



#### VINE HOUSE FARM SPONSORS INTERNATIONAL DAWN CHORUS DAY

**Sunday 3rd May 2009**

Vine House is proud to announce its sponsorship of International Dawn Chorus Day. We hope by sponsoring Dawn Chorus Day 2009, we can help to raise awareness of the beauty of the UK's birds, and inspire people to help protect them for years to come.

International Dawn Chorus day is an annual celebration of the beauty of birdsong: it all started in 1984 with a single event, organised by The Wildlife Trust for Birmingham and the Black Country. Since then it has grown into a truly international event with thousands of bird lovers quietly gathering at hundreds of events to hear birds greeting the sunrise.

Traditionally the British event is held on the first Sunday in May though many events do take place throughout the proceeding weeks. To find out where an early morning event is near you visit [www.idcd.info](http://www.idcd.info) There are over 200 events planned for the UK this year. Each morning the sun rises around the world facing ever more environmental challenges. Everywhere people face the problems of pollution, famine, climate change and habitat destruction. Yet each morning the birds awake and sing their songs with new enthusiasm.

International Dawn Chorus Day is an opportunity to set aside the environmental challenges we face for a few minutes. There is of course a serious message behind International Dawn Chorus Day. In the last three decades our songbirds have been in decline due to loss of habitat and intensive farming. The Skylark has fallen in number by 52%, the Corn Bunting by 84% and the Tree Sparrow by a massive 87%.

Birds can, and do, sing and make calls at all times of the year. The end of April and the beginning of May sees the dawn chorus reach its peak, as the songs of the UK's resident bird species are joined by the return of summer visitors such as Chiffchaffs and Nightingales.

For more information visit <file:///C:/Documents%20and%20Settings/Firstuser/My%20Documents/www.idcd.info> OR [www.wildlifetrusts.org/?section=events:spring:dawnchorusday](http://www.wildlifetrusts.org/?section=events:spring:dawnchorusday)

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