



HAM NEWS Bulletin – Dec2009/Jan 2010

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday December 7th: Bechstein's project joint meeting between HAM and Worcs bat group to discuss feasibility @ Talbot Inn Knightwick, see info on next page.

Bat box checks with Dave Smith:

Dec 20 Ast wood SO 673 379
Jan 17 Lea & Pageaets wood SO 598343
Feb 21 Woodside SO 555 157
Mar 21 Ast wood SO 673 379
April 18 Nupend SO 580 354

N.B.

Dec 20th - after bat box check drink @ ast wood there is a Christmas BBQ in the woods bring your own food & drink.

Mar 21st - after batbox check @ ast wood there is a dormouse box making session.

PLEASE contact (Dave Smith) if you intend coming to any of the above on 01885 400310/ 07905 84942 or davetreesmith@aol.co.uk

A SPECIAL THANKS TO HILARY:

Hilary has stepped down as HAM Co-ordinator, we would like to say thank you for all her hard work towards HAM for the last 10 years.

“Without Hilary there would be no HAM today and this is no exaggeration. From its inception she has been my main contact for everything and anything I needed to know or find out about, and if she didn't have the answer immediately, she would look into it or work at it until she found the right one. Goodness knows how much effort and how many hours she has worked on our behalf.

Hil became the co-ordinator again after Phil Sutton left the area and took on this work with her usual enthusiasm and diligence, and I have no doubt she is still going to be an incredible asset from now on by concentrating on survey work and similar activities. Thank goodness we had her - and still have her - under our wing. Thank you Hil for all you did for me and HAM.” **By Felicity Burge**

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO VIV GREEN:

Viv Green has stepped in as the new Co-ordinator for HAM, we WELCOME her to the team!



Dear HAM Member

Further to my recent email regarding the proposed BCT Bechstein's Bat Survey and a flurry of activity over the last few days on the forum website, a meeting is being called for all those with any interest (great or small) in participating in the project. The general consensus at present appears to be in favour of proposing to tackle a smaller patch in the area adjoining the southern part of both counties rather than all of both counties.

The purpose of this meeting is outlined below and is taken from parts of messages that I have "copied and pasted" from several communications from the forum:

... to have this meeting as soon as possible so that we can report our decision back to the BCT, before they allocate the resources to another group and we lose our chance. We cannot afford to faff around too much on this one, if we can't organise and commit to a meeting to discuss the project, it does not bode well to implementing it!

The meeting will take place on MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER
7.30 pm at The Talbot Inn Knightwick - <http://tinyurl.com/talbotinn>

To openly debate the Herefordshire/Worcestershire Bechstein's Bat Survey and see who is prepared to muck in.

If you would like to attend or express any other comments, please contact WBG's Mike [not, HAM Mike] on jabba69@talktalk.net to register your interest ASAP!

General details about the project are available on http://www.bats.org.uk/pages/bechsteins_bat_project.html

Join the forum on groups.yahoo.com/group/hwbechsteins

If you wish to make any comments outside the forum, please send them to Dave Smith at davetreesmith@aol.co.uk



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If any HAM members wish to contribute articles, stories or photographs of interest for the website, then please do send them in to the Newsletter team at: hamnewsletter@hotmail.com

Check out the new **MAMMAL SOCIETY** website on <http://www.mammal.org.uk>