



## Raptor Rescue Events 2010

The following is a list of events Raptor Rescue will be attending this year.

If you would like to help out at any of these events, please contact the appropriate Trustee as detailed below or just come along and say hello, we are always pleased to meet our members.

### May

- ① Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> - British Raptor & Falconry Fair, Chetwynd Park, Telford, Shropshire
- ② Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Royden Park Coach House Display, Royden Park, Frankby, Wirral
- ③ Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> & Monday 31<sup>st</sup> - Burghley Show, Burghley House, Stamford, Lincolnshire

### June

- ② Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> – Wirral Country Park, Wirral Country Park Visitors Centre Thurstatston, Wirral
- ② Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> St Bridgette's Church Fate, West Kirby, Wirral

### July

- ② Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> – Wirral Country Park, Wirral Country Park Visitors Centre Thurstatston, Wirral
- ① Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Wildlife Art Exhibition, Gordale Garden Centre, Chester High Road, Burton, South Wirral, CH64 8TF – to be attended by Raptor Rescue patrons Steve Lingham and Pollyanna Pickering

### August

- ② Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> - Wirral Allotments, Annual Flower & Veg Show. Pavilion, Birkenhead Park, Wirral

### September

- ① Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> – Chatsworth Country Fair, Chatsworth Park, Bakewell, Derbyshire
- ③ Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> – Sandringham Game & Country Show, Sandringham, Norfolk
- ① Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> - Heaton Mersey Farmers Market, Stockport, Cheshire
- TBC Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> to Monday 30<sup>th</sup> - Cheshire Game & Country Fair, Cheshire Showground, Cheshire County Showground, Tabley, Nr Knutsford*

### October

- ② Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> – Wirral Country Park, Wirral Country Park Visitors Centre Thurstatston, Wirral



### Key

- ① Steve & Carol Davidson 01925 726704
- ② Steve & Margaret Dewsnap 01244 813127
- ③ Malcolm & Christine Robbins 01400 281196

*If you offer to help out for the full day at an event where there is an entrance fee, this will be refunded*

## Helpline Sponsorship

The Board of Trustee are pleased to announce that EXOTIC DIRECT (Insurance for Birds, Mammals and Reptiles) sponsor the running of the National Helpline.

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### Jean Thorpe - RyedaleRehab

A Barn Owl was found sat at the side of the road. It was taken to Eastgate vets who rang me and I collected the bird. He was thin and quiet. He wore a BTO ring so I emailed the number to Paul Willet. Paul has rung many Barn Owls over the years and has worked hard in his own time to put up boxes and talk to landowners about Barn Owl conservation.

He rang me a few days later and asked me to check the bird's number again. This lovely old male was rung by Paul as a fledgling in the nest on 17th June 1997. The bird is doing well, flying, eating well and relaxing in a large sheltered aviary. He will go back once he's ready and the weather is right. It's wonderful to know a wild Barn Owl can live this long and a good result for the BTO ringers.

### Partnership for Action Against Wildlife Crime (PAW) and Animal Welfare Network for Wales (AWNW)

The Board of Trustees are pleased to announce that our applications to the above organisations have been accepted.

Full details of what the organisations do and how membership will benefit Raptor Rescue will be in the next newsletter.

From BBC Earth News – 4<sup>th</sup> February 2010



The Victim

### Researchers in Panama have found the first evidence of a sloth that has been killed by an owl.

They found the body of a radio-collared three-toed sloth with lethal wounds that suggest it was hunted by a spectacled owl, which ate its organs. An analysis of the sloth's corpse in the laboratory revealed a series of puncture wounds that correspond to the talon markings of the spectacled owl (*Pulsatrix perspicillata*).

The sloth's internal organs were also missing, as if pecked out by a bird of prey. Other predators such as ocelots usually take their prey and hide it, say the scientists. Spectacled owls are much smaller and lighter than sloths, standing 45cm tall and weighing up to 1.25kg, compared to a sloth which has a body length twice as long and may weigh four times as much.



The Culprit

### New population of a rare and endangered Long-Whiskered Owlet Found in Peru

The Long Whiskered Owlet, one of the rarest birds on earth, was filmed and photographed on January 24th, 2010 in the Neotropical Primate Conservation main research area, La Esperanza, Peru.

The Long-whiskered owlet (*Xenoglaux loweryi*) was discovered in 1976, when it was caught in a mist nest by an ornithological team.



### National Exhibition of Wildlife Art

**NEWA 2010 - 16th July to 1st August 2010**  
to be held at Gordale Garden Centre, Chester High Road, Burton, Wirral CH64 8TF

Raptor Rescue Patrons Pollyanna Pickering and Steve Lingham will be attending the launch event on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

### HAVE YOUR SAY

If you have any news, bits of information or articles on raptors/rehabbing you would like to share, or comments on the Newsletter or Update, then please send to the editor Steve Davidson, 28 Victoria Road, Great Sankey, Warrington, WA5 2ST – Tel: 01925 726704 – [steve.vulture@btinternet.com](mailto:steve.vulture@btinternet.com)

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