

Wild Essex



november 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.

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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<u>UPCOMING EVENTS –</u> 2023

'ZUNDAY ZOOM' WILD ESSEX REVIEW OF THE YEAR

SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER 7pm

If you've been along to any of our events this year you may enjoy this quick review – and even if you haven't, why not tune in anyway for some interesting photos and info from Chris. Just click the link

https://us05web.zoom.us/j/83841004679?p wd=vCBu4n4dB7Q5p3H0O2vhG4UT88XDsj.

Meeting ID: 838 4100 4679 Passcode: 0Giz0V

2024

MONDAY JANUARY 1ST 2 – 3pm

NEW YEAR PLANT HUNT. Our annual hour's walk around Lower Wivenhoe looking for any flowering wild plants. Our results will be fed into the national BSBI database which is a useful year-on-year record of what is thriving and surviving.

No charge but BOOKING ESSENTIAL PLEASE as numbers are limited.

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'ZUNDAY ZOOMS'

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

Programme as follows:

3rd Dec WildEssex Review of 2023

7th Jan Parasitic plants

4th Feb The Wild Side of Beth Chatto's

Garden

3rd Mar The Making of a Field Guide



A statuesque Teasel ...and spot the Harlequin Ladybird too! Teasels are both beautiful and prolific providers of seeds - so important for finches.

Welcome....

.....to our newsletter for November!

This will be our last newsletter of 2023. Will be taking a rest next month. Goes without saying we are grateful for all your support over the past 12 months – be it sending us your photos and nature observations for our newsletter, or supporting our walks, talks or zoom presentations.

Looking forward to being in touch with the first newsletter of 2024, primarily a listing of events proposed for the year, at the very beginning of January. Please feel free to keep in touch 'til then!



Remembering a snowy Wivenhoe from a few years ago! Wonder if we will see a repetition this winter? To see more of Chris' photos go to <u>Winterscapes</u> | Chris Gibson Wildlife

If you missed our November presentation on Menorcan Wildlife, but would like to see it, here is the link – available for a week or so.

https://1drv.ms/v/s!ArJb8tGtNUkTlboVlQhdpyqOs5UulQ?e=MBNEXI

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WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

MANNINGTREE BIRDS

A very enjoyable couple of hours on the Stour with lots of birdlife to enjoy.

#WildEssexWalks – at the head of the Stour Estuary | Chris Gibson Wildlife



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FUNGI FORAY

Despite the dreadful weather this walk was well attended – thank you to the brave souls! Lots of fungi to be seen at the Uni.



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THE NAZE, FOSSILS AND MUCH MORE

A lovely day enjoying fossils, shells and birds on the shore, plus all kinds of fungi and flora on the clifftops.

#WildEssexWalks – beside the seaside at the Naze | Chris Gibson Wildlife.



NATURE NOTES

Thanks to everyone for your contributions this month.



A reminder of warmth and sun! This White Banded Mining Bee on Lantana in Crete.



Gorgeous Autumn colours





Birds from Norfolk - Redshank and Blacktailed Godwit



Male Kestrel enjoying lunch at Walton on the Naze

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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.

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

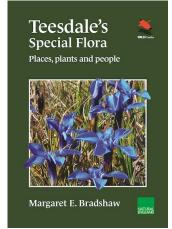
For ideas about how you can help your local community, as well as hopefully the planet, get in touch with transwiv@gmail.com to receive their regular newsletter.

BOXTED NATURE GROUP are arranging another of their super days – for the nature-loving youngster in your life.



AND FINALLY.....

Chris and I were thrilled to be able to work on this book, and are proud to be acquainted with the wonderful person that is Margaret Bradshaw! This is a must if you are planning a trip to the Teesdale area!





'Just keep going': the horse-riding 97-year-old botanist battling for England's wildflowers | Wild flowers | The Guardian

PLEASE KEEP SENDING US YOUR PHOTOS AND NATURE NOTES!

Special thanks this time to Camille and Jon, Val Appleyard, Dave Green and Sue Minta

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