



2018 INDOOR PROGRAMME

Indoor events are held at the VAR (Voluntary Action Rutland, Lands End Way, Oakham LE15 6RB). Visitors very welcome.

9 January, 7.30 pm

In at the deep end – my first Year at Rutland water

With Dr Mat Cottam, new Reserve Manager at Rutland Water.

6 February, 7.30 pm

Back from the Brink Project

By Susannah O’Riordan, who is the ‘Back from the Brink’ Rockingham Forest Project Officer. This project, part of a nationwide project, aims to improve the woodlands for special species such as Barbastelle Bat, Adder, Willow Tit, Fly Orchid and the Concolorous moth. However, the headline species is the Chequered Skipper butterfly. Fascinating.

6 March, 7.30 pm

AGM + A Journey to the Russian Arctic

After the AGM, Maggie Manson and Peter Farmer, RNHS members, will be talking about their exciting shipboard visit to the Russian Arctic which they made last summer. Not exactly a cruise, but certainly an adventure! Among other things they saw many marine mammals, including beluga and whales. Their photography (we had a taste at the members’ photographic evening) is excellent.

27 March, 7.30 pm

Bees and Wasps

Many RNHS members will already know Steve Woodward and Helen Iken. Helen is the President of Loughborough Nats, and Steve does a lot of the work for their bulletin, and edits the *Rutland and Leics Recorder*. They are acknowledged experts on many insects, particularly bees and wasps. They spent some time in Rutland last year, surveying interesting wildlife sites.

2 October, 7.30 pm

A season with Woodpeckers

First meeting of the winter season, the talk by Phil Rudkin, photos by Dave Needham – a uniquely RNHS double act!

6 November, 7.30 pm

Unravelling the mysteries of migration

With Dawn Balmer, Head of Surveys at the BTO (British Trust for Ornithology). This is the first Nola Thurlow ornithological lecture, financed by a legacy from Nola. We will also be launching the 2018 RNHS Calendar – the result of the RNHS photographic competition.

4 December, 7.30 pm

Members/Recorders evening

Peter Scott is organising this popular Christmas event, see details on the website and in *Fieldfare*.

Rutland Natural History Society



2018 OUTDOOR PROGRAMME

For full details see our website: www.rnhs.org.uk.

If the weather is bad, check the website or call the 'Queries' phone number for changes.

- 14 January, 10 am** **Clipsham Park Wood and Yew Tree Avenue**
New Year walk led by Anthony and Linda Biddle.
- 24 February, 10 am** **What's happening at Rutland Water?**
Led by Dr Mat Cottam, new Reserve Manager at Rutland Water.
Queries: Hendrina Ellis, 01780 482048 / 0751 5555 486.
- 24 March, 2 pm** **Great Merrible Wood**
Andy Lear, LRWT Conservation Officer, leads this visit to Great Merrible Wood in the Eye Brook Valley. *Queries:* Linda Biddle, 01780 762108 / 0774 9636919
- 29 April, 10.30 am** **Barnack Hills and Holes – Pasque flowers**
John Rodgers, RNHS Botany Recorder, leads a walk through this important NNR.
Queries: John Rodgers, 01572 757278
- 5 May, 3.45 am** **Dawn Chorus at Burley Wood**
Led by Anthony and Linda Biddle, following a long RNHS dawn chorus tradition.
Queries: Anthony and Linda, 01780 762108 / 0774 9636919
- 20 May, 10.30 am** **Cribbs Meadow**
Jenny Harris, RNHS Bat Recorder, leads this walk in a Rutland SSSI.
Queries: Jenny Harris, 01572 755274 / 07754 141785
- 8 June, 2.00 pm** **Seaton Meadows**
Joe Costley, *Plantlife* warden, leads the annual visit to this Coronation meadow.
Queries: Jenny Harris, 01572 755274 / 07754 141785
- 12 June, 6.15 pm** **The Allerton Project, Loddington**
Jim Egan of the Allerton Project will show us round.
Queries: Dave Cotter, 01780765952 / 07887392308.
- 24 June, 10.30 am** **Clipsham Quarry and Roberts Field**
Clipsham Quarry is a private SSSI; Roberts Field a Lincolnshire reserve.
Queries: Linda Biddle, 01780 762108 / 0774 9636919
- 8 July, 10 am** **Woodwalton Fen (the Great Fen Project)**
Led by Henry Stanier, BCNWT Monitoring and Research Officer.
Queries: Linda Biddle, 01780 762108 / 0774 9636919
- 12 August, 10.30 am** **Insects at Ketton Quarry**
With RNHS Insect Recorder Gill Chiverton and Butterfly Recorder Richard Brown.
Queries: Gill Chiverton, 01780 753820
- 2 September, 10.30 am** **Plant Galls at Stretton Wood**
With Roy Lemmon (RNHS Plant Gall Recorder) and the British Plant Gall Society.
Queries: Roy Lemmon, 01780 762051
- 6 October, 10.30 am** **Fungal foray at Clipsham Yew Tree Avenue**
Dr Tom Hering of the Leicestershire Fungi Study Group will lead this fungal foray.
Queries: Linda Biddle, 01780 762108 / 0774 9636919
- 20 November, 11.00 am** **Natural History Museum**
Behind-the-scenes tour at 11.30 am (£10), with the rest of the day free. Numbers limited, please contact Linda Biddle beforehand (01780 762108 / 0774 9636919).