

WELCOME TO THE RSPB LINCOLN LOCAL GROUP

INDOOR MEETINGS start at 7.30 pm in the Robert Hardy Building, Bishop Grosseteste University, Longdales Road, Lincoln LN1 3DY. Admission charges: £4 for RSPB members and students, £5 for members of the public, free for children accompanied by an adult.

COACH TRIPS & HOLIDAYS must be booked in advance with Geoff Styles. Sunday trips depart from Huws Gray, Canwick Road, Lincoln LN5 8HG. By kind permission of Huws Gray, you may, at your risk, leave cars free of charge in the Huws Gray car park. Packed lunches are required on most trips. An adult must accompany children. You can book one free coach seat for a child (under 16) 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 Boston, West Kesteven and Whisby.

EVERY MONTH

FREE GUIDED WALKS. 'Birdwatching for All' on the first Sunday of every month. Meet outside the Visitor Centre, Hartsholme Country Park, Skellingthorpe Road, Lincoln LN6 0EY at 10.30 am. Please wear footwear and clothing suitable for the weather conditions. The walks can last up to 2 hours but you can leave the walk at any time.

HERON & PEREGRINE WATCHPOINTS

We hope to run the watchpoints again this year. Details will be on the Group's Website later in the year.

JANUARY

11 INDOOR MEETING. Dereliction to Tourist Hub - The Remarkable Story of RSPB Old Moor by **Ian Rotherham** - a talk postponed from last year. Old Moor is teeming with wildlife and is visited by over 100,000 people a year. Sponsored by Carol Harvey in memory of her husband Alan Harvey.

RSPB England HQ, 1st Floor, One Cromwell Street, Birmingham B3 2JN

19 - 21 THREE DAYS in Norfolk and Suffolk visiting **RSPB Snettisham, RSPB Minsmere and NWT Hickling Broad**. The price of £232 in a double or twin room or £272 in a single room includes all coach travel, entry to Hickling Broad and two nights half board at the Brome Grange Hotel, Eye. Cancellation insurance is not included.

27 - 29 BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH, the RSPB's Nationwide event. See the winter issue of *The RSPB Magazine* or visit rspb.org.uk for details.

FEBRUARY

8 INDOOR MEETING. The State of Nature in the UK by **Steve Lovell**. Steve is a professional tour guide and lecturer who lives in Lincoln. To sponsor this meeting please email info@lincolnrspb.org.uk or contact any committee member.

25 FIELD TRIP to RSPB Blacktoft Sands, Yorkshire. A good time to visit as both Marsh and Hen Harriers hunt on the reserve by day in the winter. Coach leaves Lincoln 8.30 am. Leaves reserve 4.30 pm. Adults £25. H, NT, VC, WC.

MARCH

7 INDOOR MEETING. Birds, Beasts and Bugs of The Bog by **Alasdair McKee**. Alasdair is the RSPB's Local Groups' Officer for this area. Sponsored by London Camera Exchange, Lincoln.

24 FIELD TRIP to RSPB Titchwell Marsh, Norfolk. Summer migrants such as Wheatears, Sand Martins and waders will be arriving. Coach leaves Lincoln 8 am. Leaves reserve 5 pm. Adults £34. C, H, NT, S, VC, WC.

APRIL

11 INDOOR MEETING. Lammergeiers of the Spanish Pyrenees by **Ashley Grove**. (ashleygrovewildimages.co.uk) Sponsored by Michael Carter Travel.

28 FIELD TRIP to RSPB St Aidans, Yorkshire. A stronghold for Black-necked Grebes. The reserve also has a good variety of reedbed warblers and wildfowl. Coach leaves Lincoln 8 am. Leaves reserve 4.30 pm. Adults £30. C, NT, WC.

MAY

9 INDOOR MEETING. It's a Wonderful World - Look and You Will See: Panama Part 1 - In Search of the Blue Cotinga by **Mike Catchpole**. To sponsor this meeting please email info@lincolnrspb.org.uk or contact any committee member.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. The Group's AGM will be held at 9 pm following the talk and a short break. Free admission from 8.45 pm for people only attending the AGM.

19 FIELD TRIP to RSPB Bempton Cliffs, Yorkshire. The cliffs are packed with seabirds at this time of the year. Coach leaves Lincoln 8 am. Leaves reserve 5 pm. Adults £27. C, NT, S, VC, WC.

21 - 24 FOUR DAYS in Wales visiting **RSPB Conwy, Ynys-hir & MWT Dyfi Osprey Project, RSPB South Stack and Burton Mere**. The cost of £325 each in a double or twin room or £385 in a single includes all coach travel and 3 nights half board at The Royal Goat Hotel, Beddgelert. Cancellation insurance not included.

JUNE

16 FIELD TRIP to Norfolk Wildlife Trust Weeting Heath. Weeting Heath is the best site in the country to see Stone Curlews. Coach leaves Lincoln 8 am. Leaves reserve 5 pm. Adults £35. Deduct £4.50 from the price if you are a member of Norfolk Wildlife Trust. H, NT, S, VC, WC.

JULY

12 - 14 GLOBAL BIRDFAIR at **Rutland County Showground**. Visit globalbirdfair.org for details.

NIGHTJARS at Sherwood Forest. Meet at Sherwood visitor centre. Date and time to be advised.

AUGUST

18 FIELD TRIP to Yorkshire Wildlife Trust Spurn Nature Reserve. Coach leaves Lincoln 8 am. Leaves reserve 5 pm. Adults £29. C, H, NT, S, VC, WC.

SEPTEMBER

12 INDOOR MEETING. Crossing Boundaries – a unique story of birds and people on the high seas of Iraq. by **Rolf Williams**. Sponsored by Margaret Lunn in memory of her husband Vic Lunn.

15 FIELD TRIP to **RSPB Saltholme, Teeside.** Migrant waders should be arriving at this time of the year. Coach leaves Lincoln 7.30 am. Leaves reserve 5 pm. Adults £34. C, H, NT, S, VC, WC.

OCTOBER

NATIONAL AGM AND MEMBERS' DAY. Date to be advised. See the winter issue of *The RSPB Magazine* for date and time or visit rspb.org.uk for details.

10 INDOOR MEETING. The Galapagos and Rainforest of Ecuador by **Gianpiero Ferrari, FRPS.** Sponsored by Shirley Warner in memory of her husband Peter Warner.

13 FIELD TRIP to **BC&N WT Summer Leys, Northamptonshire.** This is ideal habitat for wintering birds and Goosander, Wigeon and Gadwall reach nationally important numbers. Coach leaves Lincoln 8 am. Leaves reserve 5 pm. Adults £28. C, H, NT, S, VC, WC.

NOVEMBER

14 INDOOR MEETING. RSPB's Work on the Humber by **Pete Short.** Pete is the site manager for RSPB Blacktoft Sands. Sponsored by Just Audi VW.

17 FIELD TRIP to **WWT Welney, Norfolk.** A nature reserve with 12 hides which give good views of 60 or more bird species in winter months. Coach leaves Lincoln 8 am. Leaves reserve 4.30 pm. Adults £33. Deduct £8 from the price if you are a member of the Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust. C, H, NT, S, VC, WC.

DECEMBER

12 INDOOR MEETING. End of the Year Show. Details available in September. Sponsored by Janette Marshall in memory of her parents, Eileen and John White.

15 FIELD TRIP to **Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust Gibraltar Point, Lincolnshire.** A local reserve where thousands of ducks gather on the freshwater scrapes in winter. Coach leaves Lincoln 9 am. Leaves reserve at 4 pm. Adults £22. C, H, NT, S, VC, WC.

HALF-PRICE INTRODUCTORY OFFER

For people who have never been on one of the Group's Sunday coach trips. Book your first Sunday trip at half price. Contact Geoff Styles for details.

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Common Tern by Mike Catchpole, RSPB Lincoln Local Group



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