

Bringing people, wildlife and wellbeing together

TEaM News...



Down the plot...

Jackie has been tending the allotment with an increased team of volunteers this week. This is excellent news on many levels... it's the next step towards reopening to our members, and it's also enabled another large donation of produce to Langar Aid. Just look at this harvest—the colours are beautiful!



Who's heard of no-hands handwashing before? Check out this 'tippy tap' that Jackie discovered and Martin put together for us. It will enable us to wash hands safely at the allotment and on bushcraft courses!



Bushcraft news...

TEaM staff and some members of Warwickshire Wildlife Trust's roaming conservation volunteer group, Nature Force, worked hard this week to prepare the bushcraft site at Brandon Marsh in preparation for the Armed Forces Covenant bushcraft course lead by TEaM beginning next month. Nature had certainly reclaimed the space whilst we'd been away! Thanks to WWT staff member, Kat and Nature Force for all their hard work!



Looking ahead...

As we steadily return to delivery and safely getting back out and about with groups at the allotment, around the bushcraft fire, conservation days and wellbeing walks, staff are spending less time in the office and more time out and about with all of you (hurray!!). As of next month, TEaM Up will be issued monthly. Due to its popularity, we couldn't let it go completely! Thank you for all your wonderful feedback over the last few months and for your fabulous photographs and wildlife stories—please keep them coming as we move into the Autumn season!

Your wildlife... This week we've been sent these stunning lacey leaf photographs by TEaM member Becky.

Can anyone identify the insect that has laid its eggs on the back of this willow leaf? When the tiny caterpillar hatches and begins to eat the leaf, the gall is formed.

Hint, it's not a butterfly or moth! Answer in the next issue!



WILD-WORDSEARCH

Apex Predators

- Black bear
- Cheetah
- Electric eel
- Giant otter
- Honey badger
- Human
- Jaguar
- Killer whale
- King cobra
- Polar bear
- Spotted hyena
- Swordfish
- Tawny fish owl
- Wolverine



Image: Rosie Charter

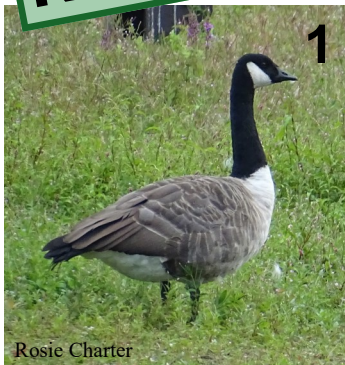
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Challenge... Find the two hidden words that hint at next week's theme!

"In nature, nothing is perfect and everything is perfect. Trees can be contorted, bent in weird ways and they're still beautiful." Alice Walker

Name It!

Can you identify the wildlife in the photos?



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Issue 21 answers...

Name It!

1. Common crane 2. Longhorn beetle (Rutpela maculate) 3. Hawthorn flower



Missing Links...

- Eagle-Lid (**eye**)
- Cow-Tern (**pat**)
- Jelly-Finger (**fish**)
- Bush-Knife (**craft**)
- Camp-Blanket (**fire**)

Missing Links...

Your task is to find the missing word that follows the first clue and precedes the second. For example, the answer to Rain-String could be 'Bow' giving Rainbow and Bowstring.

ham-up

full-shine

runny-badger

prim-hip

dead-nettle

Answers next week!

You can also follow TEaM on social media for a Daily Dose of Nature...



The Environment and Me



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Feature Species!!

Common Crane

"The common crane has significantly declined across Europe over the last 300 years as vast areas of wetland habitat have been drained for agriculture. A recent breeding programme in Somerset has led to the establishment of a wild population once again. There are also low levels of migration from Europe which may also account for breeding pairs in East Anglia.

Key Information

Scientific name: *Grus grus*

UK conservation status: Amber

Length: 110cm-120cm

Wingspan: 220cm-245cm

Weight: 4kg-7kg

Food: seeds, roots, insects, snails, worms

Habitat: grassland, freshwater, wetland

UK breeding population: 48 pairs

UK wintering population: 150 pairs

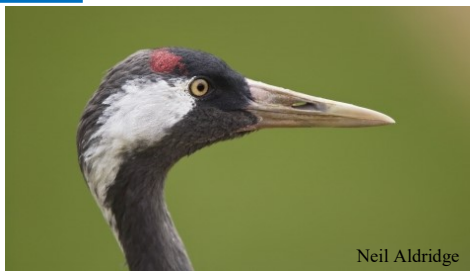
Hunting along with the draining of marshlands led to their disappearance as a breeding bird about 400 years ago, until a trio of migrating birds were blown off course in 1979, ending up in Norfolk. Careful protection, reintroduction projects, and some landscape-scale habitat restoration projects mean that there are now around 160 cranes in Britain.

The dance of the cranes is famous worldwide. Heads thrown back, wings flapping, tail feathers fluffed, and feet stamping; this is how they reinforce their pair bonds. Cranes were once so common in Britain that 204 were served roasted at a banquet for the Archbishop of York in 1465."

Ref: <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/wildlife-explorer/birds/common-crane>



Stefan Johansson



Neil Aldridge



Dan Lovcard

Taking time in Nature...

Back in Issue six, we featured a 'Taking Time in Nature' article including some top tips from wildlife film maker, Simon Watts. That was back in April in the midst of spring. The seasons may have changed, and with them the wildlife around us, however, four of his tips remain constant:

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Solve the anagrams to discover six of the UK's bat species...

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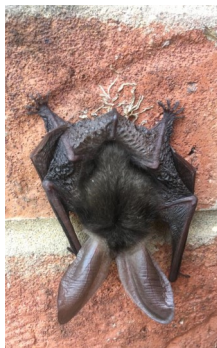
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Issue 21 answers...

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warl bon—barn owl

towly wan—tawny owl

alow-green old—long-eared owl

thews-arool red—short-eared owl

leooruee glean paw—European eagle owl

"If you can, go out early. Dawn is a great time to take photos."

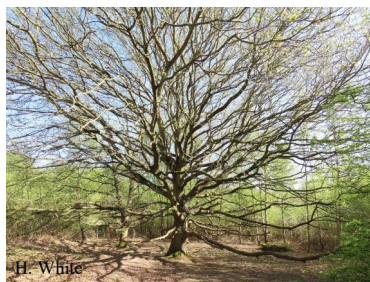
"Look for areas where light is coming through leaves and creating rays—these can make a great photo!"

"If you can, get low to the ground (lie down or kneel) and see if you can get a shot at the same level as a flower or grasses—rather than looking down on them."

"Don't be afraid to try—we all take good and bad photos."

Back then, we challenged you to go out for a walk and take only one photo, mindfully. This week, we challenge you to return to that same spot and take that photo again. If you didn't manage it back then, not a worry! Find a photo you took more than a season ago, or simply return to a spring time spot you enjoyed observing.

Notice how it's changed. Is your subject still there? Has it grown, have its colours or shape changed?



H. White



R. Charter

Please send us your Spring to Autumn, then and now photos, we'd love to feature them in the next issue!

Funky Fungi

We know it's Autumn when we start to spot the weird and wonderful fungi appearing amongst the fallen leaves on our woodland floors. Ahead of a new fungi feature in the next issue, how many of these fungi can you identify? All photographs taken by Jackie and plot member Becky.



**Stay
safe**

