



Happy New Year!



The Trustees & Wardens send you our best wishes for 2019

2018 has been a very busy year for the reserve. Our Loddon lilies were in their prime in early May after a fairly hard winter, which seemed to suit them. We launched our new branding and signage in May, thanks to grants and the support of the Dorothy Holmes Charitable Trust, Goring Gap News, Gatehampton Trust and expert guidance from Ivor Coleman. Plans are already in progress for new interpretation boards, with the help of the Goring Gap History Society. In June we hosted the Wind in the Willows day as part of the Gap Festival. Despite a very dry summer our resident wardens, Sue and Roger, with the help of the Green Gym and Environment Agency working parties, have kept the reserve looking beautiful and hosted many visitors and groups over the year. In addition, we have had sightings of some very rare 'visitors' including the Cramp-ball Fungus Weevil and the red-list anthomyid fly (*Eustalomyia hilaris*) and corn buntings. The working parties have also made inroads at Little Meadow reserve.

We provide a Forest School for children at both Goring and South Stoke Schools. After 14 years we are sad to see Kate Cheng leave as the Forest School Leader for Goring, but wish her well in her new job, and look forward to welcoming her replacement in the Spring.

Plans are afoot to hold regular talks and events in the coming year. In the meantime, here are the dates for open days in 2019:



Loddon Lily Open Days 2019

Sundays 2:00 - 5:00

21st April (Easter Sunday)

28th April

5th May

12th May

19th May

26th May



Cream Tea Open Days 2019

Sundays 2:00 - 5:00

28th April

26th May

30th June

28th July

25th August



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