

Wild Essex



september nature news

Wild Essex Diary

For more info or to book a place on any walk, please email me at jmgibson1959@btinternet.com or text 07503240387.

Or you may like to keep in touch via our lively Whatsapp group, just contact me and I will add you

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UP COMING EVENTS

SATURDAY 14th OCTOBER

Afternoon walk along our wonderful COLNE ESTUARY to discover 'THE FIRST FRUITS OF AUTUMN', looking for saltmarsh plants and birds that are coming to our home for the winter. Start from Wivenhoe Jetty 2 – 4 pm.



£10 per person.

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TUESDAY 31st OCTOBER

BIRDS OF THE STOUR. Come and join us for a couple of hours' stroll on this, our sister river. Looking out for birds that have dropped in for the winter and those that live here all year round (and who could blame them!)

Meet at Manningtree Co-op Car Park. 11.30 – 1.30 (to fit in with the tide), and perhaps drink/bite to eat in a local afterwards.?

£10 per person





Sputnik Gall. Want to know more? Join us for first of our Zunday Zooms on 1st October. See left for more info and link

Welcome....

.....to our newsletter for September!

It's hard to believe that it has been a year since we launched our 'new look' newsletter. I have become a bit more competent juggling words and pictures, but still a way to go! If you have enjoyed them and would like to flick back over previous 'editions' you can find them on Chris' website. JUDE'S WILDLIFE NEWSLETTERS | Chris Gibson Wildlife I'd always be very grateful for any feedback – what do you like/dislike about the newsletter? Also what about our walks? Any you have particularly enjoyed? Or have you any suggestions of places you would like to have an outing with us?



Art in Nature to see more go to Grassscapes | Chris Gibson Wildlife

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ZOOM TALKS

We are hosting a series of free zoom talks again this winter – why not join us on the **first Sunday of each month** for 40 mins from 7pm to be entertained on a nature-related topic.

Programme as follows:

1st Oct Galls

5th Nov The making of a Field Guide

3rd Dec Review of 2023 7th Jan Menorcan wildlife 4th Feb Parasitic plants

3rd Mar The Wild Side of Beth Chatto's

Garden

OCTOBER - GALLS

To tune in to our first talk of the year, use this link

Time: Oct 1, 2023 7:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us05web.zoom.us/j/899852119 57?pwd=2CXLbN5PsVPtHRJLDVkkJJ hsKRMCoc.1

Meeting ID: 899 8521 1957

Passcode: zjD7y7

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WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

Evening walk in WRABNESS NATURE RESERVE. <u>#WildEssexWalks – evening in the Wrabness Nature Reserve | Chris Gibson Wildlife</u>



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WILD ESSEX ON TOUR – TO HARLOW!

See next time for our blog.



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TALKS

Chris has a large repertoire of fully illustrated presentations, all suitable for giving to clubs, groups etc, in person or by zoom. <u>Talks | Chris Gibson Wildlife</u> Do get in touch if you would like more details.

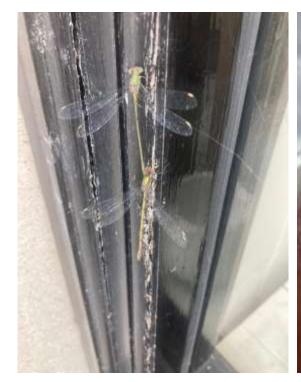
NATURE NOTES

Thanks to everyone for your contributions this month.





Two of our very distinctive insects - Roesel's Bush Cricket and Firebug





You never know where you will find dragonflies! Here Willow Emeralds queuing up outside John Lewis, and a darter having a rest

AND FINALLY.....

.....some good news!

Butterfly Conservation <u>Butterfly numbers increased this summer | Butterfly</u> Conservation (butterfly-conservation.org)



BRINGING NATURE TO YOU

We would be very happy to discuss any ideas you may have for a tailor-made nature experience. Perhaps advice on Rewilding your garden, a moth trapping evening or bespoke walk with a group of friends. General cost £5 per hour per person, usual minimum group of 3 or £15 per hour.

TRANSITION TOWN WIVENHOE

For ideas about how you can help your local community, as well as hopefully the planet, get in touch with transwiv@gmail.com to receive their regular newsletter.

PLEASE KEEP SENDING US YOUR PHOTOS AND NATURE NOTES!

Special thanks this time to Eleanor, Val Appleyard, Ricky Beezley, Jenny Coumbe, Nick Green, Catharina Griffiths and George McKissock

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Beth Chatto's garden looking good.....as usual!