







Clare country events, 2012

2012 celebrates the centenary of Rothschild's Reserves and the Wildlife Trust movement. It all began here with the establishment of the first nature reserves of Woodwalton Fen and Helpston Heath. Come along to any of the John Clare Country events and help celebrate 100 years of nature conservation in the UK





January

1 January	Walk	New Year's Day walk around Swaddywell Pit, meet at the main Swaddywell car park at 1pm 
18 January	Talk	Author's evening at Clare Cottage, 7pm - £6 charge for wine and nibbles
22 January	WParty	Langdyke work party at Etton-Maxey Pits, meet at the entrance off the Etton Road at 12pm 
January - March	Event	Art Exhibition at Clare Cottage




February

5 February	WParty	Langdyke work party at Swaddywell Pit, meet at the pit at 1.30pm 
15 February	Talk	Author's evening at Clare Cottage, 7pm - £6 charge for wine and nibbles
26 February	Walk	Nene Washes, in search of ducks, swans and birds of prey, meet at Helpston Post Office at 1.30pm 
	Event	Half term activities at Clare Cottage




TBD	Event	Dry stone walling workshop at Clare Cottage
TBD	WParty	Garden clearance party, waking up for spring at Clare Cottage
March		
10 March	WParty	Meet at Torpel Manor Field at 2pm 
17 March	Walk	Signs of Spring Castor Hanglands, meet at car park in Southey Woods at 2pm for an afternoon of walks and talks.
21 March	Talk	Author's evening at Clare Cottage, 7pm - £6 charge for wine and nibbles
20 March	Talk	The History of the Area between the Nene and Welland Rivers Up to Medieval Times, Stephen Upex, Helpston Village Hall, Helpston at 8pm 
28 March	Event	Annual newt and toad count, Swaddywell Pit, meet at the reserve car park at 7.30pm, led by the Wildlife Trust 
April		
18 April	Talk	Author's evening at Clare Cottage, 7pm - £6 charge for wine and nibbles
26 April	Walk	Nightingale walk around Bainton Pits, meet at Torpel Manor Field at 7.30pm 




29 April	Event	Bluebell Watch at Thorpe Wood. Enjoy the carpets of blue! Meet in the Holywell Way car park. 11am to 3pm (WT)
	Event	Easter activities at Clare Cottage
April – June	Event	Art exhibition at Clare Cottage
May		
1 May	Event	Sheep shearing at Torpel Manor Field, come along and watch the Langdyke flock get their summer Hair-cut! From 11am onwards. 
6 May	Walk	Dawn chorus, Castor Hanglands, meet at Eastern entrance (the double-gated track off the Ailsworth Road) 5am 
13 May	Walk	The flora of Bedford Purlieus. Meet in the car park at 2pm (Wildlife Trust event)
16 May	Talk	Author’s evening at Clare Cottage, 7pm - £6 charge for wine and nibbles
22 May	Walk	An evening at the Nene Washes, meet at Helpston Post Office at 7pm 
TBD	Event	Dry stone walling workshop at Clare Cottage
TBD	WParty	Clare Cottage garden clearance



June


17 June	Event	Summer at Swaddywell, walks and talks around the reserve. Celebrating 100 years of Rothschild's Reserves 
30 June	Walk	Glow worm walk around Barnack Hills and Holes, at 10pm. Booking required – Contact Chris Gardiner 07970 408415 for details. Natural England event.
TBD	Event	Come and meet the Clare Country Partners at our stand at the Barnack Horticultural Show

July



13-15 July	Event	Clare Festival all around Helpston!
13 July	Event	Torpe Manor Field summer evening, 6-8pm on the field 
14 July	Event	Festival events, all day in Helpston
15 July	Event	Family Day at Old Sulehay Nature Reserve. Activities for all the family. Park and meet at Ring Haw Field Station off Sulehay Road, Yarwell. 11am to 3pm. (Wildlife Trust event)
July – September	Event	Exhibition at Clare Cottage





August

- TBD Event Bird ringing with Chris Hughes at Bainton Heath, bookings only starts at 6am 
- TBD Event Family and children’s holiday activities at Clare Cottage

September

- TBD Event The Greater Peterborough Poetry and Literature Festival
- 14 September Walk Early autumn walk around Etton Maxey Pits, 6-8pm, followed by LCT AGM at Botolph’s Barn 
- 19 September Talk Author’s evening at Clare Cottage, 7pm - £6 charge for wine and nibbles
- 29 September WParty Welcome back, first work party of the new season, Torpel Manor Field, meet at 11am 


October

- 13 October Walk Signs of autumn, foraging in the countryside, nuts, berries and mushrooms  2pm - place TBD.
- 17 October Talk Author’s evening at Clare Cottage, 7pm - £6 charge for wine and nibbles
- 28 October WParty Langdyke work party at Swaddywell Pit, meet at the pit at 11am 
- October – December Event Art exhibition at Clare Cottage





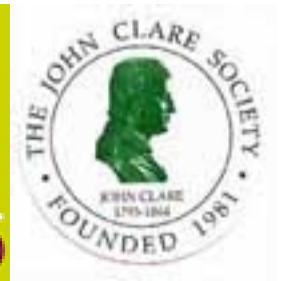
- Event Country cookery classes at the Clare Cottage
- Event Children’s autumn and Halloween events at Clare Cottage
- WParty Clare Cottage Garden Clearance

November

- 10 November Walk Early winter walk from Clare Cottage, along the Maxey Cut, meet at the cottage at 10.30am
- 21 November Talk Author’s evening at Clare Cottage, 7pm - £6 charge for wine and nibbles,
- 25 November WParty Langdyke work party at Etton-Maxey Pits, meet at 11am at the main entrance off the Etton Road 

December

- 7 December Event Clare Cottage quiz night
- TBD Event A Clare Cottage Christmas
- 9 December Walk Winter walk around Bainton Heath and Pits, meet at Torpel Manor Field at 1.30pm 
- 27 December WParty Langdyke work-party at Swaddywell Pit, meet at 11am at the pit 



All events with a Langdyke logo next to them are free to members of the Trust.

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