

# Juniper Green Community Council going for a walk



*Juniper Green CC are organising a Birdsong and History Walk on Saturday 5 May 2012*

On Saturday 5th May, as part of their celebrations of 100 years of Bloomiehall Park, there will be a Birdsong Recognition and History Walk along the Water of Leith Walkway, from Mutter's Bridge (on the road to Blinkbonny) to Slateford. The group will then assemble at Ruth's Kitchen in Juniper Green at 9.30 am for tea/coffee and a briefing, and stop for lunch at the Spylaw Tavern in Colinton. The walk leaders will be local birder, Richard Watt, and local historian, Liz Beevers.

*"Walking will be leisurely as we stop frequently to listen to bird songs and calls and learn to identify them, and to learn about the industrial history of our river. There are some flights of steps between Colinton and Slateford, but most of the going is easy.*

*We expect to arrive in Slateford about 3.00pm.*

*Walkers will need enough money to pay for refreshments and lunch: £15.00 should cover the cost with something to spare. Because we are walking partly to commemorate a walk along this stretch of the river on 1st May 1839 by the great American bird painter, John James Audubon and his friend, the father of Scottish ornithology, William MacGillivray, who used the opportunity to make convivial visits to public houses in Currie and Colinton, we want to make this a similar social occasion by starting in a tea room and lunching in a pub. For more information about our illustrious 19th century*

*predecessors, please visit our website,  
[www.junipergreencc.org.uk](http://www.junipergreencc.org.uk) and look at the History section."*

Places are limited to 16, so early booking is essential. To secure a place, please phone Richard Watt on 0131 538 0352