

GreenSnape News

March 2020



It has seemed to be a very long, dark and wet winter, but already spring is very much underway. The bulbs we planted with the schoolchildren are flowering well and giving some welcome and cheerful colour.

In line with our aim to make the village a nicer place for people and wildlife, we've been busy putting together a varied programme of events for members over spring and autumn. We've tried to ensure that there will be something that will appeal to everyone:



14 March 10am - noon – Priory Wood work party. Having taken responsibility for managing Priory Wood, we will be working to remove self-sown saplings and to ensure that the wood is an attractive place to visit.

10 May 10am – Guided walk on RSPB Botany Marshes. A wonderful developing nature reserve right on our doorstep and not normally open to the public.

10 June 6.30pm – Orchid walk on Snape Marshes. Southern marsh orchid, yellow rattle, ragged robin and other wild flowers that are being encouraged by a cutting regime that we help with. Again not normally open to the public. Followed by an optional visit to the pub.

19 June 6.30pm – Midsummer evening barbecue. A chance to see Miranda Barclay's medieval barn at Abbey Farm while enjoying delicious barbecue food, supplied by Friday Street Butchery, and tasty salads provided by our committee.

24 July – visit to Bedfield Hall near Framlingham (to be confirmed).

Mid August (date tba) – **hayraking work party on Snape Marshes** – raking off cut hay with Suffolk Wildlife Trust's roving volunteer group, to encourage further development of plant species.

17 October – trip to Havergate Island nature reserve – a visit to Suffolk's only island, a haven for our wildlife.

22 October 7pm – GreenSnape social evening & AGM – a chance to meet in the village hall with other members and catch up on the latest **GreenSnape** news.

In addition, we hope to be able to visit a farm that not only produces our food, but does so in an environmentally-friendly way.

We do hope that our events will attract many of our members, of which we have over 100. If you are not yet a member, but would like to join, you'd be very welcome, with membership a minimum of £3 per year. Just contact our membership secretary **Victoria Hambley** v.hambley@btinternet.com.