roads [www.ptes.org/MoR](http://www.ptes.org/MoR).

Hilary Smith and Fiona McGloughlin have stepped down from the committee.

This means we have an opening on the committee for another member. If anyone is interested in stepping up then please contact Jessica Lamerton on 01432 341837 or [jessicalamerton@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jessicalamerton@yahoo.co.uk).

## MAMMAL RECORDS

Please send all records to Felicity Burge, contact details below.

## HAM MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Please note that your 2011 - 12 subscriptions fall due for renewal at the AGM. If you are unable to attend, it would greatly assist us if you would send your subs to HAM's treasurer at the address overleaf. The cost has been retained at £5 per person.



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#### Vacancy 1

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