






Events and Activities Calendar 2024

Here are Wild Maidenhead's events and activities which have been organised for 2024 so far. More events will be added to this calendar so please watch out for changes. For those events with limited places, please register on Meetup (<https://www.meetup.com/wildmaidenhead/>) so that you can book your place. Please see www.wildmaidenhead.org.uk/events for more information.

If you use Facebook, we are at www.facebook.com/groups/WildMaidenhead. If you have spare time and can volunteer, please email wildmaidenhead@gmail.com to offer. We always need help.

	Sunday 28 th January 10.00h – 15.00 h	Ockwells Park tree thinning	Continuing to thin trees which were closely planted about 20 years ago and now need space to develop. We started this task in December. Please register for the task at https://www.meetup.com/wildmaidenhead/events/298605168/
	Sunday 11 th February	Practical task	A joint task with WMCV coppicing in either Little Thriftwood or Ockwells Park. https://www.meetup.com/wildmaidenhead/events/298950665/
	Friday 23 rd February 19.00h – 22.00h	Nature Quiz at Braywick Nature Centre	A quiz which is both entertaining and informative. Teams of up to 6 are invited to compete for prizes. https://www.meetup.com/wildmaidenhead/events/298950090/
	Saturday 24 th February 10.00h – 13.00 h	"Homes for Nature" at Braywick Nature Centre	Another opportunity to make and purchase your own bird box, hedgehog house or bee hotel under guidance from Bob Keene and colleagues from the Bisham Nest Box Group.

			https://www.meetup.com/wildmaidenhead/events/298950289/
	Sunday 25 th February	Practical task	A joint task with WMCV possibly at Ockwells Park and Thriftwood. Details to be arranged.
	Thursday 7 th March	What's to like about lichens?	This is an evening talk via Zoom by Richard Todd a new lichen enthusiast within the team of "Eco Volunteers " at Burnham Beeches National Nature Reserve. If you are unfamiliar with lichens, this is for you.
	Monday 11 th March	The many values of trees	A Zoom talk based on the project at Burnham Beeches of Aisha Williams a PhD student at the Dept of Anthropology, Aberdeen University and a Burnham Beeches Eco Volunteer.
	Saturday 16 th March	Garden Ponds, and their management (for wildlife)	*** CANCELLED ***
	Thursday 11 th April from 18.00h	Slow walk along the Cut	An EARLY evening slow walk along the Cut from Braywick Nature Centre car park to the centre of Maidenhead ... to appreciate its biodiversity, its future. This will be a "to and from" walk and might include a brief bat survey.
	Thursday 25 th April	Wild Maidenhead AGM 19.00h – 21.00h	Venue TBA. The AGM business including a report on the past year's activities by Chair Maria Evans will be followed by a talk by the guest speaker Des Sussex, Biodiversity and Conservation Lead, Crown Estate, Windsor Great Park. Invitations will be emailed to PAID-UP members only.
	Saturday 11 th May from 14.00h	Eton College Natural History Museum	A Saturday afternoon bespoke visit and tour of the Natural History Museum at Eton College with Dr George Fussey, Curator. Limited numbers for this event. Booking will be via Meetup.

	<p>Friday 24th May from 19.30h to Saturday 25th May</p>	<p>Moth trapping at Maidenhead Thicket</p>	<p>The moth traps will operate from 19.30h when there will be an introductory talk.</p> <p>The traps will be set up within a short walk of one of the car parks. Which car park will be announced nearer the date. The attended traps will operate overnight. Those interested will need to return early on Saturday morning (08.00h) to see what has been trapped before they are released into the wild. This event is not particularly sensitive to the number of visitors ... but is very sensitive to the weather.</p> <p>No booking required.</p>
	<p>Sunday 9th June from 10.00h</p>	<p>Open Day at Bray Pit Nature Reserve</p>	<p>The (almost) annual Open Day at Bray Pit Nature Reserve. Drop in when you like and stay as long as you like. A chance to see its wildlife with the help of those who know the every detail of the place!</p>
	<p>Thursday 20th June</p>	<p>Plant Galls</p>	<p>PROVISIONAL. A talk on Plant Galls by a speaker from the British Cecidological Society.</p> <p>Probably a Zoom talk in the evening.</p>
	<p>Sunday 21st July</p>	<p>Picnic in the Park</p>	<p>A field picnic lunch followed by a botanical walk in Ockwells Park and Thriftwood (wetland and woodland) looking for flowers and lichen. Bring your own picnic.</p> <p>More details closer to the date.</p>
	<p>Early August</p>	<p>The Ivy Bee</p>	<p>An evening Zoom talk on "The Ivy Bee" by Trevor Smith and Martin Woolner prior to launching a local survey of this interesting species offered members of Wild Maidenhead and the other RBWM Wilds.</p>

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Later in the year we hope there will be another moth evening, a busy fungus walk (not foray), a celebration of National Tree Week and some practical tasks on Borough sites.

