

September 2021

Nature talk

Wednesday 15th

Birding in the heart of Europe

Hungary is a fascinating country, says speaker

Simon Ginnaw, home to an array of birds including great bustards, saker falcons and up to nine species of woodpecker.

Nature walks

Saturday 18th: Rye Harbour Sussex Wildlife Trust (SWT) nature reserve.

Thursday 23rd: Cliffe Pools RSPB reserve.

October

Nature talk

Wednesday 20th

Iceland and back

RSPB volunteer **Brian Nobbs**, will give us a glimpse of the geology of Iceland while explaining how some bird species migrate from or via the UK to breed in this island nation.

Nature walks

Saturday 23rd: Oare Marshes Kent Wildlife Trust (KWT) reserve.

Thursday 28th: Dungeness RSPB reserve.

November

Nature talk

Wednesday 17th

Keeping swifts in our skies

Tonbridge resident and author **Martin Garwood** will talk about this iconic summer visitor and the conservation steps being taken to help it locally.

Preceded by a brief AGM.

Nature walks

Saturday 20th: Rainham Marshes RSPB reserve.

Thursday 25th: Isle of Sheppey including the RSPB's raptor viewpoint, Capel Fleet.

December

Nature talk

Wednesday 15th

The Birds of Greece and its Islands

John Buckingham.

Nature walks

Thursday 9th: Haysden Country Park.

Saturday 11th: Sevenoaks KWT reserve.

January 2022

Nature talk

Wednesday 19th

Survival of the Weediest: Ranscombe Farm's Fantastic Wild Flowers

Ben Sweeney of Plantlife tells us about the charity's nature reserve near Rochester.

Nature walks

Saturday 22nd: Dungeness RSPB reserve.

Thursday 27th: Rainham Marshes RSPB reserve.

February

Nature talk

Wednesday 16th

Bats in Kent

Lynne Flower of the Kent Bat Group will speak about these fascinating mammals.

Nature walks

Saturday 19th: Isle of Sheppey, including the RSPB's raptor viewpoint, Capel Fleet.

Thursday 24th: Oare Marshes KWT reserve.

March

Nature talk

Wednesday 16th

Wildlife in Winter in Northern Japan.

From Japanese cranes and Steller's sea eagles to Japanese macaques bathing in hot springs, **Paul Hale** will also look at Japanese culture, including Buddhist temples and Shinto shrines together with trainee geishas and the three monkeys who see, hear and speak no evil.

Nature walks

Saturday 19th: Cliffe Pools RSPB reserve.

Thursday 24th: Broadwater Warren RSPB reserve (9am start; half day visit).

April

Nature talk

Wednesday 20th

An East Anglian Wildlife Photographer's Year.

Experience the flora and fauna of this nature-rich region through the seasons, with **Kevin Sawford.**

Nature walks

Saturday 23rd: Broadwater Warren RSPB reserve and the Ashdown Forest (9am start).

Thursday 28th: Rye Harbour SWT nature reserve.



May

Nature walks

Sunday 1st: International Dawn Chorus Day.

Venue TBA. 4:30am start.

Saturday 21st: Stodmarsh National Nature Reserve.

Thursday 26th Leybourne Lakes Country Park.

June

Nature walks

Saturday 18th: Seaford Head featuring Splash Point's kittiwake colony.

Thursday 23rd: Ashdown Forest including the Old Lodge Nature Reserve.

July

Nature walks

Broadwater Warren RSPB reserve nightjar walk.
Date and time TBA.

To stay up to date with news, events and nature walk reports, visit our website:

rspb.org.uk/groups/tonbridge

or meet up at Facebook:

facebook.com/groups/RSPBtonbridge/

To sign up for regular emails, contact rspb.tonbridge@gmail.com

Notes

Nature talks begin at 7:30pm at St Philip's Church, Salisbury Road, Tonbridge, TN10 4PA. Admission costs are £4.00 for RSPB members, £5.00 for non-members and £3.00 for member concessions (pensioners and under 16s). All welcome. Refreshments are available during the interval. Face masks encouraged.

For details of meeting places and transport arrangements for the Saturday walks, contact Geoff Shoebridge, g.shoebridge@btinternet.com, 01732 771464. For Thursday visits, contact Martin Ellis, rspb.tonbridge@gmail.com, 07749 799329. For the dawn chorus and nightjar walks, contact Lesley Ribbens, lar123@virginmedia.com, 07989 476652.

Booking is essential as places are limited. Start time is usually 10am except where stated otherwise. Remember to bring membership cards (where necessary), appropriate clothing for the weather conditions, binoculars and a packed lunch. There is a minimum donation of £2 for each nature walk, payable by bank transfer (Lloyds Bank; sort code 30-90-79; account name RSPB Tonbridge Local Group; account number 32874260; reference: trip, date (dd/mm) and number of people) or cash.

Parking charges may apply.

Details are correct at the time of going to press. However, changes may be made.

All events are subject to whatever Covid restrictions and regulations that are in place at the time. Sign up for emails to be kept informed of any changes or check the website. Alternatively, call 07749 799329 a day or two before the event.

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2021-2022 Programme



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