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Photograph by Jill Bewley



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# From the editor

“what is best about the Cotswold Water Park... local communities working together to put on a truly memorable pageant”

**WELCOME TO** the first Cotswold Water Park Life issue of 2010.

The year has got off to a spectacular start with the second Willow Lantern Pageant which took place at Lake Pochard on the Spine Road this February. Having attended myself, I can vouch for what a spectacular event it was, illustrating what is best about the Cotswold Water Park - a stunning location, a celebration of the local wildlife, and local communities working together to put on a truly memorable pageant. Congratulations to all. Photos of the evening can be found on Page 5.

There is so much more to today's Water Park than meets the eye. It is one of the largest inland waterways in Europe with 42% of the English population within a two hour journey (driving at 50 miles per hour) and currently welcomes 500,000 people each year. It has 147 lakes, 20,000 residents (with many more just outside the boundary), 150 kilometres of pathways, bridleways and cycleways, and 13,000 people working in 850 businesses. Quite a roll call!

It is two such businesses that we will be profiling in this month's issue - the husband and wife combination, Lizzie and Simon Morris, who have contributed so much to the fabric of the beautiful Water Park town of Fairford, and an exciting new Meysey Hampton business, Chamberlain Wines, which has now been in operation 18 months and going from strength to strength.

And on the wine and drink theme, I am delighted to hear that both Fairford and Lechlade will be celebrating Food & Drink Festivals this May. It will be a tremendous opportunity for both towns to showcase their unique collection of local businesses plying their trade in food and wine.

'Gravel is Great' is not a phrase that naturally slips off the tongue but it is rarely been a more appropriate term to describe the new roadshow which documents the landscape and story of the Cotswold Water Park. Gravel extraction began in the area over 50 years ago and all the holes have since filled naturally with water to make up our 140 lakes. And gravel remains fundamental to the Water Park's present existence with 2 million tonnes still extracted every year with another 50 years of supply predicted. We devote a full page to Gravel is Great in this issue as well as our cover photo.

So read on, enjoy this issue and here's to a long and hot summer. As always, comments are welcome at [editor@waterparklife.co.uk](mailto:editor@waterparklife.co.uk)



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# Gravel is Great takes to the road

**A BRAND** new roadshow for primary schools called Gravel is Great has now been launched, and is available for booking by teachers. At an event held at the Cotswold Water Park Four Pillars Hotel, attended by more than 50 people, teachers and other interested parties were able to see the newly created resources, including a set of realistic mini gravel pits, complete with camping sites, water sports, parks and nature reserves - all in miniature.

The primary school children will watch the introductory DVD then follow up with hands on classroom sessions. Trials with the new resources have already taken place and been well received with one pupil from Chesterton Junior School in Cirencester saying "This was the best lesson ever!"

The launch event also marked the world premiere of the 15 minute DVD "Gravel is Great", a lively and at times humorous look at the world of gravel, aimed at a primary school age audience. The DVD was made by

Archaemedia Productions, a partnership between archaeologist and educator Julian Richards, and TV cameraman Steve Shearn.

A teacher said after the event: "This roadshow has so much relevance to what we are doing in school this term. I will definitely be booking you to come along".

The project has been set up by Jill Bewley, Education Officer for the Cotswold Water Park Trust. Jill continues: "This has been a really exciting and interesting project to set up, and I am looking forward to taking it out into the local schools. A number of teachers have been involved in the planning and development of the roadshow so I hope it will prove to be a valuable additional resource for schools. The aim of the roadshow is also to present the landscape and story of the Cotswold Water Park in a fun and accessible way, to help people understand how much is going on around them"

Gravel is Great has been funded by Natural England through Defra's Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund. Companies who have sponsored part of the Gravel is Great roadshow are Redrow Homes, Aggregate Industries, and the Mineral Products Association. The organisers are also extremely grateful to the support of Hills Quarry Products who allowed access to the working quarries for the filming of the DVD, and to the Cotswold Water Park Four Pillars Hotel for generously sponsoring the launch event.

To find out more, please contact Jill Bewley by email [jill.bewley@waterpark.org](mailto:jill.bewley@waterpark.org) or telephone 01793 752413. You can also check out [www.gravelisgreat.co.uk](http://www.gravelisgreat.co.uk), or follow us on Twitter ([gravelisgreat](https://twitter.com/gravelisgreat)).



## Supporting the Cirencester South Porch

**A MAJOR** fundraising effort is underway to help restore the famous Town Hall or South Porch in the heart of Cirencester. One strand of the campaign is to run an Open Garden Event

in and around Cirencester. If you are an enthusiastic gardener and would like to be involved, please contact [megblumsom@googlegmail.com](mailto:megblumsom@googlegmail.com) or phone 01285 657696.

## 3 children, 5 years and still going strong!

**POPULAR COFFEE** shop, 7a, in Fairford has just celebrated its fifth Birthday, and what a busy five years they have had. Simon and Lizzie Morris, the husband and wife team who run the shop, now have three young boys since opening on December 15th 2004.

After bucking the current trend of turning commercial properties into housing, Lizzie and Simon converted what was a cottage on London Street, Fairford, into what is now a bustling coffee shop at the heart of the community. Popular with local business folk looking for a made to order

sandwich or panini, and with the local school children, 7a are open Monday to Friday serving sandwiches, panini, homemade soup, salads, jacket potatoes, hot and cold drinks and all available to eat in or to take away. They now also stock Pieminister pies.

With the past year proving difficult for many businesses, particularly catering, Lizzie has cited the support of local people for helping them to continue to thrive, "we are very lucky that here in Fairford and the surrounding villages, people are keen to shop locally and support their local shops and businesses whenever possible,

particularly over the last few months. As long as we continue to provide quality food and keep our prices reasonable I am confident we will continue to thrive."

She continues: "7a may be small but is making a big name for itself. When you're next passing Fairford take a quick stroll around the corner from the market place for a cappuccino and a brownie!"

For further information, visit [www.7acoffeeshop.co.uk](http://www.7acoffeeshop.co.uk)



## London Oxford Airport scoops Best Business Aviation Airport Award

**LONDON OXFORD AIRPORT** has scooped the accolade of Best Business Aviation Airport 2009 from the Airport Operators Association (AOA). The AOA praised the airport management's vision and commitment for successfully building an attractive business aviation facility within just 18 months and its owners for their ongoing commitment to investment in

the facility. The award was presented to Oxford Airport's Managing Director Steve Jones during the Association's Annual Conference Dinner at London's Hilton Metropole Hotel by Simon Calder, Travel Editor of The Independent.

Said Steve Jones: "We are absolutely delighted and proud to receive this fine endorsement from the

AOA Board. It is especially appreciated as the votes are cast by those who know the industry inside out – and who know our competitors very well. This has been a hugely challenging year for everyone in the industry and our whole team has worked so hard throughout. I accept this on behalf of all of them and congratulate them on making Oxford Airport an award-winning airport."

## Top Award for Local Wealth Specialist

**SWINDON-BASED** wealth management specialist Jamie Lewington is pictured with former England and Newcastle soccer legend Alan Shearer after receiving a top award at a ceremony in London.



Jamie, a Principal Partner with leading wealth management company St. James's Place, was one of the company's top achieving Partners during 2009. He received his award from Alan Shearer at the St. James's Place annual company meeting in London. He runs his practice from Swindon and lives in Wroughton. Many of his clients are based in the Cotswold Water Park and its surroundings.

St. James's Place is a provider of a wide range of quality wealth management services, available through the St. James's Place Partnership, a 1,464-strong group of highly experienced advisors. The company is one of the country's leading wealth management organisations and has funds under management exceeding £21 billion.



# Water Park lights up for second Willow Pageant



**GIANT BATS**, woolly mammoths, jurassic sea creatures, dragons and ducks...these were just a few of the brightly-lit creatures on show at the second Willow Lantern Pageant, which lit up the dark winter night this February.

Youth groups and schools across the Cotswolds congregated at Lake Pochard on the Spine Road for a truly memorable and visually stunning evening. All the creations were made out of willow and transformed into lanterns that glow in the night during the parade.

A giant bat with moving wings was created for the pageant by children from Oaksey Primary School, led by artist James York Moore, and at Ann Edwards School in South Cerney a classroom was taken over by a woolly mammoth. In Cricklade a shoal of fish was made by the pupils of St

Sampsons Junior School.

The project was led by arts consultant Lesley Greene and community artist John Charles Kimberley as a celebration of the wildlife of the area for the International Year of Biodiversity. Lesley commented

on the evening: "It was wonderful to see artists and young people working together to observe and interpret the richness of the wildlife which is all around us here in this dynamic landscape."

The artists involved were Helen Lomberg, Susan Early, Norah Kennedy, Dominic Thomas, James York Moore and Tim Graves. The original inspiration for the Willow Lantern Pageant came from John Charles Kimberley, the 'In Our Element' Community Artist. In Our Element is the strategic art development project for the Cotswold

Water Park Society with the goal being for artists to work closely with ecologists, communities and landscape in a unique area

The 18 groups who took part in the Willow Lantern Pageant were St.Sampson's School Cricklade; Ann Edwards School South Cerney; Oaksey C of E Primary School Oaksey; Uplands School Swindon; Underground Youth Centre Swindon; Chedworth Youth Group; Withington Youth Group; South Cerney Youth Group; Fairford Youth Group; Fairford Young Women's Group; Down Ampney Youth Group; Lower Mill Estate Residents; Somerford Keynes



Residents; Ashton Keynes Brownies; South Cerney Beavers; The 29th Regiment Families Group Cirencester; Gloucestershire Home Educators; and Swindon Home Educators.



# Students help local wildlife reserve

**STUDENTS ON** the Foundation Degree in Environmental Conservation and Heritage Management are getting out of the classroom and into the countryside.

As part of their learning, students spent the day at Whelford Pools, a Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve. The main activity was helping to restore a small pond next to the main gravel pit in order to encourage more species and increase its habitat potential.

Not only does the work allow the students to gain valuable practical experience, but it also benefits the local wildlife environment.

Over the next few weeks, the students will be given the opportunity to get more involved as they help the Cotswold Water Park Reserves to organise and run a community day aimed at raising awareness of environmental management at the Pools.

Ian Grange, programme manager for



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: STEVE EDMONDS, COTSWOLD WATER PARK RESERVES MANAGER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST WITH RAC STUDENTS PIERS TREVELYAN, CHRIS RALPH, STEVE WILDING, SADIE BULL, ED COYTE, ROSEANNE FALCONER

the Foundation Degree, commented: "There is undoubtedly a demand for graduates with the necessary skills and knowledge within the conservation and heritage sectors. Lantra, the Sector Skills Council for Environmental and Land-Based Industries, has stated that there is a 'lack of appropriately skilled staff in the industry'. The new Foundation Degree in Environmental

Conservation and Heritage Management is effectively filling this gap. It offers graduates a distinct advantage when entering the workforce within these sectors".

The Foundation Degree in Environmental Conservation and Heritage Management is offered at the Royal Agricultural College in partnership with Cirencester College.



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The founder of Chamberlain Wines, Mark Chamberlain, has been working in the wine trade since 2003, having decided that a career in law was a bit too dry (pun intended!).

After taking some exams and managing his own store for a while,

Mark went to live in St Emilion, working for Jonathan Maltus, who makes some of the finest wines in St Emilion, as well as wines from the Barossa and Napa valleys. Mark continues:

"When I returned to the UK and carried on selling Jonathan's wines to wholesalers and merchants, I came to the realisation that my real enthusiasm was for talking about and selling wine to the people who mattered most – the people who were going to enjoy consuming it. And so, in the autumn of 2008, Chamberlain Wines was born."

Today, Chamberlain Wines continues to go from strength to strength, offering recommended cases of the month. The February case consisted of personal recommendations from Mark's wife, Kate, a discerning wine drinker with much backstage involvement in Chamberlain Wines.

For further information on Chamberlain Wines, visit [www.chamberlainwines.co.uk](http://www.chamberlainwines.co.uk) or contact 01285 810566.



## A tasty event in Fairford and Lechlade

**THE ETHOS** behind the Fairford and Lechlade Business Club (FLBC) has always been to support and promote local businesses and the local economy. It was with this aim in mind that the Business Awards Ceremony was launched three years ago to applaud the achievements of new and existing businesses and the young entrepreneurs of tomorrow. At the end of April, the third Annual Awards Ceremony and Dinner will be held and will be the launch event for another pioneering initiative - the Fairford and Lechlade Food & Drink Festival.

The Cotswold Water Park Four Pillars Hotel will be the venue for the Awards Ceremony and Dinner and it will take place on Friday 30 April, which will be the start of a weekend-long celebration for the 800th anniversary of Lechlade's Market Charter. It was therefore thought especially auspicious that the Food & Drink Festival in Lechlade should be held during this

weekend in Lechlade's Market Place on Sunday 2 May.

The Fairford event will be on Sunday 6 June in Fairford's Market Place and will complement the annual Fairford Festival Market, barbecue and 10k Road Race and 3k Fun Run.



There will be food and drink related stalls in the two Market Places run by local businesses from each town plus individual events in each of the eating

and drinking establishments of the two Market towns during the intervening month. Keep watching the local press for details of what is on offer in both towns.

If you would like tickets to the Awards Dinner or would like to find out more about the Food & Drink Festival, please contact Chris Roberts on 01285 712150 or email [admin@flbc.org.uk](mailto:admin@flbc.org.uk) or visit Fairford & Lechlade Business Club's new website at [www.flbc.org.uk](http://www.flbc.org.uk).

Businesses are also invited to come along to a Business Club meeting completely free of charge. The March meeting will be a breakfast meeting on Thursday 25 March at the Riverside Pub, Lechlade starting at 8am. The April meeting will be an interactive workshop with members discussing marketing opportunities for our local businesses. This will be an evening meeting starting at 7.30pm on Thursday 22 April at Farmor's Business Centre.





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people each year**

**The Water Park  
has 147 lakes  
spread over  
40 square miles**

**The Water Park  
is home to 20,000  
residents**

**The Water Park has  
150km of pathways,  
bridleways and  
cycleways**

**The Water Park  
employs 13,000 people  
in 850 businesses**

**The Water Park  
is easily accessible to  
42% of the English  
population within a  
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**The Water Park  
is home to nearly  
20,000 waterfowl  
in the winter**

**The Water Park  
has 140 species of bat,  
and over 150 species  
of birds**

**The Water Park  
has 23 species  
of dragonfly**



## Cotswold Water Park West



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117, 118  
Castle Eaton  
17, 18, 23, 26, 63  
11  
3, 6, 16  
110, 110a

Old A419  
Lechlade High Street  
Ashton Keynes  
32  
Ashton Keynes  
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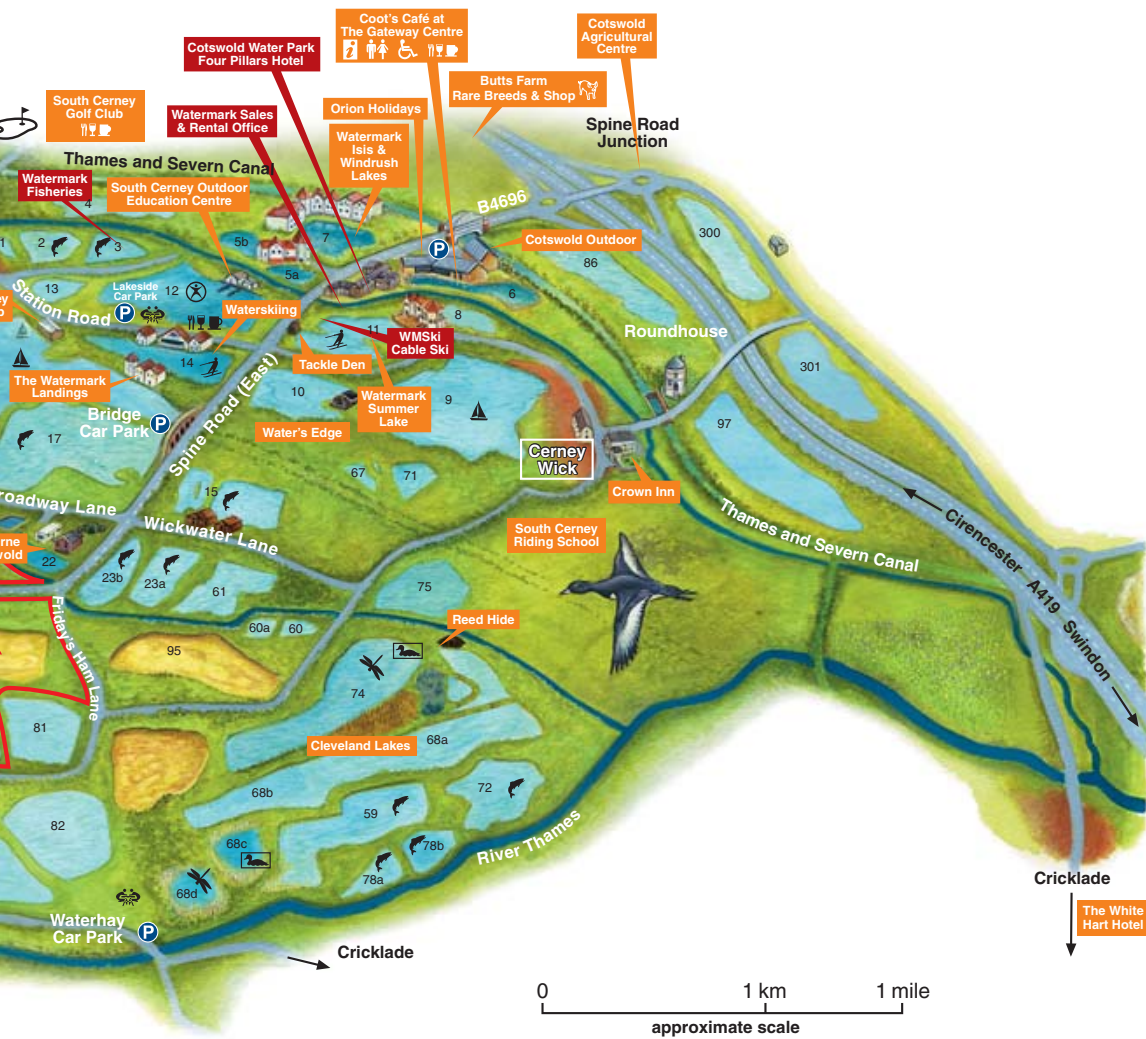
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## Cotswold Water Park East



# COTSWOLD WATER PARK 4 PAGE

## EASTER 2010 NEWSLETTER



**Who manages the Cotswold Water Park?** The Cotswold Water Park Society was set up in 1996 as an independent not-for-profit environmental body by the four local authorities to improve public access, to make the Cotswold Water Park a better environment for wildlife and people and to further inward investment. Over the last 10 years, the Society has raised 3.5 million pounds for the benefit of the local community.

The Society manages several Nature Reserves, bird hides plus five free car parks and 40km of footpaths. It also works with the mineral companies, sport and leisure providers, local businesses, councils and communities to create a sustainable future for the Cotswold Water Park. The Society works in partnership with the four local authorities which make up the Water Park via the Cotswold Water Park Joint Committee to provide a future strategic direction for the area.



**The Cotswold Water Park Trust** is an independent charity set up by the Cotswold Water Park Society to improve the area for wildlife and people by working in partnership with local organisations. Funding comes from grants, statutory bodies, the five local authorities, landfill operators and other grant giving trusts, so fundraising is a vital part of our work.



**What can you do in the park?** This unique area offers something for everyone, for example: aerial adventure, angling, archery, bathing beach, birdwatching, boat hire, canoeing, camping, cycle hire, corporate venues, eating out, farm visits, golf, guided walks, horseriding, kayaking, nature reserves, paddling, paintballing, picnic areas, playgrounds, raftbuilding, ringo rides, sailing, shopping, swimming, walking, wakeboarding, windsurfing, traditional & cable waterski.



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**Call the Society offices on 01793 752413 during office hours, email [info@waterpark.org](mailto:info@waterpark.org), or visit the website for more information about the Cotswold Water Park and the Cotswold Water Park Society at [www.waterpark.org](http://www.waterpark.org)**



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## Water voles continue their road to recovery

**THE FINAL** report on the last two years work of the Water Vole Recovery Programme by the Cotswold Water Park Society has now been completed with positive results.

The results concluded that the range of water voles in the western section of the Cotswold Water Park has remained stable or expanded since a 2004 survey. The report includes recommendations for habitat enhancements to facilitate the spread of water voles further and recommendations for the future running of this important programme.

The water vole was once a common sight along the banks of rivers, streams, canals, lakes and ponds in Britain. However, as a result of habitat loss and degradation and predation by the American mink they have suffered a

catastrophic decline; the most serious decline of any wild mammal in Britain in the last 100 years.

Considerable effort by the Cotswold Water Park Society, local landowners and volunteers, is resulting in an increase in the range of water voles throughout the Cotswold Water Park.

Sadly, Dr. Phoebe Carter from the Cotswold Water Park Society, who has led the project, will be leaving at the end of March. The Cotswold Water



Park Society would like to take this opportunity to thank her for the hard work she has put into the project over the last two years and to wish her well for the future.

## Barn Owl conservation work reaps rewards

**A COTSWOLD** Water Park farmer has won the prestigious Gloucestershire Silver Pintail Award for conservation, awarded each year in the county by Gloucestershire Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG). Bob Spackman and his team at Manor Farm, Kempsford won the Award in 2009 for the excellent work they have undertaken for Barn Owl conservation on the farm.

Wildlife and conservation is very much at the heart of the farming enterprise at Manor Farm, Kempsford. Through the existing Countryside Stewardship Scheme new meadows have been created, ditch management for water

voles has been introduced and artificial otter holts have been created. The local Barn Owl population has benefitted from the new meadows and arable margins, and following the installation of new nest boxes, two pairs of Barn Owls breed on the farm each year.

The coveted Award was judged by Kevin Rylands, RSPB farmland Conservation adviser, and Ian Boyd, last year's winner of the Silver Pintail. The winner was announced at Gloucestershire FWAGs Annual General Meeting in December 2009, held at Calmsden Manor.

Gareth Harris, Biodiversity Officer for the Cotswold Water Park Society, is

delighted that Mr Spackman won this Award; "Bob, Simon and John, work hard for wildlife on the farm and surrounding area, involving members of the local community such as Brian Coram whose passion for conservation is an inspiration. The Barn Owls are a superb indicator of the great health of Bob's farmland demonstrating that if the management is right, the food chain is also healthy, with species such as Barn Owl being right at the top. Well done Bob!"

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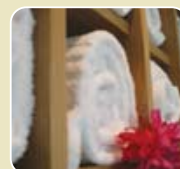


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