

LEE'SCRATCH' MAY 2011 PERRY BRIGHTON **ON-U DUB** 

**¬**he two albums Perry made with ON U sounds twenty-ish years ago are his best work. Although completely crackers from smoking too much weed Perry managed, with the help of producer Adrian Sherwood and backing band the Dub Syndicate, to record a bunch of FX heavy, but still surprisingly catchy tunes. This concert reunites Perry with Sherwood and is part of ON U Sounds 30th birthday celebrations. It also features reggae legend Max 'War Inna Babylon' Romeo.



### **BADGER** WATCHING

 ${f B}$ adger's are notoriously difficult buggers to spot. Luckily help is at hand the wardens at Wakehurst Place (lovely garden near unlovely Haywards Heath) have organised a series of badger and kingfisher watching evenings in the Loder Valley Reserve. We are not sure why these two animals have been paired together (they both have beers named after them?) but this is sure to be a very jolly evening indeed.

www.kew.org/visitwakeshurst

# LYON'S DEN

n Alternative Natural A History of Sussex is a truly great blog written by the Sussex Wildlife Trust's ecologist Graeme Lyons. Always entertaining and informative Graeme knows more about the wildlife of Sussex than anyone we have ever met. He keeps a list of every plant and animal species he has encountered and is currently at 3422. We particualry enjoyed the recent post that encouraged his readers to guess the number of birds in a flock he had photographed. Apparently everyone always underestimates. He also has a chart that identifies birdsong in film. Batman Returns features a chiff chaff!

http://analternativenaturalhistoryofsussex. blogspot.com/

## **MORRIS DANCING**

The finest place to be at dawn on May 1st is, in our humble opinion, on top of Lodge Hill on the outskirts of Ditchling in the company of the local morris dancing troupe. The sun rises, the mists roll back to reveal the glory of the weald and the downs. Winter is over, men with bells on their ankles are dancing with hankies and we feel good. Park by the village pond and follow anyone with a beard. You will need to be there by about 5.30am.

www.ditchlingmorris.co.uk





#### **CAMP WO WO**

ocated on a farm next **⊿**to the Bluebell steam railway, twenty minutes outside Brighton, this no frills campsite stands out because it allows fires. A little tractor trundles round the site each afternoon loaded with firewood you can buy. Woo Woo is aimed at families so no loud music but if you bring an acoustic instrument and promise to play they will let you stay for free. If you want more luxury than a tent can offer yurts are available to hire.

www.wowow.co.uk

# **ODDFELLOWS**

Casino are ddfellows a wheezy folk/ electronica ensemble whose music and live performances centre around forgotten corners of England, birds, death, hauntings and stories of an old Victorian freakshow from which they take their name. Aided and abetted by guest musicians on cornet, flute, clarinet, organ, accordion and other instruments, Oddfellows Casino is the creation of singer-songwriter David Bramwell. They have, to date, recorded three studio albums, one EP and produced a short film, the Ballad of Oddfellow, directed by Toby Amies. www.myspace.com/

oddfellowscasino/

#### THE CHAP

roduced by Lewes resident Gustav Temple we love the anarcho dandvism of the Chap and live by its ten point manifesto that includes; thou shalt always wear tweed, thou shalt never fasten the lowest button on the westkit and thou shalt never wear plimsolls when not doing sport. Am I A Chap? their latest book is published at the end of May and we highly recommend it.

www.thechap.net

**SAUSAGE** 

If you ever found yourself **▲**wandering round the North Laine in need of some fast food we recommend you dip into the Brighton Sausage Co's shop (just round the corner from Kensington Gardens) and pick up a couple of their delicious sausage rolls.

**Brighton Sausage** Company, 28a Gloucester Rd, BN1 4AO

