



Linkline

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Newsletter of the Gainsborough Area Group of the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust

SIGHTINGS & SNIPPETS:



SIGHTINGS - What you have seen and heard around the Gainsborough area ...

* In late winter in the fields near the railway bridge at Strawberry Farm, Morton, linnets and skylarks were seen and heard. These included Leucistic Linnets which have a face which is half white and a white left wing.

* Water voles have also been spotted at Strawberry Farm and also on the beckside in the centre of Laughton.

* Greenfly was discovered on roses in a Corringham garden on Twelfth Night (6 January). [Oh no! Not already! - Ed.]

* A Ladybird was observed enjoying the sunshine in a Lea garden on 18 February.

* On the same day Skylarks were singing in the skies above Laughton where the temperature reached a heady 10C, giving the impression that Spring really was just around the corner!

* Dog foxes could be heard calling regularly at night in the fields between Laughton village and the forest throughout the latter part of January. Their distant eerie cry is almost always guaranteed to have a spine chilling effect on anyone out and about after the witching hour!

Thank you to all who have sent in news of sightings in the past few weeks. Please keep them coming so we can have another similar feature in the next issue of Linkline. - Ed.

Dates For Your Diary - INDOOR MEETINGS



Wed. 19 MARCH 2014:

(Sales stall: Books/quality magazines)

The Chesterfield Canal – John Lower

Come for a virtual evening cruise on this fascinating canal! John is a member of the Chesterfield Canal Trust and his illustrated talk will tell us about the canal's history and the work involved in getting all 46 miles of its towpath walkable – and hopefully we'll encounter some wildlife along the way.

Wed. 23 April 2014:

(Sales stall: Plants)

AGM & Supper followed by The Dormouse Project

A volunteer from this successful re-introduction programme at Chambers Farm Wood near Wragby will speak to us about the work they do there –illustrated with slides and short video clips. This will be followed later in the summer by an outdoor trip to see them – we hope – for ourselves.

Wed. 24 September 2014:

(Sales stall: Trust goods & Bring & Buy)

Farming with Wildlife – Andrew Parsons

It's possible to farm without seeing wildlife as a pest to be eradicated. Come and find out how it's done!

Dates For Your Diary - OUTDOOR MEETINGS

Sat. 30 August 2014:

Dormouse Project 10am - Meeting at Chambers Farm Wood near Wragby. More details from Linda.

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Many thanks to Linda, our Programme Secretary, for arranging such diverse and interesting meetings. – Ed.



Bird Food Sales:

Our local distributor is Clare Holmes. Regular customers are still welcome to call at her home as before, but if you wish to buy bird food from the stall at indoor meetings please pre-order from her in good time - 01427 613128 - and she will bring your order to the meeting. In the past Clare has often lugged quantities of bird food to meetings, sales have been poor ...and she has had to lug the stuff home again. By pre-ordering you will save Clare much time and effort.

Weight	Peanuts	Mixed seed	Black sunflowers	Niger seed	Sunflower hearts
Kg	£	£	£	£	£
2.5	6.75	3.00	4.15	5.30	5.50
5	12.50	5.25	7.30	9.20	10.25
20	-	20.00	26.00	-	40.00
25	55.00	-	-	42.00	-
Fat Balls	30p each				
Charcoal	4.75 per bag				

Please note supplies and prices are subject to availability and change.



WANTED: Reserve Manager

Although it's over a year since Roly Barber resigned as Reserve Manager at Scotton Common, at the time of writing the post is still vacant and Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust would like to find a replacement for Roly. This is a volunteer position, and involves general care of the Reserve (which includes the Beck Fields) with plenty of help and advice from the North West Reserve Warden and others.

To find out more, please get in touch with Trust HQ at Banovallum House, Manor House Street, Horncastle LN9 5HF; Tel: 01507 526667.

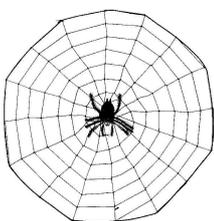
Our thanks to Roly for his commitment and conscientious approach to the care of Scotton Common and Beck Fields over many years. – Ed.

Gainsborough Area Group On The InterWeb!

www.gainsboroughwildlifetrust.webs.com

STILL NOT LOGGED ON YET?

Although our website has been up and running for almost a year, it remains an underused valuable resource, so go on, take a look - you may be in for a pleasant surprise. Could you perhaps contribute items to the website - snippets of information, sightings, photographs etc are all very welcome. Our thanks to Des Lloyd who has, almost single-handedly, kept the Gallery going with his superb photographs of local wildlife. To post on the website please email gainsboroughlwt@gmail.com or any of the Editorial team for instructions.



Please send your wildlife sightings or other info to the Editor, Joy Bannister, 01427 628457 or gjban786@btinternet.com



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