



THE NOAK BRIDGE NATURE RESERVE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

December 2001



EVENTS

Basildon Countryside Services Events

Sunday, 16 December 2001

YULETIDE RAMBLE!

10:00 a.m – 12 noon

Noak Bridge Nature Reserve

Afterwards: Mulled Wine and Mince Pies at Kenilworth Place

Sunday, 23 June 2002.

Open Day 2002.

Noak Bridge Nature Reserve Society will host an Open Day in the reserve.

Sunday, 21 July 2002.

Dragonflies and Damselflies

10:00 a.m – 12:00 noon

Noak Bridge Nature Reserve



The upgrading of the reserve is almost complete and the disabled access entries have been installed by the Basildon Conservation Group. You will have noticed several new benches installed by our own work party participants and the committee are reviewing the suggestions received for naming specific areas of the reserve for the guidance of visitors. The footpath leading to the entrance at Eastfield Road has now been paved so that visitors in wheelchairs will no longer have to approach the gate by way of the road! Pitsea Marshes/Cleanaway Trust representatives will visit the reserve on completion of the project and their sponsorship sign will be displayed. Members will be informed of the date by notices on the community notice boards, at the Eastfield Road entrance and in the local shops.

Constitution. The Society's new constitution was adopted (subject to the recommended change in quorum requirements) by the members attending the Special General Meeting on 16 October 2001. The amended document was duly signed by Ron Francis, Chair at the committee meeting held on 7 November 2001.

British Dragonfly Association. As the ponds in our reserve attract so many species of dragonflies and damselflies, the committee agreed that we should have expert information on the subject. Therefore, we are now members of the British Dragonfly Association and look forward to receiving further information and magazines.

Work Parties are continuing on the last Friday morning of the month. We have tried a Sunday afternoon and a Thursday afternoon to try to include more members in this enjoyable and healthy activity. Look out for notices in the shops and on the community notice boards.

Information Board. In the New Year, the Society hopes to provide a large information/notice board at the Eastfield Road entrance. We are applying for materials from B&Q under their Better Neighbour Grant programme and Barry Ballard from the Motorboat Museum will construct the board assisted by Society members.

Road Signs. Ron Francis has contacted Basildon Council about the provision of signs directing visitors to the reserve. They have agreed to have signs at Eastfield Road and Bridge Street.

Badges. In accordance with the request of members at the Special General Meeting, Jan Francis has researched the purchase of badges for members, using the remaining grant money from COVER, Community Champions Fund. The badge features our dragonfly logo on a bright yellow background. All members will receive a free badge.

Tours of the Reserve. If you would like a tour of the reserve with a little local colour and history included, Ron Francis will be pleased to be your guide. If you know of any visitors or groups who would like the tour, please call Ron at 531152 for further details.

It has been a very exciting and productive year for our Society and Ron Francis, Chair and your committee members wish you all

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS and
A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

