



- January 3, 7.30 pm (VAR)**      **Biodiversity – Our Natural Partner**  
Chris Gerrard of *Anglian Water*.
- January 8, 10.30 am**      **FINESHADE WOOD – A New Year Walk**  
RNHS led, meet in car park.
- February 7, 7.30 pm (VAR)**      **Dragonflies**  
A talk by Mick Parfitt and Henry Curry of the *British Dragonfly Society*, Wicken Fen.
- February 12, 10.30 am**      **Life on FRAMPTON MARSH (RSPB)**  
Peter Scott leads this walk at 'one of the premier birding sites on the east coast', suitable clothing essential. Non-members suggested £2 donation. Meet outside Visitor Centre, PE20 1AY; TF 356 392. Queries: Peter Scott, 07535 508932.
- March 5, 10.30 am**      **A walk at EYEBROOK RESERVOIR**  
With Peter Scott and the *EBR Wildlife Group*. Meet in the EBR car park at the bottom of the hill from Stoke Dry. Queries: Peter Scott, 07535 508 932.
- March 7, 7.30 pm (VAR)**      **AGM, followed by A Year At Ketton Quarry**  
A short AGM, followed by Jenny Harris on Ketton Quarry, photos Dave Needham.
- April 4, 7.30 pm (VAR)**      **The Great Fen Project**  
A talk by Henry Stanier, the *Great Fen Ecology and Recording Officer*. This is one of the most important restoration projects in Europe.
- April 30, 9.30 am**      **BURLEY WOOD – Springtime Walk**  
Note early start time. Phil Rudkin leads. Suitable footwear needed. Bring membership card. Meet at the entrance gate on the A606, park with care on the verge. Grid ref: SK 892 093. Queries: Phil Rudkin, 01780 762998.
- May 6, 4.00 am**      **Dawn Chorus at BURLEY WOOD**  
With Linda and Anthony Biddle. Warm clothing, suitable footwear and membership card needed. Meet at the entrance gate on the A606, please park with care on the verge. Grid ref: SK 892 093.  
Queries: Linda Biddle, 01780 762108 / 07749 636919.
- May 21, 2.30 pm**      **MERRY'S MEADOW – A Green-winged Spring meadow**  
Jenny Harris, *LRWT Conservation Officer*, leads this walk at Merry's Meadow SSSI. Meet outside entrance, park on verge near gate, please do not obstruct any gateways. If distance from road is a problem, there will be a shuttle with 4WD vehicles. Wear appropriate footwear. Grid ref: SK 831 174.  
Queries: Jenny Harris, 01572 755274.
- June 1, 7.00 pm**      **Farm walk at BEAUMONT CHASE FARM**  
A Thursday evening walk with farmers Jo and Mary Nourish (RNHS). Grid ref: SP 846 988. Queries: Linda Biddle, 01780 762108 / 07749 636919.
- June 18, 10.00 am**      **THE ALLERTON PROJECT – Farming Methods And Wildlife**  
Jim Egan and Amelia Woolford from the *Allerton Project* will show us round. Maximum number on tour is 20 people, phone Linda Biddle to book. Meet at Loddington House, Main Street, Loddington, LE7 9XE. Grid ref: SK 791 024.  
Queries: Linda Biddle, 01780 762108 / 07749 636919.



**June 30, 2.00 pm**

### Flowers at SEATON MEADOWS

Joe Costley, *Plantlife warden*, leads. From Harringworth towards Seaton, after passing under the rail viaduct, take the first right towards Morcott, park up after 200 m. Grid ref: SP 913 987.

Queries: Jenny Harris, 01572 755274.

**July 2, 10.30 am**

### Dragonflies at WICKEN FEN

Mick Parfitt of the *Dragonfly Project* will show us round. Entrance just before main reserve. Grid ref: TL 564 705. Lode Lane, Wicken, Ely, Cambs CB7 5XP.

Queries: Gill Chiverton, 01780 753820.

**August 5, 10.00 am**

### FINESHADE – A walk in the woods: butterflies and flowers

Barrie Galpin of Friends of Fineshade leads. Grid ref: SP 980 983. Parking £4.

Queries: Richard Brown, 01780 590707.

**August 27, 10.30 am**

### CLIPSHAM PARK WOOD – joint meeting with British Plant Gall Society

Roy Lemmon RNHS leads this walk starting at Yew Tree Avenue, Clipsham, car park. Grid ref: SK 980 169.

Queries: Roy Lemmon, 01780 762051.

**September 6, 7.30 pm**

### LYNDON RESERVE – Bats over Rutland Water

Jenny Harris leads this evening walk at the RW Lyndon Reserve (bring torch).

Parking in Lyndon Reserve car park. Grid ref: SK 894 055.

Queries: Jenny Harris, 01572 755274.

**October 3, 7.30 pm (VAR)**

### Plantlife

A talk from Joe Costley of Plantlife, who showed us round the Seaton Meadow Reserve on June 30. Plantlife is responsible for many reserves in the UK and across the world.

**October 14, 2.00 pm**

### BRAUNSTON-IN-RUTLAND – Lichens in churchyards

Ivan Pedley follows up his November 2016 lecture. Meet at Braunston-in-Rutland churchyard (grid ref: SK 833 065), then on to Brooke churchyard.

Queries: Roy Lemmon, 01780 762051.

**October weekend 28/29**

### NORTH NORFOLK wildlife

Two days around Titchwell, Cley, Morston Quay, and Holme. Weather permitting, includes a boat trip to see seals. Either make arrangements to stay locally overnight or come for the day, see *Fieldfare* for possible car share arrangements.

Queries: Linda Biddle, 01780 762108 / 07749 636919.

**November 7, 7.30 pm (VAR)**

### Photographic Evening

A look at the entries for the RNHS calendar competition, and also other photographs/films members may wish to bring along – check with Peter Scott.

**November 17\* 7.30 pm**

### HAMBLETON – The Sky at Night *\*(if overcast, 18 November)*

Last year the weather foiled this event! Let's try again. Meet at the Volunteer Training Centre, Hambleton Rd. Grid ref: SK 884 084.

Queries: Margaret Conner, 01664 454532.

**December 5, 7.30 pm (VAR)**

### The Allerton Project

Jim Egan with Amelia Woodford on the work of the GWCT (Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust), following our field visit of 18 June.

Indoor meetings (black) are held at the VAR (Voluntary Action Rutland, Lands End Way, Oakham LE15 6RB)