

# Friends of Ogden Water Newsletter

April 2007

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

## Welcome

Another exciting edition of our Newsletter and another mundane offering from me. As Ogden wakes up in time for Spring, so do we, and the Easter leg of the Art Exhibition is imminent. Christine, Margaret and Lorraine look to have really pulled it off and almost a hundred entries are scheduled to light up the classroom over the bank holidays. All these pictures are of Ogden Water throughout the seasons and promise to be a spectacular attraction, with the majority for sale. So make sure you visit this Easter before the exhibition runs out of paintings!

Our fundraising is progressing well for the 1st September 150th celebration and we will keep you informed of developments. An Ogden Fair is scheduled for June 24th and fingers crossed for a successful Breathing Places bid with work commencing this autumn all being well.

Thanks to all who turned out for the A.G.M which was a real success, largely thanks to the excellent turn out and positive approach of people who came and participated. We appear to be thriving as a Friends of group and this year should hopefully see us grow further and flourish. Keep up the good work and be as involved as you want to be.

Regards, Craig



**Ogden Water**  
**Art Exhibition & Sale**

'The Seasons of Ogden'

An exhibition of paintings by local artists in the Ogden Water Classroom. To be held on the following holiday dates:

**8th & 9th April**  
**6th & 7th May**  
**27th & 28th May**

from 11 until 4pm

All welcome.  
Free admission.  
Paintings are for sale.  
Refreshments.



## Editorial

Welcome along to the April edition, the clocks have gone forward, giving us more daylight and more time to enjoy and savour a visit to Ogden Water. This issue is packed full of news including forthcoming events, talks and practical dates, the new walks booklet, Ogden fashion, how you can help with recording what is happening with the seasons and bringing up the rear an article on deers' rears!!!

As we go to press, strange news is filtering out of Ogden about the presence of a gigantic beast. So get out now and search for the beastie.

Chris & Robin

## News flash news flash

Nessie seen on Ogden reservoir.

Sightings of a prehistoric dinosaur on the reservoir have been confirmed by staff at Ogden. Rangers noticed 'Nessie' on Monday morning after conducting their weekly site checks. On seeing the dinosaur Ranger Robin said "It must be about 14ft long and just rose out of the water right in front of our eyes. It's not something you see everyday". Staff are uncertain how long it has been there, but hope it will hang around for a few more days. Visitors are warned not to try and approach the dinosaur because of the dangers of the cold and deep water.

---

## FoOW Fashion

New to the Friends of Ogden Water is this exciting clothing range, enticingly modelled by Chris and Robin. Sweatshirts cost £15 and polos are £12. All sizes available and a wide range of colours. For further information contact Dave on (01422) 249136 or see [www.ybbadges.co.uk](http://www.ybbadges.co.uk).



---

## Ogden Water Talk Bee-keeping & the Honey Bee

Wednesday 23rd May  
7pm in the classroom

Ever seen inside a bee hive? Now is your chance, Steve Milner of Holly House Farm will be coming along with his observational beehive to demonstrate the keeping of honey bees. You will be able to learn about the honey bee year and how he manages to collect 4 different flavours of honey (which will be available for sale).



## Volunteers Urgently Needed

We need volunteers to help with refreshments & in promoting the Friends of Ogden Water at the forth coming art exhibitions.

If you can spare an hour or 2 on either Easter Sunday or Easter Monday to come and help, please contact Christine on Hx 205050 ASAP

## Bric-a-brac & bookstall

After the success of the last bric-a-brac and book sale to raise funds for the Ogden Water WATCH group, we have decided to hold another one. If you have any unwanted presents or items that are in good order then please let us know or drop into Ogden Water visitor centre. Last year we raised over £200 which is being used to take the group on a trip to Robin Hood's Bay in June.

---

## Ogden Water WATCH group meetings

**Saturday April 7th**  
**Easter Eggcitement**

Join in some traditional Easter celebrations such as egg decorating, egg rolling & the favourite egg & spoon race. Meet 10am outside the Countryside Centre, Ogden Water

**Saturday May 5th**  
**Buzzing About**

Meet 10am outside the Countryside Centre, Ogden Water LNR for a search for our furriest flying insect

**Saturday June 2nd**  
**WATCH trip**

Meet 8.15am in the car park at Ogden Water for a day trip to the coast, booking essential

**Saturday July 7th**  
**Moth morning**

Check out the different variety of moths that we find at Ogden Water. Meet 10am outside the Countryside Centre  
For further details contact 01422 393208

## Committee members 2007/8

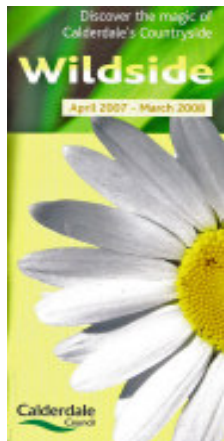
Following a very successful AGM, below you will find a list of committee members for the next year.

Chair - Craig Spencer  
Secretary - Robin Dalton  
Treasurer - Ross Northage  
Membership secretary - Lorraine Barber  
Publicity secretary - Christine Crowther  
Social secretary - Margaret Stafford  
Practical co-ordinator - Jan Buckley  
Practical co-ordinator - Chris Buckley  
Website - Anthony Greenwood  
Newsletter editor - Chris Sutcliffe  
Committee member - Bill Rogerson  
Committee member Gavin Davidson  
Committee member - Emma Newsholme  
Committee member - Sue Northage

---

## New Wildside 2007/8

The new Wildside guided walks and events programme is now out, packed full of great walks, talks and events such as the dawn chorus, health walks, map reading courses and summer activities. With a new look it is available to pick up from Tourist Information Centres, libraries, Ogden Water and Shibden Hall. If you have not got a copy then pick one up as soon as you can.



If you already have a copy pick up another and give it to a member of your family or a friend.

---



## Up with the larks International Dawn Chrous Day Sunday May 6th, 5am

Hear the spectacle of British bird life waking up and greeting the day.  
Meet in the car park at the end of Beechwood Drive, Holmfield for a 2 hr walk.  
Bring binoculars if you have them.

For more details and/or directions to start point, please contact 077699 54956

## Ogden Water Craft Fair

Browse a selection of craft stands including local produce, jams, pickles, cakes, ceramics, jewellery, books & cards.

Open from 10am until 4pm:-  
Sunday 29th April  
Sunday 24th June  
Sunday 29th July

## FoOW Practical Days

Work parties started well for 2007 with a good turnout in January to do the annual Xmas tree brashing.

February had everyone digging out and clearing drainage ditches after a deluge of rain washed away parts of some footpaths because the drainage ditches were blocked.

The March practical took the form of erecting fencing posts for a replacement fence line along the lower edge of dog toilet to reservoir path. We also transplanted young holly bushes (of which Ogden has plenty) to create a green border near the car park entrance and along the dog toilet fenceline.

Hopefully, these evergreens will survive to give an enhanced view upon entering the woodland from the car park.

Well done to all participants and we look forward to seeing you at the future Practicals.

**Next Practical is April 21st.**

**Check website for further Practical dates!  
Please note that there will be NO practical in July due to holidays and commitments.**

# Springwatch needs you

Yes Springwatch is back & needs your help, find what you can do below.

## About the Springwatch survey

Springwatch is the biggest survey ever into the arrival of spring. It is run by the BBC in association with the Woodland Trust and the UK Phenology Network. In 2006, more than 100,000 records came in and we hope to top that in 2007.

## Why record spring?

By collecting information about the first signs of spring, we can help build the most complete picture of the season as it unfolds across the UK. Scientists will have a better understanding of how spring is changing and what needs to be done to help wildlife thrive in the UK.

## What does it involve?

We're asking people to look out for six signs of spring and make a note of the date and the grid reference or postcode where they were first seen. You can record just one or all six.

- First frog spawn
- First seven-spot ladybird
- First red-tailed bumblebee
- First peacock butterfly
- First hawthorn flowering
- First swifts



*Help Bill & co. discover what is happening this season and watch Springwatch on BBC television from early May*

Check out the Ogden Water website  
**[www.ogdenwater.org.uk](http://www.ogdenwater.org.uk)**  
including reports & photos, lists of future events and much more

# 'Whats that, deer...?'

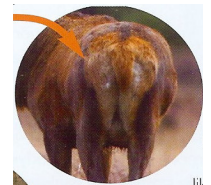
....is a phrase occasionally heard uttered between couples walking in the woods at Ogden. Deer are regularly sighted during the winter months when the vegetation is sparse and they are sheltering in the woods from poor weather. Usually the walker will just glimpse a departing 'back-side' that is seen galloping off into the undergrowth.

So how do you know which type of deer you are looking at? Well, the deer seen at Ogden are roe deer, but if you are out and about elsewhere, welcome to this brief rear end guide to deer i.d.

**Muntjac** - smaller than a labrador and timid. Tail raised like a white flag when running away,



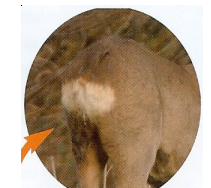
This backside belongs to a **red deer**. Reddish brown heart shape on rump. Much bigger than your labrador. No spots.



**Fallow Deer** - black stripe down the tail on a white behind. Coat usually has spots.



The **Roe Deer** at Ogden have a round off-white target patch, with no visible tail. Slightly bigger than a labrador.



**Sika** - white heart on rump, spotted coat and much bigger than your labrador.



Only the males of these species have antlers

Please send any future newsletter articles to:  
The News Desk  
c/o Ogden Water  
Ogden Lane  
Halifax, HX2 8YA  
[ogden.water@calderdale.gov.uk](mailto:ogden.water@calderdale.gov.uk)