

## INDOOR MEETINGS

### VENUE

All meetings will be held in Maulden Village Hall, at the junction of Amphill and Flitwick Road, Maulden MK45 2DN (TL 049381), commencing at 8.00pm sharp (except the AGM which starts at 7.45pm). Doors open 7.30pm. Refreshments will be available. Visitors are always welcome.

### TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

To celebrate the Club's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary we present 'Birds of Prey' by Iolo Williams.

**Admission by ticket only.** See website for details.

### TUESDAY 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER

'The Complete Owl' by Dr Michael Leach, Professional wildlife photographer, revealing the life of our resident British Owls including dramatic high-speed in flight photography.

### TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

'Swifts - the one bird we can all help' by Edward Mayer, Swift Conservation. Following his last visit in 2007, Edward will update us on the latest ways we can help this iconic species.

### TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

'The Birding Year – 2017' by Richard Bashford. A review of the birds recorded in Bedfordshire on video by our own photographers. DVDs will be available to purchase but seasonal refreshments will be free.

### TUESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

'The Magic of Spurn' by Lizzie Bruce, FSBO Committee Member. Find out why Spurn Bird Observatory claims to be the UK's mainland migration hotspot.

### TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY starting at 7.45pm

Bird Club AGM followed by 'The IUCN Red List of Birds' by Dr Ian Burfield, Global Science Coordinator, Birdlife International.

### TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH

'Reclaiming South Georgia' by Prof Tony Martin, Team Leader of the 6 year programme to eradicate rats on this UK Overseas Territory.

## FIELD MEETINGS AND EVENTS

### SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

Wells Woods & North Norfolk coast for autumn migrating birds. Meet in the Beach Rd car park, NR23 1DR (TF914454), at 9.00am.

Leader: Kevin Sharpe

### SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

Willow Tree Fen & Deepings Lakes plus Deeping High Banks, Lincs WT, for wintering wildfowl. Meet in car park of Counter Drain Drove, PE11 3JH (TF181213), at 9.00am.

Leader: Kevin Sharpe

### SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER

Morning walk round East Beds area for wintering species. Park and meet at Henlow Bridge Lakes, (TL188379), at 8.30am.

Leader: Greg Nunn

### CHRISTMAS DAY to NEW YEAR'S EVE

The Great Christmas Bird Hunt. See Bird Club website for details.

Organiser: Andy Banthorpe

### SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

Rutland Water, Leicestershire, for wintering wildfowl. Meet in the Egleton Reserve car park, LE15 8BT (SK878073), at 9.00am.

Leader: Sheila Alliez

### WEEKEND 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY

The Great Duck Hunt, our annual countywide census of wildfowl. See Bird Club website for details.

Organiser: Steve Blain

### SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

Titchwell in the morning; afternoon at Snettisham RSPB, for wintering birds and high tide wader roost.

Meet in Titchwell car park, PE31 8BB (TF750438), at 9.00am.

Leader: Peter Soper

### SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

A morning walk to Harrold-Odell CP for local wildfowl. Meet in the car park on Carlton Road, Harrold, MK43 7DS (SP957567), at 8.30am.

Leader: Richard Bashford

### SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> MARCH

Rye Harbour & Pett Levels, E. Sussex for early spring and late winter migrants. Meet in car park on Rye Harbour Rd, TN31 7TX (TQ942189), at 9.00am.

Leader: Carolyn & Malcolm Hawkes

### SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> APRIL

Morning walk over Pegsdon Hills for spring migrants. Park and meet in car park of Live and Let Live Inn, Pegsdon, (TL121303), at 8.00am. Finish around 11.00am.

Leader: Jon Palmer

### SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> APRIL

Early morning birding around Broom Gravel Pits for spring migrants. Park and meet at end of Kings Road, off High Street, Broom, (TL172433), at 7.00am. Finish by 12.00 noon.

Leader: Stefan Baltruschat

### SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MAY

Minsmere RSPB, Suffolk, for summer marsh and reedbed breeding birds. Meet in reserve car park, (TM472672), at 9.00am.

Leader: Pete Marshall

*All meetings are suitable for beginners and experienced birdwatchers alike.*

*The Dunstable Sewage Treatment Works will be open to all members on the first Sunday of each month between 8.00am and noon except for November to February inclusive when it will open at 9.00am. Park in Birdwatchers' car park inside the main gate off Thorn Road TL003243. To contact the Leader Warden Team, Mike Jones, call 01525 874525.*

*To contact the Honorary Warden of East Hyde Wader Scrape, Allan Cutts, call 01582 412135 or e-mail allan@cutts6.freereserve.co.uk*

*Contact Kevin Sharpe (07827 440394) if lifts are required or with any queries regarding the programme.*

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