



## HAM NEWS Bulletin – Feb/March 2010

### ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING HAM CO-ORDINATOR ROLE

It is with regret that the HAM Committee has to report that Viv Geen has stood down from her recent appointment as HAM Coordinator. Since our Constitution requires a person in this role, we are compelled to call an Extraordinary Meeting in order to address this unexpected shortfall. It is hoped that another formal appointment can be made at this meeting or alternatively, temporary arrangements can be ratified by the membership present. If you would like to know more about the role, or are interested in possibly taking on the position, please contact any member of the HAM Committee. Please see agenda attachment.

The meeting is to be at The Swan, Aylestone Hill on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm – to formalise arrangements for the Co-ordinator role.

### MONTHLY HAM GATHERINGS

It has been suggested that a monthly informal gathering would be a fun thing to do – this would be a chance for all members to meet up and contribute ideas, find out about any events we have organised or any opportunities to get more involved in HAM. Meetings to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at a pub to be decided on prior to the event.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

#### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February

Pooh evening – 7.30pm at Hilary's house – bring any examples you have, this is an exciting opportunity to identify various species pooh/faeces, under a microscope and to identify the mammals and their diet. Please contact Jessica Lamerton on [jessicalamerton@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jessicalamerton@yahoo.co.uk) or 07974 425032 if you are interested in attending the evening.

Queenswood Dormouse box/tube cleaning morning – February/March, date to be confirmed. Contact Hilary if you would like to come on [h.smith1@mypostoffice.co.uk](mailto:h.smith1@mypostoffice.co.uk) or 01432 357732

#### 6<sup>th</sup> March

BCT Midland conference – Leamington Spa.

£25 – Becky has suggested we go as a group – confirm to Becky if you would like to go on [enquiries@cec-ltd.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@cec-ltd.org.uk) or 01989 750790

#### 21<sup>st</sup> Mar

After batbox check @ Ast wood there will be a dormouse box making session. Please contact Dave Smith on [davetreesmith@aol.co.uk](mailto:davetreesmith@aol.co.uk) or 01885 400310/ 07905 84942 if you wish to attend.

#### 26– 28<sup>th</sup> March

Mammal Society – AGM/Easter Conference, Bangor University.

### April/May

Small mammal surveys - Details to be confirmed nearer the time

Reminder about Great Hunt- it is not too late to go hunting, also to look for nests in scrub, hedgerows, bramble patches before leaves start growing

Reminder to send in your records

### Bat box checks with Dave Smith:

Feb 21 - Woodside nature reserve, Little Doward 10 am - SO 555 157

Feb 28 - Lesser Horseshoe hibernation count @ Cannon Frome Court 10am

Mar 21 Ast wood – Bat box check followed by a dormouse box making session - SO 673 379

April 18 Nupend - SO 580 354

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