

BACKIES NEWS

NEWSLETTER FROM FRIENDS OF CLIFTON BACKIES

NEXT MEETING: We will meet again when the current lockdown has been eased

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Cancelled events - and Spring arriving on the Backies

- Normally by this time of year we'd have completed a deep litter pick of the Backies and be preparing for our Spring and Summer events.
 - Our History walk went ahead on 1st March and was enjoyed by 10 people.
 - Unfortunately, we've had to postpone the litter pick in early April (we'll try to do one in the autumn if the circumstances are right).
 - And with the government announcing another 3-week lock
- down we have taken the decision to cancel the pond dipping (planned for mid-May).
- It's great to see that people are using the wide open spaces of the Backies to get their exercise during this difficult time.
 - For now we will leave you with some pictures of Spring on the Backies. If you capture any pictures, feel free to send them through to the email address above.



Many thanks to our treasurer, Mike, for this photo of one of two ghost carp spotted in the pond.

No sign of the troublesome terrapins that we sometimes see basking in the sun.

We think the pond dippers might need bigger nets!



Thanks to Vanessa for these amazing pictures of Spring arriving on the Backies!



Our remaining events for 2020!

Our remaining events for the year (obviously subject to being permitted following the pandemic) are:

- Butterfly Walk – Saturday 25 July (11 am)
- Bat Walk – Friday 21 August (8.30 pm)
- Great British “Spring” Clean (in the period 11-27 September)

The meeting points for all events will be the car park off Water Lane. It is essential to get in touch to book as places might be limited.