

SPIRIT OF SUTTERBY

Spider Workshop and Hunt with Imogen Wilde

Sutterby Hunting Lodge, Sunday 5th June 2016 1400 - 1630hrs



Denise proudly shows off the latest accolade for Spirit of Sutterby

Imogen Wilde

Imogen Wilde very kindly gave up her Sunday afternoon to talk to us about SPIDERS and then take us on a spider hunt in the church and churchyard at Sutterby, where we will hopefully be able to identify more species and increase our number of finds.

SPIRIT OF SUTTERBY SPIDER WORKSHOP

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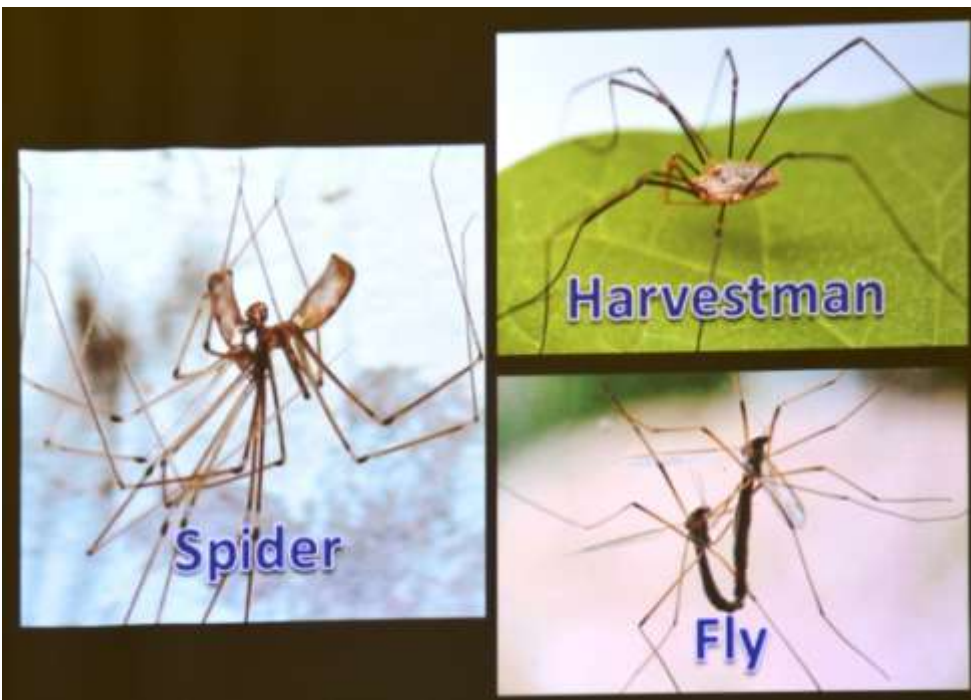
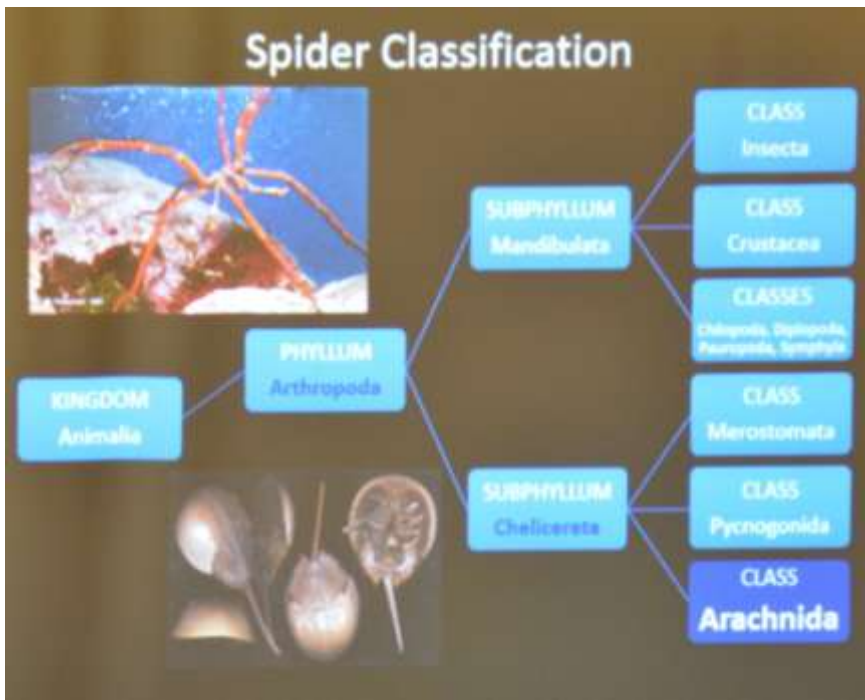
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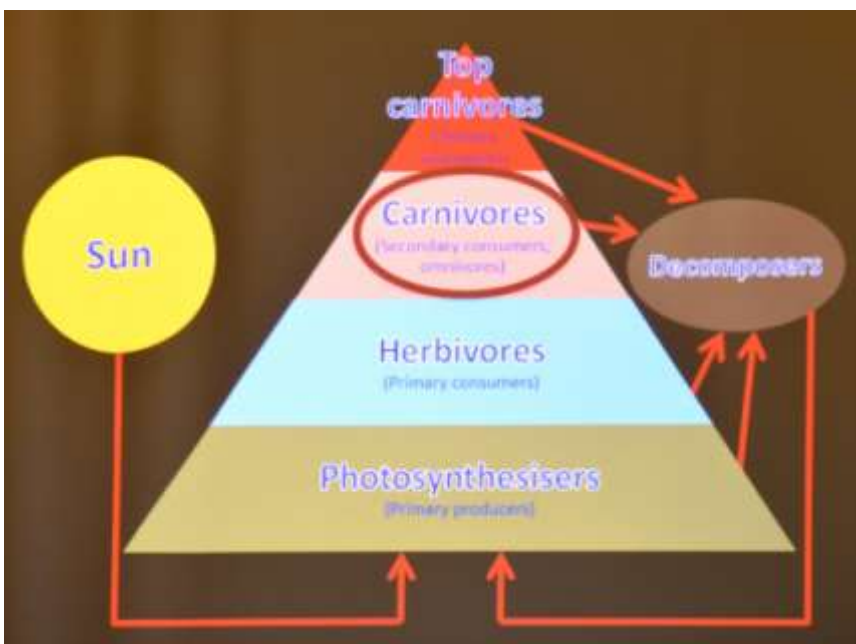
We began with the basics, what, where, how many in the UK, big, small. Always mindful of not frightening Denise too much

How many?

43,000 species worldwide

645 species in UK (33 families)





Imogen gave us many facts and figures on spiders. Where they fit in the food chain, the more common types found and where, how they can disguise themselves to their surroundings, their life cycles, how they get about. You are not even safe from spiders underwater! They can be identified by the type of web they spin.



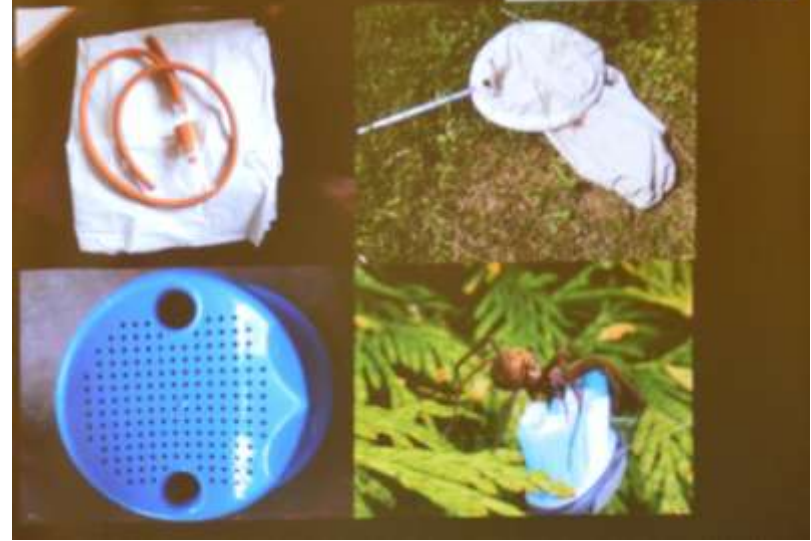
Some spiders jump, some hide from their prey, some are able to “fly”. Luckily here in the UK most spiders are harmless and many of them are very small money spiders and do not frighten Denise all that much?? They live quite happily in our houses and are often beneficial to us keeping down the fly population. (Oh yeah!!)

Health & Safety

You are responsible for your own safety!

- Trip hazards
 - Brambles
 - Uneven surfaces
- Prickly vegetation / insect stings
- Weather
- Equipment
 - Be aware of people around you

Catching spiders



Catching spiders



After our talk we girded our loins and bravely set off for the church and churchyard to begin our spider hunt. Ever mindful of the health and safety precaution armed with sweep nets, pooters and specimen jars.



I think we may be in luck, it could be that there is are a couple of spiders hard at work in here.



If spiders like long grass and thistles, and cool damp places we may find some here?





Our spider hunt was successful and we carried them back for identification.



Back for a group photograph to record the day, a cup of tea and a slice of Phil's Spider Cake. The cake although not anatomically correct and missing 6 eyes still tasted good and was enjoyed by all.





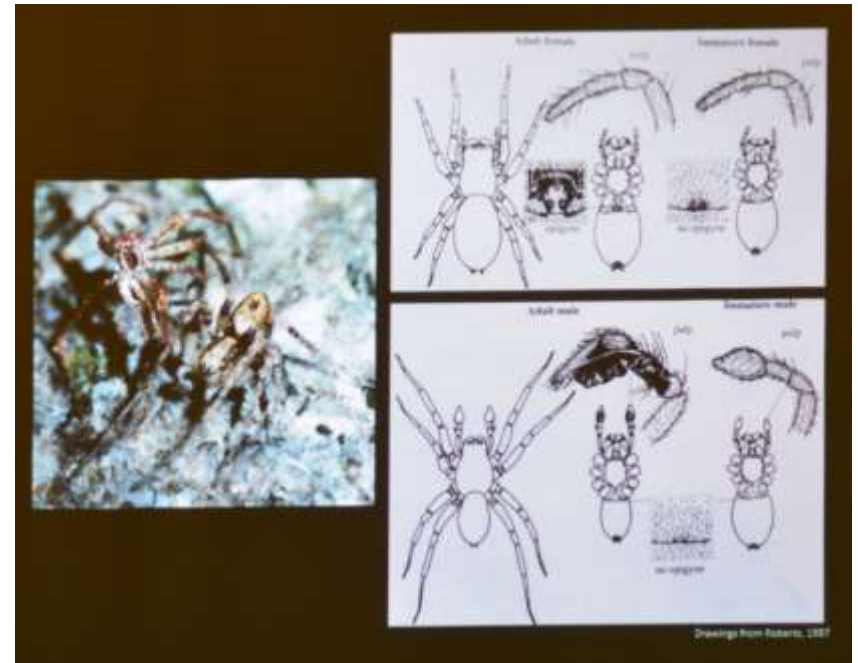
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Orb weaver from *Naritus sanctalis*,
Reproduced from Locket & Millidge

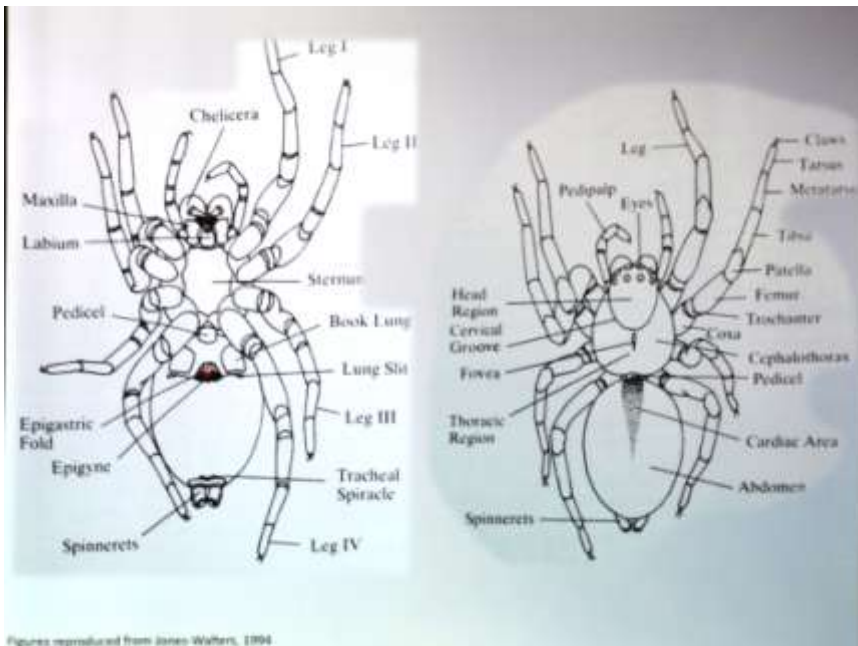


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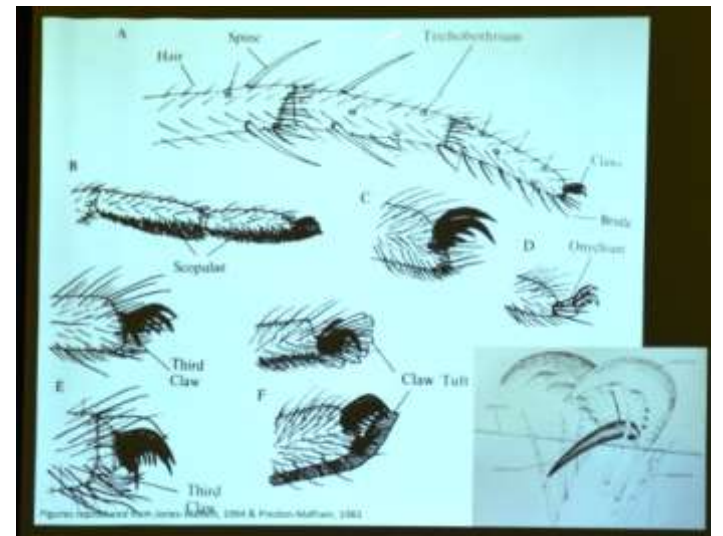
Lynx spider,
Reproduced from Roberts 1985



Drawings from Roberts, 1987

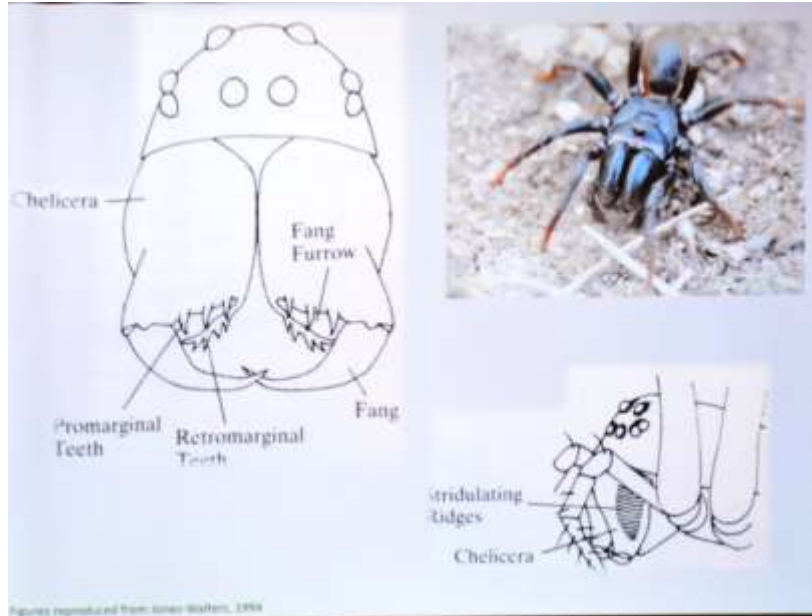


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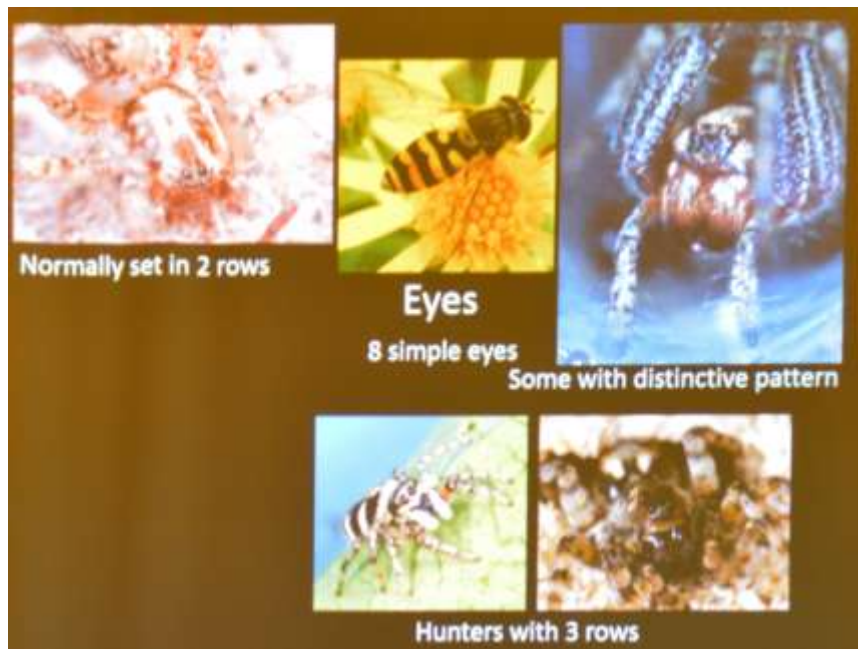
In part 2 of the talk we looked at the various parts of the spider's body to aid identification.



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Identifying spiders





Many thanks Imogen it was a most informative talk and spider hunt and we all had a great afternoon's fun.

We may still not like spiders too much, but we certainly know a lot more about them.