

## INDOOR MEETINGS

### VENUE

*All meetings will be held in Maulden Village Hall, at the junction of Ampthill 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 24th SEPTEMBER

Jonathan Forgham - The Road to Hel. Birding the Polish Baltic Coast.

### TUESDAY 29th OCTOBER

Saffron Summerfield - Why birds sing.

### TUESDAY 26th NOVEMBER

David Darrel-Lambert - Birdwatching in London. Why our capital city is so good for birds, and how it boasts such an amazing range of habitats.

### TUESDAY 17th DECEMBER

Richard Bashford - Review of the Year

### TUESDAY 28th JANUARY

TV presenter Mike Dilger provides an insight into the creation of Argentina's newest national park - Mar Chiquita, which plays host to all three species of South American Flamingo and thousands of migratory waterbirds.

### TUESDAY 25th FEBRUARY – starting at 7.45pm

Bird Club AGM followed by:

Mark Ward - A light-hearted look at pan-species listing.  
Mosses to Mice. Birds to Bryophytes. It's all there, waiting for us to record it!

### TUESDAY 31st MARCH

Dr Michael Brooke - Far from land. The mysterious lives of seabirds.

## FIELD MEETINGS AND EVENTS

### SUNDAY 8th SEPTEMBER

A trip to Frampton Marsh RSPB Reserves, Lincolnshire, for a variety of wader species. Meet in car park off Frampton Roads, Frampton, Boston PE20 1AY (TF356392) at 9.00am. Leaders: Carolyn & Malcolm Hawkes

### SUNDAY 13th OCTOBER

Day trip to Landguard Point and Trimley Marshes, Suffolk for migrating birds. Meet in Viewpoint car park, at end of Viewpoint Road, Landguard Point, Felixstowe IP11 3TW (TM283317) at 9.00am. Leader: John Tomlin

### SUNDAY 17th NOVEMBER

Trip to Welney and Burwell Fen for wildfowl and other wetland species. Meet at WWT Welney Reserve car park, Hundred Foot Bank, Welney, Nr. Wisbech, PE14 9TN (TL547944) at 10.00am. Admission fees apply. Leader: Kevin Sharpe

### SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER

A morning walk around Stewartby Lake. Meet in the car park off Bedford Road in the layby (TL001426) at 9.00am for a 2 - 3 hour walk. Leader: Peter Marshall

### CHRISTMAS EVE TO NEW YEAR'S EVE

The Great Christmas Bird Hunt. See Bird Club website for details. Organiser: Andy Banthorpe

### SUNDAY 12th JANUARY 2020

All day visit to East Norfolk for wintering specialities. Meet in Strumpshaw Fen RSPB reserve car park, Low Road, Strumpshaw, Norwich NR13 4HS (TG342006) at 9.00am. Leaders: Carolyn & Malcolm Hawkes

### SUNDAY 9th FEBRUARY

A Day Trip to Abberton Reservoir and the Essex Marshes. Meet on the causeway at Layer Breton, Colchester, CO2 0PU (TL950167) at 9.00am. Looking for winter birds. Leader: Kevin Sharpe

### SUNDAY 23rd FEBRUARY

Morning walk around RSPB Sandy Lodge Reserve for a variety of birds. Meet in the gatehouse car park, SG19 2DL (TL191486) at 9.30am. Leader: Sheila Alliez

### SUNDAY 22nd MARCH

Trip to the North Norfolk coast, for late wintering and early migrant birds. Meet in the Car Park at Titchwell RSPB, PE31 8BB (TF750438) at 9.00am. Leader: Kevin Sharpe

### SUNDAY 19th 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 26th 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 11.00am. Leader: Stefan Baltruschat

### SATURDAY 2nd MAY

10 x 10 Challenge. See Bird Club website for details of how to join in the fun. Organiser: Steve Blain

### SUNDAY 3rd MAY

Dawn Chorus at Priory Country Park. A joint Meeting with The Bedford RSPB Group. Meet at 5.00am in Priory Car Park (TL072493) followed by a Breakfast in the local Toby Carvery. Leader: Peter Marshall

### SUNDAY 10th MAY

Day visit to Potteric Carr YWT Reserve and Area. An exceptional wetland site for a good variety of species. Admission charge applies unless you have any Wildlife Trust membership card is presented. Meet in reserve car park, off Mallard Way, Doncaster, South Yorkshire, DN4 8DB, (SE589007), at 9.00am. Leader: Kevin Sharpe

*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.freeserve.co.uk*

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