

Village pond update 9 May 2008



POND LIFE



Dear All

We know that you've all been waiting with bated breath for the next issue of Pond Life.

Well folks, wait no longer, as we have pulled together a special double bumper issue of your favourite pond related newsletter.

Since our last correspondence back in December last year, we have now started work on the St. Mary Hoo village pond. With the full backing of the Parish Council, restoration work started in January, when we spent a weekend removing the wooden fencing, overgrown vegetation, and had a general tidy-up of the area.

After the dust had settled, we then planned the next stage of the pond restoration. This consisted of renovating the original concrete post and rail fence. We leveled the pond border and carried out another general tidy-up. This took place during the first May Bank Holiday and as you will see from the attached photographs, the transformation has been incredible.

We have already started to see the fruits of our hard labour. We have newts, a variety of pond invertebrates as well insects and birds all enjoying their much-improved environment.

The exciting part is that we've only just dipped our toes into what will be a long-term project, as we still need to clear and clean the pond itself. The next phase will be to replace the fence on the opposite side of the pond and to start clearing some of the larger debris from the pond itself. So plenty more issues of Pond Life will follow over the course of this year.

We need to say a huge thank you to everybody in the village who had a hand in helping us to accomplish what we have achieved to date. The willingness to participate has been overwhelming and has captured the spirit of village life.

Lastly, why not come and see the pond for yourself, it is by no means finished but you will hopefully see the potential of what will be a beautiful focal point for the village to be enjoyed for years to come.































