

Hello Everyone,

I hope you have all had a good week and are looking forward to the holidays. Thank you to everyone who sent emails, we have had some great photos sent in again.

Here are some of them. A beautiful nest built by Lilley and Seth and an 'all you can eat' Ladybird buffet.



Above are photos of a Maybug, the large flying beetle that makes a loud buzzing drone when it flies near you. Maybugs appear in May and June. They fly around at night and may bump into your windows because they are attracted to light. This one in the picture was rescued from a puddle by Jack and it is sitting on his thumb.

The caterpillar is 'who lives in a house like this?' (what type I wonder?) It is one of many that live in the web tent from last week's quiz. They were on a Hawthorn tree on the Downs. The feather is a tail feather from a Pheasant.

The cryptic quiz answers are;

First on was the Stinging Nettle - their leaves have a serrated edge that looks like a saw tooth. Nettles have lots of uses and grow really well on disturbed soil like the spoil from rabbit holes.

Having lots of nettles around the hole provide the rabbits with extra shelter and protection.

The second was a Maybug as seen above.

Here are two photos for you to investigate. The first is from Josh Shaw and is a fantastic photograph.



The second is what?



Cryptic Quiz?

I can be found in Europe, Asia and Africa.

I like to truffle around your garden and eat slugs and worms.

I have many quills but cannot write.

To a highly trained RAF Police dog I smell a bit like a human and have caused many dog handlers to run across a large airfield at night, thinking their dog has detected an intruder!!!! Just imagine their surprise when they find me.

I am nocturnal.

Please leave a gap under part of your garden fence so I can move from garden to garden on my travels. Consider reading "The Travels of Oggy".

I hope you all have a great week off. Take some time to just sit outside somewhere and listen and watch the natural world go about its business. If you sit quietly and relax for a while you will soon find you have become part of that natural world and may be amazed by what you can really see and hear.

Also see how many different types of beetle you can find and identify.

Q. Is an Earwig a beetle?

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Thank you to everyone who have sent in answers and photos.

Keep up the good work and enjoy.

Have a great week.

Take care

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