



# Cambridge Conservation Volunteers



Autumn 2008 - Established 1962 - 46 Years of Conservation in Cambridge

## August

*Sunday* **Technology Museum**  
**31<sup>st</sup>** A half day tidying up and maintaining tools.  
Meet on site.

## September

*Sunday* **Chippenham Fen**  
**7<sup>th</sup>** Raking reeds joined by Cambridge Young Walkers. Bring wellies if you have them.

*Thursday* **Monthly Meeting**  
**11<sup>th</sup>** Beer and Business. Cambridge Blue 19:30

*Sunday* **Fulbourn Fen SSSI**  
**14<sup>th</sup>** Fencing work.

*Tuesday* **Meal at Al Casbah**  
**16<sup>th</sup>** Algerian Cuisine at Al Casbah on Mill Road.  
Meet there at 19:30.

*Weekend* **Catfield Fen**  
**20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>** Scrub cutting in this lovely secluded Norfolk fen. Contact Annette if you want to come.

*Sunday* **Saint Mary's, Great Shelford**  
**28<sup>th</sup>** General tidy-up of the wildlife area at the rear of the churchyard. Bramble clearing, light tree work and wildflower grass clearing.

## October

*Sunday* **Brampton Wood**  
**5<sup>th</sup>** Ride side coppicing and bonfires.

*Thursday* **Monthly Meeting**  
**9<sup>th</sup>** Beer and Business. Cambridge Blue 19:30

*Sunday* **Coton**  
**12<sup>th</sup>** Hedgelaying. Ouse Washes task cancelled due to flooding.

*Sunday* **Devil's Dyke**  
**19<sup>th</sup>** Mowing & Raking. Newmarket Race Course End.

*Sunday* **Hardwick Wood**  
**26<sup>th</sup>** Raking. Replaces Ouse Washes task due to flooding.

## Join us!

- We meet at the layby by the toilets on **Victoria Avenue at 10:00. TL455589**
- Wear old clothes and stout footwear.
- Bring a packed lunch.
- Tea & biscuits provided.
- Tools, training and transport provided.

Come along to one of our Sunday work parties. You will be a valuable member of the group whether you come occasionally or become a regular volunteer.

## November

*Sunday* **Hayley Wood & BBQ**  
**2<sup>th</sup>** Ride side coppicing up to and around the pond. Followed by BBQ on the fire - bring something to cook and drink. There will be a lift back available after the task.

*Wednesday* **Midsummer Common Fireworks**  
**5<sup>th</sup>** Meet in the Old Spring at 18:00.

*Weekend* **Swanton Novers**  
**8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>** Leaving Friday evening. Staying at courtyard farm. Contact Louise (01223 263962).

*Thursday* **Monthly Meeting**  
**13<sup>th</sup>** Beer and Business. Cambridge Blue 19:30

*Sunday* **Brampton Wood**  
**16<sup>th</sup>** Ride side coppicing and bonfires.

*Sunday* **River Shep, Barrington**  
**23<sup>rd</sup>** The work will include bramble lopping, light scrub clearance, gravel raking and possible bank building. Bring wellies.

*Sunday* **Cavenham Heath**  
**30<sup>th</sup>** Raking Reeds in Secret Fen.

## Contacts

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## Autumn 2008

Welcome to the CCV Autumn Newsletter. This is the final version now all the tasks have been confirmed Sorry we didn't get a newsletter out for August - we were still organising the tasks. The holiday season is not the best of times to contact people to arrange work three months hence :)

Annette has provided a full programme of tasks until the end of the year.

## Christmas Party - Host wanted

Many thanks to Carolyn who has done a wonderful job hosting the CCV Christmas party for many years. She has now bowed out so we are looking for a new host for this year. If you'd like to offer then mention it at a monthly meeting or task. We normally hold the party on a Saturday in mid-December which this year is on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

## New website

Thanks to Tom Lock for maintaining the website for six years. We now have a new look website at

<http://www.ccv.org.uk/>

It includes a calendar that is the definitive list of tasks and social events. Any changes will be shown there.

Also check out the photos. We have various photos of foreign trips, woodland plants, volunteers in action and some old photos from the display boards. If you have have photos you'd like to share please talk to Chris.

## Hungary 2009

Louise is planning a week long task in Hungary next year. It will be at Órségi Nemzeti Park in the far West of Hungary on the border with Austria. It is likely to be in June before the high summer temperatures.



Hayley Wood resident

## Fulbourn Fen

Fulbourn Fen is now 75 acres of wet meadow and woodland to the East of Fulbourn about 6 miles from Cambridge. It was drained between 1806 and 1808 along with land to the North of Fulbourn. to improve the cultivation of the land. Before it was drained the fen was a peat fen 20 feet above sea level and was flooded by the Great Wilbraham River.



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The wetter meadow has a range of wet and dry areas which provide a variety of habitats. The wet areas suit the typical fenland plants such as rushes and water mint and the drier areas support early marsh-orchids and southern marsh-orchids.



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The drier meadow has a rich diversity of plants and insects as it has never been treated with fertilisers or pesticides.

Most of the work is habitat management such as scrub cutting, hedgelaying and coppicing. This Autumn we will be doing fencing work to keep in the cows which are used to maintain the meadow.