

The Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales Events Winter (and into Early Spring) 2011-12



South and West Wales
De a Gorllewin Cymru

Everyone is welcome to participate in Wildlife Trust events. If you attend one of the outdoor meetings please consider the weather and the terrain and wear appropriate footwear, clothing, hat and sunscreen. Some outdoor meetings can take several hours so you may wish to take a drink and a snack. Please share lifts or use public transport where possible. The Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales is a membership based organisation; subscriptions and donations enable us to promote wildlife conservation in your area. Thank you for your support if you are already a member but please do encourage your friends and family to join us as well.

IM - Indoor Meeting FT - Field Trip

Bridgend

Indoor meetings take place in the Ogmore Constituency Labour Party Social Club, Bryntirion, Bridgend on the first Monday of the month from 7.30 pm, unless otherwise stated. An entrance charge of £1.00 will be made. Contact Group Secretary, Peter Hatherley, on 01656 662196 for more details.

Monday 7th November IM 7.30pm "The Making of Rhys to the Rescue" - Rhys Jones, ecologist and reptile specialist at Cardiff University, will talk about his first two BBC television series and show some highlights.

Monday 5th December IM 7.30pm Members Evening - a series of short talks given by our own members - plus some festive fare.

Saturday 10th December FT Morning walk at Southerndown, followed by Christmas Lunch at the Three Golden Cups. Prior booking essential, please contact the group secretary, Peter Hatherley.

Sunday 1st January FT 10am The traditional Hang-over Walk along the Glamorgan Heritage Coast. Meet at the Plough & Harrow pub, Monkash, at 10am.

Monday 2nd January IM 7.30 pm "Wildlife on the World's Coral Reefs" - a second talk by Peter Rees with more of his stunning underwater photography.

Monday 6th February IM 7.30pm "The Fen Orchid on Kenfig Dunes" - a talk by Dave Carrington, Head Warden of Kenfig Dunes NNR, on how the dunes are being managed to safeguard this special plant - and many others.

Monday 5th March IM 7.30pm "Amazing Journeys" - an introduction to bird migration by Peter Howlett, Curator of Vertebrates at the National Museum of Wales.

Monday 2nd April IM. 7.30pm. Grasshoppers of Glamorgan - for Beginners Greg Jones, the County Recorder for Orthoptera, will give an introduction to these familiar insects of summer, to be followed with a field trip later in the year.

Cardiff

All indoor meetings are on Thursdays from 7.30pm in Wallace Lecture Theatre, Main Building, Cardiff University. For further details please check our website: www.wtswwCardiff.org.uk, email info@wtswwCardiff.org.uk or telephone 02920 752673 - all meetings are in collaboration with WildSoc of Cardiff University.

Thursday 17th November IM 7.30pm Ray Woods - Fascinating Fungi

Thursday 1st December IM 7.30pm Vaughn Matthews - The Brown Hare.

Sunday 8th January 2012 FT 09.00am Cardiff Birdwatch with Rob & Linda Nottage. A joint meeting with the Cardiff Naturalists. Meet outside the Channel View Leisure Centre in Cardiff Bay (ST181742). We will visit a number of local birding sites dependent on recent sightings and the weather. You may leave at any time, or tag along all day.

Thursday 2nd February IM 7.30pm Dr. Sarah Perkins - Aliens, Invasions and Body-snatchers.

Thursday 23rd February IM 7.30pm Richard Crompton - British Bats.

Thursday 15th March IM 7.30pm Rose Revera - The Parc Slip Reptile Project.

Thursday 26th April IM & AGM 7.30pm Sue Price - The Ruperra Conservation Trust.

Sunday 13th May FT Trees in Roath Park - Tony Titchen This is a joint meeting with the Cardiff Naturalists, contact Cardiff Local group for time.

Cardigan Bay Marine Wildlife Group

Please visit <http://www.cbmw.org/>

Or call 01545 560032

Cwmtawe

Evening meetings at the Cross Community Centre, Pontardawe at 7.30 pm on the last Tuesday of the month. Please contact Martin for more information on 01792 830070.

Carmarthenshire

All indoor meetings in Maes Elfryn Hall, Dynevor Avenue, Llandeilo at 7.30 pm (turn off New Road by Spar shop and continue straight ahead. The hall is at the end below the road). Contact Hon. Secretary Denys Smith 01558 822152.

Wednesday 16th November IM 7.30pm Annual Public Lecture: Then and Now – Dinefwr Castle before and after restoration with guest speakers. Dinefwr Castle is part of the Wildlife Trust's Castle Woods Nature Reserve. Civic Hall, Llandeilo.

Wednesday 7th December IM 7.30pm Annual Christmas meeting. Dormice – Part 2. Latest news on the dormouse and its habitats with Jacqueline Hartley and Jan Crowden. Seasonal refreshments. Maes Elfryn Hall, Llandeilo.

Wednesday 18th January IM 7.30pm Badgers and the Law with Michael Sharratt

Sunday 19th February FT 2.00pm Signs of Spring. Annual early spring walk with Denys Smith. Meet Llandeilo Railway Station

Wednesday 22nd February IM 7.30pm '20,000 acres'. Marie George, Local Area Manager (Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire) for Forestry Commission Wales on her work, responsibilities and future developments. Maes Elfryn Hall

Wednesday 21st March IM 7.30pm Mosses and Liverworts with Sam Bosanquet, Countryside Council for Wales. Maes Elfryn Hall (field meeting will follow in summer)

Wednesday 4th April IM 7.30pm Group AGM followed by Nature Quiz for all. Maes Elfryn Hall

Saturday 28th April FT 2.00pm Annual early purple orchid count with Denys Smith. Meet Bryn Hawddgar, Pentrefelin, Llandeilo (SN598233)

Mid Pembrokeshire

Indoor meetings at the Furzy Park Community Centre, The Patch, Haverfordwest at 7.30pm. Contact Programme Secretary Robin Taylor, Maesteg, Hayscastle, Haverfordwest, Pembs. SA62 5NY. Telephone 01348 840617.

Contact us:

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Join us on Facebook, Twitter, Flickr and You Tube, or visit our website for more information about the Trust: and other events

www.welshwildlife.org

Visit the island blogs at skokholm.blogspot.com/ & skomerisland.blogspot.com/

Mid Pembrokeshire continued

Sunday 13th November FT 10.30am A walk around the estuary at Newport to look for late Autumn birds. Meet at The Parrog car park - SN052396 – at 10.30am. Bring a packed lunch – Leader Robin Taylor

Monday 21st November IM 7.30pm The Natural History of Pengelli Forest. A talk by Mike Snow who until recently was the voluntary warden for the reserve.

Monday 19th December IM 7.30pm Christmas get together. Quiz kindly arranged by Stuart Devonald. Please bring raffle prizes and plates of Christmas food.

Sunday 15th January FT 10.30am The Birds of Angle Bay. Meet by the shore at Kilpaison – SM 897020 – at 10.30am – we shall visit several points around the bay. Wear waterproof footwear and bring packed lunch - Leader Robin Taylor

Monday 16th January IM 7.30pm `The Wildlife of The Seashore` a talk by John Archer-Thomson of Dale Fort Field Centre

Sunday 5th February FT 11.am Fishguard Harbour –. A walk along the outer breakwater. Looking for cetaceans, purple sandpipers and other birds. Meet 11am at the Parrog Car Park SM-947381 – bring packed lunch

Monday 20th February IM 7.30pm `The Natural History of Badgers` a talk by Mike Sharratt of the local Badger group

Monday 19th March IM 7.30pm Wildlife conservation in The Pembrokeshire National Park – A talk by Geraint Jones of The National Park Authority

Saturday 24th March FT 10.30am A walk between St Brides Haven and Marloes. Meet at 10.30am in the St Brides car park – SM803109 – Bring packed lunch.

Saturday 21st April FT 11.00am A walk in the upper Gwaun Valley – park on the verge at a corner just east of Llanerch farm at SN058354 – Meet at 11.00am and Bring packed lunch

Monday 23rd April IM 7.30pm – A talk by Colin Russell of The West Wales Biological Recording Centre on their work in assembling details of all the wildlife in our area.

North Ceredigion

Indoor meetings are normally held at Lecture Theatre A6, Llandinam Building, Penglais Campus, Aberystwyth University, first Monday of the month at 7.30pm. For field trips we would ideally, car share or meet at specific car parks. Contact David Purdon, secretary, on 01970 871012 or email dwp_taicanol@hotmail.com

Monday 7 November IM 7.30pm Phil Newman The Skomer Marine Nature Reserve

Monday 5 December IM 7.30pm Mike Hayward Bird Photography in Ceredigion

Monday 9 January IM 7.30pm Richard Hartnup Gold Under Bracken

Monday 6 February IM 7.30pm Bert Moore & Pauline Bett Grey Seals of Cardigan Bay

Pembrokeshire Bird Group

All indoor meetings take place at The Patch Community Centre, Furzy Park, Haverfordwest and start at 7.30pm. Members & non members welcome. Further information please phone Barbara on 01834 860175 or Lyndon on 01437 721859 Please note the change to Monday nights for our indoor meetings. Outdoor field trips are yet to be arranged and will be placed here <http://www.pembrokeshirebirdgroup.blogspot.com/>

Saturday 26th November Annual Bird Conference at Valero Oil Refinery Pembroke. Contact 01239 621212 for tickets (£15) and information.

Monday 9 January IM 7.30pm Exploring bird song by Rosemary Royle. Preceded by a short AGM

Monday 6 February IM 7.30pm Skomer and Skokholm a presentation by Chris Taylor the Wildlife Trust's Skomer Warden.

Monday 5 March 2012 IM 7.30pm Malaysian Miscellany by Peter Royle of the Pembrokeshire Bird group.

Monday 2nd April IM 7.30pm A Trip to Iceland (Brrr) by Lyndon Lomax

Rhondda Cynon Taff

For details of evening meetings and any other events planned, please contact Ade Williams on 01443 206333.

Sea Trust

Enquiries: Ocean Lab 01348 874737 or the website at www.seatrust.org.uk

South Ceredigion

Indoor meetings normally at the Catholic Church Hall, Cardigan, 7.30pm. £2.00 donation includes refreshments and a raffle. All outdoor events donations please unless otherwise stated. Please try to car share. For details, contact John on 01239 613838 email loggox@gmail.com.

Wednesday 14th December Meet 12.30pm for 1pm. Christmas Lunch at the Wildlife Trust Centre, Cilgerran, 12.30 for 1pm For details contact Ronnie Hind on 01239 682347.

Wednesday 4th January IM 7.30pm Aquatic Wildlife on the Teifi, with a member of the Teifi Trout Association.

Wednesday 1st February IM 7.30pm Foraging for Food, with the medical herbalist, Lara Bernays.

Wednesday 7th March IM 7.30pm Introduction to Bird Ringing, Teifi and Beyond, with Wendy James of the Teifi Bird Ringing Group.

Wednesday 4th April IM 7.30pm Short AGM followed by Diving in the Red Sea, with Patrick Beaumont, an experienced diver and photographer..

Book your **Christmas lunch** at the Welsh Wildlife Centre by calling 01239 621600 or emailing wwc@welshwildlife.org quoting **GCSK11** and be in with a chance to **win** a trip to **Skomer Island**.

South Pembrokeshire

Indoor meetings are held at The Foundry, The Commons, Pembroke on the third Tuesday of the month. Meetings start promptly at 7.30pm, doors open 7.15 pm. All welcome & refreshments served. For further information or queries, please contact:-Nikki: 01646 686469, or Lynda: 01834 810307

Tuesday 15th November IM 7.30pm Update on Pembrokeshire Otters by Geoff Liles (Otter Consultant)

Tuesday 20th December IM 7.30pm Christmas get-together. Social evening with nibbles and a variety of quizzes.

Tuesday January 17th IM 7.30pm Skomer - Seabird Capital & Research Hub by Chris Taylor, Skomer Warden

Tuesday February 21 IM 7.30pm Local photographer Paul Richards will be giving a talk Nature in Focus

Tuesday March 20 IM 7.30pm Breeding Birds of Prey a talk by Paddy Jenks

Tuesday April 17 IM 7.30pm Plants and Their Folklore with Vicky Tomlinson

Tuesday May 15 IM Brief AGM at 7.30pm, then a short talk on ospreys in Pembrokeshire followed by a quiz

West Glamorgan

Indoor talks start 7.30pm prompt every 2nd Tuesday of the month (except July & August) at the Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea. Donations welcome on the door.

Please book all outdoor events.

Jo Mullett; 01792 635784 or 07967127364 jo.mullett@swansea.gov.uk

Wear suitable clothing & footwear for the season, weather & terrain. Use public transport or car share where possible.

Tuesday 8th November IM 7.30pm Moth Photography; Finding & photographing moths for identification & reference & the sheer joy of studying such stunning creatures in detail. Chris Manley.

Tuesday 13th December IM 7.30pm Wild Quiz night: Join us for this annual quiz about all things wild & wonderful. Bring a team or just join one on the night. Mince pies and mulled wine. Everyone welcome.

Events for early next year were not confirmed at time of printing.

Pembrokeshire Bird Group Annual Conference in Pembroke 26th November 2011

A fascinating line up of talks on bird life in west Wales. £15 per ticket - all money goes back to the Trust.

Contact 01239 621212 for tickets and information