

Forthcoming Activities February – April 2012

Thursday 2nd February, starting at 10:00. The Olive Grove Project

We have been asked if we would like to look after a 2,500 sq. m olive grove, in Beniarbeig, which has 34 mature, fruiting, olive trees on it.

The idea is to prune the trees, watch the olives fruit, gather the olives and then take them off to the olive mill, see our olives being processed and, for those taking part, have the resultant olive oil.

We have been promised the help of Richard Handscombe in our endeavours, as well as the support of the main Avinenca team.

The land is rich in wild flowers which will, naturally, be preserved.

This is intended as a 'fun' activity which we hope will provide a chance to find out more about what goes on around us.

If you would like to take part please see go to our web site www.avinenca.es and sign up.

The Girona River Survey Project, scheduled for early February Alas this project has had to be postponed. It will now take place at the beginning of May

Upcoming Field Trips . . .

March. Wednesday 14th . . Visit to the Golden, Bonelli's & Booted Eagle Reserve in the Sierra Escalona

Situated to the south west of Torrevieja, on the border of Alicante & Murcia, this area has a wide diversity of animal and bird life. These include a sizeable population of Iberian wild cats, badgers, owls, genets, and buzzards as well as the eagles.

In the afternoon we plan to visit a palm 'orchard'



As usual we will be accompanied by a local guide. There will be two walks of 45 minutes duration, slightly uphill, but by no means steep.

Please note that our pick up points for this trip will be Viva España in Oliva, Gata & Teulada. Full details on our website. Remember to bring cameras and, if you have them, binoculars

Cost...€20 per person. Please book and pay through our website.


April. Monday 2nd . . . Visit to the Aitana Mountains to see the spring flowers. On this visit we will be accompanied by an English speaking botanist from the University of Valencia. We will be looking at the vegetation whilst we travel from sea level to the top of the highest peak in Alicante Province. We have secured permission to enter the restricted military zone, which has not been farmed or sprayed for many years. Travel will be by coach, with stops 'en route' to observe and learn about the various rare wild flowers.

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To be updated on details of these and other upcoming events please visit our website www.avinenca.es and join up. Membership is free.

Other Activities


Every Tuesday.

Now, for the winter months, starting at 10:00, there will be members taking part in activities at the Lagoon behind the Ampola beach in Moraira. We are planning two sessions, the one in the morning and a second one starting at 14:00. Both will last about two hours. If you would like to take part, or want to find out more, please contact the project leader, Trevor Kemp at.....  teulada.forall@yahoo.es.

We have a need for 'talkers' at the site folk who will be prepared to tell watchers about our activities and hopefully get them to join in.

However, below is a brief synopsis of our activities at the lagoon site

The Seniller Lagoon Project in Moraira.

We started on this project at the end of last year. The first group of folk to become active was the birding group. Those who are knowledgeable about the birds to be found in or around the lagoon area have been helping those who are less experienced. During the winter periods over 40 different species have been identified, the sightings corroborated and tabulated. The report has been submitted to Teulada Town hall and passed on to the authorities in Valencia to become part of a nationwide survey. This is an ongoing activity and if you are interested in taking part please go to the Friends of Avinença web site  www.avinenca.es and click on 'Projects'. Meanwhile the site clearance group have been active, assisting in clearing much of the vegetation that was cut down at the turn of the year. The flora group, which is tasked with identifying and cataloguing all the plants in the lagoon area and is raising some of the endangered plants from seed collected locally. Meanwhile the group tasked with removing the exotic fauna is awaiting the end of the wildlife breeding season before starting operations.

The enthusiasm and professionalism of our members has been noticed by the local authorities and we have been asked to become more involved in the activities of the town. Again if you would like to know more, then visit the Friends of Avinença website and become a member (membership is free). We are currently arranging for a similar land stewardship project in the Javea/Denia area, assuming we get enough support.