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RSPB Lichfield Local Group



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TUESDAY 14 JANUARY 7.30pm

Plover Lovers' World of Delights – Presented by Rick and Elis Simpson

Rick and Elis are a husband and wife team who have dedicated their lives to promoting wader conservation. They set up Wader Quest, a charity which raises awareness of the problems that these elegant birds face across the world. In this presentation they will be looking at British plovers and some of their equivalents around the world with some insights into their natural history and place in our lives.

TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 7.30pm

Wild Queensland and the Red Hot Centre – Presented by Gianpiero Ferrari

Gianpiero has been interested in nature all his life, and has been taking photographs of every aspect of Natural History for many years. He is now a successful photographer having won several national competitions. This talk is about a six week trip to Queensland and central Australia, to photograph local wildlife, especially the native birds.

MARCH

NO MEETING THIS MONTH

The Guildhall is closed for refurbishment in March so we have decided not to hold a meeting this month.

TUESDAY 14 APRIL 7.30pm

RSPB 'Saving Nature' update – Presented by Nadia Archer

Nadia is the Volunteering Development Officer of the RSPB for England and is going to give us an update on the RSPB's Saving Nature campaigns.

TUESDAY 12 MAY 7.30pm

The Long Spring – Presented by Laurence Rose

Laurence Rose is a writer, conservationist and composer. He has worked for the RSPB since 1983, and since 2017 has helped run a £7 million species recovery project, Back

from the Brink. His recent book *The Long Spring* was published in 2018. In this talk he welcomes the new season with *The Long Spring*, a description of his journeys through Europe tracking the advance of spring from the Mediterranean to the Arctic.

TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 7.30pm

The Stories of our British Mammals– Presented by Nick Martin

From bats to badgers, seals to stags, discover the greatest and smallest of our British mammals. Explore woodlands, farmland, the coasts and the mountains to search for the exciting animals that can be so elusive but fascinating. Find out what makes these varied creatures so special, their relationships with other wildlife, with us and their history in this country.

TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER 7.30pm

Green Birding – Presented by Gary Prescott (The Biking Birder)

We all remember Gary's entertaining and offbeat talk about his trip to Peru in 2018. He is returning to tell us about his latest Biking Birder adventures.

TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER 7.30pm

Scilly Pelagic Magic – Presented by Jim Almond

Jim is a "veteran" of pelagic trips from St Mary's on the Isles of Scilly, and in this talk he will share with us the best images and stories from his 44 trips on the MC Sapphire without us needing our sea legs! We are promised lots of birds from gannets to gulls and shearwaters to skuas, along with dolphins, sharks and even sunfish.

TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER 7.30pm

Christmas social

A short talk, display of members' photographs, food and drink.

COACH TRIPS

10 May 2020

RSPB Leighton Moss

1 November 2020

RSPB Old Moor

The Lichfield Group holds indoor meetings at the Guildhall, Bore Street, Lichfield WS13 6LU starting at 7.30pm. Admission £4.

Coach trips to reserves are arranged twice a year and leave from Bird Street car park in Lichfield, WS13 6AE. Please contact Dennis Muxworthy for more details.

Free local birdwatching walks are held monthly and last approximately 2 hours. We meet at a local reserve or location at 10 am (see our monthly newsletter for details - this is distributed at our evening meetings and posted on our website, www.rspb.org.uk/groups/lichfield).

Members and non-members welcome.

Details regarding the group and its activities may be obtained at any indoor meeting or from committee members.

The Lichfield RSPB group has a Facebook group which you are welcome to join. We use it to advertise events and show interesting items, news stories and bird photographs taken by our members. The name of our Facebook group is RSPB Lichfield Local Group.

The RSPB is the country's largest nature conservation charity, inspiring everyone to give nature a home. Together with our partners, we protect threatened birds and wildlife so our towns, coast and countryside will teem with life once again. We play a leading role in Birdlife International, a worldwide partnership of nature conservation organisations.