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Great Spotted Woodpecker

In late winter and spring, Great Spotted Woodpeckers drum loudly on dead branches and trunks - their equivalent of song.

O.U.C.C. Expedition
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Woodpigeon

By no means confined to woodland, the Woodpigeon has adapted well to life in towns and even our largest cities.



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Nuthatch

Nuthatches are most common in areas with mature broadleaved trees. Acrobatic feeders, they move up and down trunks with ease.



Dear All, I keep getting people ringing up asking what's happening with the expedition. And I keep having to say that it's all sort-of quiet at the moment. So -spill the beans and send us a letter. We heard that the meat cleaver had been passed, but not how. No doubt you've saved your energy and the thermite and just left Wlodek holding it whilst whistling a merry tune. So if you've used the thermite is the cave still going or did it go west due to too much boulder shuffling.

How are the sunsets? Lovely no doubt. Any visitors seen to be bonking in the quarry yet or is it still not holiday time in Spain? Any one had any maggot cheese?

We've had the usual revolting fuggy heat wave here, though sometimes the weather is fresh. Today is Sunday 23 July and the weather is quite lovely and bright with a refreshing breeze, and as I sat out in my deck chair I smelled the delicate smell of young beef and garlic. Instantly my mind was at the bar with the gentle smell of bocadilla de tenera floating out of the kitchen. Being a vegetarian can be quite frustrating at times. Any way I closed my eyes and transferred myself instantly to the Maria-Rosa by imagining the drone of the generator and the sparkle of the cola machine and the howls of laughter over the table football game and the gentle tinkle of that revolting cidre hitting the floor-- best place for it. And then you only need to add that essential essence of tonka tonka bells and midnight guitar playing spaniards to enjoy the essential ambiance of Los Lagos.

Ah yes---- how could I forget the scent that cannot be bottled though it adds that final touch--- Bisto? NoAhhhh.... the quarry.

Will some one please assure me that the lady with the ladled on make-up is still in the post office?. I hope that she is not running the risk of catching cold by wearing anything flimsy in the summer heat. Tweeds and thick leather boots should always be worn in the searing summer heat, you can never be too careful.

Well I don't know why I'm telling you lot all this, you're out there enjoying it. Back here there's not a lot happening either, bar Dave Lacey somehow forcing himself to eat very small meals at my house. It was very difficult persuading him to do that. I think that he's on a diet at the moment, but you should ask him. Scarcely a morsel touched his lips. So whatever you do don't feed him because the temptation may be too much, he wouldn't like too loose that squeeze-passing svelteshape.

Jim is back in Oxford. Dave Monaghan is not long from heading to Scotland. Is it some new rule of OUCC that someone has to stay north of the border? Dave is going trekking in Pakistan. Its a trip going to K2. Gasp. I did remind him that in a recent caving trip he got roundly run into the ground by Michelle and Dave Lacey, and was a trip up K2 a terribly good idea in the circumstances? Luckily they are only going to the base of it.

Meanwhile any one going for dinner at Harley Road would be advised to take a take-away with them since David owned just about all the kitchen utensils including all the pots and pans. Jenny and Melissa were in the pub having a good moan about it last week. Roberts is back from walking in Pyrenees. He had a good time save being victimised by a walking guide written by a maniac who did three walks in one and thought that every one else could do the same. Seem to remember the same thing happened in Turkey.

Michelle is out of hospital. Her address is 27 Grouse Street, Rochdale, OL12 0RP so send her a postcard or letter. She's encased in fibreglass plaster at the moment so life is far from perfect. However the ever generous Bradford Bunch are taking good care of her, but time ticks slowly.

Can't think of much else... We're in for another heat wave this week, but no lovely lake to go swimming in. Could someone sniff a tiny mountain pink for me and relate how wonderful it is??

Take care, remember to WASH, and CLEAN you TEETH...OFTEN...

regards.

Isa x

Linda 23rd July 95