

THE NOAK BRIDGE NATURE RESERVE SOCIETY

Dragonfly



NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2002

EVENTS FOR  YOUR CALENDAR

Basildon Countryside Services Event

Sunday, 15 December

Yuletide Ramble

10:00 a.m – 12:00 noon

Noak Bridge Nature Reserve

**(mulled wine and mince pies
at Kenilworth Place afterwards)**



Work Parties

3rd Wednesday each month

1:00 p.m – 3:00 p.m

(meet Eastfield Road)

NO WORK PARTY

IN NOVEMBER!





OPEN DAY. Sunday, June 23. A great success! Lots of sunshine, visitors and great exhibits! The birds of prey and ferrets were very popular and our pond-dipping platform was finished in time for the children to enjoy a great time searching for interesting pond-life. Tony Leonardi came in the afternoon to revive us with ice cream and other refreshments while we sampled the crafts and information offered by various exhibitors.



DRAGONFLIES AND DAMSELFLIES. Sunday 21 July.

Basildon Council Countryside Services sponsored this walk through our reserve to admire the many dragonflies usually found on and around our ponds. However, the day was overcast and the dragonflies were very shy! We counted no more than five in the two hours! Everyone who came enjoyed the walk and we were fortunate in having John Court who is a well-known expert and frequent visitor to the site. He brought along several books to identify the insects we found and to show us what we had missed. Of course, the dragonflies are now to be seen in great numbers!



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Thursday, 11 July 2002

A very small gathering bade farewell to Ron Francis at the end of his year as Chair. He has recently taken the Chair for the newly-formed Parish Council, preventing him from continuing as Chair for our Society. We thanked him for his leadership and dedication to the Society and his efforts for the improvement of the reserve. No member was willing to assume the role Chairperson for the coming year, but Tony Youé offered to be Vice-chair with Ralph Chapman as Acting Chair to assist him. Betty Haynes was elected to the committee and Lesley Zanco and Laetitia Lewis were re-elected. Ralph Chapman continues as Treasurer and Janet Bircham continues as Secretary. Jan Frances resigned from the committee and Weed has assumed the post of Membership Secretary. Thank you, Jan for your hard work during the year. Thanks also to Yvonne Sannister who also resigned from the committee due to her commitment to in the Parish Council. We have had a very successful year with the naming of areas of the reserve, the construction of the pond-dipping platform and the notice board and the provision of a sign on Wash Road directing visitors to the reserve.



NORSEY WOOD OPEN DAY. Members enjoyed a fine day at Norsey Wood on Sunday, 6 October. All the usual crafts were represented and it was good to see old friends again.



NEW BABY! Our Ranger, Paul Bown and his wife became the parents of a beautiful baby boy in October. Congratulations!



WORK PARTIES. 3RD Wednesday in the month, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. It would be great if we could see a few more members coming along. Paul Bown, our ranger provides all the tools, etc. and there is always something to do, even if we are not able to do the “heavy” stuff. **NOTE: No work party in November!**



MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS. (1 June 2002 – 31 May 2003). Forms will be delivered to members within the next few weeks. If you have already paid, thank you! – please ignore the request! If you have any questions about membership please call Weed at 289577.



POND-DIPPING PLATFORM

We now have our pond-dipping platform, thanks to a generous award of £2,000 from Visteon, a local business. The entrance gates at Eastfield Road are to be painted shortly and our reserve's name will be attached to it in large metal letters.



NOTICE BOARD

Thanks to a donation of £80 for materials from B&Q we have our own information board at the Eastfield Road entrance.



DOGS. Thank you for remembering the “doggy-bag” on your walks!