

MALVERN NATURALISTS' FIELD CLUB

PROGRAMME 2020

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

The Annual Subscription of **£10.00** is due to be paid at the December or January meeting or by post to the Treasurer. (A s.a.e. should be enclosed if a receipt is needed).

New members can purchase a copy of the Club History for £5 as long as stocks last.

All cheques; for subscription and outings, to be made payable to “Malvern Naturalists’ Field Club” and crossed.

PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR OUTINGS

Members usually book for outings as soon as the previous meeting or outing has taken place but there is no objection to booking earlier. Payments for outings should be made by cheque. Please write the name of the outing on the back of the cheque. Payment slips will be given out to send with the cheques. Cheques should be posted or given to the leader of the relevant outing. If members wish to pay as soon as they book, i.e. on the coach at the end of the previous trip, please leave the booking form and cheque, with the next outing name on the back, in the envelope which is passed round for bookings.

Cheques will only be refunded in case of illness or complete cancellation of the outing. If a member cannot attend the outing because of illness, the value of the venue cost only will be returned to the member, not the coach cost..

Dropping-off points will be the same as the pick-ups. Unless cafe or restaurant availability is mentioned, you should consider bringing lunch. If properties are National Trust, Historic Houses or other organisation of which you are a member, make sure you have your card handy to gain free entrance. If the venue is National Trust, the price of the coach fare only will be shown on the programme. Non members of NT will need to pay themselves at the door.

If you wish to bring a friend as “carer” it may be possible for them to be granted free entry to properties.

In 2020 the indoor meetings will all be held in the United Reform Church Rooms, Malvern Link

PICK-UP POINTS AND TIMES FOR FULL DAY OUTINGS BY COACH

<u>Route 1</u>		<u>Route 2.</u>	
08.30	Tanhouse Lane	08.30	Welland
08.33	Ascension Church	08.35	Peachfield Close
08.35	Link Top	08.40	Barnards Green
08.40	Victoria Park	08.45	Prospect View
08.43	Junction of N.End Lane and Pickersleigh Ave:	08.48	Junction of N.End Lane and Pickersleigh Ave.
08.45	Prospect View	08.50	Victoria Park
08.50	Barnards Green	08.55	Link Top
08.55	Peachfield Close	08.58	Ascension Church
09.00	Welland	09.00	Tanhouse lane

PICK-UP POINTS AND TIMES FOR SHORTER OUTINGS BY COACH

<u>Route 1</u>		<u>Route 2</u>	
09.15	Tanhouse Lane	09.15	Welland
09.18	Ascension Church	09.20	Peachfield Close
09.20	Link Top	09.25	Barnard's Green
09.25	Victoria Park	09.30	Prospect View
09.28	Junction of N.End Lane and Pickersleigh Avenue	09.33	Junction of N.End Lane and Pickersleigh Avenue
09.30	Prospect View	09.35	Victoria Park
09.35	Barnard's Green	09.40	Link Top
09.40	Peachfield Close	09.42	Asension Church
09.45	Welland	09.45	Tanhouse Lane

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THURSDAY 16th JANUARY. COFFEE MORNING & TALK 10am

NIGEL HAND – ADDERS ON THE MALVERNS

Nigel Hand is a reptile and amphibian ecologist who has monitored reptile populations in the Midlands including adders on the Malvern Hills. His films have been featured on TV and he has broadcast on the Radio. He has been awarded a scholarship to study Global Warming in Australia.

Coffee will be served from 10.00 am followed by Nigel's talk at 10.30

COST £3.00

THURSDAY 13th FEBRUARY. COFFEE MORNING AND TALK. 10am

MICHAEL GOODFELLOW-SMITH - MALVERNS' MARVELLOUS TREES

Michael Goodfellow- Smith has done a great deal of work on environmental issues. Locally, he helped set up The Malvern Community Forest

Coffee will be served at 10am followed by the talk at 10.30am .

Bookings will be taken for the cream tea in March.

COST £3.00

WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH TALK FOLLOWED BY A CREAM TEA 2.30pm

ELIZABETH ADLAM - BLUEBELLS AND PRIMROSES

Elizabeth will give her illustrated talk about these Spring flowers at 2.30pm

It will be followed by a cream tea which must be booked BEFORE the meeting

COST £3.00

THURSDAY 26TH MARCH WELLY CLUB VISIT TO UPTON WARREN 10.00 a.m.

Worcestershire's premier bird-watching reserve – The Christopher Cadbury Wetland Reserve – consists of 2 areas. The Moors (Freshwater pools) and the Flashes (Saltmarsh) with several hides for the observation of the birds – Wild-fowl which may be observed include avocet, tern, oystercatcher and redshank. Spring birds may include ringed plover, sand piper, greenshank, bar-tailed godwit.

Leader – Margaret Vipond 01684 573004

Postcode B61 7ET Map reference SO936 677

COST £3.00

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TUESDAY APRIL 7TH COACH OUTING TO MORTON HALL GARDENS AND THE JINNY RING CENTRE.
Short Outing, Route1, 9.15am from Tanhouse Lane

On arrival at the garden, there will be coffee and cake served in the Orangery. We will then be shown around the garden which contains some interesting plants with a four-acre wild-flower meadow and several garden “rooms” as well as mature trees and views of the countryside.

We will then move on to the Jinny Ring Centre where a variety of hot and cold dishes will be on sale in their restaurant, various craft activities will be on view and there will be articles for sale.

COST £31.

Bookings to the leader- Mary Tibbles -01684 575183
Deputy leader – Heather Newborough – 01684 310634

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TUESDAY MAY 5TH COACH OUTING TO THE WOLSELEY CENTRE.
Route 2, 8.30am from Welland

This is the home of the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust which is situated near Rugeley. It consists of 26 acres of natural environment with lakes and woodland. There are excellent paths and a new visitor centre, shop and café all opened in 2019. There are chances to see interesting birds, including a resident kingfisher ,plants, otters and insects. There is a Garden Centre adjacent.

COST £18.

Bookings to the leader – Elsie Roberson 01684 592948
Deputy Leader – Jim Roberson 01684 592948

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THURSDAY MAY 28TH WELLY CLUB VISIT TO MONKWOOD 10.00 a.m.

Situated near Hallow and not far from Worcester, Monkwood consists of ancient woodland and coppiced areas with sunny glades – bluebells, wood anemones and insects, including 38 species of butterflies, to be found. Flat paths and rides – park for 10 cars. National Dormouse monitoring programme

Leader Margaret Vipond 01684 573004

Post code WR2 6NX

Map reference – SO 804 607

COST £3

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MONDAY 22ND JUNE COACH OUTING TO HILLCROFT GARDENS
Route 2 from Welland 8.30 am

The morning will be spent in Leominster where Coffee and Lunch may be taken. We then drive to the Lugg Valley to visit the gardens. The highlight in Midsummer is the romantic Rose Walk. There is a secret garden, a vegetable and fruit area, a cider apple orchard and managed wild areas including a wild-flower meadow.

Tea and homemade cake are available for a small charge.

COST £22.

Bookings to the Leader - Judy Crosby 01684 311305
Deputy Leader - Vanessa Wilkinson 01684 562757

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THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 3RD COACH OUTING TO KINVER EDGE AND BRIDGNORTH

Route 2 . 8.30am start from Welland

On arrival at Kinver, coffee can be found in various cafes on the main street. A short walk from there will bring you to Kinver Edge and the Holy Austin Rock houses which were cut into the local red sandstone. These can only be attained by a short climb . The houses were occupied until the 1960s and have been furnished to show how life was lived there. There is a small tearoom. They are now National Trust . **The cost for non-National Trust members to visit is £5.70, and should be paid at the door by the member.** Kinver Edge also gives views of the surrounding countryside . Another place to visit is the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal which is at the back of the High Street.

We depart for Bridgnorth in time to take lunch there. Bridgnorth is a large market town , split into the Low Town and High Town with a cliff railway connecting the two. There are cafes and restaurants where lunch may be taken.

**Bookings to the leader – Heather Newborough 01684 310634
Deputy leader Mary Tibbles**

COST £18

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THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER COACH OUTING TO THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM

Route 2, 8.30am start from Welland COST £18, not including Land Train

150 acres of developing landscape with many symbolic and inspiring memorials to see. A Land Train Tour lasting 50 minutes, with commentary, is available for £6, members to pay for themselves if interested. Entry is free, donations appreciated. Meals, snacks etc available. We hope to get there by 11.00am as there is a daily memorial ceremony at that time.

**Bookings to the leader – Jim Roberson 01684 592948
Deputy Leader – Elsie Roberson 01684 592948**

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THURSDAY NOVEMBER 12TH ANNUAL MEETING, COFFEE MORNING AND TALK

Coffee will be served from 10.00 am. At 10.30 am Howard Robinson will talk about Charles Darwin

This will be followed by a short Annual Meeting.

COST £3.

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TUESDAY DECEMBER 10TH COFFEE MORNING AND TALK

Coffee and mince pies will be served from 10.00 a.m.

At 10.30 a.m. Arthur Ball will talk about “Garden Birds”

COST £3.
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