

Rutland Natural History Society

ANNUAL PROGRAMME 2019 (1)



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

Outdoor events (green): 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.

- Tuesday 8 January, 7.30 pm** **The Langdyke Countryside Trust**
By Richard Astle of the Langdyke Countryside Trust (langdyke.org.uk)
- Sunday January 13, 10 am** **Winter walk at Hambleton**
Leader Linda Biddle. Meet at Fisherman's Car Park (Map Reference SK 878072).
Queries: Linda Biddle, 01780 762108; abiddle21@talktalk.net
- Tuesday 5 February, 7.30 pm** **Froglife**
By James McAdie – Head of Projects at **Froglife** (and River Nene Dragon Finder).
- Saturday February 16, 9.30 am** **Winter birds at Rutland Water**
Leader Lloyd Park, Rutland Water Reserves Officer. Meet at the Anglian Water Visitor Centre at Egleton (there is a charge). (Map ref: SK 879071).
Queries: Linda Biddle, as January
- Tuesday 5 March, 7.30 pm** **AGM and King's Dyke Nature Reserve, Peterborough**
The Society's AGM, followed by a talk by Philip Parker (of Philip Parker Associates), who was instrumental in setting up this Peterborough Nature Reserve in 1995 for Hanson, and is still running it. (The Society is meeting at King's Dyke on July 13.)
- Sunday 24 March, 10 am** **Eyebrook Reservoir**
Leader Peter Scott, RNHS Website editor. A new way to look at this reservoir! Meet to register at the Fishing Lodge (Map ref: SP856941. Postcode: LE15 8RP).
Queries: Peter Scott, 07535 508932, peter.scott27@btopenworld.com
- Tuesday 2 April, 7.30 pm** **Ospreys: the latest news and information**
By Dr Tim Mackrill, who started as a schoolboy volunteer at Rutland Water and whose latest project is the Osprey Leadership Foundation.
- Saturday 13 April, 10 am** **Spring at Pickworth Great Wood**
Leader Linda Biddle, RNHS Chairman and Mammal Recorder. This is a large deciduous woodland SSSI on the boundary of Rutland and Lincolnshire. Park just opposite Quarry Farm (OS grid ref SK987156) and walk up the track to the wood.
Queries: Linda Biddle, as Jan
- Sunday 5 May, 3.45 am** **Dawn chorus at Pickworth Great Wood**
Leader Linda Biddle, RNHS Chairman and Mammal Recorder. See above for parking. Warm clothing, suitable footwear and a torch essential. We recommend bringing a picnic chair, a hot drink and breakfast! **Queries:** Linda Biddle, as Jan.
- Saturday 11 May, 10 am** **Glaphorn Cow Pastures**
Leader Peter Scott. Overgrown historic cow pasture (SSSI), two specials are nightingales and Black Hairstreak butterflies. Park down lane opposite entrance to wood (Map ref: SK005902. Postcode: PE8 5BH). **Queries:** Peter Scott, as March.

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Friday 7 June, 2 pm

Survey at Seaton Meadows

Leaders Joe Costley of Plantlife and Jenny Harris, RNHS Bat Recorder, for this annual survey (SK914979). Limited car parking, please contact Jenny Harris to book a space giving a contact phone number. **Queries:** Jenny Harris, 01572 755274, jennyharris221@gmail.com

Tuesday 18 June, 11 am

Grantham Canal

Leaders Claire Install, LRWT Conservation Officer, and Linda Biddle. Meet at Dove cottage tea rooms (Canal Lane, Stathern). (Map ref: SK755324, postcode LE14 4EX). Walk, and lunch available at the tearoom. **Queries:** Linda Biddle, as January.

Sunday June 23, 10 am

Holwell Nature Reserves

Leader John Bristow, LRWT Conservation Officer and RNHS Committee. Old quarries and grassland, north of Melton Mowbray. Meet at SK74157 23575 by the grass triangle. **Queries:** John Bristow, 07975660656, jbristow@lrwt.org.uk

Saturday July 13, 10 am

King's Dyke Nature Reserve

Leader Peter Scott. This old Peterborough brickpit has been redeveloped into a nature reserve (Map ref: TL245972). Park in the marked out bays on the lefthand side of the car park as you enter. Please take membership cards; there is no charge. **Queries:** Peter Scott, as March.

Saturday 10 August, 10 am

Swaddywell Pit (Langdyke Countryside Trust)

Leader Dave Cotter. The Swaddywell Pit (at Stamford Stone Co.) is on the road between Ufford and Marholm. Overflow parking in Willowbrook Farm Shop. **Queries:** Dave Cotter, 07887392308, davidcotter1745@gmail.com

Sunday 1 September, 10.30 am

Plant galls at Burley Wood with the BPGS

Leader Roy Lemmon, RNHS Plant gall Recorder, and members of the British Plant Gall Society, identify intriguing plant galls in a new site (to the BPGS) (Map ref: SK892093). **Queries:** Roy Lemmon, 01780 762051, roy.lemmon@yahoo.co.uk

Tuesday 1 October, 7.30 pm

Buglife (first autumn indoor lecture)

By Matt Shardlow, Chief Executive of Buglife, and regular contributor to *The Guardian's* Country Diary, amongst other things.

Saturday 5 October, 2 pm

Prior's Coppice

Leader Dr Andy Lear, LRWT Conservation office. A welcome return in autumn to this ancient woodland. South of Braunston village, heading to Leighfield, take right turn signposted to Leighfield Lodge, reserve car park is at end of road (SK 83307 04905). **Queries:** John Bristow, 07975660656, jbristow@lrwt.org.uk

Tuesday 5 November, 7.30 pm

Members' and Recorders' evening

Organised by Peter Scott, an early Christmas party!

Sunday 10 November, 10 am

Frampton Marsh, The Wash

Leader Peter Scott. Meet at Frampton Marsh RSPB Visitors' Centre, Roads Farmhouse, Frampton Roads, Boston, Lincs PE20 1AY (Map ref: TF356392). (£2 for non-RSPB). **Queries:** Peter Scott, as March.

Tuesday 3 December, 7.30 pm

Peterborough and around – a great area for birding

By Dave Cromack, of the Peterborough Bird Club, whose publishing company Buckingham Press publishes, amongst other titles, *The Birdwatcher's Yearbook*.