



# Ringwood Natural History Society Programme ~ Summer 2018

04/04/2018



*Female Emperor Dragonfly by Gerry Traves*

- Indoor meetings are held at Greyfriars in Ringwood from September until April, on the 2nd and 4th Thursday in the month, at 7.30pm
- We also have an extensive programme of walks.
- Short walks (**SW**) approximately 1 to 3 miles
- Long walks (**LW**) approximately 4 to 6 miles
- Field study walks (**FS**) approximately 0 to 1 mile
- Social gatherings (**G**) approximately 0 to 1 mile plus picnic
- Unless otherwise stated well-behaved dogs on leads where necessary are welcome
- Dogs must be covered by their owners own Third Party Liability Insurance
- In the event of adverse weather, **please check with the walk leader**
- Keep green, so please arrange to car share where possible
- Those not walking can often meet the walkers for a picnic or a pub lunch
- **A condition of our Third-Party Liability Insurance Policy**, guests are required to make a payment of £3.00 per person when joining us on any walk or social gathering, along with their name & address.

Please read the following programme in conjunction with the notes on the previous page

### May

- Tue 1<sup>st</sup>** (SW) **Royden Wood Nature Reserve Brockenhurst** with Pat & Derrick. Meet in Church Lane Brockenhurst (map OL22, ref: SU 305 016) at 10:30am parking on the grass verges. Flat walk of 3 or 4 miles on bridleways and permissive paths. **Bring lunch**
- Thu 10<sup>th</sup>** (SW) **Wootton Bridge** with Theresa. Meet at Wootton Bridge CP. (map OL22 ref: SZ 250 997) at 10:30am, for an easy walk of 3 to 4 miles along the old railway line and surrounding areas. **Bring Lunch**
- Tue 15<sup>th</sup>** (SW) **Wareham Walls** with Sonia. Meet at Wareham Church Lane pay & display CP, (map OL15, ref: SY 927 873) at 10:30am, for a walk of about 1½ miles along the old town walls. Dependant on weather and tides there might be the option of a wildlife boat trip from Wareham Quay, we will update you with the possible options a couple of weeks before the walk. **Bring Lunch**
- Tue 22<sup>nd</sup>** (LW) **Nomansland** with Maz & Will. Meet at the gravelled parking area opposite the Lamb Inn (map OL22, ref: SU 253 172) at 10:30am, for a walk of about 4 miles with two steep hills on gravel tracks. **Bring Lunch**
- Tue 29<sup>th</sup>** (SW) **Cranborne** with Judy & Sonia. Meet at Cranborne Garden Centre CP (Explorer map 118, ref: SU 055 132) at 10:30am, for a walk of about 3 miles, slow climb for the first half, no stiles followed by an optional afternoon tea at Cranborne Manor Tea Rooms. **Bring Lunch**

### June

- Thu 7<sup>th</sup>** **Polesden Lacy by coach with Mary & John.** A visit to Polesden Lacy, an Edwardian house and grounds in Surrey belonging to the National Trust. NT members £15.00, non-NT members £25.00. Further details to follow.
- Wed13<sup>th</sup>** (SW) **Oakley** with Jayne & Marsha. Meet at Oakley CP (map OL22, ref: SU 225 047) at 10:30am for a walk through South Oakley Inclosure. Anyone who would like to meet us for a picnic lunch are welcome at about 12:00pm. **Bring Lunch**

**June**  
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**Mon 18<sup>th</sup>** **(FS & G) Spend a day with Martin Green at Down Farm on Cranborne Chase**, looking at landscape restoration to chalk downland, some interesting archaeological sites, a private museum, and the pond bird hide where corn buntings might be seen. Meet at the lay-by CP (map ref: SU 005 151) at 10.30am. A donation of at least £3.50 each please. Enquiries to Maureen.  
**No Dogs – Grazing sheep, Bring lunch**

**Thu 21<sup>st</sup>** **(SW) Fritham & Holly Hatch** with Pat & Lyn. Meet at the car park opposite the Royal Oak (map OL 22, ref: SU 230 140) at 10:30am, for an easy going walk looking at the flowers in the woods along the stream, returning over open heathland.  
**Bring lunch**

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup>** **(SW) Banks Arms to Old Harry** with Pat & Malcolm. Meet at the Banks Arms NT CP (charges apply to non-members). (map OL15, ref: SZ 037 825) at 10:30am. Apart from the stunning views look out for the rectangular earthworks in the wood near Old Harry and the remains of fields used by Celtic farmers, along the cliff top path there's a good variety of chalk grassland flowers in the short turf.  
**Bring Lunch**

**July**

**Tue 3<sup>rd</sup>** **(SW) Hangersley & Highwood** with Sonia & Judy. Meet at the London Tavern CP. (map OL22, ref: SU 163 060) at 10:30am for a walk of about 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> miles. Some steep but short hills and 5 stiles. **Very limited car parking so please car share.**  
**Bring Lunch**

**Thu 12<sup>th</sup>** **Sausage Sizzle, Get-Together and Guided Walk in Anderwood Inclosure.** Meet in Anderwood CP (map OL22, ref: SU 249 059) at 10:30am (walkers) for a walk with Martin and 12:00pm for non-walkers. Tickets £3.00, must be obtained in advance. For tickets and further details contact John & Mary Gurney. **Bring a Chair & Cup**

**Tue 17<sup>th</sup>** **(LW) Lower Test Valley** with Lyn & Gerry. Meet at Hampshire Wildlife Trust Education Centre CP. (map OL22, ref: SU 345 155) at 10:30am, for a walk of about 5 miles around Testwood Lakes and the Lower Test Wildlife Reserve. **Bring Lunch**

**Tue 24<sup>th</sup>** **(SW) Wild Flowers & Butterflies on Stockbridge Down** with Theresa. Meet in National Trust CP off B3049 between Stockbridge & Winchester. (Explorer map 131, ref: SU 375 346) at 11:00am.  
**Bring Lunch**

## August

- Thu 2<sup>nd</sup>** **(SW) Colehill** with Sonia & Judy. Meet at the Stewarts Garden Centre CP at Holt (Explorer map 118, ref: SU 030 031) at 10:30 for a walk of about 3 1/4 miles, gently undulating with several stiles and bridges. **Bring Lunch**
- Fri 10<sup>th</sup>** **(LW) A Pool, a Pond and a Puddle** with Bill. Meet at Cadman's Pool CP (map OL22, ref: SU 230 123) at 11:00am for a walk of about 4 1/2 miles for a fairly easy going walk taking in Cadman's and Ocknell pools and an un-named one. **Bring Lunch**
- Wed 15<sup>th</sup>** **(SW) Fontmell Down** with Pat & Malcolm. Meet at the NT CP at the top of Spread Eagle Hill (Explorer map 118, ref: ST 886 186) at 10:30am for a walk with some steep accents and descents. We can explore the wild flowers and seek out the silver-spotted skipper & chalkhill blue butterflies on this chalk downland. **Bring Lunch**
- Thu 23<sup>rd</sup>** **(G) Kingston Common North** with John & Mary. Meet at (map OL22, ref: SU 149 031) at 11:00am. Drive from Ringwood through Kingston on Christchurch Road, opposite Rod Lane turn right on unmarked track, over cattle grid bearing left to the green for a short walk around the common for those that want to. **Bring Lunch and Chair**
- Fri 31<sup>st</sup>** **(LW) The Avon Valley from Downton** with Maz & Will. An easy-going woodland and downland pasture walk of about 5 1/2 miles. Meet at Moot CP, Moot Lane Downton (Explorer Map 130, ref: SU 182 214) at 11:00am. **(Bring Lunch)**

## September

### Subscriptions are now due.

- Thu 6<sup>th</sup>** **Kingston Maurward & Hardy's Cottage** with Sonia & Judy. Meet at The Kingston Maurward CP, Sat Nav DT2 8PX (map OL 15, ref: SY 716 911) at 10:30am for a walk of about 4 miles. Our walk from Kingston Maurward to Hardy's Cottage and return passes through stunning Dorset country side. On our return there will be the opportunity to visit the gardens, animal park and tearooms. **Bring Lunch**
- Tue 11<sup>th</sup>** **(SW) Stoborough Heath** with Lyn & Gerry. Meet at Stoborough Heath CP. (map OL15, ref: SY 938 863) at 10.30 am for a walk of about 3 miles over heathland rich in wild flowers. **Bring Lunch**

## September

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**Thu 13<sup>th</sup>** *Evening Meeting at Greyfriars. Maurice Pugh will present 'Looking at Nature Part III'. This will be a good season opener as we welcome everyone back after the Summer break.*

*With a members evening coming up on 25<sup>th</sup> October please submit contributions to Martin or Bill*

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup>** **(LW) Oberwater and Fletchers Thorns** from Puttles Bridge with Pat and Derrick. Meet at Puttles Bridge CP (map ref OL22, ref: SU 271 029) at 10:30am, for a rewarding walk of about 4 miles along forest tracks, with the possibility of a sighting of red deer. **Bring lunch**

**Tue 25<sup>th</sup>** **(LW) Beaulieu to Bucklers Hard** with Mary & John. Meet in the National Motor Museum free CP (map OL22 ref: SU 382 029) at 10:30am for a level walk of about 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> miles following the river. There is the option of a boat trip at Bucklers Hard. **Bring Lunch**

**Thu 27<sup>th</sup>** *Evening Meeting at Greyfriars. Bob Chapman with a Blashford Lakes Nature Reserve update. Bob will bring us the latest news and special sightings at Blashford.*

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## October

**Tue 2<sup>rd</sup>** **(SW) Ogdens** with Jayne & Marsha. Meet at the Ogdens CP (map OL22, ref: SU 181 124) at 10:30am, for a walk along Latchmore Brook and Hyde Common. Please car share where possible, car parking is limited. **Bring Lunch**

**Sat 6<sup>th</sup>** **(FS) Fungus Foray** with Bill. Meet at the Anderwood CP. (map OL22, ref: SU 249 058) at 11:00am. **Bring Lunch, No dogs**

**Thu 11<sup>th</sup>** *Evening Meeting at Greyfriars. Nicky Hoar from DWT Corfe Barrows Reserve & Corfe Mullen Meadows. Following field visits to Corfe Mullen Meadows Nicky will tell us more.*

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**Thu 18<sup>th</sup>**     **(SW) Acres Down from Millyford Bridge** with Pat and Jean. Meet at Millyford Bridge CP (map OL22, ref: SU 268 079) at 10:30am, for a walk of about 3 miles, with one substantial climb rewarded by lofty views from Acres Down, and an exhilarating descent on the way back to the car park.     **Bring lunch**

**Thu 25<sup>th</sup>**     **Evening Meeting at Greyfriars. Members Evening.** *This is your chance to share some special memories with fellow members.*

**Sat 27<sup>th</sup>**     **(SW) Rockford Common** with Maz & Will. Meet at Rockford Common (sand pit) CP (map OL22 ref: SU 166 083) at 11:00am for a walk of about 3 miles with a slight incline at the start.     **Bring Lunch**

**Wed 31<sup>st</sup>**     **(SW) Whitsbury** with Jean. Meet at the Whitsbury Village Hall CP (map OL22, ref: SU 128 188) at 10:30am for a walk of approx 3 miles with no stiles. There will be a charge of about £1.00 per car to use the car park (total cost £10.00) **Bring Lunch**

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