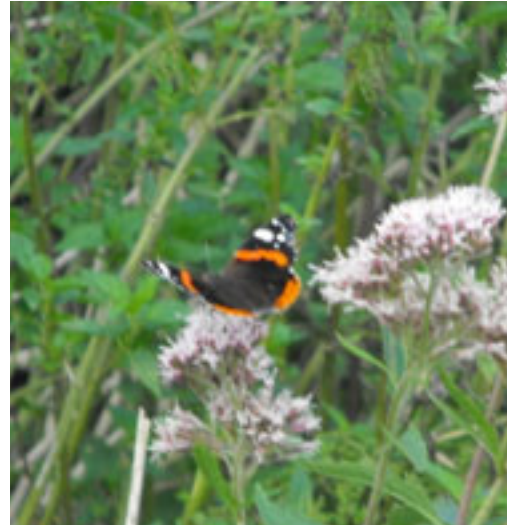


A Poem for Poland

By Nicola Morris

The summer of 2010
And I'd finished my degree,
I'd been offered a place on a EuCAN trip
So I went to improve my C.V.



We met at St Pancras station
A total of 13,
Going to work in Poland
Not a place I'd ever been.

The journey was a long one
Travelled all the way by train,
But the scenery and wildlife!
So much knowledge I could gain.



Once we'd got to Osieck
Had time to settle in,
A trip to view the site,
Then the drinking did begin!

It isn't true to say that
Everyone was ruled by beer.
BUT the general opinion was
"Let's drink it while we're here"!



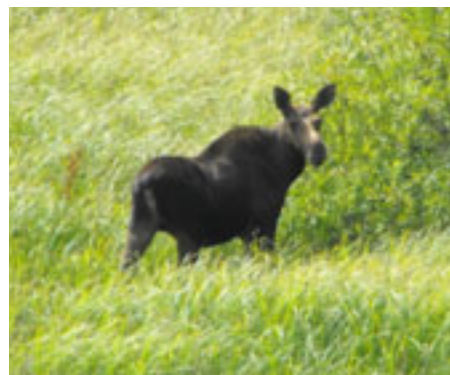
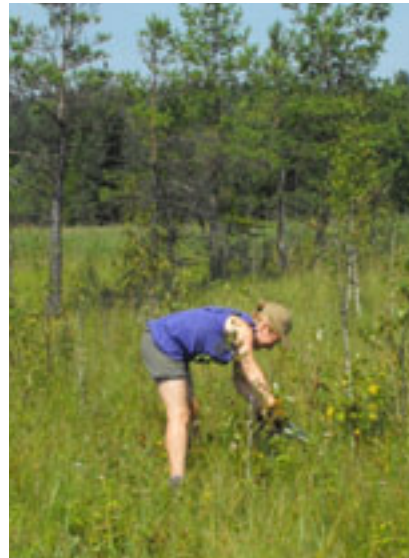
The work began the next day
Clearing fens for butterflies.
We thought the reeds would grow back
And the Willows. They will try!

But though the work was hard
And we couldn't stand the heat,
The wildlife was amazing
Very hard to beat.

Marsh harriers and cranes
And my favourite, the stork.
We saw some banded dragonflies
Whilst on a wildlife walk.

Elephant hawk moth Larvae
Pale Clouded, Common Blue,
Queen of Spain Fritillary
Silver Washed & High Brown too.

The European Elk
Was a wondrous thing to see,
Extraordinary to look at
Great to see it roaming free.



A lovely green bush cricket
Didn't seem to want to go!
Appeared to love the camera
And it put on quite a show.



With such excessive temperatures
We sometimes thought we'd bake.
To cool us & revive us
We went swimming in the lake.



It was quite an experience
I saw things I'd not before.
But one thing I've still yet to see?
I'd love to see wild boar.

With friendships made and tales to tell
We went back to the UK.
I'd love to do more travelling
But maybe not today!

