



It may be summer for us, but already the avian return migration is under way. At time of writing there have been reports of 1000's of Swifts leaving from Spurn Point, Yorkshire; and all of the British Trust for Ornithology satellite tagged Cuckoos have left the UK, with two birds in Africa having crossed the Sahara.

In Japan and America crows are using pedestrian crossings to help crack walnuts!!! When the lights change to red, the birds hop in front of the cars and place walnuts which they have picked from the adjoining trees, on the road. As the lights turn green again, the birds fly away and vehicles drive over the nuts, cracking them open. When its time to cross again, the crows join the pedestrians and are able to pick up and eat the contents. (extract from BTO monthly e-news [www.bto.org](http://www.bto.org))

## Golden-bloomed Grey Longhorn Beetle *Agapanthia villosoviridescens*



The adults feed on unbellicifers such as Hogweed and Cow Parsley as well as on nettles. The female chews a small cavity into the stem of the plant and lays her eggs, usually two to a plant. When the larvae hatch they will eat into the pith and make their way to the base of the stem.

Adults can be found from May through to August, flying readily in hot weather.

## Vapourer moth caterpillar

Found feeding on Silver Birch in the Old Hedgerow during July. Easily recognised by the tufts of bristles along the body.



## Pyramidal Orchid

The Pyramidal Orchids in the Meadow have done particularly well this year with over 50 blooms at a time.

In 2002 this pretty little orchid was voted the floral emblem of the Isle of Wight.



## Work Parties for October, November & December 2015 The start of a new season

| Date                               | Meeting Point  |
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| Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> October    | Down Grange Meadow<br>Homestead Road interpretation board  |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October  | Old Orchard. Kendal Gardens.   |
| Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> November    | The Old Hedgerow.<br>Footpath between Coniston Road & Down Grange,<br>behind 77-155 Coniston Road. |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> November | Down Grange Meadow. As above   |
| Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November   | Old Orchard. Kendal Gardens  |
| Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December  | The Old Hedgerow. As above   |
| Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> December   | Down Grange Meadow. As above   |

Times: - Sundays 10:00 - 12:00. Thursdays 14:00 – 16:00.

If you would like to join us for the first time please ring Marion on 470171.

Please bring work gloves, tools are provided.

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