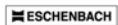


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### Programme of Talks & Field Trips

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# RSPB Walsall Local Group: Programme of Talks & Field Trips for 2004

## Indoor Meetings

(Usually on third Wednesday of the month)

### 21 January: Wings Over Wales

Steve Magennis  
Red Kite, Peregrines and more.

### 18 February: A Birding Safari to India

Richard Eden  
A whole sub-continent of birds.

### 17 March: The Fascination of Birds

Rev. Hugh Linn ARPS  
What do we see in them?.

### 21 April: Sane Scillies

Graham Harrison  
How to avoid the seasonal madness at the twitchers paradise..

### 19 May: Ham Wall (+ Sandwell Valley update)

Nick Martin  
In anticipation of our field trip, on 13 June. Preceded by a brief AGM.

### 16 June: Local Field Trip

To Clayhanger Common, in Walsall.

### 15 September: Birds and Pits

Trevor Gunton  
Our old friend tells us about Paxton Pits in Cambridgeshire.

### 20 October: Flights of Fancy

Alan Gladwin  
Birds in flight: how they've adapted and what we've learned from them.

### 17 November: Woodpeckers

Ken Smith  
Learn all about a favourite group of birds from an RSPB specialist.

### 1 December: Bats!

**(N.B. first Wednesday)**  
Simon Phipps  
They're not birds, but they do fly! (Plus seasonal refreshments).

**All are welcome!**

## About the Group

### Indoor Meetings

We meet on the third Wednesday every month, except in July and August, when we have a rest, and December, when we meet earlier.

Meetings are usually held in St Mary's Primary School, Jesson Road, Walsall. Doors open at 7pm, for a 7.30 start.

Admission costs just £2. There is no joining fee for our group.

Our speakers are chosen to appeal to anyone with an interest in the natural world, be they a beginner or an expert.

Even if you're not an RSPB member, you'll be most welcome, though we hope you will consider joining the RSPB, especially if you attend regularly. We look forward to seeing you!

### Field Trips

We enjoy a field trip every month (and two in April). Trips are on Sundays, unless stated.

Members usually travel to the venue by car; car sharing is encouraged, and a lift may be available - please ask for details; or let us know if you intend to meet us at the venue.

Warm, waterproof clothing and walking boots are recommended, and you should bring your own lunch and drinks. And binoculars!

### Other activities

We support the RSPB with a variety of educational, fund-raising and conservation activities – please ask for details.

### Contact Details

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### Sandwell Valley Reserve

The RSPB Walsall Local Group is happy to support the RSPB's nearby Sandwell Valley reserve, at Tanhouse Avenue, Great Barr, Birmingham (tel: 0121 357 7395). Why not pay it a visit?

## Field trips

(Usually on the first Sunday of the month)

### 4 January: Ellesmere

We found Lesser Spotted Woodpecker on our last visit here!

### 1 February: Attenborough Country Park

A return to this Nottinghamshire reserve.

### 7 March: Aberystwyth

A day at the seaside, with Chough and Purple Sandpiper possible.

### 4 April: Cannock Chase

A relatively local trip, looking for spring migrants. .

### 25 April: Ynis Hir

**(N.B. extra date)**  
Lots to see, at this RSPB reserve.

### 9 May: Manifold Valley

In the beautiful Peak District. POSTPONED

### 13 June: Ham Wall

RSPB reserve on the Somerset Levels  
(Following the indoor meeting of 19 May).

### 4 July: Bewdley and Wyre Forest

Woodland and riverside birds; hopefully including Dippers.

### 1 August: Rutland Water

We should see nesting Ospreys and waders on passage.

### 4 & 5 September: Suffolk Weekend

More details nearer the time, but Minsmere is certain to feature.

### 3 October: Pitsford Reservoir

A famed Northamptonshire site, hopefully with rare ducks.

### 7 November: Southport/ Martin Mere

Sea watching and the Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust reserve.

### 5 December: Cotswold Water Park

A wide variety of over-wintering water- and woodland- birds.

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