

The Fairfield Association Flora Nature Reserve



Recent Metal Detector Finds in Flora Fields, Courtesy Ian Sharp

Programme of Events Summer 2014

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Flora is part of the Morecambe Bay Nature Improvement Area and extends Fauna to create a 47 acre nature reserve close to the centre of Lancaster. We aim to manage the site for the enjoyment of local people whilst conserving the natural and historic environment and providing a habitat for wildlife.

The programme is an opportunity to learn more about this exciting development.

**Thursday May 8th 7 – 8:30 pm Junction of Lancaster Canal
and Long Pads Footpath**

Guided Walk Through Flora

Andy Lee, Tree Surgeon and Tree Enthusiast

An opportunity to learn about the trees in Flora and to see the newly planted extension to Pony Wood: what we are conserving, planting and why. Wellies or stout shoes essential.

May 15th 7:30 – 8:30 pm The Storey

Dr. Keith Jones

Invasive Aliens!

Of the 1,400 or so non-native (alien) plants established in the wild in GB just over a 100 have a negative impact. Some are invasive and spread through habitats - obliterating native plants from land and waterways, others cause painful blisters, whilst others damage walls, buildings and the integrity of flood defences.

Yet these invasive aliens also provide food and shelter for birds and insects and are some of the most colourful and striking plants found in the wild.

This talk will illustrate the beauty of the invasive aliens, discuss the problems they pose and leave you to decide whether they should all be exterminated.

May 22nd 7:30 – 8:30 pm The Storey

Ian Sharp and Ken Sedgwick

History Beneath Our Feet

Ian and Ken will talk about their finds around Lancaster and the Fairfield land in particular. They will bring fascinating objects for us to look from Roman coins to present day losses.

Guided Visits

To reserve a place on one of the following events please email sue@nieduszynski.org or sign in at one of the evening lectures. Open to all ages. Car sharing may be arranged. Appropriate clothing and footwear essential.

Sunday June 8th 10 am

Visit to Lancashire Wildlife Trust Heysham Moss Nature Reserve

Heysham Moss supports a range of wetland habitats but is of key importance for the area of lowland raised bog. There will be a guided tour of the reserve, joining the North Lancs Naturalists, at the time when they are gearing up for the first release of adult Large Heath butterflies. Free but a small donation is appropriate.

Thursday July 10th 6 -7:30pm

**Visit to Lancashire Wildlife Trust Brockholes Nature Reserve,
Preston**

Opened three years ago Brockholes has ponds, lakes, ancient woodland and reedbeds. We will hear about recent sightings and their on-going conservation work. Fee - £2/person

**For more information about the Flora project and the
Fairfield Association in general see**

www.fairfieldassociation.org