

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 25th SEPTEMBER

'Birding in Paradise'. A travelogue from club member and keen traveller, Martin Palmer. Join Martin as he takes us on a journey through Trinidad & Tobago.

TUESDAY 30th OCTOBER

Gary Prescott. Green Birding and the Biking Birder Adventure. Gary will talk about Green Birding, what it is, who does it and why. He will then explore the Three UK Biking Birder years and finally his most recent challenge entitled Peru Adventure.

TUESDAY 27th NOVEMBER

The detailed study of nocturnal migration has only come into focus in the last few years. Dr Simon Gillings, Head of Population Ecology and Modelling at the BTO, joins us to explain more about this fascinating aspect of bird behaviour.

TUESDAY 18th DECEMBER

Join Richard Bashford for this festive and light-hearted evening, as he looks back over the birding year in the county with his now famous film depicting the highlights of the year.

TUESDAY 29th JANUARY

Sun, sand and...scarce migrants! Nick Moran spent 5 years living and birding in southern Arabia and will take us on a season-by-season virtual tour of this fascinating region.

TUESDAY 26th FEBRUARY – starting at 7.45pm

Bird Club AGM followed by:
Blakeney Point is probably the most exciting venue in Norfolk to bird watch during Spring and Autumn, plus breeding terns in Summer. Paul Laurie has been studying and photographing birds for 46 years the last 20 at Blakeney.

TUESDAY 26th MARCH

Join us for a thought provoking evening as our speakers, Dr Rob Lambert and Lucy McRobert ask 'What have Ospreys ever done for us?'

FIELD MEETINGS AND EVENTS

SUNDAY 14th OCTOBER

Isle Of Thanet Area and Oare Marshes, Kent, for passage migrants and local specialised birds. Meet in Car Park on Palm Bay Road, Margate, CT9 3PP, (TR379712), at 9.00am.
Leader: Kevin Sharpe

SUNDAY 11th NOVEMBER

A Visit to RSPB Pulborough Brooks in West Sussex for early wintering wildfowl. Meet in car park on the reserve at Wiggonholt, Pulborough, RH20 2EL off the A283 (TQ058164) at 9.00am.
Leader: Kevin Sharpe

SUNDAY 9th DECEMBER

Morning birding around Stockgrove and Rushmere Country Parks, Heath and Reach, for a good variety of woodland birds. Meet in Stockgrove car park, SP920293, at 9.00am. Parking £3 (coins). (BNHS Joint Meeting).
Leader: Sheila Alliez

CHRISTMAS DAY to NEW YEAR'S EVE

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

SUNDAY 13th JANUARY 2019

Rye House Marsh and Amwell Pits. Trip to Hertfordshire for wintering Birds. Meet in the RSPB car park at Rye House Marsh, Rye Rd, Hertfordshire SG12 8JS, (TL389103), at 9.00am.
Leader: John Tomlin

WEEKEND 19th/20th JANUARY

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

SUNDAY 10th FEBRUARY

Day trip to Wallasea Island RSPB & Hanningfield Res, Essex, for wintering wildfowl and waders. Meet in the car park at the end of Creeksea Ferry Rd, Rochford, SS4 2HD (TQ945946) at 9.00am.
Leader: Kevin Sharpe

SUNDAY 3rd MARCH

Morning walk around Priory Country Park, Bedford, including Meadow Lane for mainly resident and wintering birds. Meet outside the visitors centre, TL072494, at 8.30am (BNHS Joint Meeting).
Leader: Peter Marshall

SUNDAY 24th MARCH

The Brecklands - visiting Cavenham Heath & RSPB Lakenheath, looking for local specialities. A joint meeting with The Bedford RSPB Group. Meet in the lay-by of the A1065 just past the A11 Barton Mills Roundabout, IP28 6AE, (TL728743) at 8.30am.
Leader: Kevin Sharpe

SUNDAY 14th 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 (BNHS Joint Meeting).
Leader: Jon Palmer

SUNDAY 28th 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 (BNHS Joint Meeting).
Leader: Stefan Baltruschat

SUNDAY 5th MAY

Dawn Chorus at Priory Country Park. A joint Meeting with The Bedford RSPB Group. Meet at 5.00am in Priory Car Park.
Leader: Peter Marshall

SUNDAY 12th MAY

RSPB Dearne Valley, South Yorkshire, for passage migrant and local Breeding Birds. Meet in the car park at Old Moor, Old Moor Lane, Wombwell, Bolton upon Dearne, Barnsley S73 0YF (SE422022 at 9.00am).
Leaders: Carolyn & Malcolm Hawkes

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.freemove.co.uk

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