

INDOOR PROGRAMME 2020 – 2021

Thursday 17 September 2020

A trip to the Chinese province of Sichuan – *Ken Panchen*
Birds (including spectacular pheasants), terrain and culture feature on a trip through the lowlands, Himalayan foothills and the Tibetan Plateau of this large province of China.

Thursday 15 October 2020

Birds of Southern Portugal – *Jonathan Forgham*
Portugal is a “first” for the group and this talk features many birds rarely or never seen in the UK. Unfortunately we cannot sample the wonderful food and wine we also hear about!

Thursday 19 November 2020

Isles of Scilly – *Andrew Cleave*
This talk will encompass rare migrants and resident species of birds as well as moths, butterflies, insects and marine life. Expect the unexpected when in the Scillies so if you want to see UK rarities this is the meeting!

Thursday 21 January 2021

Gulf of Guinea – *Andy Warren*
The islands in the Gulf of Guinea, often referred to as “Africa’s Galapagos”, is a new area for our group and the talk highlights endemic species and subspecies found here. Island endemics are usually fascinating.

Thursday 18 February 2021

Lesvos – Jewel in the Aegean – *Neil Gartshore*
The Greek island of Lesvos provides a feast of birds, some resident island specialities and many migrants during the April/May migration window. Could Lesvos be your next spring holiday destination?

Thursday 18 March 2021

Raptors of the UK – *Mary Braddock*
Mary reviews UK raptors, resident and migrants, along with their prey, habitats, how to identify them and what challenges they currently face.

Thursday 15 April 2021

Ecology in an Urban Environment – *Prof Mark Fellowes*
This presentation focuses on urban ecology, the consequences of garden feeding (including the common practice of feeding red kites), cat predation and the impact of urbanisation on distribution and abundance of species.

Thursday 20 May 2021

AGM (no entrance fee). A brief business meeting then a talk by *Brian Clews* on The Rarer Birds of Berkshire. This will feature local birding sites both well known and not so well known and some of the scarcer species visiting them.

Details of these talks and presenters are on our website.

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Sunday 6 September 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.

Wednesday 23 September 2020

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.

Friday 9 October to Monday 12 October 2020

Long weekend to Gibraltar Point, Skegness, Lincs.
Costs - single £83; twin £113 per night half board. Book through The Crown Hotel 01754 610760 mentioning RSPB East Berks when booking. Good weekend to see about 100 bird species.

Saturday 24 October 2020

Tring reservoirs, Herts HP23 4LJ
Meet at 9.30am in Startops End car park, off the B489. This is one of the best bird watching areas in the southeast.

Wednesday 11 November 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 rail, snipe, kingfisher.

Sunday 22 November 2020

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 2 December 2020

Burnham Beeches, Bucks SL2 3PS
Meet at 9.30am in car park in Lord Mayors Drive, Farnham Common. Ancient woodland, pasture, ponds and stream. Hope to see woodpecker, nuthatch, treecreeper and mandarin duck.

Friday 1 January 2021

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

Wednesday 13 January 2021

Moor Green Lakes reserve, Berks RG40 3TJ
Meet at 9.30am in the enlarged car park, Lower Sandhurst Road. Expect to see about 45-50 species at these former gravel pits.

Sunday 7 February 2021

Coach trip to RSPB Rainham Marshes, Essex. £25
Part of the Thames Estuary, it is a haven for all kinds of wildlife including raptors, stonechats, short-eared owls and many more.

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

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Wednesday 24 February 2021

Nature Discovery Centre, Thatcham, Berks RG19 3FU
Meet at 9.30am in the car park off Lower Way. Reedbeds, flooded gravel pits, River Kennet and a visit to Lower Farm.

Saturday 6 March 2021

Blashford Lakes, New Forest, Hants BH24 3PJ
Meet at 9.30am in the car park off Ellingham Drive. Many acres of grassland and woodland, surrounding former gravel pits. Six hides, ten lakes, footpaths, 5,000 wildfowl.

Wednesday 17 March 2021

Greenham Common BBOWT, Berks RG19 8DB
Meet at 9.30am in the control tower car park. The largest open heath in Berkshire. We hope to see stonechat, pipit, Dartford warbler and many others.

Wednesday 14 April 2021

Aston Rowant NNR, Oxon OX49 5HX
Meet at 9.30am in Cowleaze Wood car park, off the B4009. Chalk downland and beech woodland. Look for goldcrest, nuthatch and ring ouzel on the downs.

Saturday 24 April 2021

RSPB Pulborough Brooks, Sussex RH20 2EL
Meet at 9.30am in the car park. Mainly wet marshland with woodland scrub. Warblers, cuckoo, nightingale possible.

Saturday 8 May 2021

Coach trip to RSPB Dungeness, Kent. £25
A dry shingle beach jutting out into the channel at Britain’s most south easterly point. Good for gulls, terns and waders.

Saturday 15 May 2021

RSPB Otmoor 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 dove, cuckoo, hobby, crane, harriers and grasshopper warbler.

Wednesday 9 June 2021

College Lake, Bucks HP23 5QG
Meet at 9.30am in the College Lake car park off B488. This former chalk quarry is now one of BBOWT’s flagship reserves. Hope to see waders, hobby, little ringed plover and warblers.

Wednesday 16 June 2021

Berkshire Downs, Berks near RG8 9TX
Meet at 9.30am, park on verge 150 metres past RG8 9TX near Starveall. Raptors, yellowhammer and corn bunting.

Friday 9 July 2021

Wishmoor / Swinley Forest, Surrey GU15 4NG
Meet at 8pm at access point along Kings Ride. Evening meeting for woodlark, stonechat, woodcock and nightjar.