

Horsham Natural History Society

Evening walks programme 2010

An invitation is extended to non-members of the society who have an interest in natural history and would like to mix on short Thursday evening walks with a friendly group of people with similar interests.

Please note. All walks are not planned for longer than two hours maximum duration and no more than three miles distance.

Roosthole Revisited. Thursday 13th May

Walk leader - Oliver Farley. To-night's walk will be on familiar ground and not far from home because we are aware that the evenings draw in quite early. We'll meet at the Roosthole car park which has recently been re-surfaced and amble along for an hour or two. Do come and start our 2010 season off with enthusiasm.

Meet for 7.00 pm start

A Red River Ramble. Thursday 20th May

Walk leader - Heather Glenny. We will be on the look out for various plants, animals and birds as we amble along the wooded edges of the Red River and Bolding Brook. If we're lucky, we may see a kingfisher. We can also see some "rippled" stone from the Dinosaur period in the river bed.

Meet for 7.00 pm start

Pulborough Brooks RSPB Reserve. Thursday 27th May

Walk Leaders: John & Chris Hamilton. An evening stroll round this flagship RSPB Reserve. Returning Summer migrants should be in full song and, hopefully, the Nightingales will have returned! When we led a walk here 3 years ago we were rewarded with excellent views of at least 1 singing male. If conditions are right we will also try to locate Nightjars on the adjacent Wiggonholt Common.

Meet for 7.00 pm start

Walking on Winterfold. Thursday 3rd June

Walk leader: Linda Koscia. The walk is part of the Hurtwood and is open access of mainly coniferous plantation. The area includes reclaimed heath land which is home to much bird life. There are many fine views across the weald to the South Downs (weather permitting!).

Meet for 7.00 pm start

An evening at Frank's Farm. Thursday 10th June

Walk leader: Frank Dougharty. Many members will already be familiar with the farm which is a recognised Site of Natural Conservation Importance (SNCI) The evening should prove to be very informative and enjoyable for all members with a gentle walk over the varied farm land with the emphasis being on meadow flowers.

Directions: Take the A.29 from Horsham to Billingshurst which bye-passes Billingshurst town heading SW on what is known as Stane Street. At the Adversane cross roads leave the A.29 and turn left onto the B.2133, Adversane Lane. Continue down this road and at Broadford Bridge carry straight on the B.2133 Adversane Lane ignoring the road to your right, Broadford Bridge Road, leading to West Chiltington. After leaving Broadford Bridge the next turning on your right is Cattlestone Farm, turn right following this road to the farm. Frank will have placed a sign at the farm entrance road for those not familiar with the location.

Meet at the farm for a 7.00 pm start

Map ref: Explorer 134 105 022.

Also Philip's Ordnance Survey Street Atlas West Sussex Page 102 A 4

Old West Grinstead Railway Station. Thursday 17th June

Walk Leader: Tom Leach. This is an interesting figure of eight walk, south of the station, over mainly flat countryside which will take us part of the way along the disused railway, where we should see the flowers on the embankments. The walk will take us approximately two hours to complete.

Meet at the back of the station for a 7.00 pm start

Buchan Country Park. Thursday 24th June

Walk leader: Michael Funnel. Warden at Buckan Park. This is a combined walk for the Horsham and East Grinstead Natural History Societies and organised by Glenda Law. Many members may well be familiar with this area of natural beauty which holds a wide variety of interests for all. We have the benefit of a member with in depth knowledge of the area that works at the Park and is leading our walk
This should prove a very interesting and informative evening for all.

**** Please note we meet at for a 7.30 pm start. Not the usual time of 7.00 pm.**