

February 2011

Weather Wisdom

“February always brings the rain and thaws the frozen lakes again”

February was generally a mild month but also a gloomy one. Southwesterly winds reached gale force on the 5th and 6th of the month and blew power lines in Richard Heckford’s field down. Parts of Willoughby were without electricity for the best part of a day. That evening we had a splendid floodlit view from our upstairs bedroom window, of the poor man from E-ON at the top of the electricity pole, trying to attach the wires in such terrible weather conditions.

He certainly earned his money that night.

I am glad to say that there have been no signs of the very cold weather returning.

Nature Sitings

Mrs Betty Oates saw a Blackcap (see photo) in her garden this month. This warbler is occasionally seen in the UK and is found in thick undergrowth. They do visit gardens when times are hard and feed on berries and at bird-tables.

Four Red legged partridge were seen in Richard Heckford’s field.

Other sitings include: -

Village ducks are getting that spring feeling and invading village gardens looking for nesting sites.

Long Tailed Tits

Sparrow Hawk

Yellow Hammer

Bramling

Great Spotted Woodpecker

Fieldfares in Flecknoe

Lapwings

