

Three Brooks Nature Conservation Group
Newsletter – 29 November 2005

Book now for the Hedgelaying Weekend!

Attached to this newsletter is a booking form for the hedgelaying weekend on 7/8 January, which I hope lots of you will come to and work off your Christmas dinners. Don't worry, you don't have to pay for anything - the purpose of the booking form is to get an idea of numbers. We are trying to publicise this as widely as possible and make it a community event - so tell your friends.

The booking form requires you to fill in your details - apologies if you have already filled out your address on one of our membership forms, but as this is essentially for a separate event, plus John's office is doing the admin for the responses rather than me (cheers John) you do need to fill it in again - sorry. However, you don't need to tick the box to say you want to be on the mailing list, as if you are reading this then you must already be on it.

Workdays

The last two batwalks weren't as successful as the first, only detecting one rather sick-sounding Daubenton's. That's nature for you.

On 1 October we had a very satisfying day "bramble-bashing". We cleared the path approaching Savage's Wood (from the lake direction) and on the other side of the wood, cut a large swathe through the brambles next to the new plantation. This has made getting into Savage's Wood without being scratched to pieces a lot easier, as well as creating habitat for wildlife.

5 November saw us coppicing in Sherbourne's Brake, the first time we have worked here. We opened up an area of the wood, cutting back derelict coppice and felling some unsafe trees. We created a deadhedge with the felled timber.

The next workday is **3 December, this coming Saturday**, when we will be doing some planting and deadhedging around Savage's Wood. Depending on how much we get done we might move elsewhere on the reserve in the afternoon - we'll decide on the day.

Don't forget that after the January event the next workdays will be:

Saturday 4 February - Coppicing in Webb's Wood.

Meet by the lake at 10 am.

Saturday 4 March - Coppicing in Sherbourne's Brake.

Meet at the corner of Brook Way and Baileys Court Road at 10 am .

Saturday 1 April - Irrigating the marshland next to Sherbourne's Brake,
i.e. digging ponds and ditches.
Meet on the path at the corner of Brook Way and Baileys Court Road at 10
am.

If I don't see you in December, have a happy Christmas and New Year - and
hope to see lots of you in January.

Emma