

**BERWICK WILDLIFE GROUP
COMMITTEE MEETING 17th May 2006
7.00 pm, CASTLE HOTEL**

MINUTES

Item	Subject	Decisions made
1	Minutes of last meeting And of AGM (below)	Were agreed.
2	Matters arising not found below Website Recorder 6 Butterfly Conservation: membership, records NWT Affiliation Golf Course Bird Survey.	The website is now regularly updated, but more links are needed. Andrew has completed his guide to the Recorder 6 database. There is a plethora of different forms; we are to use the simplest one which best serves our needs. No action until Events List is finalised. Fiona has received a copy of Chris's report and digitised it. After <u>checking by John R and Leslie</u> , plus any adjustments, the final copy should be ready by end of month.
3	AGM & new Committee.	Fiona thanked all who had offered help. It was agreed that Minutes Secretary should not be responsible for group letters at this stage.
4	Events	Some corrections and adjustments were made, but some details are still to be finalised. See separate list below.
5	Newsletter	The Newsletter is now published on the website BWG events will be published in the Newsletter; a full list of other interesting events will be published on the website.
6	Tweedmouth West End plans.	Natural England (English Nature) and NCC are to be contacted with BWG views on the proposed path. <u>Fiona is to contact John Inglis about a guided tour of the site.</u>
7	AOB	There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.
8	Date of next Committee Meeting	21st June (Castle) Please note this is not as Fiona (wrongly) had it on the agenda.

EVENTS CALENDAR, from May 2006

Berwick Wildlife Group's forthcoming events (in bold), and a selection of other local events with a natural history theme are shown below. Where more details are required for a BWG event or there's a query (e.g. is it cancelled?), please contact Fiona on 01289 330591.

If you can, have a look at our website (www.berwickwildlifegroup.org.uk), and for more events see Border Events (www.borderevents.com) and the Northumberland Coast AONB site (www.northumberlandcoastaonb.org and click "What's happening").

May

- Wed 31st Talk by Duncan Glen on Wildlife and Conservation on the Otterburn Ranges. Alnwick Wildlife Group. 7.00, St. Michael's Hall, Canongate, Alnwick.
- **Butterfly survey along New Road continues.**

June

- **Thur 1st (or, if wet, Fri 2nd). Bat Survey, introductory meeting. 9.00pm, Parade car park, Berwick. Led by Leslie.**
- **Thur 8th (or, if wet, Fri 9th). Bat Survey (2). 9.00pm, Palace Street, Berwick. Led by Leslie.**
- Thurs 8th Walk with Dr David Long around Gordon Moss. 7.00pm at the reserve (OS map 74 GR 636 428). Scottish Wildlife Trust.
- Fri 9th Talk by Mark Holling on Buzzards in the Borders. North Northumberland Bird Club. 7.30 Bamburgh Pavillion, on the playing field below the castle.
- Sun 11th 2 mile circular walk in Preston plantation at the Cleugh with Myra Watson. Rough paths, walking boots, waterproofs and refreshments advisable. 2.00 (OS map 67 GR 795 594) Scottish Wildlife Trust. Myra 01361 883913
- **Thur 15th (or, if wet, Fri 16th) Bat Survey (3). 9.00pm, The Community Centre, Berwick. Led by Leslie**
- **Wed 21st BWG Committee Meeting – 7.00, Castle, Berwick**
- **Thur 22nd Verges (1) 7.30, Berrington turn off on the Wooler Road. NT 999 432. Led by Fiona. Please contact her for details.**
- Sun 25th Butterfly Conservation. Flemington Burn west of Peebles. 10.30, meet at bridge over Lyne Water (NT 164 448). Richard Buckland – 0131 332 0615.
- **Thur 29th Verges (2) – place & time to be arranged. Led by Fiona.**
- **Butterfly survey along New Road continues.**

July

- Sat 1st Visit to Cocklawburn Dunes (NU 026 484) with Roger Manning. AONB. Booking required - 01670 533039.
- **Sun 2nd Border Green Festival, Mill Farm, Tweedmouth. 11.00am to 6.00pm. BWG will have a stand! Come and support us and the rest of the festival.**
- **Thurs 6th Verges (3) – place & time to be arranged. Led by Fiona.**
- **Sat 15th Holy Island 10.30. Helleborines and Dark Green Fritillaries, Snook Car Park (NU 026 484). Led by Phil Davy.**
- **Wed 19th BWG Committee Meeting – 7.00, Castle, Berwick.**

- **Sat 29th (or, if wet, Sun 30th) Butterfly Count at Cocklawburn 10.30. Meet at car park below old pill box (NU 031 481). Led by Malcolm**
- **Butterfly survey along New Road continues**

August

- **Wed 16th BWG Committee Meeting – 7.00, Castle, Berwick**
- **Butterfly survey along New Road continues**

September

- **Friday 1st Talk by Cyril Guthrie on The Farne Islands. North Northumberland Bird Club. 7.30 Bamburgh Pavillion, on the playing field below the castle.**
- **Wed 20th BWG Committee Meeting. 7.00, Castle, Berwick**
- **Sat 23rd to Fri 29th Final Butterfly Survey, all surveyors and others interested invited, date & time depends on weather. Contact Fiona.**
- **Sat 30th Sept. Tour of Whinney Hill Farm led by David Wood. Grid ref: NZ 128 924. About 4km SW of Longhorsley, 10km NW of Morpeth. 12.00 noon, bring a picnic. Shared transport – contact Fiona.**

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October

- **Thurs 5th Red Squirrel Project, Paxton Hall. Illustrated talk and walk by Ellie Hamilton, Scottish Borders Red Squirrel Conservation Officer. 1.30, Reception at Paxton Hall.**
- **Thurs 5th Talk on Walking in the Scottish Borders by Keith Robeson, Senior Countryside Ranger, Harestanes. Scottish Wildlife Trust. 7.30, Duns Parish Church Hall.**
- **Fri 13th. Talk by Angus Hogg on the Birds of Ayrshire. North Northumberland Bird Club. 7.30 Bamburgh Pavillion, on the playing field below the castle.**
- **Wed 18th. BWG Committee meeting, 7.00, Castle, Berwick.**

November

- **Thurs 2nd Talk on Combating Wildlife Crime by Jim McGovern, Lothian and Borders Wildlife Police Officer. Scottish Wildlife Trust. 7.30, Duns Parish Church Hall.**
- **Wed 8th Talk on Butterflies by Sam Ellis of Butterfly Conservation. 7.30, Berwick United Reformed Church, Main Street, Spittal.**
- **Fri 10th Talk by Bryan Galloway on Birds of the Otterburn Training Area. North Northumberland Bird Club. 7.30 Bamburgh Pavillion, on the playing field below the castle.**
- **Wed 15th BWG Committee meeting. 7.00, Castle, Berwick**

December

- **Thurs 7th Talk on Plant Hunting in Central & Southern Europe by Sidney Clarke, Photographer, Author & Botanist. Scottish Wildlife Trust. 7.30, Duns Parish Church Hall.**
- **Wed 20th Committee meeting, 7.00, Castle, Berwick**

January 2007

- **Wed 10th Talk by Willie Robson on Bees. 7.30, Berwick United Reformed Church, Main Street, Spittal**

February 2007

- Thurs 1st Talk on Walking the East Neuk of Fife by Peter Griffiths, Round Britain Coastal Walker. Scottish Wildlife Trust. 7.30, Duns Parish Church Hall.
- **Sat 3rd Third Annual Estuary and Seabird Survey. Meet at Tweedmouth end of Old Bridge, 1.00pm (high tide 15.30). If conditions poor alternative date Sat 17th, 12.00 (high tide 14.30)**
- **Wed 14th – talk by Steve Betts on Bats. 7.30, Berwick United Reformed Church, Main Street, Spittal.**

March 2007

- Thurs 1st Talk on Changes to Birds of Scotland by Mike Betts, Ornithologist and Editor. Scottish Wildlife Trust. 7.30, Duns Parish Church Hall.

April 2007

- Thurs 5th AGM followed by a talk on Duns Castle Reserve by Murray Henderson, Reserve Convener. Scottish Wildlife Trust. 7.30, Duns Parish Church Hall.