

# The RSPB Macclesfield Local Group



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# The Heron

40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season



## Newsletter - September 2019

### WE WELCOME GIANPIERO FERRARI AS OUR SPEAKER TONIGHT

Gianpiero became involved in wildlife photography about 25 years ago and loves every aspect of natural history from the smallest flowers to the largest mammals. He is a Fellow of the Royal Photographic Society and has won several national competitions. His work has been used in many publications from the BBC Wildlife magazine to RSPB calendars and Collins field guides.

His talk covers a five week trip to Australia starting in the desert climate of Alice Springs in the red hot centre of the Northern Territory, visiting the Macdonnell mountain range and Ayers Rock before moving on to the tropical climate of Cairns and the Great Barrier Reef in northern Queensland. This is followed by a long drive south to Lamington National Park, an area of largely untouched rain forest, bordering southern Queensland and New South Wales. Expect lots of birds and other local fauna and flora as well as wonderful landscapes.

### DIARY DATES

#### SEPTEMBER 2019

Monday  
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**Garden Bird Survey: First recording day** – Please support the survey. Forms available from the website ([www.macclesfieldrspb.org.uk](http://www.macclesfieldrspb.org.uk)) or at indoor meetings.  
Contact: Ian Taylor 01260 275248

#### OCTOBER 2019

Friday  
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**CAWOS meeting: Birds and Climate Change** by Dr James Pearce-Higgins  
7:30 pm for a prompt 7:45 pm start at St. Vincents Roman Catholic Church, Tatton Street, Knutsford, WA16 6HR

Friday 4  
to  
Sunday 6

**Weekend Away: South Lincolnshire**

Bookings are now closed for our South Lincolnshire weekend but please contact Graham as he may be able to fit you in if there is room at the County Hotel, Skegness where we are staying. We plan to visit the Lincolnshire Wildlife reserve at Gibraltar Point on Saturday and the two RSPB coastal sites at Frampton Marsh and Frieston on the way home on Sunday. These sites are good for waders and migrating passerines at this time of year.

Organiser: Graham Palmer 01625 420179  
Walk Leaders; Ray Evans and Alan Brereton

Tuesday  
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**Indoor Meeting: 'A Brief History of 40 Years of The RSPB Macclesfield Local Group and Tolliday's Travels – The Best Bits'** by Dave Tolliday

A short history session followed by talks on two contrasting locations - Yellowstone National Park in winter at minus 40°C and the humid rainforests of Costa Rica.

Introduced by: Alan Brereton 01625 615628

The Royal Society for the protection of Birds (RSPB) is a registered charity: in England and Wales no. 207076, in Scotland no. SC037654

## OCTOBER 2019

Saturday 12	<b>Special Event: Welly Walk and Nature Needs You</b> Join RSPB Macclesfield Wildlife Explorers 'Nature Needs You' event at West Park. A super joint event with Macclesfield Town Council for a day of family nature and outdoor activities. Find out how to 'Give Nature a Home'. Lots of free activities from making bird food and feeders to bee homes and nest boxes. Free entrance. Meet at West Park, Prestbury Road, Macclesfield, SK10 3BJ <b>10:00 noon to 2:00 pm – NOTE REVISED TIME</b> Contact: Tina Hanak 07870 804413 or visit the Wildlife Explorers website
Saturday 26	<b>Wilmslow Library Charity Card Shop is OPEN</b> If you live close to Wilmslow come and buy your Christmas cards at Wilmslow Library. A great choice of charities to support including the RSPB. Cash and/or Debit cards accepted. <b>WE NEED VOLUNTEERS.</b> Contact Jen Tolliday 01625 432105 if you are interested and can help.
Sunday 27	<b>WGBG Coach Trip: Yorkshire Wildlife Trust Reserve at Spurn</b> Depart at 7:30 am from Wilmslow Guild, Bourne Street, Wilmslow, SK9 5HD Contact: Steve McGann 01625 533652

## NOTICES

**Doing Stuff** - Please see Abercrombie at the Doing Stuff table to find out the latest news of the forthcoming badger cull in East Cheshire. At this year's Bird Fair a lively debate was filmed about the culling of badgers with Tony Juniper ( Natural England ) Dominic Dyer and Chris Packham being three of the panel.

It can be viewed at : <https://www.Llirk2gvAs>

**Volunteering** - There will be a Cheshire Wildlife volunteer work day repairing boardwalk at Danes Moss on Tuesday 17 September from 10am - 3pm

Please contact leader Adam Linnet if interested in the session  
[adamlinnet@cheshirewildlife.org.uk](mailto:adamlinnet@cheshirewildlife.org.uk) or call Beccy Stallard 01948 820728

**'Goosfest'** - If you are not going on the weekend away to South Lincolnshire then you may like to hear BBC Springwatch presenter and naturalist Iolo Williams. He is giving a presentation on his career as part of 'Goosfest', the two week October festival of music and arts in Goostrey, near Congleton and Holmes Chapel.

**Saturday 5th October at Terra Nova School at 8pm. Tickets £18.00**

<https://goosfest.com/tickets/iolo-williams-a-career-in-conservation/>

**Autumn Heron Correction** - Our new committee members Rob Cameron and Brian Ryalls email addresses are: [rob@macclesfieldrspb.org.uk](mailto:rob@macclesfieldrspb.org.uk) and [brian@macclesfieldrspb.org.uk](mailto:brian@macclesfieldrspb.org.uk)

## 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner



**The Committee are proposing to hold a Celebratory Dinner  
at the Tytherington Club, Macclesfield on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020.**

We cordially invite members, partners and friends to join us for this evening's celebration of the Local Group's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with after dinner speaker Professor David Norman.

Cost excluding drinks in the region of £25-£30 per person for a three course meal and speaker.

Please register your interest by contacting Daryll Bailey - 01625 430311 / [secretary@macclesfieldrspb.org.uk](mailto:secretary@macclesfieldrspb.org.uk) or by adding your name and contact details to the sign up sheet with me (Lydia) on the front desk at the meeting.

We require a minimum of 40 attendees to confirm the venue by the 8<sup>th</sup> October Indoor Meeting.