

Wild Essex



january nature news

Wild ESSEX Diary

For more info or to book a place on any walk, please email me at <u>imgibson1959@btinternet.com</u> or text 07503240387.

If WhatsApp is your thing you may like to join our group for lots of interesting photos and lively discussion. Just let me know and I will add you.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS –

2024

MONDAY FEBRUARY 12TH 10am = 12 poon = £10 per person

10am – 12 noon £10 per person

WIVENHOE WOODS IN WINTER – TREES & BIRDS.

Wrap up warm for a stroll through our wonderful woodland – find out about its history and what lives there.

Local pubs within easy reach if anyone fancies post-walk drink/lunch



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'ZUNDAY ZOOM'

THE WILD SIDE OF BETH CHATTO'S GARDEN

SUNDAY 4th FEBRUARY 7pm

As you may know Chris is Beth Chatto's 'Wildlife Advocate' and can often be found there! ...showing interested visitors around or just taking photos and enjoying this wonderful place. To find out more about our local famous garden join us for our Feb zoom session. Just click the link

https://us05web.zoom.us/j/882616800 83?pwd=7VMxUzqTtl7MalKgj9huMCb kbGGE0Q.1

Meeting ID: 882 6168 0083 Passcode: 6PgbkW



Cheery Dandelion

Welcome....

.....to our January newsletter

Hope that 2024 has got off to a good start for you! Each month we will be keeping you up to date with our forthcoming events through our newsletter, and on Whatsapp. We will also be showing some of the photos you have sent in, as well as letting you know about citizen science projects you can be involved in (eg **RSPB Garden birdwatch 26–28 Jan** - see next page).



Snowdrops in Beth Chatto's Garden

For more photos visit Beth Chatto's – Art in the Garden | Chris Gibson Wildlife

Zoom session still to come:

3rd Mar The Making of a Field Guide

If you missed either the December presentation (WildEssex Review of the Year), or the January one (Parasitic Plants), the links are below and available for a short time:

Dec:

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Jan:

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LOOKING AHEAD:-

FRIDAY MARCH 15TH 10am-12 noon £10 per person

SIGNS OF SPRING – FROM ALRESFORD OLD CHURCH TO THE ESTUARY



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CITIZEN SCIENCE

RSPB GARDEN BIRD WATCH 26–28 January. Click on the link for more information.

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WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

NEW YEAR'S DAY WILD FLOWER HUNT

Our what is now traditional New Year's Day was as popular as ever. We recorded a total of 34 species of wildflowers actually in flower during the hour, and the results will be fed into the BSBI national data base.

<u>www.chrisgibsonwildlife.co.uk/wildesse</u> <u>x-new-year-plant-hunt-2024</u>

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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.



Gorgeous fox enjoying the sunshine...



...and some splendid Brain fungus brightening up the damp leafy undergrowth in a wonderful local little wood.





This month has seem to changeable weather – from crisp and frosty mornings...

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.

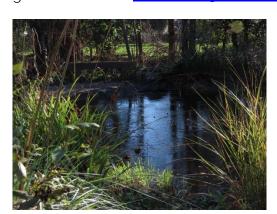




....to torrential rain which affected so many – see here flooding in a Suffolk town and in a local garden. We had our fair share of water-issues in the roof of our flat Θ .

WIVENHOE WILDLIFE GARDEN

The first in our series of photos showing what is happening in your local wildlife garden. Contact transwiv@gmail.com to find out you can become involved.





The pond

Hazel catkins

BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION

A brilliant charity – lots of interest in their newsletter this month...

<u>link.butterfly-conservation.org/m/1/71172733/p1-b24005-ad812bf28eae4f2db4cac93a83418724/4/492/66ad56ce-3ac7-4118-8d71-3bdc5ee53b4c</u>

AND FINALLY.....

Chris and I have been sorting out our bookshelves and have a few that we no longer need — free to a good home for anyone that is happy to collect from lower Wivenhoe, or a mutually convenient place. Just get in touch.



PLEASE KEEP SENDING US YOUR PHOTOS AND NATURE NOTES!

Special thanks this time to Val Appleyard, George McKissock, Lyn Rodley

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