

Containing more details and reminders about events ahead with the emphasis on Ponds & Trees

## Ponds for Wildlife



Our meeting on Wednesday 20th November 2013 will be devoted to POND<sup>S</sup>. Dr. Naomi Ewald will be giving an illustrated talk on ways to improve the condition of ponds by surveying and studying the needs of aquatic life. Garden ponds of whatever size are an essential feature in bringing a greater variety of wildlife to your garden, especially frogs, newts, dragonflies, birds and numerous aquatic species.

**A local pond group** will be proposed during the meeting so that local members who have, or are proposing to start a pond, can keep in touch and share problems and maybe start a register of all local ponds, both public and private. There will also be a call for volunteers for pond care.

Reminder If you are a pond lover there is another talk on Ponds by Dr Richard Osmond at Havant on Wed 27th Nov.

## Planting Trees



On Saturday 30th November the final stage of tree planting in Jubilee Field will take place. As for last November (see photo © Jon Stokes) volunteers will meet in Jubilee Field at 10 am. We hope you will all be able to come again. It is important that we know how many will be coming so that we have the right quantity of tools (and refreshments) available.

**Please confirm if you can come** by ringing JV on 92592647 or John T. (HPC) on 92597766 or E-mail [wildlife@vigay.com](mailto:wildlife@vigay.com) or [john.telford@horndeanpc-hants.gov.uk](mailto:john.telford@horndeanpc-hants.gov.uk)

The plan this year is to plant 20 standard trees - oaks and field maples at the south end of the field and limes, pines, silver birch, rowan (replacements for two lost) and a wild pear. These are all native species and will form a major part of the proposed **Horndean Tree Trail** which together with Yoell's Copse and local hedgerows, future generations will be able to see most of the native tree species growing in England well into the future, plus it will benefit wildlife and the environment.



As the late autumn colours appear there is less to see in the countryside but it is a good time to see fungi. This blue-green fungi was spotted on a fungal foray in Blagden Copse Clanfield on 2nd November and is thought to be a **Blue Rounhead** *Stopharia caerulea*. Those who came on fungal days with the *Hampshire Fungi Recording Group* experts in the New Forest were able to see a huge number of species and a fine display at the Reptile centre nr. Lyndhurst. In between rain and wind there were a few sunny intervals in which 3 **Red Admirals** were flying along hedgerows near Wick Hanger on 3rd Nov. The next newsletter will be February 2014. Your contributions welcome, to editor by Jan.



There are no meetings in December so the *Southdown Group* and *Horndean Biodiversity Group* Committees wish all our members a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and an exciting New Year ahead.

HBG are working hard to produce a final draft of the Horndean Biodiversity Action Plan by the end of the year. Then we will be looking for more volunteers to join in many projects described in the BAP.

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