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Foreword



Water Matters! - We all need it to survive, yet it is so easy to take for granted.

Water is used throughout our daily lives - for drinking, cooking, washing, gardening, supporting businesses and agriculture. Water is fun too – we swim in it, sail boats on it and simply enjoy sitting by it. In fact, we can do nothing without water!

By participating in the events outlined in this booklet, you will have an opportunity to celebrate water and to learn more about this precious resource.

You can go on a guided walk and find out about wildlife that relies on water or visit parts of West Sussex and see the role water plays in our heritage, landscape and environment.

With the prospect of a worsening drought in the coming summer the festival will be very timely and is designed to help ensure that water will remain on tap for basic health and hygiene later in the year. The events combine to raise awareness of water in our daily lives with tips and hints on how we can all work together to ensure that it is not wasted - from the use of water butts and growing drought resistant plants, to using less water in the home and business.

The main event of the West Sussex Water Festival takes place on 13th August. Based in Arundel, this is a fitting venue, with water such a vital part of the town's landscape and heritage. Why not arrive in Arundel by train where the fun starts with music and entertainment on the trains between Horsham and Bognor Regis. However, if you prefer to visit the sea that day you can take the family to Marine Madness at Pagham Harbour where there will be more watery fun.

We hope you enjoy participating in the events and the festival, and that you will return home with some practical ways of using water wisely.

Louise Goldsmith

West Sussex County Council

Cabinet Member for Environment and Economy

Background

The Sussex
Water
Partnership

The West Sussex Water Festival is a programme of water related events throughout the summer with the main event being held in Arundel on the 13th August. This is the first year that we have held a festival in Sussex specifically celebrating water, although a similar festival has been held in Hampshire with great success for several years.

A Sussex Water Partnership has been established consisting of Local Councils, the Environment Agency, water companies and a number of wildlife and countryside organisations and charities. You can find out more about these organisations throughout the booklet, and how we will combine different aspects of water into an exciting programme of events for this year's festival.

Why are Wetlands important?

Wetlands are among the world's most productive environments.

Countless species of plants and animals depend on them for survival.

They support high concentrations of birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, fish and invertebrate species.

Of the 20,000 species of fish in the world, more than 40% live in fresh water.

Wetlands are important storehouses of plant genetic material.

Why are wetlands important to humans?

Wetlands provide tremendous economic benefits

- flood control - 'holding' heavy rainfalls, buffering us against extremes of climate by storing water
- water supply (quantity and quality)
- fisheries (over two thirds of the world's fish harvest is linked to the health of coastal and inland wetland areas)
- agriculture, through the maintenance of water tables and nutrient retention in floodplains
- timber production
- plant and wildlife resources
- transport
- recreation and tourism

Where are Wetlands found?

Wetlands occur in every country, from the tundra to the tropics.

'Wetlands' includes a variety of habitat types, including rivers and lakes, coastal lagoons, mangroves, peatlands, and even coral reefs.

Wetlands occupy about 6% of the Earth's land surface (5.7 million km²).



Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust

The Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust is the largest international wetland conservation charity in the UK. WWT's mission is to conserve wetlands and their biodiversity.

The WWT Arundel Wetlands Centre is one of nine centres in the UK which provide places in which to walk, relax, learn, and get closer to nature and wildlife.

For more information visit www.wwt.org.uk or telephone 01903 883355



July

Learn to Fish

The Environment Agency is holding a number of angling events across Sussex this year. Many of them are for beginners, and some provide a free rod licence for the day. We want more people to get involved with the UK's most popular sport, so please tell others about these events.

For further information visit www.environment-agency.gov.uk/fish

Solar Boat Trips

Venue: Depart from Emsworth and Itchenor

Date: Daily between 1 July and 10 September

Time: Various

Cost: £6.50 per adult and £3 per child (up to 16 years).

Take a trip on the Solar Heritage, a solar powered catamaran through this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. An experienced guide will help you learn about the environment of Chichester Harbour. On-board the engines are virtually silent as you glide along with plenty of time to admire the view and get up close to many of the birds and habitats that make this place so special. As the solar boat is open sided, please bring warm clothing as it is always more breezy than expected on the water.

All places must be booked in advance 01243 513275 or e-mail solarboat@conservancy.co.uk

Visit www.conservancy.co.uk for further details.

Introduction to Pond Life

Venue: Woods Mill, Henfield

Date: Saturday 1 July

Time: 10am - 4pm

Cost: SWT Members, concessions £17.50; non-members £25.00

Ponds hold a fascination for everyone, young or old alike. Mostly we stare at the surface and marvel at the antics of dragonflies skipping on the surface, but underneath the water there are entire ecosystems at work, populated by an extraordinary array of creatures. This course will open a window to the underwater world, with pond-dipping sessions and close-up examination of finds in the classroom, as well as a guide to building a wildlife pond in your own garden. Led by Neil Fletcher. Please wear sturdy footwear and suitable outdoor clothing and bring a packed lunch.

Booking is essential on 01273 497561.

Visit www.sussexwt.org.uk for more information.

Forgotten Villages of the Surrey – Sussex Border

Venue: Walk from Loxwood to Oakhurst, on to the Wey & Arun Canal, approx. 4^{1/2} miles (2^{1/2} hrs).

Date: Tuesday 4 July

Time: Meet 7.00pm at Onslow Arms, Loxwood on B2133. Park in the Canal Trust car park behind the pub (Map ref TQ 041 312)

Cost: Free event

Walk through Loxwood following the ridge to Oakhurst, and then to the Wey & Arun Canal. From Sydney Farm we return through Ifold, where Londoners settled in the 1930's and then again pick up the canal and the new road

crossing at Loxwood. Led by Roger Nash, Rudgwick Preservation Society.

For more information visit www.rudgewick.net

Wildlife Water Walk

Venue: Pulborough Brooks RSPB Nature Reserve

Date: Monday 10 July

Time: 10.30am, meet at Visitor Centre, Pulborough Brooks RSPB Nature Reserve.

Signposted off A283 Storrington, Pulborough Road (map ref TQ 059 164)

Cost: £4 per person (RSPB Members & Friends of Pulborough Brooks £4).

Join RSPB staff for a gentle walk around the wetland reserve, approx. 2 miles (2 hours). We will show you why water is so important to the reserve and the wildlife that lives here including many different species of dragonfly, damselfly and birds. Led by Peter Hughes or Paul Spiers (RSPB).

Booking is essential; adults only.

For more information and bookings call 01798 875851.

Two Villages and a Ferry Walk

Venue: Bosham to Itchenor

Date: Friday 14 July

Time: Meet 9am at Bosham off A259. Pay and display car park available, (map ref SU 806 039)

Cost: £2 for ferry fare

A delightful 7 mile (5 hours) walk including the harbour villages of Bosham and Itchenor taking a ferry ride in between. Lunch break in Itchenor so bring a picnic led by Chichester Harbour Conservancy.

For more information telephone 01243 512301 or email harbourmaster@conservancy.co.uk or visit www.conservancy.co.uk

Waders for Beginners

Venue: Pulborough Brooks RSPB Nature Reserve

Date: Sunday 16 July & Saturday 19 August

Time: 9.30am – 4pm

Cost: £19 per person (£17 per RSPB Member/Friend of Pulborough Brooks)

Join us and prepare for autumn migration by exploring the lives and characteristics of a variety of wading birds. This session will begin in the field studies centre, and then move out on to the reserve after lunch so you can put your new found knowledge into practice. Morning coffee and buffet lunch included. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

Booking is essential adults only.

For further information and bookings call 01798 875851.

Farmland and Waterways

Venue: Farmland and Waterways around Billingshurst, approx. 8 miles (5^{1/2} hours)

Date: Tuesday 18 July

Time: Meet 10.45am Billingshurst Railway Station (map ref TQ 088 251)

Cost: Donation towards conservation projects please

A walk exploring surrounding farmland and waterways and stopping off at an organic farm in the afternoon. Bring a packed lunch to be enjoyed by the canal. Led by the Low Weald Countryside Rangers, WSCC.

Booking essential on 01403 864001 or email pauline.chandler@westsussex.gov.uk



Nature Coast Project

The Nature Coast Project works along the coast of West Sussex focusing on high conservation value areas such as vegetated shingle, the inter-tidal zone, mud flats and salt marsh. The coast is a very dynamic environment we have seen sea levels rise by 80cm over the past decade. It is essential to make the management decisions now to prepare for the inevitable changes to our coastline.

For more information visit www.naturecoast.org.uk, email projectofficer@naturecoast.org.uk



West Sussex County Council

West Sussex County Council is committed to help promote the message that water matters, through initiatives such as the 10% Challenge and the ESPACE Climate Change Project.

It provides information on sources of practical help to reduce water consumption and waste throughout the County.

For more information visit www.westsussex.gov.uk or contact us on 01243 642119

Circumnavigation Walk

Venue: Pagham Harbour Local Nature Reserve

Date: Wednesday 19 July

Time: Meet 10:45am at the Visitor Centre, Sidlesham.

Cost: Free event

Join the general interest circular ramble around the harbour. The walk takes around 4.5 hours at a steady pace allowing for stops, one of which includes a drink at the Salt House on North Wall where there will be time to view the displays.

Booking is essential, call 01243 641508

Visit www.westsussex.gov.uk for more information.

Uphill Water at Lordings Lock

Venue: Walk from Lime Burners, Billingshurst, approx. 4 miles (2 hours)

Date: Tuesday 25 July

Time: Meet 7pm at The Lime Burners Pub, on B2133 south of A272, 1 mile west Billingshurst. Roadside parking with care please (map ref TQ 073.255)

Cost: Free event

A mainly level walk with one short steep climb. Walk along the course of the Arun Navigation, looking at current restoration work at Lordings Lock. Led by Geoff Ayres & Susan Bostock, Rudgwick Preservation Society.

For more information visit www.rudgwick.net

Wey & Arun Canal Walk

Venue: Walk from Harsfold Bridge site to Lee Farm Lock, approx. 5 miles (3 hours)

Date: Thursday 27 July

Time: Meet 09.45 at Wisborough Green, small lay-by in Durbans Road off A272.

Other parking will be shown (map ref TQ 049 269)

Cost: £2 per person suggested to fund small projects.

Walk from Harsfold Bridge site to Lee Farm Lock. One of series of walks showing the Wey & Arun Canal within West Sussex led by Don Gibson, Wey & Arun Canal Trust. Visit the recently installed swing bridge, now fully operational, in a lovely setting. Return to Wisborough Green for lunch – a choice of two pubs and a tearoom.

For further information call 01903 201375 or email doncanalgibson@hotmail.com

Littlehampton Seafront Festival

Venue: Littlehampton Seafront and Greens.

Date: 29 & 30 July 2006

A weekend of fun including British Championship Powerboat racing, Hovercraft racing, dinghy and rowing races, live entertainment, fireworks, French market, stalls and side-shows. A sensational action packed weekend.

For more information contact Terry Mills on 01903 730730 or email terry@mistyswinebar.co.uk

August

Dip In and Discover (for families)

Venue: Pulborough Brooks RSPB Nature Reserve

Date: Thursday 3, Thursday 10, Tuesday 15, Wednesday 23 & Thursday 31 August

Time: 11am – 1pm

Cost: £1 per child, adults free

Just turn up anytime between 11am and 1pm and join in the activity of the day, this may be pond dipping, grass sweeping or bug hunting depending on the weather! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

For further information call 01798 875851.

Meridian Sandcastle Competition

Venue: Littlehampton Promenade & seafront

Date: Friday 4 August

Time: 11am – 12noon (Registration at 10am)

The annual sandcastle competition is back and is open to children up to and including 12-years-old.

The day is also open to mums and dads, relatives and friends - it's such a great day out all are invited to come along and watch.

Registration for each event is at 10am and the competition starts at 11am. Make sure you get there early to grab your spot on the beach!

For further information call 01903 731431 or email phil.graham@arun.gov.uk

Beach Explore

Venue: Sea Road, Felpham

Date: Saturday 5 August

Time: 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Cost: Free event

Find out about the natural world on your doorstep. This guided walk will explore the secrets of the beach at low tide. The walk is led by Nature Coast Project Officer Dee Christensen and the local Beach Wardens. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear.

For further details call 01243 863141 or email projectofficer@naturecoast.org

Extreme Low Tide Evening Walk

Venue: Bracklesham Bay

Date: Wednesday 9 August

Time: 6pm – 7pm, meet at Shore Road, East Wittering

Cost: Free event

Celebrate Marine Week by joining the Nature Coast Project for an informed but informal walk along this wonderful stretch of our coastline. Bracklesham Bay is a Site of Special Scientific Interest and is internationally important for fossils. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear.

For further details call 01243 863141 or email projectofficer@naturecoast.org



10% Challenge

The 10% Challenge is an initiative led by West Sussex County Council to encourage people to reduce their effect on the environment. It aims to show that everyone can easily reduce their environmental impact by making very simple changes to the way they live their lives, by challenging people to reduce water and energy consumption, and waste production by 10%.

To find out more visit www.10percentchallenge.org.uk, email contact@10percentchallenge.org.uk or telephone 01243 756853.



ESPACE

European Spatial Planning: Adapting to Climate Events (ESPACE) is an ambitious four-year European project that aims to promote awareness of the importance of adapting to climate change and to recommend that it is incorporated within spatial planning mechanisms at local, regional, national and European levels. Focussing on North West Europe, ESPACE will look at how we manage our water resources and plan for a future with a changing climate.

For more information visit www.espace-project.org or contact us on 01962 846775

A Sense of Place – Tales of the Medmerry Marshes

Venue: Selsey, Nr Chichester, walk is approx. 3 miles (3 hours)

Date: Thursday 10 August

Time: 6pm, Meet at Budgens car park, High Street, Selsey. (Map ref SZ 853 934)

Cost: Free event

Join us for a stroll on the west side of Selsey. Hear local stories of water, wind and people power plus a chance to look at the wildlife of the area. Led by Sarah Hughes, Carole Hampton and Maggie Smith, Selsey Wildlife Group.

Sights & Sounds of a Summer Night

Venue: River Adur, Henfield. Walk approx. 3 miles (3 hours).

Date: Thursday 10 August

Time: Meet 8.00pm at Downs Link car park, next to The Old Railway Tavern, Upper Station Road. Take Church St. off High Street, Henfield (map ref TQ 206 162).

Cost: Donations welcome for conservation projects please.

Take a gentle walk down the River Adur to watch for leaping fish and listen and look for nocturnal creatures under the stars. Then it's back along the Downs Link to count the glow-worms. Led by Low Weald Countryside Rangers, WSCC.

**Booking essential on
01403 864001 or email Pauline.
chandler@westsussex.gov.uk**

Marine Creatures and Crabbing

Venue: Harbour Education Centre, Dell Quay

Date: Friday 11 August

Time: 12 noon (approx. 2¹/₂ hours)

Cost: £2 per person

Celebrate Marine Week with this fun session for all the family. We will talk about the many different creatures and plants that live in the waters off the harbour followed by crabbing off the quay. Wear old clothes. For safety reasons, maximum 40 attendees.

For more information telephone 01243 512301 or email harbourmaster@conservancy.co.uk or visit www.conservancy.co.uk

Arun, Dunes & Sea Walk

Venue: West Beach Nature Reserve, Littlehampton

Date: Friday 11 August

Time: 10.30 - 12.30, The Look & Sea Centre, Littlehampton

Cost: Free event

This guided walk around Arun estuary and the West Beach Nature Reserve will look at wildlife and man's impact on the natural world. You can buy your lunch at The Look & Sea Centre afterwards.

For further details call 01243 863141 or email projectofficer@naturecoast.org

Fly-fishing

Venue: Chalk Stream Trout Fisheries, Park Bottom, Arundel, BN18 0AA.

Date: Saturday 12 August

Time: From 9am

Learn to fly-fish, open to both adults and children. The excellent clarity of the water offers fishermen a unique opportunity to stalk high quality brown and rainbow trout.

For further information or to book visit www.chalksprings.com or contact 01903 883742, email enquiries@chalksprings.com

35th Annual Adur Bath Tub Race

Venue: River Adur, Bramber Bridge to Shoreham

Date: Saturday 12 August

Time: 3.20pm start

Leap into your cast iron bathtubs and row like mad down the River Adur from Bramber to Shoreham in a race against the elements and each other, all with the aim of having fun and raising funds for local charities. Start at Bramber Bridge and finish 4 miles downriver at the Adur Recreation Ground, Shoreham. Participants must be at least 18 years old on the day of the race and be able to swim competently. All teams must be entered 1 month prior to the event.

For further information and entry forms visit www.bathtubrace.co.uk or email info@bathtubrace.co.uk



Littlehampton Zapcat Grand Prix

Venue: Western Seafront Green, adjacent to Banjo Road, Littlehampton Seafront.

Date: 12 & 13 August 2006.

Time: 11am - 4.30pm.

Zapcat Powerboat Racing will be returning for the fifth year to Littlehampton for 2 days of racing as part of the Zapcat National Championship. Last years event saw thousands of spectators turn out to watch the adrenaline pumping sport and this year's event promises to be the most hotly contested and exhilarating to date. Racing will take place east of the mouth of the River Arun adjacent to Banjo Road. The promenade at Littlehampton provides a spectacular location for watching the Zapcats in all their glory at this superb location with its unobstructed views of Sussex by the sea!

For further information visit www.zapcat-racing.com or email info@zapcat-racing.com

Pond Dipping for Adults

Venue: Pulborough Brooks RSPB Nature Reserve

Date: Sunday 13 August

Time: 1 – 3.30pm

Cost: £4 per person (£3 per RSPB Member/Friend of Pulborough Brooks)

Have you ever tried pond dipping with the kids and ended up pushing them out of the way so you can get a better look? If so, this is the event for you! Following a brief introductory session, grab a net and follow us down to the ditches and ponds to take a closer look at the fascinating watery world below.

Booking is essential.

For further information and bookings call 01798 875851.

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Drought

In the south east of England we have had below average rainfall since November 2004. This has led to low water levels in rivers and groundwater and generally for the environment. Over the last winter, water companies moved water around the region with drought permits to fill reservoirs and maximise water supplies for summer 2006.

We all need to work together to beat the drought. We are urging businesses and individuals to save water wherever possible. There are loads of things we can all do to reduce the amount of water we use.

In the home:

Turn off the tap while we brush our teeth – you've probably heard it before but did you know that if everyone did this we would save 380 million litres of water every day in the south east?

Take a shower instead of a bath

Only run the dishwasher and washing machine when we have a full load

Fit water saving devices in the cisterns of our toilets – or replace old cisterns with modern dual or low flush alternatives

Repair dripping taps – a dripping tap can waste a bathful of water every week.

Prepare and wash vegetables in a bowl rather than under a running tap

Find out how to reduce water waste in and around the home - visit www.beatthedrought.com

In the garden:

Water the garden with a watering can rather than a sprinkler – most water companies have banned the use of sprinklers anyway.

Fit a water butt in the garden to collect rainwater.

Water the roots of garden plants not the leaves and apply mulch to lock in moisture.

Don't water the lawn. Grass is very resilient and will turn green again when it starts raining.

Don't plant hanging baskets – these need a lot of water to keep the soil moist. It is possible to produce beautiful garden displays without using a lot of water.

At work:

Turn off the taps in kitchens and bathrooms.

Stop washing cars and other vehicles.

Consider installing rainwater harvesting or water recycling systems.

Environwise (www.envirowise.gov.uk/ 0800 585794) can provide more information to business



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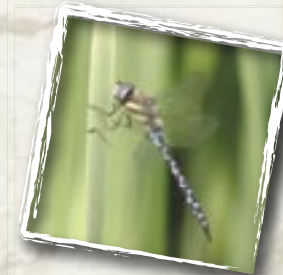
Water festival

Sunday 13 August 2006 Arundel

Plus Marine Madness - a Coastal Family Fun Day at Pagham Harbour Nature Reserve

www.westsussex.gov.uk

Part of Southern Counties Water Festival





Arundel Lido is a great venue for a family outing and offers Water Fun for all ages. During this event you can come and enjoy our special sessions with the Lifeguards and play with Zoe our giant float.

Both the 25metre pool and the children's paddling pool have heated water. There are attractive grassed areas for sunbathing and picnicking and light refreshments are available.

To celebrate the Water Festival, Arundel Lido is offering a free Child or Junior ticket with every Adult paying the full day entry rate of £5.

The Lido is open 7 days a week from 27 May 2006 to 3rd September 2006. Opening times during the school holiday period are from 10am until 7pm.

For further details check our website www.arundellido.com or ring 01903 882404.



Arundel - a celebration of water.



Events in and around the town on Sunday 13 August from 11am - 4pm.

From a water market in Arundel town centre, to music, boat trips, and gardening tips, this event promises to hold something for everyone to enjoy. The members of the Sussex Water Partnership are joining forces for one day to bring you a celebration of water.

These are just some of the things you can do:

- browse the market stalls for water saving and environmentally friendly services and products
- ride on an electric boat at the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust
- visit a drought garden
- take a boat trip on the River Arun
- pick up some handy tips on how to save water in both your home and garden
- listen to stories about water
- come on a guided walk around Swanbourne Lake
- watch Environment Agency staff demonstrate how they protect our water from pollution
- find out more about angling in your local area and how you can get involved

We would like to encourage people to use public transport if possible. Call Traveline 0870 608 2608 for information on bus and train services. On 13 August the Arundel Community Bus will be providing a regular service between Arundel train station and venues around the town.



- 1 Cobble area (High St)
- 2 Lido
- 3 Jubilee Gardens
- 4 Blackfriars
- 5 Town Quay
- 6 Wildfowl Wetlands Trust
- 7 Swanbourne Lake
- 8 Arundel Train Station



Catch the train to Arundel and you will be serenaded by jazz and folk groups on the journey. There will also be entertainers and a band at Crawley Station. Go to 'Water Festival' on www.arunrail.com or telephone 01794 501099 for further details.

National Rail Enquiries: 08457 48 49 50

Or take a return trip by boat from Littlehampton (Arun Parade) with Kingfisher Cruises: tel 07814 183824 for details of time and cost.

Arundel Wildfowl and Wetlands Centre

Open daily 9.30 - to 5pm

Adult £6.95, concession (Students, Senior Citizens) £5.25, Children over 4 £3.75, family ticket £17

Restaurant, cafe, gift shop, art gallery, baby changing and picnic area.

Excellent facilities for disabled visitors including level access to all areas and free wheelchair loan. Guide dogs only.

For more information telephone 01903 883355 or visit www.wwt.org.uk



What's in your Luggage?

Join in with our fun activities held in our thatched education building; all the family can follow a series of inventive and exciting tasks around the room to discover all about endangered wetland & other species, how you can help and whether you can make it through the customs checkpoint!

Pond Dipping

The perennial favourite! Discover what's living in the pond using a net & collecting tray – investigate your findings with a magnifier.

Boat Safaris

Guided tours around our Wetlands Discovery area in quiet, electric boats to get as close as possible to wetlands nature.



Marine Madness

*Pagham Harbour Local Nature Reserve on
13 August from 12pm – 5.30pm.*



Directions to Pagham Harbour Local Nature Reserve Visitor Centre:

Pagham Harbour is located 6 miles south of Chichester and 2 miles north-east of Selsey. The Visitor Centre and main car park are 5 miles off the A27, on the B2145 Chichester to Selsey road near Sidlesham (note do not take the Pagham turning off A27).

Please use public transport if possible. The no.51 bus service stops outside the Visitor Centre leaving from Chichester every 15 minutes. Call Traveline on 0870 608 2608 for more information.

Limited car parking is available by the Visitor Centre at Selsey Road, Sidlesham, PO20 7NE.

From cuttlefish and cockles to curlew and cormorant, the sea and coast of West Sussex is home to a wealth of wildlife. To find out more and to enjoy a fun day out, why not come along to Marine Madness.

Marine Madness is the Reserve's biggest event of the year. An action-packed programme including storytelling, arts and crafts, book and gift stalls, bouncy castle, marine aquarium and guided walks all with a marine theme. The guided walks follow the old Selsey Tramway, one of the many magnificent coastal footpaths on the Reserve.

A true celebration of the sea, Marine Madness runs during South East Marine Week. The aim of Marine Week is to increase the understanding and appreciation of our marine environment.

Pagham Harbour Local Nature Reserve is a unique coastal site, with internationally important wetlands, from shoreline shingle, to saline lagoons and breathtaking expanses of mudflats and saltmarsh.

The event is free of charge, so why not take some time out this summer to join us and remember what the sea means to you?



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For more information call 01243 641508 or email pagham.nr@westsussex.gov.uk

Celebrate Marine Week

Venue: South Street Square, Worthing

Date: Monday 14 August

Time: 2.00pm – 5.00pm

Join us for an afternoon of marine fun for the whole family. Find out about the wildlife of the sea and meet some of the 50% of all animal species that live there. There will be an arts corner for children, a strand line quiz and a chance to ask lots of questions about marine life.

For further details call 01243 863141 or email projectofficer@naturecoast.org

Find out more about Marine Week by visiting www.southeastmarine.org.uk or telephone 01489 774400.

Bug Detectives

Venue: Buchan Country Park, Horsham Road, Crawley

Dates: 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 29, 30 & 31 August

Time: 2-4 pm, meet at the Countryside Centre

Cost: £2.50 per child. Accompanying adults free.

Come on safari to the wild parts of Buchan Park and discover what lurks in the undergrowth, in the woods, wetlands and heathland. Perhaps create your own mini monster. Enjoy stories, games and other activities.

Booking Essential on 01293 542088.

For further information visit www.westsussex.gov.uk

The Thing about Shingle

Venue: The Old Fort, Shoreham Beach

Date: Thursday 17 August

Time: 10am - 12.30pm

Cost: Free event

This is a chance to learn about our shingle beaches and the fantastic range of plants that thrive in this inhospitable habitat. This guided walk will introduce you to and celebrate Shoreham Beach Local Nature Reserve.

For further details call 01243 863141 or email projectofficer@naturecoast.org

The Dragonflies of Iping Common

Venue: Iping Common, Midhurst

Date: Tuesday 22 August

Time: 1pm - 5pm

Cost: SWT Members, concessions £7.50; Non-members £10

The small pools at Iping Common are home to a rich variety of dragonflies and damselflies, many of them heathland specialities. This afternoon we will be looking for those specialities, learning how to identify them and how they live and survive in a heathland environment. Course led by Mark Monk-Terry and Mike Russell.

Booking is essential on 01273 497561.

For further information visit www.sussexwt.org.uk



Southern Water

Southern Water is delighted to sponsor the West Sussex Water Festival.

Southern Water provides water supply and wastewater treatment services across Kent, East and West Sussex, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

For more information visit www.southernwater.co.uk or contact us on 0845 278 0845



Chichester Harbour Conservancy

Chichester Harbour is a unique Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). The wide expanses of water and intricate creeks are home to many thousands of birds, as well as being used by over 12,500 boats of all shapes and sizes.

For more information visit www.conservancy.co.uk or call 01243 512301

Wey & Arun Canal Walk

Venue: Walk from Guildenhurst Bridge to Harsfold Bridge, approx. 5 miles (3 hours)

Date: Thursday 24 August

Time: Arrive by 9.45am at Limeburners Inn, Lordings Road, on B2133 near junction with A272 (map ref TQ 072 254). Please park as requested. Billingshurst Station 1 mile.

Cost: Donation of £2 per person to fund small projects.

Walk from Guildenhurst Bridge to Harsfold Bridge. One of a series of walks covering the Wey & Arun Canal within West Sussex led by Don Gibson, Wey & Arun Canal Trust. Discover the turf sided lock (rare) and a unique water wheel. Lunch at the Limeburners.

Further information call 01903 201375 or email doncanalgibson@hotmail.com

Wader Watch ID Workshop

Venue: Pagham Harbour Local Nature Reserve

Date: Saturday 26 August

Time: 9.30am - 1.30pm, meet at the Visitor Centre, Sidlesham

Cost: £5 per person in advance

A workshop for newcomers to birdwatching who want to improve their wader ID skills of both resident and migrant species. An indoor introduction is followed by 3 hours of fieldwork on the Reserve at a relaxed pace. Bring sturdy footwear and lunch if required. Basic binoculars available for loan (advice on optics will be given). Sorry no dogs.

Booking essential on 01243 641508.

For further information visit www.westsussex.gov.uk

Rother Raft Race, Midhurst, West Sussex

Venue: River Rother from Midhurst to Selham

Date: Sunday 27 August

Time: Racers assemble 10am at the Cowdray Ruins, Midhurst, with the race scheduled to start at 1pm.

Now in its 25th year the Rother Raft Race is being held on the August Bank holiday weekend. It's an event enjoyed by the whole family, young and old. The fun starts with building your raft!

On race day Adults will race to Selham, a distance of 3.75 miles and youth teams will race to the Fish Ladder at Ambersham (2.5 miles). All competitors must wear a life jacket and parental/guardian permission is required for under 16's.

All entry forms must be returned by 12 August 2006.

For further details, rules and an entry form please visit www.rotherrafttrace.co.uk



September & October

Introduction to Waders and Warblers

Venue: Pagham Harbour Local Nature Reserve, Harbour Road, Pagham.

Date: Saturday 9 September

Time: 9.30am - 1.30am. Meet at Visitor Centre, Sidlesham.

Cost: Free event

An enjoyable workshop helping newcomers to bird watching learn the skills needed to identify some of our regular migrants. An indoor introduction is followed by 3 hours of fieldwork out on the Reserve at a relaxed pace. Bring sturdy footwear, waterproofs and refreshments. Basic binoculars will be available for loan (advice on optics will be given). Sorry no dogs.

Booking essential on 01243 641508 or visit www.westsussex.gov.uk for more information.

International Bognor Birdman Competition

Venue: Bognor Regis Pier, The Esplanade, Waterloo Square, Bognor Regis.

Date: 9 & 10 September 2006

Time: 10am - 5pm

The Birdman is a flight competition for human powered flying machines held each summer in the picturesque seaside resort of Bognor Regis on England's south coast.

Many flyers take part to raise money for charities, others design serious machines to aim for the distance prizes. A cash prize of £25,000 is offered for the furthest flight over 100 metres.

For further details email birdman@bognorpier.co.uk or visit www.birdman.org.uk

Beach Watch

Venue 1: Beach at Church Norton, Nr Chichester, Saturday 16 September. Meet at 2.30pm at Church Norton Car Park

Venue 2: Beach at Pagham, Nr Chichester, Sunday 17 September. Meet 2.30pm at Pagham Spit Car Park

This is part of an annual beach clean organised by the Marine Conservation Society. Join Beach Warden Francis Parfremont and help keep our beach and Harbour landscape clean and safe for wildlife.

For further information visit www.adoptabeach.org.uk

Petworth and Water: Aesthetics and Amenity

Venue: Petworth Park, walk approx. 4^{1/2} miles (2^{1/2} hours)

Date: Sunday 17 September

Time: Meet 10am at National Trust car park 1^{1/2} miles north west of Petworth off the A283 (map ref SU 966 238).

Cost: Free event

A walk through Petworth Park and farmland to the south led by the County Landscape Architect. We will explore the use of water for aesthetic purposes in the park and how its use in modern agriculture affects the landscape. Led by Esmond Turner and Edward Dickinson, WSCC Environment Group.

Booking essential on 01243 382018 or 756855 or email ed.dickinson@westsussex.gov.uk



Sussex Wildlife Trust

The aim of the Sussex Wildlife Trust is to conserve the Sussex landscape, wildlife and its habitats and to use its knowledge and expertise to help the people of Sussex to enjoy, understand and take action to this end.

For more information visit www.sussexwt.org.uk or contact us on 01273 492630



Arun Valley Rail Partnership

The Arun Valley Rail Partnership brings together community groups, the rail industry, local authorities, development agencies, business and other interested parties to promote rail travel, to integrate rail with other transport modes and to revitalise stations along the route between Three Bridges and Littlehampton, Bognor Regis and Chichester.

For more information visit www.arunrail.com email info@arunrail.com or telephone 01794 501099.

Wey & Arun Canal Walk

Venue: Walk from Guildenhurst Bridge to Loves Bridge, approx 5 miles (3 hours).

Date: Thursday 28 September

Time: Meet 09.45 at Limeburners Inn, Lordings Road on B2133 near junction of A272. Please park where requested. Bus stop on A272. Billingshurst Station 1 mile (map ref TQ 072 254).

Cost: £2 per person donation to fund small projects

Walk from Guildenhurst Bridge site to Loves Bridge. One of a series of walks showing the Wey & Arun Canal in West Sussex, led by Don Gibson, Wey & Arun Canal Trust. See the only lift-bridge south of the Watford Gap. Stop for lunch at The Limeburners.

For further information call 01903 201375 or email doncanalgibson@hotmail.com

How to Develop and Manage a Wildlife Pond

Venue: Woods Mill, Henfield

Date: Saturday 30 September

Time: 10am - 4pm

Cost: SWT Members, concessions £17.50; non-members £25

At the last count, there were over 18,000 ponds in Sussex, not including garden ponds! Even so, many ponds have been lost over the last few years, which has a considerable impact on the wildlife dependent upon them. This course led by Neil Fletcher (SWT) sets out to guide you on the first steps to developing a good wildlife pond and then to manage it. Please wear suitable outdoor clothing and footwear and bring a packed lunch.

Booking is essential on 01273 497561.

Visit www.sussexwt.org.uk for more information.

Earth, Air and Water Art Event

Venue: Chichester Harbour Education Centre, Dell Quay or Sea Scouts Hut, Prinsted

Date: Saturday 14 October

Time: 10am - 3pm

Cost: £2 per entry

Chichester Conservancy in partnership with Pallant House Gallery, Chichester presents the Earth, Air and Water Art Event. Be inspired by the natural beauty of Chichester Harbour to create a work of art through the medium of your choice such as sculpture, photography or painting. Winning entries will be exhibited in the gallery from 24 to 29 October. There will be a private viewing for all entrants on Monday 23 October. Join us at one of our two bases for the day to register before you begin your work. Professional artists and a photographer will be on hand to give advice.

Register at Harbour Education Centre, Dell Quay or the Sea Scout Hut, Prinsted (by kind permission).

For more information 01243 512301 or email harbourmaster@conservancy.co.uk or visit www.conservancy.co.uk

Hampshire Events

Hampshire Water Festival

Venue: Romsey

Date: Saturday 19 August

Time: 11 - 5

Cost: Free event

Bands, water, street theatre, films, wildlife, fishing, canoeing, water, swimming, photography exhibitions, a market, water, Chris Packham, gardening advice, guided history walks, water, craft workshops, games, and lots more.

For a free programme call 0800 028 0888 or visit www.hampshireswater.org.uk/festival.html

River Itchen Water Treatment Works - Guided Tours

Venue: River Itchen WTW, Allington Lane, West End, Southampton

Date: Saturday 19 August

Time: Start: 10:30am and 2pm

Cost: Free event

Portsmouth Water staff will be conducting Guided Tours of the Water Treatment Works and River Intake at Gaters Mill, West End. Come and see how river water is converted into drinking water. Please wear appropriate clothing and stout footwear.

Booking is essential on 02380 473626.



Portsmouth Water

Portsmouth Water supplies on average 180 Million litres of water per day to 286,000 households and commercial businesses in South East Hampshire and West Sussex. All of our high quality water is groundwater based from natural springs, wells, boreholes and the River Itchen and is supplied through a network of over 3200 km of water mains.

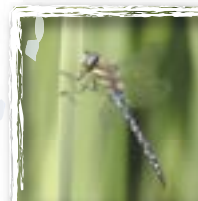
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South Downs Joint Committee

The South Downs Joint Committee works in partnership to protect and enhance the South Downs between Winchester and Eastbourne. Over three million people rely on drinking water from this protected landscape as does some special wildlife and landscape features, including many beyond the area. Improving water resource management is a key task required to help protect the South Downs. For more information visit www.vic.org.uk

Water Trail Launch and Water Activities

Venue: Staunton Country Park, on the B2149 between Havant and Horndean

Date: Monday 21 August

Time: 10:30am - 3:30pm

Cost: Free event but park entry applies (Adults £5, OAP £4.10, and Children (3-16) £3.60)

Councillors and VIPs will be in the park to launch the new Water Trail. This trail will be free to visitors all week (charge applicable at other times). Staff from the Park and Portsmouth Water Ltd will run lots of free exciting activities for visitors of all ages to take part in – measure humidity, filter water, make rain gauges and use clouds to predict the weather.

For further information call 023 9245 3405 or visit www.hants.gov.uk/staunton

Family Gardening

Venue: Staunton Country Park, on the B2149 between Havant and Horndean

Date: Wednesday 23 August

Time: 11– 11.45, 12.45 – 1.30, 2.15 – 3

Cost: Free event but park entry applies (Adults £5, OAP £4.10, and Children (3-16) £3.60)

Plant your own drought tolerant plants to take home, get close up to our giant lily and carnivorous plants and get plenty of handy tips from our garden team.

Booking is essential on 023 9245 3405 or call into the visitor centre.

For further information visit www.hants.gov.uk/staunton

Pond Dipping

Venue: Staunton Country Park, on the B2149 between Havant and Horndean

Date: Thursday 24 August

Time: 10.30 – 11.45, 12.30 – 1.15, 2 – 2.45, 3.15 – 4

Cost: £3.50 (includes child entry to Park)

Children 5-11 years old can discover what lives in our wildlife pond and help complete a pond-life survey.

Booking is essential on 023 9245 3405 or call into the visitor centre.

For further information visit www.hants.gov.uk/staunton

Water is Life

Venue: Staunton Country Park, on the B2149 between Havant and Horndean

Date: Friday 25 August

Time: 10:30 – 12.30 & 1.30 – 3.30

Cost: £3.50 (includes child entry to Park)

Come and enjoy lots of fun experiments and activities all about the world of water. Suitable for children aged Ages 8 – 14 years.

Booking is essential on 023 9245 3405 or call into the visitor centre.

For further information visit www.hants.gov.uk/staunton

East Sussex Events

Introduction to Pond Life

Venue: St Dunstan's Farm, Heathfield

Date: Saturday 1 July

Time: 10am - 4pm

Cost: SWT Members, concessions £17.50; non-members £25.00

Ponds hold a fascination for everyone, young or old alike. Mostly we stare at the surface and marvel at the antics of dragonflies skipping on the surface, but underneath the water there are entire ecosystems at work, populated by an extraordinary array of creatures. This course will open a window to the underwater world, with pond-dipping sessions and close-up examination of finds in the classroom, as well as a guide to building a wildlife pond in your own garden. Led by Neil Fletcher. Please wear sturdy footwear and suitable outdoor clothing and bring a packed lunch.

Booking is essential on 01273 497561.

Visit www.sussexwt.org.uk for more information.

Paddle Round The Pier, Brighton

Venue: Hove Lawns, Brighton

Date: Sunday 2 July

Time: Entertainment begins at 10am

Grab your boards, canoes, swimfins and lilos for this sponsored paddle around the pier and raise money for good causes. All ages are welcome as long as they are comfortable in the water and you are willing to be responsible for the welfare of any children that accompany you.

can even bring your dog! The hunt is also on for the weirdest and wackiest object that you can sit on or in and attempt to paddle around the pier. You can display your mode of transport to spectators on Hove lawns both before and after (unless its sunk!).

For more information visit www.paddleroundthepier.com or email Dave Samuel (Paddle Director) at flipflop@paddleroundthepier.com

Introduction to Pevensey Levels

Venue: Pevensey Levels Nature Reserve

Date: Wednesday 5 July

Time: 1pm - 5pm

Cost: SWT Members, concessions £7.50; Non-members £10

Explore one of our most important wetland nature reserves which is usually closed to the public. Starting with an introductory indoor session and then out to discover the abundant wildlife of Pevensey's ditches including the rare fen raft spider. Led by Neil Fletcher. Please wear sturdy footwear and suitable outdoor clothing and bring a packed lunch.

Booking is essential on 01273 497561.

Visit www.sussexwt.org.uk for more information.



RSPB

The RSPB works for a healthy environment rich in birds and wildlife. It depends on the support and generosity of others to make a difference.

In April we ran a major event where we taught over 2000 visitors about how saving water at home can help great crested grebe to nest at Bewl Water. From 14 July to 13 August we will be showing people Seaford's famous kittiwakes and teaching them about coastal issues and the threats posed to these elegant seabirds by pollution and over-fishing.

For more information www.rspb.org.uk/birds/ brilliant or contact us on 01767 680551



The Dragonflies of Old Lodge

Venue: Ashdown Forest Centre and Old Lodge Nature Reserve

Date: Thursday 13 July

Time: 1pm - 5pm

Cost: SWT Members, concessions £7.50; Non-members £10

Heathlands have their own dragonfly and damselfly specialities and Old Lodge is one of the best places in Sussex to see a variety of them. The afternoon will start with a short indoor session at the Ashdown Forest Centre for an introduction into the species recorded on the reserve, followed by a ten minute drive to the reserve to look at the ponds and streams for the dragon and damselflies themselves. Please wear sturdy footwear and suitable outdoor clothing.

Booking is essential on 01273 497561.

Visit www.sussexwt.org.uk for more information.

Seaford Kittiwake Colony

Venue: Follow A259 into Seaford and follow signs to sea front. Turn left onto sea front and continue into free car park at end of road. RSPB signs direct you to the viewpoint at the end of the promenade by the cliffs.

Date: 14 July – 13 August

Time: Viewpoint open daily 10am – 5pm

If this information is needed in an alternative format please contact us and we will try to meet your needs. Call 01243 642119 www.westsussex.gov.uk

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Kittiwakes only visit our shores when they build their nests and raise young in the spring and summer. The RSPB runs a viewpoint at possibly the UK's most accessible kittiwake colony to give the public incredible close up views of these elegant gulls and their adorable chicks. The viewpoint has 4 telescopes for you to use.

For more information call the south east England regional office 01273 763627 or visit www.rspb.org.uk

Game & Country Fair

Venue: Michelham Priory, Upper Dicker, near Hailsham, East Sussex, BN27 3QS

Date: 15 & 16 July

Time: 10.30am - 5pm each day

Cost: Adults £5.60, Concessions £4.70, Child (5-15) £2.90 Family (2+2) £14.30

A superb event for all the family - a really fun event with masses to see and do. All the fun of the countryside - including those of the riverbank including fishing demonstrations and advice, fly tying, coarse fishing, arena events and a fantastic array of stalls and demonstrations. And for this weekend only, all dogs are welcome at Michelham - so bring your best friend too!

For further information visit www.sussexpast.co.uk, email adminmich@sussexpast.co.uk or call 01323 844224

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To find out more about careers at the Environment Agency and current opportunities, visit our stand at the **Arundel Water Festival on 13 August 2006** or go online at www.environment-agency.gov.uk/jobs

We are committed to making our organisation as diverse as the environment