

## Report on the Trustees' meeting July 2014

The 36<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Trustees of Beckford Nature Reserve took place on 16<sup>th</sup> July and we were welcomed by Geoff Stringer. There were two visitors, Jennifer Berriman and Jayne Allchurch, who had come to discuss the administration of the 200 Club. Jennifer was handing over to Jayne and her family responsibility for the running of the 200 Club which is the major fund-raiser for the Nature Reserve. The Trustees expressed their gratitude to Jennifer for her efficient and effective carrying out of the role since its inception. Jennifer explained the various tasks involved. Jayne is looking forward to getting involved and the change over period was discussed.

The Village Supper was also discussed and Geoff suggested that a curry evening might be a new way of providing food for the supper. A buffet would be available with a vegetarian option from Rogan Josh. The date would be in October after the AGM. This would be confirmed depending upon the availability of the Village Hall.

The old hide needed some running repairs to its roof to prevent water damage to the interior. The brambles need pruning to prevent overgrowth onto the paths. The steps by Court Farm Lane need attention and the flooded area of the path needs reviewing with a view to making the temporary path more permanent if the flooding remains even in the dry weather. During the breeding season little is done in the way of clearing vegetation as it would disturb the nesting birds. Plans need to be made for future working parties.

Geoff reported that the Open Village event had gone very well although the reserve was quiet many people said they would come back at a later date. Jonathan reported that he had paid for the dog waste bin which has been the major expenditure this season. Lots of photographs had been offered to Tina for inclusion in the calendar. Huntsman's Quarries has been sold to Breendon Aggregates and it was hoped that they would continue the close association with the reserve.

The next committee meeting is to be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

The AGM is to be on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at the Village Hall.