



Epsom Common Association

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SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2009

Dear Member,

Summer is here again; it is raining as I write these notes. But in mid May 20 cattle arrived and settled in very quickly. There are five different breeds, giving us a wide variety of sizes and colours, have you visited them yet? It has also been confirmed that we have again achieved the requirements to receive the Green Flag Award. One of the main requirements is that the Park, or Open Space, appears welcoming to visitors. We hope you find the cutting back of the vegetation adjacent to the main paths etc. helps this feeling even on a dull Autumn afternoon.

Our 34th A.G.M. was held on 21st April and your existing committee, including the Officers was re-elected, details can be found at the end of this letter. I and all your committee thank you for this honour.

My sincere thanks to all our members who already give their time, great or small, to help run our Association, but we need more. Please contact John Turner, or myself, if you can spare us some time.

The recent arrival & over night stay of a large number of people, and equipment to produce loud music, was a sharp reminder. With the aid of the "web" such gatherings can be organised even on places like our Common, and your committee will be looking into the effects & possible solutions to this matter.

The Countryside Team are now having meetings regularly with their City of London (Ashtead) counter parts. We are hoping that this will enable the management of the Site of Special Scientific Interest, to be carried out more efficiently. The S.S.S.I. is partly on Epsom Common and partly on Ashtead Common.

Thank you,

Vic. Hayden (Chairman)

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Please note, all walks start from the Stew Pond Car Park
Wear suitable footwear and, if possible, bring a pair of binoculars

Saturday 4th July – Starting at 11.00am

BUTTERFLY STROLL

This annual search for the elusive Purple Emperor Butterfly will be led by Howard Whiting. Help him also find, identify & record other butterflies, moths & invertebrates that live on our Common. We suggest you may like to bring a snack on this walk.

Saturday 11th July – Starting at 2pm

Wild Flower Wander

Eileen Taylor will lead this popular walk to find and identify many of our lovely wild flowers, and other botanical delights, which can be found on our Common if you know where to look.

Sunday 16th August – Starting at 2pm

Bush Cricket Hop

Steve Nevard will lead us to find and record various species of grasshopper and bush cricket, including hopefully the short-winged conehead grasshopper.

Saturday 5th September – Starting at 7.30pm

Bat Walk

This walk will be led by the E&E.B.C Countryside Team. Find out more about these fascinating & misunderstood creatures (the Bats that is!!). Please book in advance by phoning 01372 732000.

ECOVOLS

Bracken Pulling :

Don't forget our summer task, every Tuesday evening during June, July and August. Help us to maintain some of our heaths and encourage the growth of heather, which is an important source of nectar to many invertebrates.

We will be pulling bracken at:-

Horton Heath: 30/6, 28/7 & 18/8 - Meet at Christ Church car park.

Bramble Heath: 7/7, 4/8 & 25/8 - Meet junction of Churchside/ Bracken Path.

Blake's Pond: 14/7 & 11/8 - Meet on railway bridge at Castle Road.

Grazing Area: 23/6 & 21/7 - Meet at the Wells notice board.

Our autumn tasks start on September 20th & 21st with clearing around Baron's Pond.

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