

News Update

March 2010

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.

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

June

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

July

- © Sunday 4th Wirral Country Park, Wirral Country Park Visitors Centre Thurstatston, Wirral
- © Friday 16th 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

© Sunday 15th - Wirral Allotments, Annual Flower & Veg Show. Pavilion, Birkenhead Park, Wirral

September

- ① Friday 3th, Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th Chatsworth Country Fair, Chatsworth Park, Bakewell, Derbyshire ③ Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th Sandringham Game & Country Show, Sandringham, Norfolk
- © Sunday 19th Heaton Mersey Farmers Market, Stockport, Cheshire

TBC Saturday 28th to Monday 30th - Cheshire Game & Country Fair, Cheshire Showground, Cheshire County Showground, Tabley, Nr Knutsford

October

② Sunday 10th – Wirral Country Park, Wirral Country Park Visitors Centre Thurstatston, Wirral











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- ① Steve & Carol Davidson 01925 726704
- 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.

Please go to www.exocticdirect.co.uk for all your animal insurance needs.



The UK's leading specialist bird of prey rehabilitation organisation National Help & Advice Line: 0870 241 0609 - Online: www.raptorrescue.org.uk



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.

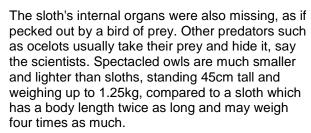
From BBC Earth News - 4th February 2010



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 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.



Raptor Rescue Talks

Are you confident enough to stand up in front of an audience and talk about Raptor Rescue!

If so, then we are looking for members who would be willing to give a power point presentation talk at schools, clubs and societies. If you are interested, please contact Steve Davidson on: 01925 726704 or e-mail: steve.vulture@btinternet.com

Raptor Petition

A petition against the illegal killing of birds of prey in Scotland has had up to 22,000 signatures. The petition is urging government to take tougher action against those who kill birds of prey. It is thought that some 400 birds have been killed illegally over a decade.

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 16th 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,

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