April 2012 at Chichester Harbour Conservancy

Tue 3 April Egg and Shell Hunt at Dell Quay

10am / 2 hours

Learn about harbour babies, hunt for shells and look for clues to answer a harbour-themed quiz to win chocolate egg prizes. Dress to get muddy and bring a small bucket for your finds. No dogs. All attendees must attend safety briefing at 10am.

Fee: £4 per head (all ages 2 and over) to include refreshments and prizes, BOOKING ESSENTIAL on 01243 513275.

Meet: Harbour Education Centre, Dell Quay PO20 7EE. Roadside parking then walk to the quay. The Centre is the last building on the left.

Fri 6 April Solar Heritage Trip: I Spy

11am / 1.5 hours

Departs from Itchenor. A trip especially designed for younger ones and their families. What can you spot whilst enjoying a trip on the solar boat?

Fee: £7.50 per adults / £3.50 children up to 16. Book on 01243 513275.

Sat 7 April Northney Explorer Walk

10am / 3.5 hours

A 4½ mile (7.5 km) walk from Langstone over the Hayling Island bridge to explore the Northney countryside and shoreline. We will stop at the Northney Farm cafe for refreshments and to hear about farming in an AONB with the farmers Mary and Stan Pike. Bring some money for the cafe. Some paths may be muddy.

Fee: £3 on the day

Meet: The Ship Inn, Langstone PO9 1RD. Free public car park next to the pub just north of the bridge onto Hayling Island.

Mon 9 April Solar Heritage boat trip: Harbour Discovery

3pm / 1.5 hours

Departure from Itchenor for a 1½ hour boat trip. Onboard there will be a general commentary about Chichester Harbour Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Tickets: £7.50 adults, £3.50 children up to 16 years old. Book in advance on 01243 513275.

Tue 10 April Early Morning Beach Walk: East Head

7:30am / 1.5 hours

Celebrate the arrival of spring and, hopefully, warmer weather with a 3 mile (5 km) walk on the beach at the entrance to Chichester Harbour when the tide is very low.

Fee: £3 on the day

Meet: next to Windsurfing Club, West Wittering Beach Car Park, West Wittering PO20 8AU. Pay on entry car park £3.50, bring coins.

Wed 11 April Earth, Air and Water: Marine Creature Shadow Puppets

10am / 3 hours

Make a large articulated shadow puppet or smaller shadow puppets with a screen. Sue Ogilvy, artist and Conservancy teacher who lived in Indonesia and studied shadow puppets will show you how. All materials will be provided, please bring a torch.

Fee: £5 to include refreshments. BOOKING ESSENTIAL ON 01243 513275

Meet: Harbour Education Centre, Dell Quay PO20 7EE. Roadside parking then walk to the quay.

Sat 14 April From The Cathedral to the Church Walk

10am / 2 hours for the walk

A 4 mile (6km) walk from Chichester city centre and through the countryside of Chichester Harbour Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty to finish in the shoreline village of Bosham. Hourly public bus service back to Chichester.

Fee: £3 on the day

Meet: by Bell Tower, Chichester Cathedral, PO19 1PX

Sun 15 April Solar Heritage boat trip: Harbour Discovery

11am / 1.5 hours

Departure from Itchenor for a 1½ hour boat trip. Onboard there will be a general commentary about Chichester Harbour Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Tickets: £7.50 adults, £3.50 children up to 16 years old. Book in advance on 01243 513275.

Sat 21 April Cans, Cones and Cardinals

11am / 1.5 hours

Solar boat trip with special commentary on why we have the harbour markers and buoys and what navigation in the harbour involves. This is a fun introductory session and not intended as formal training in navigation.

Fee: £7.50 per adults / £3.50 children up to 16. Book on 01243 513275

Sun 22 April Earth, Air and Water: Point and Shoot Photography

10am / 2 hours

An early morning walk around East Head with your digital camera. Led by Sussex artist/photographer Barry Williams we'll explore the shoreline at low tide. Ideal for 'Point & Shoot' photographers, this event is all about discovering that there is more than one way to view the world around us. Bring your own camera (check you have enough battery power), outdoor gear and footwear for muddy conditions. Follow up review session on 27 May in our meeting room at Eames Farm to learn techniques for exhibiting your work.

Fee: £12 for both sessions, BOOKING ESSENTIAL on 01243 513275.

Meet: next to Windsurfing Club, West Wittering Beach Car Park, West Wittering PO20 8AU. Pay on entry car park £3.50, bring coins.

Sat 28 April Wild Food

10am / 2 hours

With the guidance of local enthusiast Karen Berry, we will explore the harbour shoreline and hedgerows at Dell Quay, looking for and identifying edible plants, fruits and seeds.

Fee: £6 to include refreshments, BOOKING ESSENTIAL ON 01243 513275

Meet: Harbour Education Centre, Dell Quay PO20 7EE. Roadside parking then walk to the quay. The Education Centre is the last building on the left.

Sun 29 April Walk and Solar Boat Trip

3pm / 2 hours

Enjoy a 2½ mile (4km) countryside walk led by a guide from Itchenor to Chichester Marina in Birdham. Then take a trip on the solar-powered boat for a chance to view the harbour from the water, finishing back at Itchenor. Bring footwear for muddy paths, a snack and warm clothes for the boat. Fee: £7.50 per adults / £3.50 children up to 16. Book on 01243 513275