

**INDOOR MEETINGS** start at 7.30 pm in the Robert Hardy Building, Bishop Grosseteste University, Longdales Road, Lincoln LN1 3DY. Admission charges: £3 for RSPB members and students, £4 for members of the public, free for children accompanied by an adult.

**COACH TRIPS & HOLIDAYS** must be booked in advance with Mike Willey T: 01526 321917. Sunday trips depart from Jackson Buildbase, Canwick Road, Lincoln. By kind permission of Jackson Buildbase, you may, at your risk, leave cars free of charge in the Buildbase car park. Packed lunches are required on most trips. An adult must accompany children. You can book one free coach seat for a child for each adult seat you pay for but any admission charges will still apply.

**Nature Reserve Facilities** are shown as follows:  
C = Café, H = Hides, NT = Nature Trail, S = Shop, VC = Visitor Centre, WC = Toilets.

**RSPB Wildlife Explorers and RSPB Phoenix Groups** for children and teenagers hold regular meetings at Belton House, Boston, West Kesteven and Whisby.

## WEEKEND EVENTS

**FREE WALKS** Birdwatching for All on the first Sunday of every month. Meet outside the Visitor Centre, Hartsholme Country Park, Skellingthorpe Road, Lincoln at 10.30 am. Everyone welcome. The walks last up to 2 hours.

**A DATE WITH NATURE** at Hartsholme Country Park to see the nesting herons. Every weekend and Bank Holiday from Saturday 15 April to Monday 1 May. See the RSPB website in February for further details.

**A DATE WITH NATURE** at Lincoln Cathedral to see the nesting peregrines. Every weekend during June and July. See the RSPB website in April for further details.

## JANUARY

**12 INDOOR MEETING Birds of the Water** by Jack Perks ([www.jackperksphotography.com](http://www.jackperksphotography.com)). Many bird species live by or in water. From the Farne Islands full of puffins, reedbeds with booming bitterns and an underwater view of our waterfowl, this talk takes a wetter side to birding. Sponsored by Carol Harvey in memory of Alan Harvey.

**14 - 16 WEEKEND in ESSEX and SUFFOLK** visiting Essex Wildlife Trust reserves at Abberton Reservoir and Fingringhoe Wick and RSPB Havergate Island. The cost per person is £230 in either a single, double or twin room and includes all coach travel, boat charge to Havergate Island and two nights half board at the Rivenhall Hotel, Witham, Essex. Cancellation insurance is *not* included.

**28 - 29 BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH** The RSPB's nationwide event. See the winter issue of *Nature's Home* magazine or contact RSPB HQ T: 01767 680551.

## FEBRUARY

**9 INDOOR MEETING Filey through the Seasons** by Peter Dunn. Sponsored by a Group member who wishes to remain anonymous.

**26 COACH TRIP** to The National Memorial Arboretum, River Tame and local gravel pits. Leave Lincoln 8 am. Leave reserve 4.30 pm. Adults £18. C, VC, WC.

## MARCH

**9 INDOOR MEETING Extremadura in Spring** by Graham Catley (<http://gcatley.zenfolio.com>). A well known local wildlife photographer. Sponsored by London Camera Exchange, Lincoln Ltd.

## APRIL

**2 COACH TRIP** to RSPB Frampton Marsh. A good time to see whimbrels, which flock on the saltmarsh in April. Leave Lincoln 9 am. Leave reserve 4.30 pm. Adults £16. H, NT, VC, WC.

**13 INDOOR MEETING Birds of the Lower Rio Grande Valley - Texas** by Ian Newton, ARPS ([www.iannewtonphotography.com](http://www.iannewtonphotography.com)). Ian Newton is a professional photographer who specialises in wildlife photography. Sponsored by Michael Carter Travel.

**21 - 23 MEMBERS' WEEKEND**, East Midlands Conference Centre, Nottingham. See the winter issue of *Nature's Home* magazine or contact RSPB HQ T: 01767 680551.

**23 COACH TRIP** to the National Nature Reserve Cavenham Heath and Norfolk Wildlife Trust Weeting Heath for stone curlew. Leave Lincoln 8 am. Leave reserve 5.30 pm. Adults £23 including admission charge. H, VC, WC.

## MAY

**10 EVENING BIRDWATCH** Forestry Commission Chambers Farm Wood. Meet in the car park at 7 pm.

**11 INDOOR MEETING A Year of Nature** by Mike Pickwell ([www.mikepickwellwildimages.co.uk](http://www.mikepickwellwildimages.co.uk)). Mike is a wildlife and landscape photographer based in the North of England. He has a love of nature in all its forms and his aim is to express what he sees and feels through his photography. Sponsored by Sleafordian Coaches.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** The Group's AGM will be held at 9 pm following the break for refreshments. Free admission from 9 pm for people only attending the AGM.

**21 COACH TRIP** to RSPB Middleton Lakes, a former gravel quarry in the Tame Valley. Leave Lincoln 8 am. Leave reserve 5 pm. Adults £19. C, H, VC, WC.

## JUNE

**1 - 5 HOLIDAY IN DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY** visiting Ken-Dee Marshes, Mersehead, Wood of Cree, Mull of Galloway, Campfield Marsh, Caerlaverock. £380 per person for a twin or double room or £440 for a single room, includes coach travel, entry to Caerlaverock and 4 nights half board at the Station Hotel, Dumfries. Cancellation insurance *not* included.

**11 COACH TRIP** to Norfolk Wildlife Trust Hickling Broad, the largest of the Broads, including a two-hour boat trip on the Broad. Leave Lincoln 7.30 am. Leave reserve 5 pm. Adults £32 including admission and boat charges. H, NT, VC, WC.

**17 AFTERNOON BIRDWATCH** at Mike's local patch. Meet outside the Royal Oak, Scopwick at 2 pm. The area to be visited is 5 minutes' drive from here.

## JULY

**9 COACH TRIP** to Suffolk Wildlife Trust Redgrave and Lopham Fen. Leave Lincoln 8 am. Leave reserve 5 pm. Adults £20. C, NT, VC, WC.

**16 AFTERNOON BIRDWATCH** at RSPB Langford Lowfields. Meet in the reserve car park at 2 pm.

## AUGUST

**13 COACH TRIP** to Yorkshire Wildlife Trust reserves at North Cave and Kiplingcotes. Leave Lincoln 8.30 am. Leave reserve 5 pm. Adults £14. H, VC, WC.

**18 - 20 BRITISH BIRDWATCHING FAIR** at Rutland Water. Details from the Events Team at The Lodge, Sandy, Bedfordshire SG19 2DL. T: 01767 680551.

## SEPTEMBER

**10 COACH TRIP** to RSPB Saltholme, Teesside. A great place to visit at any time of the year. Leave Lincoln 7.30 am. Leave reserve 5 pm. Adults £23. C, H, VC, WC.

**14 INDOOR MEETING Trinidad and Tobago - Home of the Hummingbird** by Ashley Grove ([www.experiencenature.co.uk](http://www.experiencenature.co.uk)). Please note this is a change to the original programme. Sponsored by Shirley Warner in memory of Peter Warner.

## OCTOBER

**7 AGM AND MEMBERS' DAY**, London. See the winter issue of *Nature's Home* magazine or contact RSPB HQ T: 01767 680551.

**12 INDOOR MEETING The Cairngorms and the Yorkshire Dales** by Steve Rowland. Two different habitats each with its own unique variety of wildlife. Sponsored by Streets Chartered Accountants.

**22 COACH TRIP** to Thorp Perrow Arboretum, North Yorkshire for autumn colours. There is also the possibility of a fungus foray. Leave Lincoln 8 am. Leave reserve 4.30 pm. Adults £27 including admission charge. C, VC, WC.

## NOVEMBER

**9 INDOOR MEETING East Midlands through the Seasons** by Danny Green ([www.dannygreenphotography.com](http://www.dannygreenphotography.com)). Danny is an award winning nature photographer and was recently chosen by Canon to form part of their Ambassador programme. Sponsored by a member who wishes to remain anonymous.

**19 COACH TRIP** to the Nottingham Wildlife Trust Idle Valley. Leave Lincoln 9 am. Leave reserve 4 pm. Adults £13. C, H, NT, VC, WC.

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## DECEMBER

**10 COACH TRIP** to Yorkshire Wildlife Trust Potteric Carr Nature Reserve. Leave Lincoln 8.30 am. Leave reserve 4 pm. Adults £18 including admission charge. C, H, NT, VC, WC.

**14 INDOOR MEETING The End of the Year Show.**

Details of this event will be available later in the year. Please see our website. Sponsored by Janette Marshall in memory of Eileen and John White.



## Lincoln Local Group Programme of Events for 2017



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