

Summary of World Wetlands Day Events 2013

1/2/13 Fenn's, Whixall & Bettisfield Mosses National Nature Reserve

Midland Meres and Mosses Ramsar site

Held a talk at 7.30pm on Friday 1st February,

‘A Year on Fenn's & Whixall Mosses’ free talk – 7.30pm February 1st 2013

Pictures of what you can see through the year on Fenn's & Whixall Mosses National Nature Reserve, near Whitchurch & Wrexham! Natural England volunteer Barry Probin showed a range of superb evocative images of the landscape, wildlife and management of Britain's 3rd largest raised bog, and Ramsar site. Held at the Manor House NNR Base, Moss Lane, Whixall, Shropshire, SY13 2PD.

1/2/13 CCW HQ Maes y Ffynnon Library Event

Promotion of wetland books held in the library (with cakes)

2/2/13 Press release “Celebrate World Wetlands Day – visit Ceredigion's brilliant bogs!”

Promotion of Cors Caron and Dyfi NNRs

Cors Caron Ramsar site

Dyfi and Cors Fochno Ramsar site

2/2/13 Newport Wetlands Guided Walk

Severn Estuary Ramsar site

Attended by 16 people in total, but this included 8 Voluntary Wardens and myself, and 7 members of the public.

The weather was perfect - sunny, and calm. It was high tide and on the saltmarsh of the Severn Estuary we saw over 1000 dunlin wheeling about and hundreds of curlew, knot and grey plover roosting. There were also pintail, wigeon, shelduck, teal and mallard feeding along the edge of the saltmarsh. On our reedbeds we saw coot, moorhen, pochard, teal, tufted duck, little grebe and great-crested grebe. We also saw a little owl and a great spotted woodpecker.

Newspaper Coverage

There was a very brief article in the Daily Post 7 Feb 2013 - see DCT-13-022922