Rutland Natural History Society Annual Programme 2021

**All events are as detailed and correct as possible at time of publication, but will be subject to change at short notice, so please check with information on the website.**

**At present all indoor meetings are zoom presentations, but we hope that by the autumn we shall be able to meet indoors as before at the Community Hub, Lands End Way, Oakham.**

**Members will receive a link to indoor zoom meetings via email**

For outdoor events book a place with either L Clark or L Biddle for the meeting, who will give more detailed information where necessary. Contact details over page.

**Please note : All outdoor events are likely to be on rough or muddy ground so be sure to wear suitable footwear and clothing, and carry drinks and sun cream etc. to suit weather conditions.**

**Indoor meetings are in green, outdoor in purple.**

**Tuesday February 2nd 7.30pm** **Joint meeting with LRWT Charnwood local group**. Alan Cann of Leics University and Naturespot on " Spiders of Leicestershire and Rutland” Zoom meeting. Please find information on joining on LRWT website/ Events/Free online talks, and sign up to receive the link to join the meeting.

**Tuesday March 2nd 7.30pm AGM and Jack Perks professional** wildlife photographer on “Birds of the Water” Zoom meeting

Jack keen underwater cameraman, and regularly his work is included on Springwatch and Winterwatch programmes

**Tuesday 6th April 7.30pm** **Chris Hill LRWT Conservation Officer** on “the History and Development of Cossington Meadows Nature Reserve”. This will be the scene setter for a visit to the reserve in July.

**Saturday 10th April 10.00am Rutland Water Nature Reserve** looking for early migrants and perhaps Ospreys. Contact L Biddle or L Clark

**Friday 30th April** **6.30pm** Grafham Water Greg Belcher will lead us to discover the nightingales of Grafham Water Contact L Biddle or L Clark

**Saturday 8th May 3.45am Dawn Chorus** Location to be confirmed. Leaders A + L Biddle contact if you wish to take part

**Saturday 22nd May Bioblitz at Clipsham Park Avenue** Recorders and members to find as many species as possible during 24hours at Clipsham Park avenue. MR SK980168 Please sign up if you wish to come along – the more the merrier!

**Thursday 27th May 6.30pm Beaumont Chase Farm** evening meeting. Members Joe and Mary Nourish will host us for a walk around their wildlife rich farm between Uppingham and Stockerston.MR SP846988

**Saturday 5th June 10.0am Merry’s Meadows Leader John Bristow -** Committee member and LRWT conservation officer. Meet 12.00 noon on road at entrance to meadows. MR SK928154

**Saturday 3rd July 10.0am Cossington Meadows Nature Reserve Leader Chris Hill** – LRWT conservation officer. A walk around the reserve to find out about the conservation project which has been going on there.MR SK595113

**Saturday 31st July 10.am Great Fen Meeting at Woodwalton Fen NR Leader Henry Stanier**

To see Dragonflies, Butterlies and a huge variety of invertebrates. MR TL234848

**Friday 11th September 7.00pm Bat Walk with committee member and licensed bat worker Jenny Harris** Meeting at RWNR Lyndon Centre car park MR SK894055 Bring torch and warm clothing

**Tuesday 5th October 7.30pm Henry Stanier Great Fen Ecology and monitoring Officer for Beds Cambs and N’hants (BCN) Wildlife Trust** on “Stonechats on Great Fen” an ongoing new project about these fascinating birds.

 **Saturday 9th October 10.0am** **Fungi Walk Prior’s Coppice** Leaders Secretary and fungi recorders Linda Clark and Carolyn Baxter A walk in the woods to see what we can discover

**Tuesday 2nd November 7.30pm John Tinning Secretary of Zoological Photographic Club**

**“Recent Ramblings of a wildlife photographer**” including lots of superb photos of wildlife

**Sunday14th November** **2.00pm Welney Wetlands and Wildlife Trust** reserve at present only provisional – if not Ouse Washes RSPB reserve Details tbc

**Tuesday 7th December 7.30pm Members and recorders evening.** Members will be familiar with the format – what we have been doing over 2021 presented by our members, with photographs and videos. (and if we are at Community hub maybe Christmas nibbles and drinks?)

More Details of arrangements for outdoor meetings will appear in Fieldfare

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