

Community & Leisure

Attenborough Weather Notes – May

THE Attenborough Weather Report for May has been provided for us by Andrew Shaw, Education Assistant at the nature reserve.

In addition to the factual data collected on the reserve, we are provided with an accurate retrospective report of the weather during the past month.

Attenborough Weather data

From the weather recording station situated in Attenborough Nature Reserve.

Highest temperature: 28.1°C, May 23 (average May extreme max – 26.1°C).

Lowest temperature: 1.6°C, May 13 (average May extreme min.– 2.6°C).

Average temperature: 12.2°C (daily min. + max./ 2). Normally 13.7°C

Monthly rainfall: 18mm (36 percent of average 50.0mm).

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A generally dry and sunny month at the reserve with some cool days in the first half and some very warm days in the second half.

The first weeks of May saw some light and patchy rain although there were some sunny days mixed in, and our annual Sunflower Sunday event on the 9th enjoyed a glorious day. With the winds coming from the north or northeast, the reserve experienced some cool days and cool nights, with woolly hats and coats being worn by some visitors. Unfortunately, the cool night on the 8th affected our

'Moth Watch' event, as these insects tend not to be active during cool, clear nights.

The second half of the month experienced plenty of warm days, a mini heatwave hitting the reserve with the hottest day of the year on the 23rd. Visiting school groups enjoyed glorious weather for their trips, although copious amounts of water and sun cream were used.

The last week of the month was more unsettled, with patchy light rain at times, although the rainfall for the month was well below average and led to dry dusty conditions on the footpaths.

Workshops for family tree makers

A SERIES of workshops to help people trace their family lineage are being held at Nottinghamshire County Council's Archives.

The themed workshops will run from June 8 to July 6, and are targeted at people tracing their family tree for the first time, but those who have already started and need a helping hand to trace their ancestors are also welcome to the sessions.

Nottinghamshire County Councillor John Cottee said: "So many people want to trace their family history but just don't know how.

"The workshops will be led by our archives experts, who will show them how and where to look in past public records or on the

internet. Our documents range from the 12th to the 21st centuries and include both official and privately owned archives."

The sessions will take place on Tuesdays from 5.50pm – 6.30pm and will demonstrate how people can trace their family tree using parish records, census returns and probate records. Each session is £3.50. The series can be booked for £15.

The sessions will take place at Nottinghamshire Archives, Castle Road, Nottingham, NG2 1AG. For more information, telephone (0115) 958 1634.

Exhibition of embroidered landscapes at Attenborough

AN exhibition of stunning embroidered landscapes by renowned textile artist Anne Harrison is currently under way at the Attenborough Nature Centre on Barton Lane.

Anne combines embroidery and watercolours to evoke feelings of the English countryside. The detailed work incorporates winding

paths, masses of flowers, hedgerows and trees spilling over. The embroidered flowers extend onto the mountboard, leading you into the scene.

The exhibition continues throughout June. Admission is free.

For more details of Anne's work, she can be contacted on (01509) 672 424.



An example of Anne Harrison's work.

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Bramcote Conservation Society

THE Bramcote Conservation Society invites people to join them when they hold their Annual General Meeting on Thursday, June 24 at Bramcote Memorial Hall, Church Street, Bramcote at 7.30pm.

The AGM will be followed by a barbecue at the White Lion, (Top House) on Town Street, Bramcote, or indoors if the weather turns inclement, at 8pm.

Admission to the barbecue is £7 per adult, £4 per child. All proceeds are to the Old Church Tower (The Sunken Church) fund.

Open Sundays at 'The Sunken Church'

THIS summer's Open Sundays at the Old Church Tower (known locally as 'The Sunken Church') will commence on June 6 and continue until September.

The Bramcote site on Town Street will be open between 1pm and 4pm and admission is free providing a perfect opportunity to find out about the extent of the restoration project to date.

The Hemlock Happening

A live extravaganza of music and dance on the Walled Garden Stage

Saturday, June 12
1pm - 10.45pm

*Grande Finale Spectacular
Firework Display*

10.30pm

For programme information and times, go to www.hemlockhappening.org

or ring Broxtowe Borough Council Arts and Events on 0115 917 3695