

May 2011

WEATHER WISDOM

‘Who doffs his coat on a winters day will gladly put it on in May.’

Newspapers have been reporting that ‘The UK is enjoying the hottest driest spring since records began.’

This was certainly true for the first three weeks of May.

The last week of the month however saw a change in the weather when cloudy, very windy weather prevailed.

The Spring Bank Holiday brought the first real rain for sometime and The Bank Holiday was, as usual, a wash-out.

NATURE NOTES

The new Information Board is now in place at the Village Pond. This has been partly funded by the Willoughby Society.

- Mr & Mrs Jackson report seeing Pipistrelle Bats at Hazeldene.
- Tawny Owls have been heard.
- Plenty of Swallows about.
- Mrs Andrea Hughes has had a family of Hedgehogs in her garden.
- A pair of Wagtails made their nest in a hanging basket.
- There are plenty of Greenfinches and Goldfinches about this year despite reports that their numbers seemed to be falling after the severe winter
- A Brown Hare came into our garden and sat for a few minutes outside our lounge window.

On the 4 May, members of the Willoughby Society Committee went on a ‘Village Walk Around’ with Mr Mike Slater from the Wild Life Trust. He came to give us advice on where in the village we could successfully plant wild flowers. Areas of particular interest being the village pond and the Marlow Memorial Garden.