

Please check the web site www.bnhs.org.uk or join the BNHS News Group for the latest information. In bad weather, the leaders may cancel the event if conditions are unsuitable. Please check the website early on the day or contact Sheila or Julia.

All indoor talks start at 8pm except the AGM which starts at 7:30pm and all (except the members' evening) are held at Maulden Village Hall, grid reference TL048380, post code MK45 2DP. Parking is free.

Visitors are encouraged.

A small charge is requested for refreshments at the talks and possibly on other occasions too. Donations are always welcome.

For field meetings, wear stout footwear and warm clothing. OS Landranger Numbers 152, 153, 165 & 166 cover Bedfordshire.

(F) Particularly suitable for families and young people. Children 16 years and under must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

(L) Bring a picnic lunch for all day events.
REGRETTABLY NO DOGS ARE ALLOWED.

Unfortunately, some field trips will not be suitable for wheelchair users and pushchairs. Please contact the leader in advance if you have any concerns about accessibility.

* Indicates meetings organised by the ornithological section, the Bedfordshire Bird Club (BBC). For additional BBC meetings see the website: www.bedsbirdsclub.org.uk

***TUESDAY 27th SEPTEMBER, MAULDEN 8pm**
BBC talk "Amazing Birds", by Chris Collins, freelance tour guide and photographer discusses some incredible facts from the avian world.

SUNDAY 16th OCTOBER, BROMHAM 11am – 4:30pm (F)

Bromham Mill Apple Day. Visit the BNHS stand at Bromham Mill, TL010507, MK43 8LP. See our nature table where you can touch the preserved material. Marvel at the photographs of the local wildlife. Test your knowledge with the quiz. (There may be an entry fee.)

TUESDAY 18th OCTOBER, MAULDEN 8pm
Talk "Surviving Antarctic Extremes" by Lloyd Peck, Science Leader at the British Antarctic Survey. The talk will be about Antarctica's extreme environment. Professor Peck will talk about how humans survive in this environment, the clothing needed to work at low temperatures and how animal life copes in these conditions. **There will be a practical demonstration for which a charge will be made: members £1, visitors £2.**

***TUESDAY 25th OCTOBER, MAULDEN 8pm**
BBC talk "Birdwatching in Italy" and "The Work of LIPU, Birdlife partner in Italy" by David Lingard, LIPU UK. A country rich in bird life but suffering serious human persecution.

SATURDAY 29th OCTOBER, SANDY 10am (F)
Walk at the Lodge, RSPB headquarters for a fungal foray joint with the RSPB and the Herts and Beds Fungi Group. Bring lunch if you plan to stay on. Meet at the gatehouse car park. TL191485, SG19 2DL.
Leader: Alan Outen.

SATURDAY 5th NOVEMBER, MARSTON VALE 10am to 4:30pm (doors open 9:30am)
CONFERENCE: Amazing Insects and Spiders in Beds, some neglected, others not. Entrance by ticket only - £15 for members (includes refreshments). See web site for further details.

MONDAY 14th NOVEMBER, LINSLADE 11am
Visit Linslade Water Recycling Education Centre. Water is essential for life and a finite resource. Find out how used water is recycled for the benefit of us all and sustainability of the environment. **Everyone must wear trousers & wellies or stout shoes.** Meet at the site in Globe Lane, Leighton Buzzard, SP913262, LU7 2TA.
Leader: Julia Powell.

TUESDAY 15th NOVEMBER, MAULDEN 8pm
Talk "Alien Species: the Good, the Bad and the Ugly" by Dr Helen Roy, Principal Scientist, Biological Records Centre. The number of new species arriving in the UK & Europe is increasing rapidly with more than 2000 established non-native species in the UK and about 15% of these pose a threat. This is an overview of invasion biology and highlights the invaluable contributions of the volunteer recording community.

***TUESDAY 29th NOVEMBER, MAULDEN 8pm**
BBC talk "Fighting for Birds" by Dr Mark Avery. Topical issues of the birding world addressed by our campaigner-in-chief, always interesting, often controversial.

SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER, HEATH & REACH 11am - 3pm (F)
Rushmere Christmas Fair. Visit the BNHS stand to see the Nature Table, displays and quizzes. Park in the Rushmere car park, SP912284, LU7 0EB. Parking £2.00 (coins only).

THURSDAY 8th DECEMBER, HAYNES 8pm
Christmas Social evening, with seasonal refreshments. Bring along a selection of your photos (on a CD or memory stick) and some food to share. Meet at Haynes Mission Hall, Northwood End Road, Haynes, TL099419, MK45 3PH.

MONDAY 26th DECEMBER, WOBURN 9:30am – 12 noon (F)

Boxing Day Walk through Woburn Park. Meet at the Woburn Village car park, opposite the church in Park Street, SP950331, MK17 9PG.

Leader: Mary Sheridan.

TUESDAY 17th JANUARY, MAULDEN 8pm

Talk “Linnaeus: Putting Order into Nature” by Nick Hammond, ornithologist and former director of our local Wildlife Trust. Every naturalist owes a huge debt to Carl Linnaeus, the man who founded modern taxonomy. His life contains all the staples of a good story - mystery, sex, religion and class. Tonight we learn about his flaws as well as his contribution to natural history.

MONDAY 23rd JANUARY, OXFORD 11am

Visit Oxford University Museum of Natural History. A behind the scenes tour of the collection and information about the history of the museum. There will be a charge of £8 per person. Please contact Julia Powell by January 14th 2017 to book your place and obtain full details.

***SUNDAY 29th JANUARY, HEATH & REACH 9am**

BBC walk birding around Stockgrove and Rushmere Country Parks, Heath and Reach, for a good variety of woodland birds. Meet in Stockgrove car park, SP920293. Parking £2 (coins only).

Leader: Sheila Alliez.

***TUESDAY 31st JANUARY, MAULDEN 8pm**

BBC talk “Saving Nature abroad – the RSPBs international work” by Dr Tim Stowe, Director International Operations. A privileged insight into some of its vital projects around the globe.

SATURDAY 11th FEBRUARY, STREATLEY 10:30am (F)

Walk for winter wildlife and traces of Iron Age hill-fort at Sharpenhoe Clappers, an ancient woodland and chalk escarpment. Meet in Sharpenhoe Clappers car park TL065295.

Leader: Austin Smith.

TUESDAY 21st FEBRUARY, MAULDEN 8pm

Talk “Deer Management at Ashridge” by Lawrence Trowbridge, Lead Ranger for the NT at Ashridge. Ashridge has a wild herd of fallow deer that can be traced back to a 19th century deer park at the heart of the estate around Ashridge House. Fallow deer are a special part of the estate and managing their numbers is very challenging.

TUESDAY 21st MARCH, MAULDEN 7:30pm

BNHS Annual General Meeting. After a short AGM, the Officers and Records will present their annual reports. **NOTE START TIME.**

SUNDAY 26th MARCH, BROMHAM 10:30am (F)

Walk at Bromham Mill for signs of early spring wildlife. Meet at Bromham Mill café TL010507, MK43 8LP.

Leader: TBC.

***TUESDAY 28th MARCH, MAULDEN 8pm**

BBC talk “Making your records count” by Nick Moran, BTO, organiser of BirdTrack. The system expounded and your questions answered.

***SUNDAY 2nd APRIL, MARSTON VALE 8am**

BBC walk in Marston Vale Millennium CP for early migrants and resident species. Meet in car park, TL004417. Entrance fee £2.50 for non-permit holders.

Leader: Bob Hook.

TUESDAY 18th APRIL, MAULDEN 8pm

Talk “Dr Martin Lister (1639-1712), pioneer conchologist” by Peter Topley, Honorary President of the Conchological Society. This talk will relate the fascinating story of Martin Lister, the first ‘modern’ conchologist and arachnologist, Vice-President of the Royal Society, friend of John Ray and collaborator of Isaac Newton. It will also tell of the family production of his magnum opus, the *Historiae Conchyliorum*, featuring just under one thousand engravings of shells.

***SUNDAY 23rd APRIL, PEGSDON 8am**

BBC walk in the morning over Pegsdon Hills for spring migrants. Park and meet in car park of Live and Let Live Inn, Pegsdon, TL121303.

Leader: Jon Palmer.

THURSDAY 27th APRIL, FLITWICK 7pm (F)

Walk in Flitwick Manor Park, one of the earliest examples of the planting of an arboretum in Britain, started in 1819 by John Thomas Brooks. A number of his original trees survive in the publicly accessible pinetum, along with others planted up until 1858. These include some of the oldest known plantings outside their natural habitat. Limited parking in local streets. Meet at site entrance TL 03233425, MK45 1HU.

Leader: David Alderman.

***SUNDAY 30th APRIL, BROOM 7am**

BBC walk around Broom Gravel Pits for spring migrants. Park and meet at end of Kings Road, off High Street, Broom, TL172433.

Leader: John Tomlin.

***SUNDAY 7th MAY, MAULDEN WOOD 4:15am**

BBC Annual Dawn Chorus in Maulden Wood. Meet in lay-by at top of Deadman’s Hill on A6, TL072394. Hot fried breakfast to follow at 7am,

price £3.00. Please order 7 days in advance with John Adams on 01234 381532.
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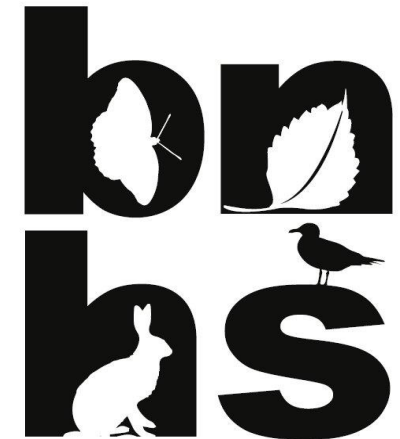
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