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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

MARCH

**Fulbourn Spring Community Market**

Saturday 15 March, Townley Hall, Fulbourn Centre, 2.30 to 5pm.  
The usual mix of food and crafts, and the WI Café. For further details see page 2

**Friends of the Roman Road and Fleam Dyke AGM and Talk**

Saturday 22 March, Townley Hall, Fulbourn Centre, 3pm to 5pm.  
Talk: The Nature of Cambridge. For details see page 3

**Community Litter Pick**

Sunday 6 April. Meet outside the Fulbourn Centre between 2pm and 2.30pm. Further details see page 3

APRIL

**Fulbourn Fen Nature Reserve Work Parties**

Sunday 13 April and Sunday 11 May. Meet at the entrance to the Reserve in Stonebridge Lane at 10am. See page 5

**Fulbourn's Repair Café**

Saturday 26 April, 2pm to 5pm, in the Townley Hall, Fulbourn Centre.  
Booking information to follow at the end of March/early April. See page 4

**Fulbourn Forum's AGM and Talk**

Friday 2 May in the Townley Hall, Fulbourn Centre, 7.30 to 9.30pm  
Talk: Nature Friendly Farming - plans and progress at Little Willbraham. See page 4

MAY

**Fulbourn Windmill Open Day**

Saturday 11 May. Further details will be sent in April.

**Fugolburna film documentary screening**

Wednesday 21 May, 2pm, at Gt Shelford Library, Woollards Lane.  
Free. No need to book.

**Fulbourn Swift Nest Box Project 2025**



John Willis writes:

The Fulbourn Swifts Group is pleased to announce that it has secured funding for the purchase of 50 swift nest boxes and their installation, together with swift attraction call mini players. We are very grateful for a grant from the Wright's Clock Land CIO, and additional financial support from Fulbourn Forum. **Would you like to participate by having two nest boxes on your home, subject to a survey and advice from a swift nest box expert?**

If you are even slightly interested, please do contact us (details below) so that we can address any issues that you may have, and hopefully arrange a survey of your property.

We believe that this project will help to address the declining swift population in the historic centre of the village around the church, and the lack of swift nesting sites in other areas such as Apthorpe Street/Cow Lane and Home End/Balsham Road.

Swifts flying in groups around the rooftops provide one of the iconic sights and sounds of summer in Fulbourn, and they make great neighbours with little or no mess. The best time to attract prospective nesters is mid-summer, so don't delay – if you are interested please get in touch:

John Willis 01223 881103 / fulbournswifts@gmail.com

**Fulbourn Spring Community Market**

**Saturday 15 March, 2.30 to 5pm in the Townley Hall, Fulbourn Centre**

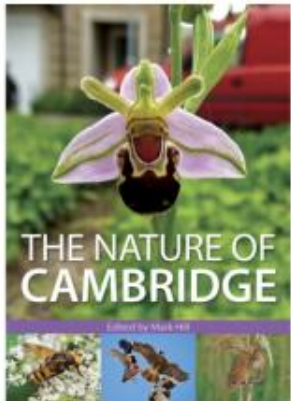


The stalls with handmade crafts include original art, prints and T-shirts, cards for all occasions, jewellery stalls, a range of leather goods, a large selection of fabric and knitted items, the Fabric Vase Company, and lots of hand-crafted wooden items both decorative and practical.

The food stalls will include fine Japanese cakes and pastries, together with fine Italian bakes both sweet and savoury, and a large range of granolas. Other favourites include homemade cakes, vegetarian samosas and sausage rolls, onion bharjis, marmalade, chutney, and local honey. Handmade chocolates will be provided by Artistry in Cocoa including some Easter treats. And not forgetting ales from Fulbourn's Moonshine Brewery and the last few bottles of Fulbourn Forum's apple juice from the September pressing.

We also hope to have a few plants including snowdrops for sale, plus DVDs of our documentary film Fugolburna. The market café will, as usual, be run by the Fulbourn WI.

**Friends of the Roman Road and Fleam Dyke AGM and Talk**  
**Guest speaker Duncan Mackay on 'The Nature of Cambridge'**  
**Saturday 22 March, Townley Hall, Fulbourn Centre. 3pm to 5pm. Free entry.**



Duncan Mackay's talk will be around the 2022 book *The Nature of Cambridge* which looks at the city's habitats, geology, climate, and development, with chapters on flora, bryophytes, fungi and lichens, its invertebrates, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.

He will tell some of the interesting story behind the book, which was based upon the Cambridge Natural History Society 'Nathistcam Project', 2017 - 2020, which surveyed the wildlife in the city based on an 8km x 8km square, roughly centred on the Mill Road Cemetery.

**Fulbourn Community Litter Pick**  
**Sunday 6 April. Meet between 2pm and 2.30pm outside the Fulbourn Centre**  
**to collect equipment and to confirm your picking area.**



Do please join us if you can to help clean up the village before the summer months. As usual, there is plenty to do. With enough volunteers, we hope to get out along the many approach roads as far as the parish boundaries. Pickers and bags (and bag holders) are provided, and we will also have some gloves and a few hi-vis vests to borrow. But do please bring your own if you have them. Supervised children of all ages are very welcome – we will assign them to the quieter streets.

Please return your pickers between 4pm and 5.30pm – refreshments will be available in the committee room at the Centre. Arrangements will be made for collection of the filled bags from the roadside – no need to carry them back unless you are able to.

If you cannot make the Sunday afternoon but would still like to help, contact us for the pickers and bags (available from late Friday afternoon 4 April) so that you can pick your chosen area in the morning or on another day.



**Fulbourn Repair Café**  
**Saturday 26 April, 2pm to 5pm, in the Townley Hall, Fulbourn Centre**

Undertaken by Fulbourn Forum in association with Cambridge Carbon Footprint,

This will be our thirteenth Repair Café, again run with the help of an amazing group of skilled repairers who all give their time for free. The aim is to reduce the things that end up in landfill, and possibly get a second life. At previous repair cafes more than half of the items brought in were fully repaired, while advice was given where a full repair was not possible in the time available, or where spare parts were not available on the day. The service is free, but we do rely on donations, if you are able, to help cover the cost of the hall hire, and other expenses such as insurance, and the purchase of repair equipment and materials.

Planning is now underway. Booking will open around the end of March/beginning of April. We will email you when the booking link is active. It is best to book in your item, although you may turn up on the day. However, please be aware that there may not be a suitable repairer available, or you may have to wait until one becomes available.



**Fulbourn Forum's AGM and Talk**  
**Friday 2 May, in the Townley Hall, Fulbourn Centre, 7.30pm to 9.30pm.**  
**Free. No need to book.**



**Talk: 'Nature Friendly Farming – plans and progress at Little Wilbraham' by Ellen Francis of Quy Hall Estate**

This illustrated talk is about conservation grazing, reed harvesting, biodiversity, and regenerative farming being practiced on the Estate's land. They farm extensive land in Little Wilbraham and the Wilbraham Fen, as well as at Quy. The talk will be an informative extension to the issues raised at last year's AGM with the screening of our documentary *Fugolburna*. The spring water and augmentation water from the Fulbourn/Wilbraham catchment area runs through the Quy Hall Estate.

## Fulbourn Fen Nature Reserve Work Parties

The next two work parties are:  
Sunday 13 April, 10am to 1pm  
Sunday 11 May, 10am to 1pm

Run by the Wildlife Trust, we meet at the bottom of Stonebridge Lane by the entrance to the Nature Reserve at 10am. Sturdy footwear, long trousers, and tough gardening gloves are essential, with clothing suitable for the weather. Children are very welcome, although they must be supervised at all times.

If you require further information, please contact the Wildlife Trust local volunteer warden Pete Montgomery – [fulbournfennaturereserve@gmail.com](mailto:fulbournfennaturereserve@gmail.com)



### Fulbourn Fen Nature Reserve Volunteer Work Parties 2024 / 2025

**Sunday 27 October 10am to 1pm**  
**Sunday 10 November 1pm to 4pm**  
**Sunday 8 December 1pm to 4pm**  
**Sunday 5 January 10am to 1pm**  
**Sunday 2 February 10am to 1pm**  
**Sunday 2 March 10am to 1pm**  
**Sunday 13 April 10am to 1pm**  
**Sunday 11 May 10am to 1pm**

**Where: meet at the Nature Reserve entrance,  
Stonebridge Lane**

All welcome including accompanied children. Tools provided. Please wear suitable warm clothing, strong boots and strong gloves.



For further information contact the Wildlife Trust.  
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