

Welcoming the chiffchaffs



I must admit I could not recognise a chiffchaff – until I looked at images on Google.

But on a run this morning near Combe Farm, just on the Mayfield/Wadhurst parish boundary, I saw a twitcher looking through binoculars. As I passed him I asked if he had seen anything interesting.

He replied that he had just seen the first chiffchaff of the spring. The tiny bird, the size of a 50p piece, had migrated back from Africa, and was now enjoying (we hope) a bit of English sunshine.

A real sign that spring has arrived.