

Coleorton and New Lount Volunteer Group

News Update

Spring 2011

*Could 2011 continue on the same high note as 2010 finished? The answer is **yes** the group has made giant steps forward in its achievements in both Coleorton Wood and New Lount Nature reserve.*

We started to learn new skills, hedge laying turned out to be very popular, with many showing that they had hidden talents for this traditional skill. Expert tuition was provided by Dave Luther (Head Ranger) and soon the group was making a once inaccessible area into a new pathway through Coleorton Wood.





Early spring we enjoyed the building and siting of bird boxes in both woodlands and these have encouraged nesting in the area. Several species surveys have taken place and we now have more details on the wild life that populates the woods.

The new board walk at Lount has allowed easier access to many areas even in the worst of the wet weather.



Why did we choose the wet part of the year for this job? but the results are worth it.

*It's not all work for the volunteers, we have held two fund raising events, both of which were a great success. Thanks to the generosity of group members, friends and family the table top sale at Swannington Village Hall in March, followed by a Pub Quiz at the Kings Arms in Coleorton, have helped to raise some much need cash, which allows the group to cover its day-to-day costs as well as contributing to new conservation projects. We need to say a big **thank you** to the Kings Arm who played a big part in making the quiz night such a success, they generously donated the hot food for the buffet (which was delicious) and gave one of the raffle prizes (a meal for 2), and a special thank you to Luke at the Kings Arms who made a cash donation to the group funds.*



Dates for your diary

May 31st New Lount**

June 4th New Lount**

June 14th New Lount

June 19th Coleorton Wood

July 12th New Lount – Ranger day

July 16th Coleorton Wood – Ranger day

July 26th Coleorton Wood – Non-ranger day

July 30th New Lount – Non-ranger day

Aug 9th New Lount – Ranger day

Aug 13th Coleorton Wood – Ranger day

Aug 23rd Coleorton Wood – Non-ranger day

Aug 27th New Lount – Non-ranger day

Sept 6th Coleorton Wood – Non-ranger day

Sept 10th New Lount – Non-ranger day

Sept 20th New Lount – Ranger day

Sept 24th Coleorton Wood – Ranger day

Everyone is welcome to come along and join in or just to see what we do.

For more information contact us on coleorton11@gmail.com or telephone 01530 815045