

## A few hundred yards from Milton High Street....

You can see or hear more than **30 species of birds** in 90 minutes just south of the High Street.

Local enthusiast Chris Barnes and a group identified 30 different birds on a 90 minute walk on Saturday, 26th April. This included 6 summer visitors - Common Whitethroat, Sedge Warbler, Garden Warbler, Blackcap, Chiffchaff and Swallow.



*Chiffchaff*

They didn't see all the birds noted on the earlier walk (April 13th). Nor did they see Snipe or Kingfisher which have been seen there, but they were delighted to see that the rare Cetti's Warbler is still with us and surprised to see a Barn Owl still hunting at 11 am! Happily, this owl has taken up residence in one of the two nest boxes put up by Pat Ward and others – thanks, Pat.

Our grateful thanks to Chris Barnes for organising these interesting and informative events

### **Want to know more about our amazing birds?**

Chris may offer a walk later in the year to look at our winter visitors but in the meantime, did you know about the following events being organised by **Wild About The Wychwoods**;

**Dawn Chorus walk on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>** Book a place through Bruern Farms website  
**Wild about Swifts on Thursday June 5<sup>th</sup>** A talk at New Beaconsfield Hall, 7.30pm. What can you do about their dire situation?

Visit the Wild about the Wychwoods website for further details  
<https://www.wildaboutthewychwoods.co.uk/>

**Stop Press!** The Swifts have arrived here after their 7,000 mile journey from Sub-Saharan Africa – without landing!

If you are too late for a place to hear the Dawn Chorus in real life, try the RSPB's fabulous video on their website

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/news/the-dawn-chorus-all-you-need-to-know-about-natures-big-show>

Of course, it's not all about counting or even (merely!) enjoying the amazing dawn chorus at this time of the year...but about protecting and enhancing what wildlife we have for our own wellbeing as well as that of the wildlife itself; we are interdependent!

We will continue in various ways to encourage you to play an important part in this ...more information to come, for example, about Great Big Green Week in June and butterfly counting in July.

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