

## Bat Walk on Naphill Common - June 24<sup>th</sup> 2011

As it rained, I assumed that the bat walk would be cancelled but I went up to the Village Hall to see if anyone would turn up. In the event, the two people, Bridget Parslow and James, from the Berks and South Bucks Bat Group were there and we were joined by seven brave individuals.

After some delay, while we sheltered from the rain and admired an orphan baby pipistrelle that Bridget was caring for, we set off on a shortened walk in the drizzle. We located some common pipistrelles, a soprano pipistrelle and what was possibly a long-eared bat. The walk got only as far as the broad path and then we returned to the Village Hall by about 10 pm: wet but cheerful.

Bridget and James were very informative and enthusiastic and they felt that the Common, with all its old trees, should be rich in several bat species. They have suggested that we try again in August and are going to suggest some dates. I realised that the walk I had planned would have been too long – because of all the stops – so we will have to plan something less ambitious next time.

Trevor.