

# What's On in the Cotswold Water Park



## November 2010 – March 2011

**Saturday**  
**November 27th**  
**10am**  
**(Meeting point given**  
**on booking)**

### **Winter Wildfowl Walk**

Come along with expert local birder Tony Hawkins on this guided walk to see what is on the water during the winter months around the Cotswold Water Park – gadwall, pochard, teal, tufted duck and more. A 2-3 hour walk will give you fresh air, local wildlife and fascinating information, a recipe for a great morning out!

All welcome. Bring binoculars if possible, and wear suitable clothing and footwear.

**Cost: £4 Adults / £1 children** – payment on the day please.

To book your place please email [events@waterpark.org](mailto:events@waterpark.org) / call Jill on 01793 752413

**Friday**  
**December 03<sup>rd</sup>**  
**9.30am – 12.30pm**  
**Gateway Centre**

### **Weave your own Christmas Magic!**

Wonderful willow workshop for complete beginners – come along and make some beautiful Christmas decorations to take away with you from the incredibly versatile willow. Norah Kennedy, a creative and inspirational local willow weaver, will teach you basic weaving techniques and show how to create some unique gifts – all equipment supplied.

**Cost: £20 per person (includes coffee and cookies!)**

To reserve your place T: 01793 752413 or E: [events@waterpark.org](mailto:events@waterpark.org).

Payment secures booking.

**Thursday 09<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
**7pm**  
**Gateway Centre**

### **Glow worms & Gluhwein – an illustrated talk**

Come along for an exciting insight into the conservation work which has been taking place around the Cotswold Water Park in recent years – you will be amazed at what has been achieved and hopefully be excited at what can be achieved in the next 50 years!

CWPS Biodiversity Officer, Gareth Harris will give an enthusiastic and passionate talk about the incredible wildlife of the Cotswold Water Park, right here on your doorstep. A warming glass of gluhwein will be waiting for you!

**Cost: £5** To reserve your place T: 01793 752413 or E: [events@waterpark.org](mailto:events@waterpark.org).

**Sunday January 16th**  
**7.30am**  
**Lower Mill Estate**

### **Beavers and Breakfast – guided walk and talk**

A unique chance to visit the 'beaver lake' at Lower Mill Estate with CWPS Field Officer Leonie Campbell. After a visit to their feeding grounds and to the hide to watch the 'beaver cam' we may be lucky to see a beaver before it heads off back to sleep. The walk will last approximately 1.5 hours, then it's down to the Gateway Centre for hot bacon and egg rolls etc. Numbers are limited so names will be 'drawn out of a hat'. Successful applicants will be notified by email before **Friday December 17<sup>th</sup>**.

**Cost: £10** (includes breakfast)

Email [events@waterpark.org](mailto:events@waterpark.org) to be put on the list before **Monday December 13th**.

**Saturday January 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**10am**  
**Whelford Pools**  
**(Family event)**

### **Basic but Brilliant Birdwatching (for Beginners)**

For all those who would love to get into birdwatching but would like to learn the difference between a grebe and a gadwall, where and when to look for which birds, understand their behaviour, and how to get started, come along to this wonderful reserve in the eastern Cotswold Water Park, Whelford Pools. Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust reserve manager Steve Edmonds will take us on a guided walk of the site, whilst watching out for the numerous birds which feed and breed on this site.

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**Sunday January 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**10am – 4pm**  
**Four Pillars Hotel**  
**(Family event)**

### **Fossil Fest – back by popular demand**

Drop in *any time* between 10am – 4pm for some fascinating fossil activities:

- Bring any fossil finds along to be identified by our experts
- Exhibition of incredible local fossil finds, including The Leg!
- Tons of fossil activities for all the family
- Fossil Roadshow, exhibition and gifts
- £1 entry for all

(This event has been kindly supported by the **Cotswold Water Park Four Pillars Hotel**)

**Friday February 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**7pm**  
**Gateway Centre**

### **Tales from the Bush – an illustrated talk by James Honeyborne**

Award winning director James Honeyborne has been stalked by lions, attacked by giant hornets and head-butted by a 16ft long tiger shark, all in the cause of wildlife film making. James will talk about these close encounters and some of the challenges faced when bringing spectacular wildlife to the TV screen.

James Honeyborne has produced and directed many wildlife documentaries for TV and film, and is probably best known for the incredible film drama 'The Meerkats', and as the wildlife expert on BBC's Wildest Dreams.

**Cost: £6 adults / £2 children**

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**Sunday February 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Time TBC**  
**Meeting place TBC**

### **Goldeneye, Goosander and Gadwall galore**

Did you know that internationally significant numbers of wintering waterbirds can be found here in the CWP? Join Director of Estates for the CWPS, Ali Swainston on a wintery walk around some of the best lakes for seeing these visitors from overseas and find out what measures we are taking to ensure that these birds continue to thrive.

**Cost: £4 Adults / £1 children** – payment on the day please.

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The Cotswold Water Park Society is an environmental body with charitable status working to improve the Cotswold Water Park for wildlife and people.

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