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SustFest 2023

Thank you all the Bewdley folk and venues that supported SustFest this year. Two weeks of walks, talks, displays, demonstrations, courses, walks and family events were enjoyed by people throughout Wyre Forest District. We are already starting to think about SustFest 2024.

Please start thinking about how your organisation might contribute events next year. We are having a celebratory and evaluation event on

Tuesday 20th June 7.0 – 8.30 pm at St Georges Hall in Bewdley for all the organisers of events that were part of this year’s SustFest and for

anyone who would like to find out how they can get involved in SustFest 2024. We will be sharing photos, videos, discussing our highs and lows and of course there will be light refreshments available as we toast to this year’s success. This is your chance to have your say so we can continue to grow. Contact Hannah at sustfestwyreforest@gmail.com if you are able to come.



Sat. 27th May. Butterfly Walk, 11.30am - 2pm

Join Butterfly Conservation (West Midlands) on a gentle stroll through the forest to seek and identify butterflies and day-flying moths, including some of our Wyre Forest specialities, such as the Pearl-bordered Fritillary.

*Please note - places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Booking is essential, please contact the organiser if you wish to attend the event and for more information:

wyreforest.nnr@naturalengland.org.uk

Sunday 28th May. Wyre Forest Family Fun Day

10am: Moth Trapping

Learn about these underrated creatures first hand

11am - 3 pm: Meet the Machines

Get up close with some serious machinery that help manage the forest

11.30am - 1pm: Free outdoor yoga

Relax in the Arboretum with our qualified yoga instructor Sophie

2pm: The Nature of Wyre - A talk by Wyre Forest Study Group

Join local expert Rosemary Winnall to learn more about the forest.

All day: Orienteering

May 28th – June 3rd Bewdley Bike Week.

Bewdley Bike Week is a week of cycling events during May half term with lots of two-wheeled activities for MTBs, E-MTBs, roadies, E-bikes, first timers and the whole family!

Our list of events can be found here: bewdleybikeweek.info

We hope you join one or more of the events during Bewdley Bike Week. If, however, your bike is still in the shed and needs a service or repair, bring it to the next Repair Cafe at St George's Hall between 10.00 and 2.00 on Saturday 17th June. The BBW team will be pleased to get it going again for you! Look out for pictures and report of BBW events in the July Bridge magazine!"

Repair Cafés and the world record attempt.

At the Repair Café sessions in May, our wonderful volunteers took part, alongside other Repair Cafes throughout the UK to break the world record of the number of repairs carried out in a month. At the time of writing, the results are not yet known. However, in a previous Guinness record attempt for the largest number of repairs in a day, the world record was smashed, with Bewdley Repair Café achieving over 200 repairs, over twice the national average.

Thursday 1st June and Friday 2nd June 10:00 - 14:00 Family Nature Day at Bishops Wood Centre.

Join the education team for a day of discovering the outdoors this summer. Explore the grounds, look for wildlife, follow the trail to find the clues and make some crafts. Find out what lives beneath the surface of the pond by doing some pond dipping. [For details and to book](#)

Sat 3rd June Kidderminster Repair Café at The Kidderminster Youth House 10.0 – 1.0

Join the wonderful volunteers who will not only help mend or sharpen your items but also serve you tea and cake! All for free, but donations welcomed.

Sunday 11th June Hays Farm "Open Farm Sunday" tour

Still places available for the afternoon tour. Follow [link](#) to book

Monday 12th June 8.0 pm Green Drinks, "The Great Western" Kidderminster Road, Bewdley

Join us upstairs on the mezzanine to discuss "*is economic growth more important than adaptation to climate change?*" As usual, Green Drinks will start off with a topic but may head off in all sorts of directions. A chance to share your ideas, concerns and opinions with others

Wed. June 14th 6.0 pm. Dropping Well Farm visit.

Transition Bewdley invites you to join us on a visit to the Worcestershire Wildlife Trust project at Dropping Well Farm. We will discover how the purchase of 100 acres of farmland will make the area the largest area of heathland in the County. Find out how this is being done, how local communities can get involved and what rare plants and animals live there.

Lowland heathland is an international rarity and one of the UK's most threatened habitats. We've lost more than 80% across England and 90% here in Worcestershire over the last 200 years. To book a place on this fascinating tour please ring 01299 403424 or email john.rhymer50@gmail.com

Sat. 17th June. Bewdley Repair Café session 10.0 – 2.0 (last entries 1.0 pm). St Georges Hall

In May, we dealt with 200 items for repair or sharpening with an amazing 89% success rate. We will not be resting on our laurels but will be standing by to mend our appliances, repair your garments and sharpen your garden tools and kitchen knives. No need to book, other than for bikes. For bikes, ring John Rhymer on 01299 403424 or email john.rhymer50@gmail.com

Tuesday June 27th. Conference for Worcestershire Businesses on Net Zero and Sustainability.

Please pass this on to any business that you think might be interested.

The Summer Business Worcestershire Conference, taking place **27 June at Sixways Stadium in Worcester**, will focus on Net Zero and Sustainability. Through thought-provoking discussions and talks, attendees will hear from expert speakers and local businesses as they explore **what is Net Zero, tackling rising energy costs, carbon reduction techniques and employee and supply chain engagement.**

The conference is open to all businesses across the county and is free to attend.

To find out more, and to book your free place, **visit the [Event Registration Page](#).**

Proposed field trip to Fenn's & Whixall Mosses.

Organised by Wyre Forest Friends of the Earth on behalf of WFGA

Following a talk given about wetlands as part of *SustFest Wyre Forest 2023*, Roger Mead is organising a trip to a type of wetland we do not have locally, but which is of great importance in climate remediation. Fenn's, Whixall, Bettisfield, Wem and Cadney Mosses SSSI is in Shropshire, a few miles south of Whitchurch. It's a big site at around 900ha, and is a remnant of a lowland raised bog, the type of wetland which, when in good condition, is capable of capturing significant quantities of atmospheric carbon. It is also a key biodiversity area. Details of habitat, flora and fauna can be found in the SSSI citation on Natural England's website.

Ideally, we would like the visit to be in June or July, but first need to get an idea of numbers interested in going. It will probably be a case of making your own way and meeting at the entrance. It is also being shared with other local organisations with environmental interests. Please contact Roger on meaderoger7@gmail.com if you are interested,

And now some more positive news

Using roof-tops for Solar power can make a significant contribution to net-zero- An interesting article from CPRE.

CPRE suggest that we could generate a huge amount of solar electricity using south facing commercial rooftops and car-parks.

[Link](#)

And good news that it is set to get harder for Businesses to “green-wash” by falsely claiming environmental benefits. [Link](#)