

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 LN5 8HG. 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. For three weekends from Saturday 14 April to Sunday 29 April. 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

11 INDOOR MEETING Highlands and Islands by **Geoff Trinder**, nature photographer and Vice-President of the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust. Sponsored by Carol Harvey in memory of her husband Alan Harvey.

13 - 15 THREE DAYS in West Sussex visiting WWT Arundel, RSPB Pagham Harbour and RSPB Pulborough Brooks. £160 in a double or twin room or £200 in a single room. Cost includes all coach travel, entry to

WWT and two nights half board at the Chichester Park Hotel, Chichester. Cancellation insurance is *not* included.

27 - 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

8 INDOOR MEETING Birdwatching in Italy and the work of LIPU by **David Lingard**. David runs LIPU-UK (www.lipu-uk.org) supporting the work of LIPU, the Italian League for Bird Protection and the BirdLife Partner in Italy. Sponsored by a Group member who wishes to remain anonymous.

18 COACH TRIP to RSPB Fairburn Ings. Redwings and fieldfares will be stripping the last berries from the bushes, while on the lakes wildfowl such as goldeneyes, goosanders and smews gather to feed and display. Leave Lincoln 8.30 am. Leave reserve 4 pm. Adults £17. H, NT, S, VC, WC.

MARCH

8 INDOOR MEETING The Wildlife of the Seychelles by **Christopher Hall**. Sponsored by London Camera Exchange, Lincoln.

18 COACH TRIP to RSPB Titchwell Marsh, one of the RSPB's best known nature reserves. Leave Lincoln 8 am. Leave reserve 5 pm. Adults £18.50. H, NT, S, VC, WC.

APRIL

6 - 8 RSPB WEEKEND, East Midlands Conference Centre, Nottingham. See the winter issue of *Nature's Home* magazine or contact RSPB HQ T: 01767 680551.

12 INDOOR MEETING Oman: Land of a Thousand Eagles by **Chris Ward**. Sponsored by Michael Carter Travel.

15 COACH TRIP to Sherwood Forest. Lesser spotted woodpeckers, marsh tits and redstarts live amongst this ancient oak woodland. Leave Lincoln 9 am. Leave reserve 5 pm. Adults £16. C, NT, S, VC, WC.

MAY

10 INDOOR MEETING RSPB Frampton Marsh by **Chris Andrews**. Sponsored by Sleafordian Coaches.

10 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.

13 COACH TRIP to RSPB Berney Marshes & Breydon Water. We will take a short train journey between Great Yarmouth and Berney Arms Station. Leave Lincoln 7 am. Leave reserve 5 pm. Adults £29. Price includes train fare.

15 AFTERNOON BIRDWATCH at **Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust Fiskerton Fen**. Meet in the car park at 1 pm. The car park is small so please car share if possible.

20 - 23 FOUR DAYS IN KENT visiting NNR Stodmarsh, RSPB Dungeness, Kent WT Sandwich and Pegwell Bay, RSPB Northward Hill and Cliffe Pools. The cost of £260 per person in a double or twin room or £305 in a single room includes all coach travel and three nights half board at the Abbots Barton Hotel, Canterbury. Cancellation insurance is *not* included.

JUNE

10 MIKE'S MYSTERY TRIP visiting two sites new to the Group. Leave Lincoln 8 am. Leave reserve 5 pm. Adults £23. Price includes admission charge. First site: H, NT, VC, WC. No facilities are available at the second site.

12 AFTERNOON BIRDWATCH in the grounds of **Doddington Hall**. Meet in Doddington Hall car park at 1 pm. C, NT, S, WC.

JULY

8 COACH TRIP to RSPB Lakenheath Fen. At this time of year hobbies hunt for dragonflies overhead and marsh harriers can be seen carrying prey to their nests. Leave Lincoln 8 am. Leave reserve 5 pm. Adults £19.50. H, NT, VC, WC.

AUGUST

12 COACH TRIP to National Trust Wicken Fen, Britain's oldest nature reserve. Leave Lincoln 8 am. Leave reserve 5 pm. Adults £20. Price includes admission charge. H, NT, VC, WC.

17 - 19 BIRDFAIR 2018 at Rutland Water. Details from the Events Team at The Lodge, Sandy, Bedfordshire SG19 2DL. T: 01767 680551.

SEPTEMBER

9 COACH TRIP to Norfolk Wildlife Trust Holme Dunes. Leave Lincoln 8 am. Leave reserve 5 pm. Adults £20. Price includes admission charge. C, NT, VC, WC.

13 INDOOR MEETING Golden Birding Moments by **Jim Almond** (www.shropshirebirder.co.uk). With a lifelong passion for nature and photography, Jim will inspire you all with his amazing photos. Sponsored by Shirley Warner in memory of her husband Peter Warner.

OCTOBER

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

11 INDOOR MEETING The Farne Islands by **Steve Magennis, ARPS** (<https://www.facebook.com/SteveMagennisWildlifePhotography>). Sponsored by Streets Chartered Accountants.

14 COACH TRIP to Filey Brigg and Yorkshire Wildlife Trust Filey Dams. Leave Lincoln 8 am. Leave reserve 5 pm. Adults £19. C, WC.

29 - 31 THREE DAYS to Lancashire's Fylde Coast visiting Marshside, and other sites. The cost of £160 in a double or twin room or £180 in a single room includes all coach travel, two nights half board at the Chadwick Hotel, Lytham St Annes and the services of a local guide. Cancellation insurance is *not* included.

NOVEMBER

8 INDOOR MEETING Falklands Feathers by **Brian Anderson** (www.andersonimages.co.uk). Sponsored by Just Audi VW.

18 COACH TRIP to Holkham Marsh, Bay and Park. Leave Lincoln 8 am. Leave reserve 4.30 pm. Adults £20. H, WC..

DECEMBER

13 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 her parents, Eileen and John White.

16 COACH TRIP to Carsington Water, Derbyshire. Star species include buzzard, kingfisher, great crested grebe, lapwing and tufted duck. Leave Lincoln 8 am. Leave reserve 4 pm. Adults £17. H, VC, WC.

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Lincoln Local Group Programme of Events for 2018



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A varied programme of events for you to enjoy including indoor meetings, field meetings, coach trips, free guided walks and holidays

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