



May 2009 diary



Seven cygnets!

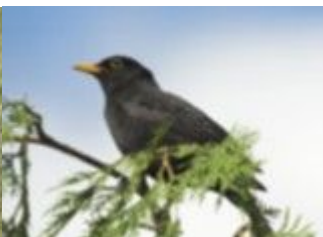
Fantastic news... our swans at Lee Moor have again produced 7 healthy cygnets on our pond; the open day will be a chance for the wider public to see them. It has been two years since we had swans hatch eggs and these are a different pair to the last ones.

Cafe launches conferences & picnic service

Sunshine makes all the difference, and to celebrate better weather The Black Olive have launched a picnic service to accompany the cafe and sandwich van - as well as doing catering at this year's Brinkburn music festival. The picnics can be taken at Lee Moor or taken off site and they are leading on three standard picnic hampers: The Farmhouse; The Rustic; and The Pukka Picnic. Lee Moor plans to set up several barbecues for the use of tenants and visitors to the site.

Chorus at Dawn

The dawn chorus on the third of May went well. Despite a bit of rain as dawn broke, a group of a dozen hardy souls ventured out to see what was there - see photos! Martin Kitching was very pleased and we plan to do a moth and bat event on the evening of the 7th June... do ring me for tickets 01665 577253.



Ministerial help to fill the bunker...

There is indeed a bunker mentality amongst politicians at the minute but Hilary Benn, the Minister in charge of Defra, helped place local wood into the woodfuel bunker - [see press release](#).

The energy for heat in the building will be coming from Lee Moor, allowing the building to be a zero emissions (ZEBRA) building.

Bong... cartoon character 28 years on

The 5th-form tuck shop was where I learnt to trade... to buy to sell... to reinvest. I discovered the cartoon again, 25 years after I'd left the school in Harrogate which I attended from age 10 to 17. Ashville College has fond memories for me and the cartoon always makes me smile. See what you think... it will be part of my [pecha kucha](#):

