

NATURE NEWS

HTAG OPEN GARDENS Sunday 29th June 2 - 5 pm

Have you ever wondered what's behind the houses along our streets? Open Gardens is a way of finding out and meeting your neighbours at the same time!

This year we have five fascinating gardens to visit in the Austen/Sydney/Warren Road area. Tea and cakes are included in the entry fee of £5 and locally grown plants are available to purchase. Fingers crossed for sunshine, but we look forward to seeing you on 29th June whatever the weather!

Entry tickets will be available from 3 Sydney Place on the day and a list of the other four gardens to visit will be printed on your ticket. Adults £5, (children free) to include entry to gardens and refreshments. We are also holding a plant sale. Donations of cakes and plants are welcome.

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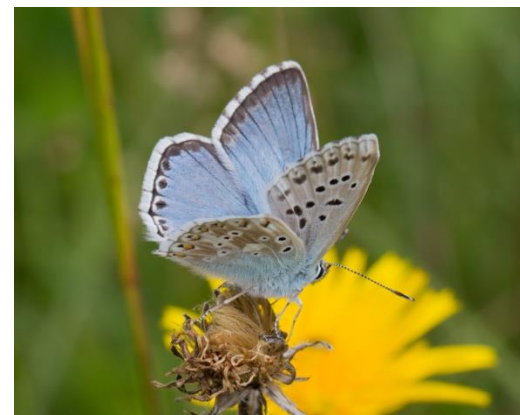
(wendy.bennet3@gmail.com) if you can donate cakes or help on the day, and Sue

(sjshipway@yahoo.co.uk) if you can donate plants.

We are sorry that we can probably only accept cash for your entry and any plants you buy and appreciate your help with this.



The Friends of Pewley Meadows are running a **Butterfly Walk** starting at 11:00 on 27th July. Meet at the Pewley Down monument. And, on **2nd August** PDV will be running the annual **Chalk-hill Blue Butterfly count**. Meet 10:00 at the Pewley Hill Entrance. Again, no experience needed, just those stout shoes and long trousers!



Orchids are particularly dependent on a healthy fungal community. "Entangled Life" author Merlin Sheldrake is at G-Live on **28th October** for a mind-expanding journey into the hidden life of fungi. Jonathan Mitchell

LOCAL GOVERNMENT RE-ORGANISATION

In our recent newsletter, we featured details of the proposed reorganisation of local government in Surrey with either a two or a three unitary solution. A consultation has been announced on this which closes on August 5th. This can be accessed at [local government re-organization](#)

Pewley Down and Pewley Meadows Events

Pyramidal Orchids are blooming again on Pewley. These beautiful flowers are our commonest orchids locally.

Every year Pewley Down Volunteers (PDV) count these orchids on the Down. Everyone is welcome to join us. No experience needed, just stout shoes and long trousers. Meet at the Pewley Hill entrance at 10:00 on **5th July**. Last year, following the wet spring, we counted 4,380, whereas drought years can have as few as 150.