

Dawn Chorus Bonanza!

Local families crawled out of their beds very early one Saturday morning in April to attend a Dawn Chorus event in Maningham Wood.

15 different species of woodland birds were identified by Martin Rule, the event leader, and the children used CWT binoculars to try and spot some of them.

The good weather must have helped get such a good attendance of 14 adults and 7 children to this early event, and everyone really enjoyed learning how to identify the various birds' calls!

Did you know that a chiffchaff (below left) calls its own name?



That a chaffinch (above right) sounds like a fast bowler winding up to bowl a cricket ball? Or that a dunnock (below) sounds like a tape running backwards?



Neither did the participants before this event!

The 15 species heard during the 90 minute walk were:

Blackbird	Blackcap
Blue tit	Bullfinch
Chaffinch	Chiffchaff
Dunnock	Goldfinch
Great tit	Robin
Rook	Song thrush
Starling	Woodpigeon
Wren	