

Meetings Programme

Held via Zoom or in Maulden Village Hall.

Zoom links and instructions will be sent out by email prior to the meetings which will begin at 8.00.

Maulden Village Hall is at the junction of Ampthill and Flitwick Road, Maulden MK45 2DN (TL049381). Doors open at 7.30 and both meetings on this programme will begin at 7.45.

Tuesday 27 September, 8pm, Zoom

Dr Tim Mackrill: The Return of the White-tailed Eagle. Dr Tim Mackrill of the Roy Dennis Wildlife Foundation will describe ongoing efforts to restore White-tailed Eagles to England through the reintroduction project based on the Isle of Wight.

Tuesday 25 October, 7.45pm, Maulden Village Hall

Conor Jamieson: Birdman from the Pampas - The story of W H Hudson (1841-1922) W H Hudson was an unschooled, impoverished, battle-scarred immigrant who came to be influential in the creation of the RSPB by its founding women, and in the rise of the modern-day conservation movement.

29 November, 8pm Zoom

Brian Eversham. Climate Change and Local Wildlife. Brian will talk on how climate change has affected local wildlife, focusing particularly on birds. Brian has been the CEO of the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire for the past 14 years, and was conservation director before that. He will be sharing with us his extensive personal and professional experience of impacts of global changes on a scale local to us.

20 December, 8pm, Zoom

Andy Bloomfield: Holkham and its Spoonbills. Holkham born and bred, Andy Bloomfield, Senior Warden, shares the extraordinary story of the Spoonbills on the Holkham National Nature Reserve. Learn about their recent colonisation of the reserve, and the efforts the team makes to maintain a growing population.

24 January 2023, 8pm, Zoom

Dr Alex Lees: Vagrancy in Birds Dr Alexander Lees is Reader in Biodiversity at Manchester Metropolitan University and a research associate of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Cornell University, USA. He recently published his first book 'Vagrancy in Birds' written with James Gilroy, the culmination of a lifelong obsession with understanding avian vagrancy.

28 February, 7.45pm, Maulden Village Hall

AGM and Richard Bashford's Review of the Year. Break out the popcorn and shake off those winter blues! Join us as we go to the movies for the always entertaining review of the year through the eyes of members' video and photographs, seamlessly edited into a very enjoyable movie by our very own Richard Bashford.

14 March, 8pm, Zoom

Dr Sam Franks BTO: Working towards a brighter future for waders. Sam's interests focus on exploring how our changing environment is influencing bird populations. After several years working in the Alaskan Arctic, she joined BTO in 2013 and is leading elements of the BTO's breeding wader research, with a particular focus on Curlew. Her talk will cover the causes of Curlew declines, and how BTO's research on Curlew and other waders is contributing to informing the future of wader conservation in the UK.

Field Trips

We do not run a booking system for our Field Trips, just come along, but please keep an eye your emails in case, in exceptional circumstances, we have to make a last-minute cancellation.

Sunday 11 September

RSPB FRAMPTON MARSH — led by Malcolm & Carolyn Hawkes

Roads Farmhouse, Frampton Roads, Frampton, Boston, Lincolnshire PE20 1AY (Grid ref: TF 356 392) – What3Words: [left.linguists.these](#) **Meet in the main car park at 9:00am.**

Saturday 8 October

RSPB THE LODGE RESERVE - led by Peter Bradley Senior Sites Manager, Lodge and Fowlmere

Potton Rd, Sandy SG19 2DL (Grid ref: TL 191 485 – What3Words: [factor.grasp.employers](#)) **Meet in the picnic areas near the car park** for a 2-hour walk beginning at 11.00.

Saturday 12th November

POPPY HILL LANGFORD — led by Greg Nunn Morning walk to look for farmland birds, starting at 8:30am. Meet Gardeners Lane car park, Henlow, SG16 6DJ; TL 179 389; Parking: [///clauses.sideline.estimates](#)

21st Annual Christmas Bird Hunt

The quick rules are that birds must be seen (or heard) in Bedfordshire between 00:00 on 25/12/2022 and 24:00 on 31/12/2022. In 2020 we found 115 species and in 2021 we found 113 species giving an average over the 20 years of 112.25. The full list of species seen will be on the dedicated page on the bird club website and daily updates will be posted on the bedbirds email group.

Sunday 12th February

MAULDEN WOOD – led by Terry Osborn

Meet 9.00, lay-by off north-bound carriageway 1.3 miles North of Clophill roundabout on the A6
Car park entrance: TL 0726 3941
What3Words: ///guarded.looms.engine
Parking in lay-by or in Greensand Ridge Car Park on right, £1

Saturday 11th March

Rutland Water Birdwatching Centre

Day trip, led by Sheila Alliez

Meet at 9.00 at: Anglian Water Birdwatching Centre, Egleton, Oakham, LE15 8BT, SK 878 073
Parking and entry permits to be purchased from the Centre, toilets, snacks and drinks available, packed lunch suggested.

All meetings are suitable for beginners and experienced birdwatchers alike.

Dunstable Sewage Treatment Works

Pedestrian access remains for approved keyholders. To contact the Leader of the Warden Team, Mike Jones, call 01525 874525

East Hyde Wader Scrape

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