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Newsletter of the Gainsborough Area Group of the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust



FOUND! NEW OFFICERS: Following Linda Woodward's resignation at April's AGM the hunt was on for a replacement Treasurer and Programme Secretary. Happily both these posts were filled quite quickly (sighs of relief all round!). New Committee member Stuart Watson kindly volunteered to take on the role of Treasurer. Meanwhile Secretary/Linkline Editor/Refreshments Officer Joy Bannister has cautiously added Programme Secretary to her portfolio, although she hopes this is a temporary stop-gap task and that a permanent programme planner will soon be found (please!).

This still leaves the Area Group in need of a Vice-chairman which is not too arduous a commitment as it mainly involves standing in on the (rare) occasions that the Chairman is unable to attend meetings. Just the job for you? Then get in touch with either Jean (01427 838325) or Joy (01427 628457) for more details.



Dates For Your Diary

WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2015: South American Adventure

Geoff and Wendy Handford will be taking us on a fascinating journey from the Andes to Atacama, a little known area which they have visited on several occasions.

SALES STALL: Mystery Parcels - Once again, for our New Year fund-raiser we invite you to wrap up an item to the value of at least £1.00 which super saleswoman Hilary will sell (yes, for £1.00!) on her sales table. Just a bit of fun, especially if you bag a bargain, and the more parcels we have the better, as the £££££s pile up for Trust funds.

WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH: Lincolnshire Limewoods

Project Officer Liz Fleuty will provide an update on this exciting project. With the help of farmers, new woods and hedgerows have been planted to link existing habitats. Traditional coppicing techniques are helping plants and butterflies flourish.

SALES STALL: Pre-loved books and quality magazines, not necessarily wildlife themed, on a sale-or-return basis, please.

WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL: Annual General Meeting & Supper.

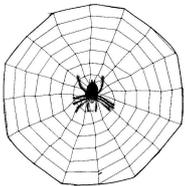
Come along for an evening of food, fun and friendship. The AGM is notoriously a short but efficient procedure and afterwards there will be a miscellany of entertainment including an update from Strawberry Farm. **SALES STALL:** Plants, indoor and outdoor, labelled and potted up, please – and all to be priced at 50p.



SUMMER SIGHTINGS

What you have seen and heard...

- Late on a balmy mid-June evening a Nightjar was spotted on the road between Marton and Willingham by Stow. Not a natural habitat, so was it attracted by the warmth of the road and the insects there?
- Also in mid-June, at 4.30pm, a Red Kite was seen soaring over Scotter. a thrilling sight - unless, of course, you are a small vulnerable bird!
- Collared Doves seem to be everywhere, but one pair found an original nesting site – on/in an ornate outdoor Victorian lamp standard.
- Towards the end of September a tiny bootlace-size baby grass snake was found squashed on the road at the Scotter Road entrance to Laughton village. This was the first reported sighting of a grass snake in Laughton this year, and incidentally almost to the day of a similar sighting in the same place last year.



Gainsborough Area Group On The InterWeb!

You'll find lots of interest including details of meetings, local sightings and a photo gallery on our Area Group website by going to: www.gainsboroughwildlifetrust.webs.com

To contribute please e-mail our Webmaster: Dave Stockley on gainsboroughlwt@gmail.com



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.

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



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