

The Yealands

News for Conyers, Redmayne and Storrs May 2017

Leighton Moss



Avocets picture by Richard Cousens

At the reserve:

'Songs of Spring' family trail

Monday 1-Wednesday 31 May (Drop in between 9.30 am-4 pm)

Bring your team and take part in this self-led family trail to discover more about the beautiful songs of nature here at Leighton Moss.

Normal admission charges apply to non-members (RSPB members free).

International Dawn Chorus Day

Sunday 7 May (4-7.30 am)

Come and enjoy the magic of the dawn chorus with a walk through our woodlands and around our stunning reedbed to experience nature's early morning symphony. Experts will help with identifying the sounds around you. Booking and payment in advance essential. Cost £25 (RSPB members £20) including a full English breakfast after the walk (a pre-booked veggie breakfast is available).

Birdsong for Beginners

Sunday 28 May (7.30-10 am)

Join Andy Chapman on this informative wildlife walk. Learn more about different bird songs in the woodland and around the reedbed, get tips on identification and advice about wildlife watching. Afterwards enjoy a bacon or veggie sausage bap and tea or coffee. Booking and payment in advance essential. Cost £15 (RSPB members £12). Meet in The Holt next to the garden.

Christian Aid Week

This regular event runs from the 14-20 May this year. There will be the usual house to house collection in Yealand for Christian Aid Week. As their web site tells us: It's better to die in a refugee camp than to die in a war. To risk your children's lives in a plastic dinghy. And to leave everything you know behind. When the alternative is terror, bombs and bullets, almost anything is better. This is the terrible choice facing tens of millions of people worldwide - fleeing conflict and disaster, making dangerous journeys in search of safety.

Christian Aid Week was set up 60 years ago to support our work with refugees in Europe following the Second World War. Let's act again now, to help relieve suffering and build a world where everyone has a safe place to call home.

If you can help with collecting the envelopes please contact Jean Tunnicliffe Wilson tel 781274 or email J.Tunnicliffe-wilson@zen.co.uk

Yealand WI

Last time we were entertained by Jo Marsden from the Lakeland Wildlife Oasis who brought along some 'friends' that reside there.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th May when we will discuss the WI Resolutions. This will be followed by a demonstration of flower arranging by Veronica Butler. This month's competition will be 'A Flower Decoration in a Tea Cup!' As usual refreshments will be served and we will be happy to welcome new members and visitors. More details from Diana McClure on 781803.

Silverdale and Arnside AONB

Landscape Trust

The landscapes of the Yealands take centre stage at a free photographic exhibition on Saturday May 6th (2.15 pm - 6 pm) and Sunday May 7th (11 am - 5 pm) at Arnside Educational Institute. Please email LTevents@arnsidesilverdaleaonb.org.uk for the full programme and information on last minute places on the Landscape Trust's annual study seminar (cost £6).

This year's theme of AONB conservation is explored during six Saturday morning lectures at

Arnside El and four field trips to Gait Barrows, Trowbarrow, Leighton Moss and Arnside Knott. The weekend is aimed at anyone interested in learning more about the conservation, geology, ecology and history of local landscapes.

St John's church

The Reverend Robin Figg, at present vicar of Kildwick, near Skipton, is to be our new vicar. Robin was an engineer officer in the Royal Navy before he was ordained. He and his wife, Elizabeth, have three adult sons and are really excited to be moving to the benefice this summer.

Congratulation to the 50/50 Club winners in March - Joan Brown, Anne Ogden and Jenny Birch.

The next Knit and Knatter is in church on Wednesday May 10, 2-4pm. Come along and bring something to work on while you relax, chat, drink tea and eat cake!

Tea @ St John's is on Wednesday May 31 at 3.00. Everyone is invited to this free afternoon tea in church. We can provide a lift if you need one and if you can't get out we can bring a nice plated tea to you at home afterwards. Please ring for more information for yourself or anyone you know who might be interested.

For information about anything to do with St John's please ring Sally-Ann Rothwell on 01524 734585

Yealand Old School

Crafty coffee morning

Do come along to our special crafty coffee session on Thursday 4th May. Margaret will be teaching us how to use real flowers to dye fabric achieving the shape and colour of the real flower/leaf. 10am until noon in the Quaker Old School. All welcome.

Minimum £1 donation for tea/ coffee and scones (for charity) and a small charge for materials. Please bring any flowers you particularly want to use (not too fleshy) but don't worry as we will have some. An old telephone directory(or similar) and a hammer might be useful.

Next meeting - Thursday June 2nd - sun printing.

Chernobyl's Children

Karen Robinson supports a charity called Friends of Chernobyl's children, which brings to the UK, youngsters from Belarus, whose health has been adversely affected by radiation fallout. 12 children are coming in June, and they tend to come with very little clothing and we hope, return with a bulging case. So donations of good quality clothing, for age range 7-13 are needed. If you can help, please contact Karen on 07989964598

Mobile library

The driver has recently retired, and Morecambe library were unable to confirm visit dates for May onwards. A phone call to Morecambe library on 01524 415215 may help.

Leighton Hall

Sunday 21st May 10 am- 4 pm

Sale in aid of British Red Cross

Plants from nurseries, local food growers and quality crafts. Entrance fee £4

Coffee Stop

Thank you from Coffee Stop

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising Coffee Stop held on April 24th. We made a fantastic £390 for the Parkinson's UK Lancaster and Morecambe support group.

Thank you to all those who made cakes, jams and chutneys; everyone who helped with refreshments; to the crafty coffee group who passed on a donation, those who donated so many lovely things for the tombola; to Angela who donated the Steiff bear won by Val Cookson; to Mrs Gale, teachers and the wonderful children of Yealand school who sang so beautifully on their first day back to school after the holidays.

Coffee stop supports Yealand News

A sad end

A Lancaster resident reports finding a black cat, in the middle of the main road in Conyers on the 22nd Apr. It had evidently been run over, and killed. She could not easily locate the owner, but thought someone would wish to know why their pet had not returned.

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Bearded tit at the reserve
picture by Mick Walmsley