



## Planned Woodlanders Events 2011

Donations are welcome at all our events; your support is important for the continued work of the Trust.

**Herbal Event led by Jayne Palmer, Medical Herbalist.** Find out about the many medicinal uses of some of the well known plants and flowers found at the Woodland Education Centre - **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2pm – prior booking only – numbers limited.**

**Wildlife Photography Day led by Dougal Syers** – Bring your own camera and try out some of Dougal's tips to obtain satisfying photos of wildlife and the countryside. A printed copy of Dougal's photography notes will be provided at the end of the event. **Thursday 2nd June 11am – prior booking only – members only**

**Wild Family Fun at Offwell (part of EDDC Heath Week) led by Dougal Syers.** A day of supervised family fun activities such as mini-beast hunts, pond dipping and shelter building. - **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 10am – 12.30pm – Open to all, but Prior booking only**

**Tesco Honiton Charity Collection – Can you help us by spending a few hours at our collection point in the entrance to the Tesco store? Please get in touch if you can. Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July**

**Afternoon tea by the lake (members social meeting).** Enjoy a relaxing afternoon tea by the Lake and observe the wildlife, or chat with other members. Tea will include a selection of sandwiches, cake, scones and cream – all sourced locally from a farmhouse kitchen. Scrumptious! – **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2pm – prior booking only – members only, £5 per head.**

**The Offwell Mothathon (overnight)** A variety of live moth traps will be setup around the Centre on the Friday night, come and see the huge variety of beautiful moths which live in our woods. On the Saturday morning come and see the moths in daylight when they will be identified by experts – **Friday evening 5<sup>th</sup> August 7.30pm onwards? Prior booking only – Devon Moth Group & Woodlanders members only**

**Dragonfly day (led by Dougal Syers).** If the weather is fine, you will take a walking tour of the Centre to observe and identify the beautiful dragonflies and damselflies found at the Centre. Dougal has good knowledge of dragonflies and some years ago filmed and edited a British dragonfly and damselfly video. **11am Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August Prior booking only – open to all**

**Conservation Day (volunteer day).** Make a difference! Help us with our valuable conservation work, we may ask you to pull up rhododendron seedlings, clear away cut material from the heathland, or one of the other varied tasks needed to maintain our valuable habitats – **11am Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August - Prior booking only – open to all**

**Tesco Axminster Charity Collection - Can you help us by spending a few hours at our collection point in the entrance to the Tesco store? Please get in touch if you can. Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August**

**Bird ringing & self led family activities.** Join expert ornithologist Dr Mike Hounsome as he rings some of our beautiful woodland birds such as Great Spotted Woodpeckers, Nuthatches, Marsh Tits, Blue Tits and Great Tits. Self led family activities will also be available such as pond dipping, minibeast hunts and shelter building – **9am Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August (PRIOR BOOKING ESSENTIAL!) This event will only run if the weather is suitable) – members only**

**Night Time Walk in the Woods with Stargazing (if clear!) led by Dougal Syers.** Come and enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of an evening walk in the woods. We will listen for bats using bat detectors, and take a guided tour of the night sky with expert Dougal Syers, using the naked eye, binoculars (please bring your own binoculars) and (weather permitting) - a telescope! – **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 7pm at the Centre (weather permitting) - Prior booking only – members only**

**Fungus Foray led by Jeff Benn.** Jeff is an expert on fungi and will help you collect and identify a number of fungi found in the different habitats around the Centre. Autumn is one of the best times to see fungi as this is when many of them produce toadstools in order to reproduce. **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 10.30am – prior booking only – Devon Fungus Group & Woodlanders members only**

### School Summer Holidays

**Self – Led Children's Activity Days** – You can bring your children to the Centre & undertake a number of activities including pond dipping, shelter building, forest art and minibeast hunting. NB these are self-led activities and you must supervise your group of children at all times throughout your visit. – **Dates available throughout the school summer holidays, prior booking essential, members only.** Please phone us with your preference of date and we will do our best to accommodate you.

**For further information, or to book your place at an event, please telephone 01404 831881 or email [offwell1@aol.com](mailto:offwell1@aol.com).**