

February 2010

Weather wisdom

“Much February snow
April summer doth show.”

The wintry weather continues with a vengeance. Snow and ice is still causing many problems in our area. On the 19 February the snow began to fall about midday. Large snowflakes fell for much of the afternoon and this continued well into the evening. By the time the snow stopped falling in the Coventry/ Northampton area a 10cm (4 inch) cover was reported.

Britain is on course for its coldest February for 24 years. Colder temperatures are being recorded here than at the Winter Olympics in Vancouver.

Nature Notes

Mad March Hares are boxing early the Flecknoe area.

Buzzards have been seen again.

The Poplar Beetle has been observed in Ryton Woods again after an absence of many years. It is a round beetle, red in colour and is similar to a Ladybird.

The only spring flowers in our gardens at the moment are Snowdrops. They look splendid. The Daffodils are in bud but refuse to open in this cold weather. The Crocuses also are biding their time. When finally this cold winter gives way to warmer weather, all the spring flowers will be in bloom together. It should be quite a show.



The Poplar Beetle

