

## **Northwich Woodlands FoAM Events Programme 2020**

### **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January**

#### **Bird Walk in Big Wood, Marbury Country Park**

How many birds can you identify in the park? Full details and checklist on [www.foam.merseyforest.org.uk](http://www.foam.merseyforest.org.uk)

Meet: 2.00 pm at the Rangers' Cabin/Marbury Lodge

For information contact: David Bullock 01606 781981

### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February**

#### **Homes for Wildlife**

Make and take away a nest box, or perhaps a bug home, to put up in your garden, as part of National Nest Box Week,

No charge but donations welcome.

Meet: 10.00 am – 12.00 pm at the Rangers' Cabin/Marbury Lodge

For information contact: David Bullock 01606 781981

### **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March to Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

#### **FoAM Photographic Exhibition at Weaver Hall Museum**

The exhibition will be a selection of photographs submitted in our biennial competitions. They will show a wide variety of ecological and leisure opportunities in Northwich Woodlands.

Admission is free during museum opening hours: Tuesday to Friday: 10am-5pm, Saturdays, Sundays & Bank Holidays: 2pm-5pm.

For information contact: Jim Jeeves 01606 77688

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

#### **Walk Through Marbury's Past**

Discover the history of Marbury Hall, Parkland and Gardens from the 13<sup>th</sup> century up to the 21<sup>st</sup> century Country Park on a 2 hour/2 mile guided circular walk.

Meet: 10.00 am at the Rangers' Cabin/Marbury Lodge

For information contact: Mary Jeeves 01606 77688

### **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

#### **Spring Photo Bingo**

Collect your bingo card from the Ranger Cabin and set off around the park to snap photographs of the things on your card. Edible prizes for a full house! You will need to bring a camera or phone to take the photos. Children must be accompanied by an adult, suitable for all ages.

Drop-in: 1.00 pm – 4.00 pm.

For information contact: Melanie Bradley: 07884 441441

### **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

#### **Woodworking at the Northwich Woodlands**

Spend the weekend making an item of furniture out of materials from the park. This workshop will give you the skills to make a small milking or bar stool. No previous woodworking experience required as volunteers will help you each step of the way.

There is a charge of £40 for this event: all monies will go to the Friends' Group, FoAM, and will go towards the workshop.

For information and booking contact: Dave James: 01606 77741 or e-mail:

[david.james@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:david.james@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

### **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

#### **Kites and Windsocks**

Create a fantastic flying kite or windsock and test it on the park. All materials provided. Meet at the marquee near the Rangers' Cabin. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Suitable for ages 4 - 104 years!

Drop-in: 1.00 pm – 4.00 pm.

For information contact: Melanie Bradley: 07884 441441

### **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

#### **Spring Time in Marbury Country Park**

A guided walk at this wonderful time in the park to see the early woodland flowers.

Meet: 10.00 am at the Rangers' Cabin/Marbury Lodge

For information contact: Mary Jeeves 01606 77688

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May****Dawn Chorus Walk, Marbury Country Park**

FoAM's birding experts will again lead this popular event for everyone interested in birds.

Meet: 5.00 am at the Rangers' Cabin/Marbury Lodge

For information contact: David Bullock 01606 781981

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May****Trees in the Park**

A guided walk looking at the wide variety of trees in Marbury Country Park, catching the spring blossom.

Meet: 10.00 am at the Rangers' Cabin/Marbury Lodge

For information contact: Mary Jeeves 01606 77688

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May****FoAM AGM, Quiz and Supper**

Meet: 7.45 pm Comberbach Memorial Hall. There will be a charge for supper.

To book for the Quiz and Supper contact: Joanne Redley 01606 44728

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May****Bring and Buy Plant Sale, Marbury Country Park**

Come and find something for house or garden at FoAM's amazing plant sale. All surplus plants will be welcome.

From: 10.00 am – 4.00 pm at the Rangers' Cabin/Marbury Lodge

For information contact: Jim Jeeves 01606 77688

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May****Orienteering – a Family Event**

An opportunity to try out the permanent Marbury orienteering course for free. Race around or take your time, it's up to you. Collect your map and instructions from the Rangers' Cabin. Help will be available to explain how it works.

Routes suitable for all ages and abilities. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Drop-in: 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm

For information contact: Melanie Bradley 07884 441441

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June****Wartime Marbury 1939 - 1948**

A gentle afternoon walk and talk, exploring Marbury's wartime past with local historian Clive Brookes. If the weather is bad, Clive will give a presentation in the Community Cabin. Wheelchair friendly route of a mile or so. Suitable for older children and adults. Numbers limited, so please phone to book a place.

Meet: 1.30 pm at the Rangers' Cabin, Marbury Country Park

For and information and booking contact: Brenda Yates 01565 733197

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July****Photographic Workshops**

Two digital camera workshops led by Simon Davies in Marbury Country Park. Group size is limited so booking is essential. You will need to have a camera on which you ISO, shutter speed and aperture can be adjusted.

There will be a charge of £10 for each workshop.

Meet: 6.00 pm at the Rangers' Cabin/Marbury Lodge.

For information and booking contact: Alan Redley 01606 44728 or email: [alanredley@aol.com](mailto:alanredley@aol.com)

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June****Wildflower Walk in Anderton Nature Park**

A guided walk to view the many summer wildflowers.

Meet: 10.00 am Anderton Nature Park car park

For information contact: Mary Jeeves 01606 77688

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June****Art in the Park**

An evening of soft, chalky pastel sketching with local artist and tutor Rebecca Yoxall, indoors and out. Marbury charcoal will also be available. You will need to bring pastels and pastel paper (or buy pastel paper on the day), a board and something to sit on outdoors. Numbers limited, so booking essential. There will be a charge of £10 for this three hour session.

6.00 pm – 9pm. Meet at the Rangers' Cabin, Marbury Country Park

For information and booking contact: Brenda Yates 01565 733197

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June****Breakfast with Moths, Marbury Country Park**

Join FoAM's regular moth trappers to see the range of beautiful moths attracted to the traps overnight. This event will take place whatever the weather!

Croissants and orange juice available for breakfast.

Meet: 9.30 am at Marbury Lodge, near the Rangers' Cabin

For information contact: Brenda Yates 01565 733197

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June****Pond Dipping for 'Grown-Ups'**

A chance for Grown-Ups to dip in a net and spend an hour or two experiencing the wonders of pond life. Great fun and a chance to escape the bustle of daily life! Group size limited, so booking essential.

Meet: Marbury Lodge at 10.00am.

For information contact: Jim Jeeves 01606 77688

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July****FoAM Picnic in the Park**

FoAM's celebration of Summer in the Park. Bring your own picnic or food to barbecue.

From: 5.00 pm Marbury Country Park

For information contact: Joanne Redley 01606 44728 or Sandra Head 01606 212264

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July****Bioblitz Nature Walk, Northwich Woodlands**

Take a walk around Neumann's Flash and Dairy House Meadows. Our aim will be to record the birds, butterflies, dragonflies, flowers and trees that we see along the way. All are welcome, whether you are a beginner or an expert. There will be a target number of species – to be revealed on the day! Please bring cameras and binoculars if you have them.

Meet: 10.00 am at Witton Mill Car Park

For information contact: Steve Costa: 07519 966780

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August****Family Event - Green Crafts**

Use natural and recycled materials to make and create. Lots of different activities suitable for ages 4 – 104 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Stay as long as you like in the marquee near to the Rangers' Cabin.

Drop-in: 11.00 am – 4.00 pm.

For information contact: Melanie Bradley 07884 441441

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August****Family Event - Bows and Arrows and Fairy Wands**

Make yourself a bow and arrow and test your shooting skills or a fairy wand and do some magic! Suitable for ages 4 – 104 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Stay as long as you like in the marquee near to the Ranger Cabin.

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Meet: 1.30 pm at the Rangers' Cabin, Marbury Country Park

For and information and booking contact: Brenda Yates: 07941 710791

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August****Family Event - Green Games and Tree Treasure Hunt –**

Use your senses to discover and enjoy the parkland in a different way. Games and activities including a tree treasure hunt. Suitable for ages 4 -104 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Stay as long as you like in the marquee by the Ranger Cabin.

Drop-in: 11.00 am – 4.00 pm.

For information contact: Melanie Bradley 07884 441441

### **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August**

#### **Family Art in the Park**

With some help from an artist, come and create. All materials provided. Suitable for ages 4 -104 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Stay as long as you like.

Drop-in: 11.00 am – 4.00 pm.

For information contact: Melanie Bradley 07884 441441

### **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August**

#### **Mammal Trapping**

An opportunity to find out what mammals have ventured into the mammal traps set in Marbury Country Park.

Meet: 9.30 am at the Rangers' Cabin/Marbury Lodge

For information contact: Melanie Bradley 07884 441441

### **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September**

#### **Bat Talk and Walk**

Come and hear about the different bats that live in Marbury Country Park and join a guided walk by Mike Freeman of the Cheshire Bat Group. Above date to be confirmed.

Meet 8.00 pm at the Rangers' Cabin/Marbury Lodge

For Information contact: Joanne Redley 01606 44728

### **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

#### **Fungal Hunts in Marbury Country Park**

Fungal Punk Dave returns to Marbury for an unforgettable search for fungi large and small. Learn how fungi are vital to life as we know it (... and that the best place to forage for edible fungi is your local supermarket!) Group numbers are limited so booking essential. Morning and afternoon sessions.

Meet: Marbury Lodge, near the Rangers' Cabin

For and information/session times and booking contact: Brenda Yates 01565 733197

### **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

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### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

#### **FoAM's Christmas Decorations Workshop**

Come to our annual workshop to create some stunning decorations for your home from natural materials gathered in the woodlands. No charge, but donations welcome.

From: 10.00 am – 12.00 pm by the Rangers' Cabin/Marbury Lodge

For information contact: Joanne Redley 01606 44728

## ***FoAM 2020 Photographic Competition***

This is a competition for any photographs taken in the Northwich Woodlands. Entries are invited from photographers of all ages and abilities.

An Exhibition of all entries will be held at Comberbach Village Hall early in 2021 (date to be announced).

Winning entries may be posted on FoAM's website and published in FoAM's Newsletter. These and other entries may also be put on FoAM's Facebook page.

Entry to the competition is free. Rules of the competition are published on the FoAM website