

'All Things Bright and Beautiful'
Adur Festival - 5th June to 20th June 2010
St Mary's and St Nicolas' Churches Shoreham-by-Sea

Come and join us as we celebrate the United Nations International Year of Biodiversity 2010 by exploring our wonderful ancient churchyards in Shoreham.

'Biodiversity' is the word used to describe the huge variety of life in the whole of the natural world around us: not just in wild places and nature reserves but also in the parks and gardens of our towns and cities.

Humans are part of this biodiversity too and we have the power to protect or destroy it. During this special year, we are looking at the important part we can all play in safeguarding the natural wealth around us and focusing on the urgent challenge to preserve it for the future.

So what are we doing here in Shoreham? With the rich resource of the large and ancient churchyard surrounding St Mary's Church in the heart of Shoreham, an exciting programme of activities has been planned for the Adur Festival and the rest of the summer. See if you can join in one or more of the following projects:

1. *Adopt a Grave*: many of the Victorian graves are no longer tended. Could you look after one and turn it into a mini garden full of flowers which will attract bees and butterflies?
2. Help to conserve *The Flowery Mead* – an area of the east end of the church which will not be mowed this season so that wild flowers and grasses can flourish as in medieval times and we can see how many species grow there throughout the summer.
3. *Homes for wildlife*: would you like to donate a box for birds, bees, insects or squirrels and add your name to a list of wildlife supporters which will be on show inside the church? 'Paradise Pets' has a catalogue of available products and will be pleased to advise you on choice and price.
4. *Two Weeks in June* is the name of a photographic competition which will run throughout the Adur Festival. Bring your camera into the churchyard and help us to create a record of the wildlife large and small which you see during the two weeks. All photos (6x4) will be displayed inside the church.
5. *Churchyard Explorers*: children will be welcome to take part in a special wildlife trail round the churchyard.
6. *St Mary's Heritage lectures* will take place as usual this year with an emphasis on the Biodiversity theme – see our website for details.
7. *St Nicolas and St Mary Primary School* invites you to the wonderful exhibition of their work on wildlife on display in St Nicolas' church throughout the Festival.

For further information please look at our website (www.stmarydehaura.org.uk) or contact:

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