A walk with Fylde Naturalists on 26 June 2019

Led by Mike and Anne.

Our friendly group met up on the Banks of the River Wyre at Garstang where we were soon joined by onlookers !

It was a lovely start to the day, which ended in glorious sunshine.

We strolled past Garstang flood-gates, along the old " Pilling-Pig" line and ambled back to the Millenium Green.
We were in the shelter of the Bowland Fells .

" Wyre " probably means " winding river" from Old Welsh.

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" When the green woods laugh with the voice of joy..."
W. Blake

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Grasses :

Alopecurus pratense Meadow Foxtail
Alopecurus geniculatus Marsh Foxtail
Agrostis stolinefera Creeping Bent
Anisantha sterilis Barren Brome
Cynosurus cristatus Crested Dog's tail
Dactylis glomerata Cock's foot
Deschampsia cespitose Tufted Hair-grass
With coarse leaf when stroked towards the stem
Festuca rubra agg Red Fescue
Holcus lantus Yorkshire Fog
Holcus mollis Creeping Soft-grass
For some, this is the cause of their hay fever "ah..chew."
Hordeum distichon Two rowed Barley
Hordeum murinum Wall Barley
Lolium perenne Perennial Rye
Phleum pratense Timothy Grass
Poa annua Annual Meadow-grass
Poa pratensis Smooth Meadow-grass
Poa trivialis Rough Meadow-grass.

Juncus conglomerara Compact Rush
Juncus articulatus Jointed Rush.

" And walk among long dappled grass,
And pluck till time and times are done
The silver apples of the moon,
The golden apples of the sun". Yeats

Acer campestre Field Maple

Achille millefolium Yarrow

" Achillea" comes from "*Achilles"* who used it to staunch the wounds of his soldiers.

Alliaria petiolata Garlic Mustard

Known as " Jack by the hedge"..."Jack" meaning latrine , alluding to it's offensive smell.

Alnus glutinosa Alder

Arctium minus Lesser Burdock

Remember your Dandelion and Burdock drink ?

Bellis perennis Daisy

Betula pendula Silver Birch

Brassica napus Rape

Probably a cross between Wild Cabbage and Wild Turnip, and not considered suitable for food until a Canadian Scientist developed a variety in the 1970s.

Castanea sativa Horse Chestnut
Cardamine pratense Cuckoo flower
Cerastium holosteoides Common Mouse-ear
Centaurea nigra Knapweed
Cirsium vulgaris Spear Thistle
Crepis capillaris Smooth Hawksbeard
With flask-shaped involucre , all bracts adpressed and glandular hairy.
Corylus avellana Hazel
Crataegus laevigata Midland Hawthorn
Crataegus monogyna Hawthorn

Cytis scoparius Broom
Brome is old English for " coarse shrub"..and was used as a……!

Digitalis purpurea Foxglove
Epilobium angustifolium Rosebay Willowherb.
Introduced in the 18th Century from America where Indians used it as tobacco. Known as "fireweed" as it thrives after fire, spreading through World War 2 helped by each plant's 80,000 plumed seeds.
Equisteum sp Horsetail.
Horsetails are the basis of coal.
Filipendula ulmaria Meadowsweet
Originally called *meadwort* , it was used to flavour and sweeten mead, claret, beers and herb-teas.
Galium aparine Cleavers
Geranium urbaum Herb Bennet
Geranium pratense Meadow Cranesbill
Glebionus segetum Oxeye Dairy
Geranium urbanum Herb Bennet
Hedera helix Ivy
Hercleum sphondylium Hogweed
Hypericum sp St John's Wort sp.

Impatiens glandulifera Indian / Himalayan Balsam
Lapsana communis Nipplewort
Lathrrus pratensis Meadow Vetchling
Matricuria discordea Pineappleweed
Myosotis caespitosa Tufted Forget-me-not
Plantago major Broad leaved Plantain
Plantago lanceolata Ribwort plantain
Prunus domestica ssp italia Greengage
Stone sharply angled, flesh adherent.
Persicaria hydropipe Water Pepper
Persicaria lapthifolia Pale Persicaria
Potentilla repens Creeping Cinquefoil
Quercus petrae Sessile Oak
Ranunculus acris Meadow Buttercup
Rumex acetosa Common Sorrel
Rumex obtusifolia Broad leaved Dock
Sambucus nigra Elder
Silene dioica Red Campion
With both male and female flowers
Sisymbrium officinalis Hedge Mustard
Sonchus asper Prickly Sow-thistle
Sorbus aucuparia Rowan

Sparganium erectum
Branched Bur-reed

Sorbus sylvaticus Hedge Woundwort
Once used to staunch wounds. Crushing it's leaves releases a pungent smell...like that of old socks.
Stellaria graminae Lesser stitchwort
Stellaria media Chickweed
Taraxacum agg Dandelion
Thalapsis arvense Field Pennywort
Trifolium pratense Red Clover
Trifolium repens White Clover
Ulex europaeus Gorse
Urtica dioica Common Nettle
Vicia cracca Tufted Vetchling

" Golden lie the meadows,
Golden run the streams.." Meridith

Birds :

Blue Tit
Long Tailed Tit
Buzzard
Chaffinch
Chiffchaff
Oystercatcher
W.Pigeon
Rook
Mallard
Goldfinch
Herring Gull
Pied Wagtail

Also starring, not in order of appearance :

Nettle rust fungus *Puccinella urtica*
Gyropochrustys
Cranefly *Tipula paludosa*

Painted Lady *Vanessa cardui*
Hoverfly *Syriphidae*
White tailed bee *Bombus lucorum*
Green bottle fly *Lucilia sericata*
7 spot *Coccinella septempunctata*
14 spot *Propylea quatuordecimupunctata*
Spider Gall *Cucurvetia*
Grasshopper *Acridomorpha*
Cuckoo spit A white frothy liqiud secereted by the froghopper bug
Harlequin ladybird *Harmonia axyridis*
Dragonfly
Broad-bodied chaser *Libellula depressa*
Shield bug *Pentatomidae*
Sawfly *Symphyta*
Blue mint beetle *Chrysolna coerulans*
Gall mit *Eriophyes tilae*
Micromoth *Microlepidoptera*
Bean Gall , caused by the Oak Apple Gall Wasp *Biorrrrhiza pallida*

A lovely day was had by all.

Please excuse my typing / errors. Owen