

Wild River Festival

17th - 28th July 2011

Join the Avon Frome Partnership, the South Gloucestershire Wildways Project, Bristol Wild City Project and local wildlife conservation partners for a 2 week programme of events along the River Avon at Eastwood Farm and Conham River Park celebrating the wildlife, heritage and landscape of the beautiful Avon Valley. All these events are free and booking is only required where specified. Family friendly activities are indicated by a ☺ symbol.

Sunday 17th July Morning Riverside Wildlife Walk and Brunch

Join ecologist Rupert Higgins for a morning stroll along the river to see the heronry and other wildlife along the river. Stay on for an optional brunch at 11.00am at Beeses tea rooms. Meet 9.30am at Conham River Park car park BS15 3AW. Free walk but brunch not included. **Contact:** Rowena Kenny – 01454 863556 / rowena.kenny@southglos.gov.uk

Tuesday 19th July Riverside Ramble

Wildways Project Officer will lead a riverside ramble in search of wildlife along the river. Meet 11.00am at Conham River Park car park BS15 3AW and walk along the River Avon to Chequers / Lock and Weir pubs for refreshments then back to Conham (Walk free but refreshments available for purchase). **Contact:** Sally Pattison – 01454 863556 sally.pattison@southglos.gov.uk

Wednesday 20th July River Song Celebration ☺

Join choirs from local schools for an inspirational early evening celebration of the river through song. Sit back and enjoy the sounds at beautiful riverside Beeses Tea Rooms. Beeses tea rooms 4.30 – 7.00pm (performance 5.00 – 6.00pm) www.beeses.co.uk **Contact:** Helen Adshead – 0117 922 4429 / helen.adshead@bristol.gov.uk

Thursday 21st July Wild Night Out

Join us for a Wild Night out in search of Bats at Conham River Park and a late night Moth Watch at Beeses tea rooms. Led by Avon Bat Group and ecologist Rupert Higgins. Meet at Conham River Park car park BS15 3AW at 8.30pm. **Contact:** Rowena Kenny – 01454 863556

Friday 22nd July Purple Prowl at Troopers Hill

Join the Friends of Troopers Hill and wildlife expert Rupert Higgins to learn about the unique flora and fauna of Troopers Hill. 7 – 8.30pm. Free but booking required. To book phone Judith (Friends of Troopers Hill) on 0117 9559819 or email events2011@troopers-hill.org.uk

Sunday 24th July Family River Discovery Day ☺

An afternoon of wild and watery activities for all ages including pond dipping, puppet show, nature crafts, willow weaving, owl encounters, bird box making, guided wildlife walks and more! Refreshments available for purchase from the fabulous Beeses tea rooms. 1 – 4pm Beese tea rooms and Eastwood Farm. Parking available inside the park entrance off Whitmore Avenue – BS4 4TQ. **Contact:** Paula Spiers – 0117 9224325 or Rowena Kenny – 01454 863556

Tuesday 26th July Wildlife Walk

Wildways Project Officer Sally Pattison will lead a walk along the River Avon and adjacent countryside from the Lock Keeper pub to Bitton and back. Meet 10.30am at the Lock Keeper, Keynsham, BS31 2DD (Walk free but refreshments available for purchase). **Contact:** Sally Pattison – 01454 863556

Wednesday 27th July Tales from the River Bank ☺

Inspirational local storyteller Martin Maudsley will lead us on a magical journey of watery tales and wild adventures with lots of opportunities for using your imagination and senses – suitable for all ages. Beeses tea rooms and Eastwood Farm – meet at Beeses tea rooms 1pm to 4pm. **Contact:** Paula Spiers – 0117 9224325 paula.spiers@bristol.gov.uk

Thursday 28th July Evening Wildlife Walk at Eastwood Farm.

Join Julian Thomas and Rob Acton – Campbell from the Friends of Eastwood Farm for an evening stroll exploring the history and wildlife of this beautiful Local Nature Reserve. Meet 7pm at the garden entrance to Beeses tea rooms (the ferry will be running for access from Conham). **Contact:** Paula Spiers – 0117 9224325

We regret that wheelchair access is limited. Please contact event organisers for information about access needs.

