

INDOOR PROGRAMME 2019 – 2020

Thursday 19 September 2019

The Birds of the Camargue – *Jonathan Forgham*
Jonathan will show us all the “hot spots” within the whole National Park and the wide variety of birds found there.

Thursday 17 October 2019

Around the Bottom of the Earth – *Colin Humphrey*
Colin makes a welcome return with a journey around Chile, Cape Horn, the Falklands, Argentina, Uruguay and back home, with plenty of birds and marine creatures to see on the way.

Thursday 21 November 2019

Madagascar – Land of the lemurs – *Dr Peter Gasson*
Madagascar specialises in endemic species, birds, mammals and plants. Rainforests, spiny forests, mangrove swamps and arid wastelands all have their specialities.

Thursday 5 December 2019

Social Evening, with light refreshments and raffle
Quizzes and talks on local wildlife projects. No booking required, usual entrance fee. Come and join us!

Thursday 16 January 2020

Otmoor – A wetland rediscovered – *David Wilding*
How the RSPB has created a wetland oasis for wildlife in the heart of England. Reed beds galore, bitterns, wildfowl, waders in large numbers, warblers and even breeding turtle doves.

Thursday 20 February 2020

California from North to South – *Barry Oxley*
Barry is back – this time in California. Giant redwoods, Monterey and its sea life, the Yosemite National Park, the deserts of the south and, of course, Hollywood will all feature.

Thursday 19 March 2020

The Birds and the Bees – *Andy Sands*
Andy returns to showcase his remarkable talent to photograph birds. He will also try to convince us that actually bees are more interesting than birds.

Thursday 16 April 2020

The Birds and Wildlife of Guyana – *Chris Collins*
Guyana is rarely visited by wildlife watchers yet it is a gem for birdwatchers with ant birds, toucans, macaw, majestic harpy eagle, the very rare sun parakeet and giant anteaters.

Thursday 21 May 2020

AGM (no entrance fee). A brief business meeting, then – 60 years a birder! Our own Ian Paine shows how things have changed in birding from developments in equipment, common birds that are now rare, to rare birds that are now easy to see.

Details of these talks and presenters are on our website.

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Saturday 14 September 2019

Coach trip to Fingringhoe Wick and Abberton reservoir. £25 including entrance donations. Two top wetland reserves, vast flocks of geese, ducks and waders. Good chance of rarities such as marsh and hen harriers. 78 species seen on our last visit.

Wednesday 25 September 2019

Ockwells park/Thrift wood, Maidenhead, Berks SL6 3YX
Meet at 9.30am in the car park. Our first visit to Maidenhead's new nature reserve. Woodland, stream, meadow and copses.

Sunday 6 October 2019

Farmoor reservoir, Oxon 400 metres north of OX2 9NU
Meet at 9.30am, gate 3 car park (£2), off the B4017. Popular birdwatching site, due to its impressive list of rarities.

Friday 18 October to Monday 21 October 2019

Long weekend to Gibraltar Point, Skegness, Lincs.
Costs - single £80, twin £110 per night half board, deposit £30, pay balance on arrival. Good weekend to see 100 bird species. To reserve your place - Contact Brian Reeve. (01628 680810)

Wednesday 6 November 2019

Dinton Pastures and Lavell's Lake, Berks RG10 0TR
Meet at 9.30am in the Wheelwrights Arms car park, off Little Hill Road. Country park and old gravel pits by the river Loddon.

Saturday 23 November 2019

Keyhaven and Pennington marshes, Hants S041 0TP
Meet at 9.30am in the public car park opposite the Gun Inn, Keyhaven Road. One of the best places for waders, geese, turnstones, ravens, plovers and maybe Dartford warblers.

Wednesday 11 December 2019

Windsor Great Park, Berks SL4 2JA
Meet at 9.30am in Rangers Gate car park off the A332.

Wednesday 1 January 2020

Little Marlow gravel pits, Bucks SL8 5PT
Meet at 10am in the Spade Oak car park for our traditional and popular New Year's morning walk.

Saturday 18 January 2020

Moor Green Lakes reserve, Berks RG40 3TJ
Meet at 9.30am in the enlarged car park, Lower Sandhurst Road. Expect to see about 50-60 species at these former gravel pits.

Sunday 9 February 2020

Coach trip to RSPB Arne, Dorset. £25
Open heathland and old oak woodland reserve on Poole harbour. Always good for spoonbills, Dartford warblers and waders.

For more details and maps see our website
www.eastberksrspb.org.uk

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Wednesday 26 February 2020

Bury Down, Oxon RG20 7AZ
Meet at 9.30am in the Ridgeway car park on the west side of Bury Lane, north of West Ilsley. For downland specialities.

Wednesday 11 March 2020

Dorney Wetlands and Jubilee River, Berks SL4 6QT
Meet at 9.30am in the car park off Lake End Road. Ducks and passerines, perhaps water rails, snipe, golden plovers.

Sunday 22 March 2020

Farlington Marshes, Langstone harbour, Hants P06 1SR
Meet at 9.30am in car park, entered from roundabout at A27 and Eastern Road. A grazing marsh that is good for wildfowl, raptors and up to 20 species of waders.

Wednesday 8 April 2020

Ivinghoe Beacon/Steps Hill, Bucks near LU7 9EL
Meet at 9.30am in the main Ivinghoe Beacon National Trust Car Park on Beacon Road, 51.8338N 0.6030W OS SP963160, signposted off the B489 when one mile north-west of Ivinghoe. Hoping to see ring ouzels, wheatears and corn buntings.

Friday 24 April to Sunday 26 April 2020

Long weekend to Devon.
Hoping to go to Seaton wetlands on the River Axe then to reserves on the River Exe and surrounding area. More details to follow on website - Contact Brian Reeve. (01628 680810)

Saturday 9 May 2020

Otmoor RSPB reserve, Oxon OX3 9TD
Meet at 9.30am in the car park at the far end of Otmoor Lane. Reedbeds and wet meadows. We hope to see turtle doves, cuckoos, hobbies, cranes, harriers and warblers.

Saturday 16 May 2020

Coach trip to Minsmere RSPB, Norfolk. £25
The flagship reserve on the Suffolk coast for bearded tits, bitterns, marsh harriers, wildfowl, waders and sea-watching.

Sunday 31 May 2020

Little Marlow gravel pits, Bucks, SL8 5PT
Meet at 9.30am in the Spade Oak car park. Return visit in spring to see warblers, waders and terns.

Saturday 13 June 2020

Greenham Common BBOWT, Berks RG19 8DB
Meet at 9.30am in the control tower café car park. Hope to see stonechats, pipits, Dartford warblers and many more.

Friday 3 July 2020

Wishmoor / Swinley forest, Surrey GU15 4NG
Meet at 8pm at access point along Kings Ride. Evening meeting for woodland birds, woodcocks and nightjars.