



The White Cliffs Countryside Partnership's

GREEN GANG

FAMILY ACTIVITIES—EASTER 2017



WELCOME to the Easter edition of the Green Gang magazine produced by the White Cliffs Countryside Partnership. The Green Gang is a special programme of fun events for children and their families that has been running for over 20 years. Learn more about local wildlife and countryside. Most of the events are free, and you don't have to be a member. A donation is appreciated to help cover the running costs of the Green Gang.

POND DIPPING

Pond dipping can be great fun as there are many different types of animals that live in or around ponds. Some creatures live their whole life in a pond, like leeches, fresh water shrimps and snails. Other creatures live part of their life-cycles beneath the water before emerging as a different creature. Frogs, toads and newts spend the first part of their lives in ponds as tadpoles. They quickly grow into adults and crawl out of the pond to live on land only returning to the pond to breed. Dragonflies and damselflies also live part of their life cycle underwater. The adults lay eggs in the summer on the plant life. These hatch into nymphs, which are ferocious carnivores eating larvae and tadpoles. By late spring and through the summer, they crawl up a plant stalk, where they burst out of the nymph shell into an amazingly beautiful adult dragonfly that lives for about three weeks. Why not find out more about pond life by joining in a pond dipping event at St George's Barn, Peene or Bushy Ruff, Kearsney in Dover. See inside for further details.



EASTER EGG FUN!

Come and enjoy some Easter events with a difference! Bring along your own decorated egg and have an afternoon of Wacky Easter egg rolling at Folkestone Down on Good Friday 14 April, or join us at Samphire Hoe on Bank Holiday Monday using our rubber eggs. Not an event to miss!



THE ICONIC WHITE CLIFFS

How do you see them? Come along and have a look at some artwork by the famous and not so famous at the 'Art of the White Cliffs' exhibition being held at Samphire Hoe until the 30 April. Not content with just looking? Then why not have a go at some artwork yourself? We have some exciting and fun events coming up: 'Be a Land Artist' at Elms Vale, 'Nature Art' at George's Barn at Peene; 'Try your hand at Watercolours' and 'Create a mean Orchid' at Samphire Hoe. Let your imagination run wild and see what fascinating pieces of art you can create! See inside for further details.

DEN BUILDING AND SURVIVAL SKILLS

Have you ever thought about how you would survive in the wild? Shelter, water, fire and food are all essential. Why not come along to Whinless Down, bring a packed lunch and drink, and have a go at building a shelter and lighting a fire. This will certainly be a fun and informative event and who knows when you might need these life saving skills?



HAVE A GO AT CONSERVATION



'Have a go at Conservation' events are practical conservation days where local people carry out practical work to improve the sites for wildlife and people. The leader explains about the work and how to use the tools. Why not come along and give it a go?

You can even count these events towards one of your Junior Ranger days. You don't have to stay all day - even just for an hour or two is ok. Children (under 18) must be accompanied at all times by a parent or responsible adult. We provide gloves and tools, but please wear old clothes (and waterproof clothing if it's forecasts rain) and boots that protect your toes and have good grip, and bring a cold drink and packed lunch if you want to stay all day. Contact us on 01304 241806 for more details.



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WELCOME TO

Amelia & Theo Birdsall of River, William, Joseph & George Scrivens of Hawkinge, Lukas & Sebastian Cook, Alex Spampinato, Max & Lili Rynehart and Eithne Taylor Young of Folkestone; James Dyer of Martin; Amelia & Thomas Harris of St Margaret's at Cliffe; Lily & Joshua Rigg & Quinn Henry of Smeeth, and Elena Bedria and Hayden Tingey.



BECOME A JUNIOR RANGER!

The Junior Ranger events take a closer look at wildlife and ecology. Make notes in your nature notebook to earn special Junior Ranger badges and certificates. It costs £3 to join the Junior Ranger scheme and you start as a Trainee Ranger and receive your badge and notebook. By attending the events you progress through the levels from Junior Ranger (5 events) to Peregrine (40 events). **Parents** would you please let us know when your child has attended the qualifying number of events, enabling us to send out our reward pack. For an application form or to advise on qualifying attendance please contact Sue Bradford on (01304) 241806. **To find Junior Ranger events look out for the ladybird logo.**



HOW TO DECORATE AN EGG

Why not make your own decorated Easter egg and bring it along to the Easter Egg Rolling on Friday 14 April at Folkestone Downs?

You will need a hard boiled egg (boiled for twenty minutes), so you will need an adult to help you with this. You will then need to cool the egg down, so put it in some cold water until it is cool to touch and then put it in the fridge. Once it is cold you will be able to decorate it. You can use food dyes to colour the whole egg, as well as using watercolour paints or glitter to colour them. You can then add ribbon, stickers or sequins to decorate.

To dye the egg using food colouring: Half fill a cup with boiling water and then add one tablespoon of food colouring and two teaspoons of vinegar. Gently put the egg into the cup and leave it there until you get the colour you want. Carefully remove the egg and then leave to dry. You can create patterns on the egg by using crayons before putting the egg into the water. The waxiness of the crayon will stop the egg shell from changing colour so you will be left with a pattern of what you have drawn.

Please note that you will not be able to eat the egg afterwards.

SPRING IS HERE!!

How many beautiful wild flowers can you spot when you're out walking in the countryside? The following are just a few: **Primrose** - often found in woodlands and shaded hedgerows. It is an edible plant which is said to taste like lettuce.



The **bluebell** is associated with everlasting love and constancy. Did you know that bluebell bulbs were once used as glue? They were made into a starch to stiffen collars in Elizabethan times. **Anemone** - (white, pictured with the bluebells) comes from the Greek word for 'windflower'. They are believed to protect against evil and bring luck according to Greek mythology.



Orchid (pictured Early Spider Orchid) represents strength, beauty, love and luxury. Unfortunately it is **illegal** to pick or dig up any wildflowers, so while you are out walking take a moment to look carefully at them in their natural habitat - their home.

Why not come along on the 5 April at the Western Heights or the 12 April on Whinless Down for the Nature Bingo Trek or on Good Friday to Folkestone Down for the Egg Rolling and see what spring wildlife you can find?

COMPETITION TIME!

Complete our wordsearch by finding and circling the 8 creatures that lay eggs below in our grid:

DUCK SNAIL EARWIG SNAKE
BUTTERFLY TROUT HERON NEWT

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Send your entry, with your name and address to WCCP, C/o Dover District Council, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover, CT16 3PJ by Wednesday 17th May. The first 3 correct entries out of the hat will receive a guide to the freshwater life of ponds and streams.

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

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COMPETITION WINNERS

Congratulations to Jake Parsons, Cortney Pound and Henry Stedman-Collins.

They all found the 8 garden bird words in the wordsearch competition in the February Green Gang. They each received a Rocky shore name trail booklet. **Well Done!**

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CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED

Please note that children under 18 must be accompanied at all times by a parent or guardian. It is the responsibility of the adult to make sure that their children are safe and well behaved, not the responsibility of the leader of the event. Many events take time to set up beforehand, so please don't let unruly behaviour spoil the event for everyone else. **Please wear sturdy footwear, waterproof clothing if rain is forecast, and bring water to drink.**

Saturday 1 April to Sunday 23 April 10.00am – 4.00pm.
EASTER EGG HUNT

Come for a day out with the family to explore our wonderful reserve. Pick up an activity sheet from the desk at the visitor centre and explore the trail to see if you can find all the eggs that have been hidden! There's a prize if you can find them all! Every day throughout the holidays. **CHARGE:** £1 per activity sheet. Fees apply to walk the nature trail. No need to book in advance. **LEADER:** RSPB (01797 320588). **MEET:** Dungeness Nature Reserve, Boulderwall Farm, Dungeness Road, Lydd, TN29 9PN.



Saturday 1 April 10.30am
POND DIPPING AT GEORGE'S BARN

Join us to catch watery beasts in our pond and stream. Learn about the life cycles of some of the animals that we catch. Donation appreciated. **LEADER:** Clive Nuttman, Elham Valley Line Trust (07913 347467). **MEET:** George's Barn, Elham Valley Line Trust Railway Museum & Countryside & Craft Centre, Peene, near Folkestone, CT18 8AZ. **DURATION:** 2 hours.

Saturday 1 April to Sunday 30 April 11.00am to 3.00pm daily
EXHIBITION: ART OF THE WHITE CLIFFS

The iconic white cliffs are a welcome sight to many visitors to our country but how do we see them? We display copies of art work by the famous and not so famous to discover different meanings. For information please call 01304 225649. **VENUE:** Samphire Hoe Education Shelter. Samphire Hoe's sign-posted off the A20 from Dover to Folkestone (CT17 9FL) (pay and display parking).



Saturday 1 April 1.30pm
NATURE'S ART AT GEORGE'S BARN (Please book)

On the first Saturday of each month from April to November we choose a different theme each month and learn about changes of season. We use art to explore the nature of the Tangled Bank – a small wooded area and grassy bank that is full of wildlife. Sessions involve using clay, paint, papier maché and other materials to create your own piece of art. **CHARGE:** £2. **LEADER:** Annie Begley, Elham Valley Line Trust (01303 840665 or annie@anniebegley.co.uk – places limited so please book). **MEET:** George's Barn, Elham Valley Line Trust Railway Museum & Countryside & Craft Centre, Peene, near Folkestone, CT18 8AZ. **DURATION:** 1.5 hrs.



Sunday 2 April 2.00pm
POND-DIPPING AT BUSHY RUFF (Green Gang)

Have fun pond-dipping at Bushy Ruff, and learn about the fascinating wildlife and ecology of water. Please bring a pond net if you have one. Please wear sturdy or waterproof footwear and bring water to drink. Suggested donation of £2 appreciated. **LEADER:** Nature Table for White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (01795 535504). **MEET:** Outside the café, Kearsney Abbey Gardens, Kearsney, near Dover (TR 287 438). **DISTANCE:** 0.5 miles (2 hours). **GRADE:** 2. No dogs.



Monday 3 April 10.30am
POND DIPPING AT GEORGE'S BARN
Please see Saturday 1 April for details.

Tuesday 4 April 10.00am, 11.30am, 1.30pm & 3pm
BUG ROADSHOW AT ROMNEY MARSH (Please book)

If your children are curious conservationists bring them to one of the Bug Roadshow sessions during the school holidays where they can learn lots of facts about some wild exotic animals and even get to hold some of them! **CHARGE:** £6 per person. Suitable for adults and children age 5+. All children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Booking is essential as places are limited. Book online www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk **LEADER:** Kent Wildlife Trust (01797 369487). **MEET:** Romney Marsh Visitor Centre, Dymchurch Road, New Romney, TN28 8AY (TR 078 261). Dogs on leads.

Tuesday 4 April 11.00am
ROCKING ROCKPOOLING AT LOWER LEAS

Come along and explore the amazing sandstone reef and rocky shore. Wellies or sturdy footwear required (you may get wet), **INFO:** Jon Goodman 01303 853552. **LEADER:** Kent Wildlife Trust (funded by Shepway District Council). **MEET:** Warden's Hut, Lower Leas Coastal Park, Folkestone, CT20 2JP (Pay & Display car park within Coastal Park). **DURATION:** 2 hours. **GRADE:** 5 (rocky shore) steps down to beach, shingle, uneven and slippery rocks. No dogs

Wednesday 5 April & Wednesday 12 April 9.15am for 9.30am start
HIGH MEADOW HEALTH WALK

Feel on top of the world as we explore the hilltops and appreciate the stunning views (we're starting near the top, so there will not be too much 'uphill' to walk!). Optional stop afterwards for a social tea or coffee at The Ark (please bring money to pay for the refreshments) or bring your own bottle of water. The route includes some rough ground. No charge for the walk. **LEADER:** Melanie Wrigley, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (01304 241806 or 07880 706990). **MEET:** Inside The Ark, Noah's Ark Road, Dover. CT17 0DD. On Bus Route 63 (Northbourne Avenue). **DISTANCE:** 1- 1.5 miles (45 minutes). **GRADE:** 3. Dogs on Leads for the walk. No dogs inside The Ark.

Wednesday 5 April 2.00pm (Please book)
WESTERN HEIGHTS NATURE BINGO TREK (Green Gang)

Find the signs of nature and BINGO you've won a prize! Booking is essential as there are limited spaces (01304 241806). **CHARGE:** £3 per person. **LEADER:** Melanie Wrigley, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (07880 706990). **MEET:** St Martin's Battery car park, South Military Road, Dover. CT16 9TW. On Bus Route 61 to Aycliffe. **DISTANCE:** 1 mile (1-1.5 hours). **GRADE:** 3. Dogs on leads.



Thursday 6 April 10.00am
HAVE A GO AT CONSERVATION AT FOLKESTONE WARREN

We will be continuing with the work to improve the steps and footpaths around Folkestone Warren in the nationally rare chalk grassland habitat. **LEADER:** Jan MacNicol, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (07880 706993). **MEET:** Gate next to the Bowls Club, Wear Bay Road, Folkestone (TR 240 367).



Thursday 6 April 10.30am – 3.00pm
FAMILY DAY AT DOVER MUSEUM

Puzzles, colouring sheets and bonnets with an Easter theme. Drop in anytime between 10.30am and 3.00pm. Entry to Dover Museum is FREE on Family Days. There is no extra charge for the activities. **LEADER:** Dover Museum (01304 201066). **MEET:** Dover Museum, Market Square, Dover.



Thursday 6 April & Wednesday 12 April 11.00am – 3.00pm
WILD FAMILIES IN SPRING (Please book)

Packed full of activities, our Wild Families Day gives you a chance to get up close and personal with nature here at Dungeness. With pond dipping, den building and bug hunting, there is plenty to keep you busy throughout the day! Please wear sensible clothing and bring a packed lunch with you. **CHARGE:** Child £8. Accompanying adults £1 (20% discount for Wildlife Explorers. To book contact 01797 320588 or dungeness@rspb.org.uk. **LEADER:** RSPB (01797 320588). **MEET:** Dungeness Nature Reserve, Boulderwall Farm, Dungeness Rd, Lydd, TN29 9PN.

Friday 7 April 10.00am
BE A LAND ARTIST (Green Gang)

Hear about some environmental artists, and be inspired to create your own art from natural materials and the landscape. Bring a camera to record your artwork. Dress up appropriately for the weather, as we'll be outside the whole time! Bring some drink and food with you. Please bring a bag and maybe secateurs to collect your natural materials. Suggested **Donation** £2 per person appreciated. **LEADER:** Melanie Wrigley, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (01304 241806). **MEET:** Elms Vale recreation ground car park, Elms Vale Road, Dover, CT17 9NN. **DISTANCE:** 2 miles (2 – 2.5 hours). **GRADE:** 3. Dogs on leads.



Friday 7 April 10.00am
HAVE A GO AT CONSERVATION ON THE RIVER DOUR CLEAN

Come along and help clear litter from the water and along the banks of the River Dour and help conserve the wildlife. **LEADER:** Paul Sampson, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (07773 619121). **MEET:** Morrison's car park, Charlton Green, Dover (TR 315 422).



Sunday 9 April 10.00am
DUNGENESS NNR: BEACH CLEAN AT DUNGENESS POINT

Although there has been much effort over the winter by volunteers, residents and the part time litter warden at Dungeness, this will be a sweep around the Point to the Lifeboat Station/Pilot pub direction to fill sacks of rubbish along the tideline. Please come along and help out – more hands will make light work! **LEADER:** Owen Leyslon, Romney Marsh Countryside Partnership (01797 367934 or 07770 670316). **MEET:** New Lighthouse (the black and white stripy one), by the boardwalk, Dungeness - although we will move off North past the fishing boats pretty quickly and on towards the Dungeness Lifeboat station.



Sunday 9 April 3.00pm
THE GEOLOGY OF FOLKESTONE WARREN & FOSSIL FORAY

This short walk will provide an introduction to the local geology and the fossils that can be found and explain why the landscape around East Wear Bay looks as it does. The walk is expected to last about 1. hours and will be visiting the rocky beach, so sturdy footwear is required. Suggested donation of £2 appreciated. **LEADER:** Geoff Downer, GeoConservation Kent and Kent Geologists' Group for White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (01304 241806). **MEET:** Outside Restaurant (The Pavilion), Wear Bay Road, Folkestone (TR 239 364). **DISTANCE:** 1 mile (1.5 hours). **GRADE:** 5 (rocky beach)



Monday 10 April 10.30am
TRAILS AND MAPS AT GEORGE'S BARN (Please book)

A fun session to use maps to explore 2 nature trails and learn how to use maps. The Tangled Trail has giant sculptures of wildlife to find and the 'Learn about the Landscape' trail includes a quiz sheet to complete. Suggested donation of £2 per person appreciated. Please book. **LEADER:** Clive Nuttman, Elham Valley Line Trust (07913 347467). **MEET:** George's Barn, Elham Valley Line Trust Railway Museum & Countryside & Craft Centre, Peene, Near. Folkestone CT18 8AZ. **DURATION:** 2 hours.

Tuesday 11 April 10.00am – noon

HAVE A GO AT CONSERVATION AT WHINLESS DOWN

We will spend the morning path clearing and getting materials ready for the Green Gang Den Building family activity in the afternoon. **LEADER:** Paul Sampson, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (07773 619121). **MEET:** Elms Vale Recreation Ground car park, Elms Vale Road, Dover (TR 299 414).



Tuesday 11 April 12.30am (Please book)

DEN BUILDING & SURVIVAL SKILLS, WHINLESS DOWN (Green Gang)

Join us for an afternoon of den building at the base of Whinless Down nature reserve. Build a shelter largely of natural materials and learn how to build and light a small campfire. Please bring your own drinks and packed lunch, appropriate weather clothing and sturdy footwear. Suggested donation of £5 per person appreciated. Booking essential as there are limited spaces (01304 241806). **LEADER:** Paul Sampson, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (01304 241806 or 07773 619121). **MEET:** Elms Vale recreation ground car park, Elms Vale Road, Dover, CT17 9NN (TR 299 414). **DISTANCE:** 1 mile (2.5 hours). **GRADE:** 3 (muddy).

Wednesday 12 April 10.00am – 3.00pm

EASTER EGG HUNT AT EDF ENERGY VISITOR CENTRE

Come along to an Easter Egg hunt at the EDF Energy visitor centre at Dungeness Power Station. Explore Electricity in the visitors centre and win an Easter egg. This is a Free Activity and no pre booking is required. **LEADER:** Alison Prentice, EDF Energy (01797 343728). **MEET:** EDF Dungeness Visitor Centre, Dungeness B Power Station, Dungeness, Romney Marsh TN29 9PX. No Dogs.

Wednesday 12 April 2.00pm

BEACH COMBING ADVENTURES AT DUNGENESS (Green Gang)

Come along to the EDF Energy visitor centre at Dungeness and then go for a short walk down to the beach at Dungeness to find seashells and other wildlife that can be found along the strandline. We will also do some rubbish clearing too to coincide with 'Microvolunteering Day' on Saturday 15 April. **LEADER:** Owen Leyshon, Romney Marsh Countryside Partnership (01797 367934 or 07770 670316). **LEADER:** Owen Leyshon, Romney Marsh Countryside Partnership (01797 367934). **MEET:** EDF Dungeness Visitor Centre, Dungeness B Power Station, Dungeness, Romney Marsh TN29 9PX. **DURATION:** 30 minutes. No Dogs.

Wednesday 12 April 2.00pm (Please book)

WHINLESS DOWN NATURE BINGO TREK (Green Gang)

Find the signs of nature and BINGO you've won a prize! Booking is essential as there are limited spaces (01304 241806). **CHARGE:** £3 per person. **LEADER:** Melanie Wrigley, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (07880 706990). **MEET:** Elms Vale recreation ground car park, Elms Vale Road, Dover, CT17 9NN (TR 299 414). **DISTANCE:** 1 mile (1-1.5 hours). **GRADE:** 3.

Thursday 13 April 10.00am

HAVE A GO AT CONSERVATION AT FOLKESTONE WARREN

Please see Thursday 6 April for details.

Good Friday 14 April 10.00am

EASTER CROSSES WALK, DOVER

From beside the Maison Dieu we will process through the town to St. James' ruined church (suitable for wheel / pushchairs); there follows a steep climb up to St. Mary's in the Castle, including 87 steps. En route we stop to sing, pray and for short bible readings to remind us of Christ's death over 2,000 years ago. Donations appreciated. **LEADER:** Rev. Miriam Moul, Christians Together (01304 827183). **MEET:** Town Council Office, Biggin Street, Dover (TR 316 417). **DISTANCE:** 1 mile (1.5 hours). **GRADE:** 4

Good Friday 14 April 10.30am

PROCESSION OF CROSSES, FOLKESTONE

Easter celebration in the precinct followed at 11.30am by the annual procession of crosses walking from Folkestone town centre to Holywell Hill for a 30 minute service. Please wear suitable footwear. **LEADER:** Churches Together in Folkestone (ctfolkestone@outlook.com). **MEET:** Outside Debenhams, Folkestone town centre. **DISTANCE:** 3.5 miles (1.25 hours for walk). **GRADE:** 4 (steep hill). Dogs on leads.

Good Friday 14 to Bank Holiday Monday 17 April 11.00am - 3.00pm

ROMNEY RAINBOW SHEEP EASTER TRAIL

Get the family outside this Easter for some wild times at Kent Wildlife Trust's visitor centre in Romney Marsh. Follow the clues on Romney Rainbow Sheep's Easter Trail around the grounds. There is no need to book, just turn up on the day. All children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. **CHARGE:** £5 to enter and each participant gets a chocolate prize at the end! **LEADER:** Kent Wildlife Trust (01797 369487). **MEET:** Romney Marsh Visitor Centre, Dymchurch Road, New Romney, TN28 8AY (TR 078 261). Dogs on leads.

Good Friday 14 April 2.00pm

EGG ROLLING ON FOLKESTONE DOWNS (Green Gang)

Come and join the traditional Easter egg rolling competition on Sugarloaf Hill on Folkestone Downs. Please bring your own decorated hard-boiled egg (see back page). Prizes will be given for the best decorated egg. We will then go for a short walk before the grand egg rolling competition with prizes for the egg that rolls the furthest. Then we go for a further short walk to learn a little about the wildlife of Folkestone Downs and enjoy the views over Folkestone. **CHARGE:** £2 per child (to cover materials and prizes). **LEADER:** Alfie Gay, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (07734 777380). **MEET:** Kissing gate, end of Holywell Avenue, off Canterbury Road (A260), Folkestone (TR 224 377). **DISTANCE:** 1 mile (2 hours). **GRADE:** 4 (steep hill).



Easter Sunday 16 April 10.00am

GO WILD AT EASTER

The "Hill at the Heart" Team invite you to a FREE morning's fun and exploration on Old Park Hill Nature Reserve. Traditional Easter events such as egg painting and rolling combined with the chance to sample some outdoor crafts at the Nature Tots site, or try your hand at Wildlife drawing. Nature trails to suit all ages and abilities. All materials supplied. **LEADER:** Andrew Wilkinson, Kent Wildlife Trust (07568 428364). **MEET:** Monks Way Car Park, Monks Way, Dover CT16 2DL (TR 303 434). **DISTANCE:** 0.25 mile (3 hours). **GRADE:** 3 (muddy)



Bank Holiday Monday 17 April 2.00pm

EGG ROLLING SAMPHIRE HOE (Green Gang)



Come along and join in crazy egg rolling fun (we provide the rubber eggs) and take part in the egg quiz. Donation appreciated. **LEADER:** Paul Holt, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (01304 225649). **MEET:** Samphire Hoe, CT17 9FL (off the A20 heading from Dover to Folkestone) (pay and display car park). **DISTANCE:** 1 mile (1 hour). **GRADE:** 1. Dogs on leads.

Tuesday 2 May to Wednesday 31 May 11.00am to 3.00pm daily

EXHIBITION: ORCHIDS OF THE DOWNS

An exhibition looking at the stunning beauty of the orchids found up on the downs. For information please call 01304 225649. **VENUE:** Samphire Hoe Education Shelter. Samphire Hoe is sign-posted off the A20 from Dover to Folkestone (CT17 9FL) (pay and display parking).



Sunday 7 May 11.00am to 1.00pm

CREATE A MEAN ORCHID (Art in the Shelter) (please book)

Orchids have a close relationship with insects we shall have fun creating beautiful but deadly orchids to attract even the most reluctant insect. All ages, all abilities. Wear clothes appropriate for the weather. Suggested donation of £5 per person towards materials appreciated. **LEADER:** Steve Walker, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (01304 225649). **MEET:** The new teaching room at the Samphire Hoe Shelter. Samphire Hoe is sign-posted off the A20 from Dover to Folkestone (CT17 9FL) (pay and display car park). **DURATION:** 3 hours. No dogs.



Sunday 14 May 11.00am to 4.00pm

NATIONAL MILLS WEEKEND AT CRABBLE CORN MILL

Come and explore Crabble Corn Mill during National Mills weekend. The water wheel will be grinding wheat, there will be stalls, some interactive, including one from White Cliffs Countryside Partnership. There will also be a chance to grind your own wheat and make dough from our flour. There will be tours available for all the family (unfortunately the tour is not suitable for wheelchairs), or you can do a self-guided tour. Cafe open. **CHARGE:** Admission £1 per child, donations appreciated. **LEADER:** Crabble Corn Mill Trust (01304 823292). **MEET:** Crabble Corn Mill, Lower Road, River, Dover CT17 0UY.

Saturday 20 May & Sunday 21 May 10.00am - 5.00pm

WESTERN HEIGHTS OPEN WEEKEND

Napoleonic and second world war re-enactors will be carrying out skirmishes, parades, drills and demonstrations throughout the weekend. There will also be a Napoleonic camp showing what life was like for an early nineteenth century soldier. In addition there will be various other stalls and displays. Astronomers will be on site with telescopes all day and in the evening. We do recommend sturdy footwear as there are many stairs and uneven surfaces throughout. Please note there will be firing and loud bangs (dogs) although ear plugs for children & adults are provided. For more information see www.doverwesternheights.org or Dover Tourist Information Centre (01304 201066). **CHARGE:** For entry to Drop Redoubt - £5 adults, accompanied children free. Entrance to the Grand Shaft is free. **LEADER:** Western Heights Preservation Society. **MEET:** Drop Redoubt Road, Western Heights, Dover (TR 317 409). Walk to the site following the signs from the town, use the Grand Shaft staircase (Snargate Street) or parking on the sports field on Citadel Road.

Saturday 20 & Sunday 21 May 10.00am – 4.30pm

WILDLIFE OF THE WALLS (Green Gang)

As part of the Western Heights Open Weekend come along to collect a 'Wildlife of the Walls' quiz sheet to learn more about the wildlife that colonises the walls and brickwork around the Drop Redoubt. Return your completed quiz sheet to WCCP on the day to receive a small prize. Donation appreciated. **LEADER:** Sue Bradford and Paul Sampson, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (01304 241806). **MEET:** Please see details above.



THE GRADING SYSTEM:

To help you choose a suitable walk:

- Grade 1 Very easy walk generally on pavements.
- Grade 2 Easy walk in the countryside with gentle hills. No stiles.
- Grade 3 Typical country walk with some steeper hills or stiles.
- Grade 4 More difficult walking with steep hills or likely to be muddy paths
- Grade 5 Difficult walks e.g. rocky shores or night walks.



Junior Ranger events



Suitable for wheelchairs or prams.