



# NEWS

## May 2016

At **Shide Meadows Centre** we have been settling in. We have planted a native hedge on our roadside boundary and we have started to plan a whole load of work on neighbouring **Pan Mill Meadows**. Hopefully we will be able to share this with you next month.

We also have big plans for **Swanmore Meadows** in Ryde. This site can be reached from Rosemary Lane and Quarry Road. If you would like to be involved in the restoration of the meadow please let us know.

This month we are leading a shed load of walks for the **Isle of Wight Walking Festival**. Details overleaf on our new website [www.gifftonature.org.uk](http://www.gifftonature.org.uk). One highlight is a walk which takes in three of our Newport sites including the new **Country Park** at Pan. For those of you who haven't visited the **Squirrel Hide** at Parkhurst, Martin will be leading a walk on Bank Holiday Monday, with top tips for squirrel-viewing. We have two events with prizes! Our **Eastern Yar Walk** this Sunday (1st) will include a **Pooh Stick Challenge**. Thank you to the **Garlic Farm** for helping us with this. And on Friday 6th, our **Cowes Treasure Hunt and Quiz Walk** has prizes kindly donated by **Waitrose**.

No sooner have we got over the WalkFest than its **Riverfest**. Come and see us to find out our Pan Plans. At Newport Quay on 21st May this event runs from 11am until 3pm. There is always loads going on, and as a bonus, its free.

Finally our sister project Island Rivers is recruiting balsam volunteers. If you would like to get **out on the pull** please let us know.



A preview of our Eastern Yar walk

**Gift to Nature is the flagship conservation project of the Island 2000 Trust.**

Gift to Nature provides opportunities to allow residents and visitors to enjoy the natural environment by creating, enhancing and providing access to sites and activities that deliver benefit to all.

Gift to Nature is part of the Island 2000 Trust, registered charity no. 1083233.

[www.gifftonature.org.uk](http://www.gifftonature.org.uk)

[info@gifftonature.org.uk](mailto:info@gifftonature.org.uk)



Like us on Facebook

Follow us on Twitter

# NATURE WALKS AND ACTIVITIES

## MAY 2016



### SUNDAY 1ST MAY—EASTERN YAR WALK AND POOH STICK CHALLENGE

10.30am Newchurch C/P—the title says it all! Prizes sponsored by



### MONDAY 2ND MAY—PARKHURST POOTLE

2pm Forest Car Park—short family walk to spot squirrels

### WEDNESDAY 4TH MAY—CHANGING CHINES

2pm from Brook Chine Car Park—Our constantly changing coast. Positive coastal erosion and fantastic views



### THURSDAY 5TH MAY—THE ISLAND'S NEW COUNTRY PARK

2pm from Matalan Car Park, Newport—tour 3 sites from our vast estate—hidden streams, a stump garden and giant eel!



### FRIDAY 6TH MAY—COWES QUIZ WALK & TREASURE HUNT

6.30pm from Moocow—self-guided fun. Natural and built heritage. Teams up to 4. Prizes sponsored by **Waitrose**

### WEDNESDAY 11TH MAY—FOOD AND FARMING

10.30am from Brighstone Village Shop— how farming shapes our landscape with optional lunch at end (own expense)

### THURSDAY 12TH May—THREE QUARRIES WALK

2pm from Brading Down Car Park – do you know all three? Includes some steep bits but there are fantastic views!



### FRIDAY 13TH MAY—GET TO KNOW WROXALL STREAM

10.30am from Wroxall Car Park — beat the Friday the 13th curses for a walk and chat about one of the Island's least known watercourses

All walks suggested donation of £2 pp except Quiz Walk £5 per team

Full details in IWWF Brochure, at [isleofwightwalkingfestival.co.uk](http://isleofwightwalkingfestival.co.uk) or [giftonature.org.uk](http://giftonature.org.uk)