

GREEN GANG

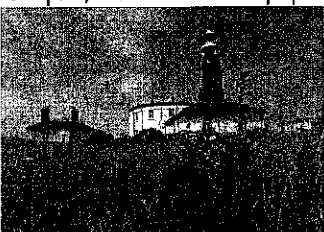
FAMILY ACTIVITIES FOR THE FEBRUARY 2018

WELCOME to the February edition of the Green Gang magazine produced by the White Cliffs Countryside Partnership. The Green Gang is a special programme of fun events for children and their families, that has been running for 24 years, giving children an opportunity to learn more about local wildlife and countryside. Most of the events are free, although a donation is appreciated to help cover the running costs of Green Gang. You don't have to be a member.



DISCOVERING DUNGENESS — please book now for this very popular family day!

Yes we are in February and this fun family day isn't until Tuesday 3 April, but due to the popularity of this event bookings are being taken from now until 1 March.



The day starts with the 10.00am departure on the Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway train from New Romney to the Dungeness Power station. You will then join your guide

Owen from the Romney Marsh Countryside Partnership for a nature trail at the Dungeness Visitor Centre. Lunch can be purchased from the train station café or you are welcome to bring your own lunch. Afterwards there will be a tour to explore electricity on a plant tour of Dungeness B Power Station, before a walk back to the train station at New Romney. The train departs from New Romney at 4.40pm or 5.17pm. For further information about this day, please see the next page.

COMPETITION WINNERS

Congratulations to Kim Todd of Dover, Ollie Read of Whitfield and Daisy Allard of Acrise. They each found the 8 weather words in wordsearch competition in the Autumn Green Gang. They each received a guide to garden birds. Well Done!

JOIN THE JUNIOR RANGERS!

It costs £3 to join the Junior Ranger scheme. You start as a Trainee Ranger and receive your badge and notebook. By attending the events you progress through the levels from Junior Ranger (5 events) to Peregrine (40 events). For an application form contact Sue Bradford on (01304) 241806.



CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF GREEN GANG!

Over the years White Cliffs Countryside Partnership has run hundreds of GREEN GANG family events, so that families could have fun finding out about nature and explore the countryside. To celebrate 25 years of Green Gang in March 2018 an exhibition at Saphire Hoe 'EXPLORING THE FANTASTIC LOCAL COAST & COUNTRYSIDE' is being held from Thursday 1 March to Monday 30 April. For further information about this event please see the following page.

COMPETITION TIME!

Complete our wordsearch by finding and circling the 8 words 'things you see in the sky' in the grid below:

	A	R	K	B	I	R	D	S	F
BIRDS	B	R	A	K	N	F	M	T	G
RAINBOW	D	A	E	I	S	W	I	A	R
SUN	M	I	C	G	N	N	U	R	J
STARS	K	N	C	L	O	U	D	S	W
MOON	W	B	Q	U	I	S	E	F	A
CLOUDS	M	O	O	N	K	A	I	M	K
METEOR	O	W	A	E	R	E	O	W	P
RAIN	P	I	R	O	E	T	E	M	U
	L	O	P	K	R	W	R	Q	X

Send your entry with your name, age and address to White Cliffs Countryside Partnership, c/o DDC, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover, CT16 3PJ by Tuesday 27th February 2018. The first 3 correct entries out of the hat will receive a guide to butterflies!

Name: _____ Age: _____
Address: _____

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MAKE YOUR OWN FAT CONE FEEDER

Fat balls and cake are a good source of energy for birds in the winter. You can make your own pine cone fat feeder using a mixture of fat (animal or vegetable lard) and bird seed. Warm the lard, mix it all together and then push the mixture into the gaps of the pine cone. Tie a piece of string to it and hang it securely from a tree branch.



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ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT AT ALL EVENTS

Children under 18 must be accompanied at all times by a parent or guardian. It is the responsibility of the adult to make sure that their children are safe and well behaved, not the responsibility of the leader of the event.

HAVE A GO AT VOLUNTEERING!

'Have a go at Volunteering' events are practical conservation days where volunteers carry out practical work to improve the sites for wildlife and people. The leader will explain about the work and how to use the tools. You don't have to stay all day – why not come along for an hour or two. No experience is necessary and we provide gloves, as well as refreshments, but please old clothes that you don't mind getting dirty or torn, and wear boots that protect your toes and have good grip. Bring a cold drink and packed lunch if you plan to stay all day. Contact WCCP 01304 241806 for details.



Junior Ranger events



Suitable for wheelchairs or prams.

Sunday 11 February 10.00am

HAVE A GO AT VOLUNTEERING: FOLKESTONE WARREN

We will be clearing the beach and site of litter. **LEADER:** Jan MacNicol, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (07880 706993). **MEET:** Gate next to the Bowls Club, Wear Bay Road, Folkestone (TR 240 367).



Sunday 11 February 11.00am

CREATE A MOONLIT SNOW SCENE (Art in the Shelter) (please book)

We shall create a magical snow scene to shine in the dark. Suggested donation of £5 per person towards materials appreciated. **LEADER:** Steve Walker, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (01304 225649). **MEET:** The teaching room at the Samphire Hoe Shelter. Samphire Hoe is sign-posted off the A20 from Dover to Folkestone, CT17 9FL (pay and display car park). **DURATION:** 2 hours. No dogs please.



Monday 12 February 2.00pm (Green Gang)

FABULOUS FOSSIL FORAY – TROPIC OF FOLKESTONE

Hear about the ancient, tropical sea and the amazing animals that lived in it. How did the various rocks and fossils form? Hunt for fossils washed out amongst the pebbles. Bring a snack and drink with you. Please wear wellies or boots with good grip. Suggested donation of £2 each appreciated. **LEADER:** Melanie Wrigley, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (01304 241806). **MEET:** Outside Restaurant (The Pavilion), Wear Bay Road, Folkestone (TR 239 364). **DISTANCE:** 1 mile (1.5–2 hours). **GRADE:** 5 (rocky beach)



Tuesday 13 February 10.00am to 12.00 noon (Booking essential)

NATIONAL NEST BOX WEEK EVENT (Green Gang)

Join us and learn about garden birds, make bird cake and build a nest box to take home. Advanced bookings only 20 places available. Please phone 01797 343728 or email dungenessbtours@edf-energy.com. **LEADER:** EDF Energy. **MEET:** EDF Dungeness Visitor Centre, Dungeness B Power Station, Dungeness, Romney Marsh TN29 9PX. **DURATION:** 2 hours. No Dogs.



Tuesday 13 February 12.00noon

HAVE A GO AT VOLUNTEERING AT WHINLESS DOWN

We will spend the morning cutting material ready for the Green Gang Den Building family activity in the afternoon. **LEADER:** Paul Sampson, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (07773 619121). **MEET:** Elms Vale Recreation Ground car park, Elms Vale Road, Dover (TR 299 414).



Tuesday 13 February 12.00noon (Please book) (Green Gang)

DEN BUILDING AT WHINLESS DOWN

Join us for an afternoon of den building at the base of Whinless Down nature reserve. Build a shelter largely of natural materials cut by the volunteers in the morning; learn how to find fuel, and build and light a small campfire. Please bring your own drinks and packed lunch, appropriate weather clothing and sturdy footwear. Suggested donation of £5 per person appreciated. Booking is essential as there are limited spaces (01304 241806). **LEADER:** Paul Sampson, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (01304 241806 or 07773 619121). **MEET:** Elms Vale recreation ground car park, Elms Vale Road, Dover, CT17 9NN (TR 299 414). **DISTANCE:** 1 mile (2.5 hours). **GRADE:** 3 (muddy)



Wednesday 14 February 10.00am to 3.30pm

DINOSAUR DAY AT DOVER MUSEUM

Try our range of dinosaur themed craft activities Free entry to the museum and free craft activities for children. **LEADER:** Dover Museum (01304 201066). **MEET:** Dover Museum, Market Square, Dover, CT16 1PB. **DURATION:** 30 minutes.

Wednesday 14 February 10.00am and 1.00pm (Booking essential)

PAPER ENGINEERING—VALENTINE CRAFT/STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)

Be creative at Dungeness—“inspiring the next generation event”.

Advanced bookings—only 30 places. Please phone Dungeness

Power Station Visitor Centre on 01797 343728 or email dungenessbtours@edf-energy.com Free event. **LEADER:** EDF Energy

MEET: EDF Dungeness Visitor Centre, Dungeness B Power Station,

Dungeness, Romney Marsh TN29 9PX. **DURATION:** 2 hours. No Dogs.



Friday 16 February 10.00am

GUIDED WALK: FINDING FORT BURGOYNE (Booking essential)

Despite standing on high ground to the East of Dover and overlooking Dover Castle, Fort Burgoyne remains unknown and unseen by many residents of Dover and the surrounding area. This walk will provide an insight into the history and emerging plans for the site. Please wear stout footwear and bring a torch. Booking essential chrisvaldus@thelandtrust.org.uk. Donation appreciated. **LEADER:** Chris Valdus, The Land Trust (07825 901358). **MEET:** Entrance to Connaught Barracks off Dover Road. Just off A258 junction with Dover Road and Dover Castle Coach Park, Dover CT16 1HW. **DISTANCE:** 1.5 miles (2 hours). **GRADE:** 2. No dogs



Saturday 17 February 1.00pm

SHELTER BUILDING AND SURVIVAL SKILLS (Please book)

Join us for an afternoon of shelter building using tarpaulins and ropes. Learn how to find fuel, and build and light a camp fire and do some campfire cooking. All children to be accompanied by a responsible adult. Suggested donation of £2 each appreciated. **LEADER:** Melanie Wrigley, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (01304 241806 or 07880 706990) & Pete Evans, Skill Horizons. **MEET:** Car park, Triangles Centre, Poulton Close, Dover, CT17 0HL. **DISTANCE:** 2 miles (2½–3 hours). **GRADE:** 3 (muddy)

Sunday 18 February 10.00am—1.00pm

HAVE A GO AT VOLUNTEERING AT DUNGENESS

Come and try volunteering, clearing footpaths and improving the general habitat. **LEADER:** Owen Leyshon, Romney Marsh Countryside Partnership (01797 367934 or 07770 670316) **MEET:** Old Lighthouse/RHD Light Railway car park, Dungeness TN29 9NP (TR 085 187).



Sunday 18 February 2.00pm

FUN WEATHER EXPERIMENTS (Green Gang)

Come along measure a rain drop, create a rainbow and make a cloud in a bottle and more. Suggested donation of £2 appreciated. **LEADER:** Paul Holt, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (01304 225649). **MEET:** Samphire Hoe Education Shelter. Samphire Hoe is sign-posted off the A20 from Dover to Folkestone, CT17 9FL (pay and display parking). **DISTANCE:** 0.5 mile (1 hour). **GRADE:** 1. No Dogs.



Thursday 1 March to Monday 30 April 11.00am to 3.00pm daily

EXHIBITION: EXPLORING THE FANTASTIC LOCAL COAST & COUNTRYSIDE CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF GREEN GANG

Over the years White Cliffs Countryside Partnership has run hundreds of Green Gang family events, so that families could have fun finding out about nature and explore the countryside, and with arts and crafts. This exhibition shares those special natural places, wildlife and the joy of exploring and discovery. For information please call 01304 225649. **VENUE:** Samphire Hoe Education Shelter. Samphire Hoe is sign-posted off the A20 from Dover to Folkestone, CT17 9FL (pay and display parking).



Sunday 11 March 11.00am

THE SNAKE DANCE (Art in the Shelter) (Please book)

As adders emerge from hibernation we shall make adder sculptures and create a snake dance to celebrate spring. Suggested donation of £5 per person towards materials appreciated. **LEADER:** Steve Walker, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (01304 225649). **MEET:** The teaching room at the Samphire Hoe Shelter. Samphire Hoe is sign-posted off the A20 from Dover to Folkestone, CT17 9FL (pay and display car park). **DURATION:** 1.5 hours. No dogs please.



Tuesday 3 April 9.40am Booking by 1st March required

FAMILY DISCOVERING DUNGENESS DAY (Bookings essential)

Following on from the front page: Only 20 places available for this special event – minimum age 8 years). Contact R,H&DR on 01797 362353 to book your train ticket (please tell them you are booking as part of the 'Discover Dungeness Day'). You will then be contacted by Dungeness Power Station Visitor Centre to complete security forms for the electricity tour.



CHARGE: £10 per adult, £5 per child 8–15 years for return train travel (all personnel under 18 must be accompanied by an adult), FREE Power Station tour. **LEADER:** EDF Power Station Visitor Centre, Dungeness. **MEET:** R,H&DR New Romney Station, Littlestone Road, New Romney TN28 8PL. **DISTANCE:** 1.5 hours (1.5 miles walk).