STORRINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

At the September meeting we welcomed Bob Eade whose talk was entitled “A Day in the life of Wildlife”. Bob who has been interested in wildlife since a very young boy has become a very competent photographer. His pictures were a great delight to see and there were many ohs and aahs from the members as different photographs were shown. Bob started his talk with a very early morning walk in the countryside, which is the best time to capture picture of butterflies. They are still a little cold and stay still for the camera. Once the warmth of the sun has reaches them, they are up and away and do not want their pictures taken.

Bob continued his talk and walk taking us to many different habitats featuring a wide variety of birds, different butterflies, moths, caterpillars and flowers including orchids, all illustrated with fantastic pictures. When a pond is reached dragonflies fill the screen, some just emerging from the larva/nymph stage. It was amazing that such a beautiful insect could emerge from such an ugly nymph, which has been lurking in the pond for up to 2 years eating anything alive.

The walk continued to a heathland area we had pictures of snakes, one a black adder that I did not know existed in the UK. In the open fields hares can be seen as well as raptors looking for a meal. As the daylight faded, we were treated to some amazing pictures of owls and finally some badgers, one of Bobs favourite creatures.

The evening closed with a raffle and light refreshments. The November meeting on Friday 15th is the AGM, which will hopefully be very short. We will then welcome David Porter who is going to talk to us on “How to be a Fraudster”

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