

KINTBURY WILDLIFE GROUP



Winter Programme 2014 – 2015

Tuesday 7th October

Coronation Hall, Kintbury 7:30 p.m.

Trinidad & Morocco

First Speaker & Contact: Lesley Staves

Second Speaker: John Swallow

There will be a short AGM and then we will have a 'double header'. Firstly, Lesley will talk about her visit to Trinidad. She saw Hummingbirds, Tropicbirds, Pygmy Owls and a host of other exotic birds, flowers and the odd animal. This will be followed by John who got some wonderful photos when he went to Morocco last spring.

Annual subscriptions are due at this meeting

Saturday 11th October

Bowdown Woods

Fungus Foray

Leader: John Parsons

Contact: Lesley Staves

Meeting Point: The Square, Kintbury at 9:30 am or Bowdown Wood car park (SU 501 656) at 9:45 am. Home for lunch.

There is usually a wonderful variety of fungi to be found in Bowdown at this time of year. John is an enthusiastic expert and he will be on hand to help with identification. This is a fun event, bring your children or grandchildren.

Tuesday 4th November

Coronation Hall 7:30 p.m.

Rescuing Ratty: Water voles in Berks, Bucks and Oxon

Speaker: Julia Lofthouse

Contact: John Dellow

In the UK water voles have suffered a serious decline in recent years. The American mink has been a serious predator. Julia will explain how BBOWT have arrested this decline so that we have some healthy populations close to Kintbury. What does the future hold for this endearing mammal?

Tuesday 2nd December

Coronation Hall 7:30p.m.

Linking the Landscape: Tremendous Trees

Speaker: Ian Stevenson

Contact: Rosemary Collins

In recent times our trees have been hit hard with diseases and pests; come along to this talk to celebrate all that is wonderful about our native trees. Learn more fascinating facts about British trees and some of the fabulous folklore surrounding them.

Tuesday 6th January

Coronation Hall 7:30pm

New Year Party: Members' Evening.

This ever popular event will follow the same pattern as in previous years. Members are invited to bring along their slides or digital pictures. Please advise John Dellow who will organise digital photos. We shall be including a bird sound quiz this year. This will be a special social event and contributions of food and drink will be very welcome.

Raffle

Tuesday 3rd February

Coronation Hall 7:30pm

Wildlife of Shetland

Speakers: Andrew Cleave

Contact: Lesley Staves

The numerous islands which make up the Shetland archipelago support some of the largest seabird colonies in Europe. They have an interesting arctic flora and some spectacular coastal scenery.

This is a joint meeting with NDOC

Raffle

Tuesday 3rd March

Coronation Hall 7:30pm

Polecats & Pine Martens

Speaker: Lizzie Croose

Contact: Judith Muir

We have a healthy polecat population in West Berkshire but few of us have ever seen a live one in the area. Lizzie is doing a nationwide survey and will tell us how the species is spreading and give us an update on pine martens.

Tuesday 7th April

Coronation Hall 7:30pm

Otters

Speaker: Nicola Chester

Contact: John Dellow

Nicola makes regular contributions to The Newbury News and the RSPB magazine. She gave us a great talk last year. She has recently published a book on otters and this will be her subject this time.

This is a joint meeting with BBOWT.

Raffle

Saturday 11th April

Marsh Benham

Spring Walk

Leader & Contact: Lesley Staves

Meet: The Square 9:00 am

This is traditionally our first outdoor trip of the year. We will park on the grass verge by The Red House and walk to the canal for a gentle stroll along the towpath and back. We hope to see some early migrants, maybe the first swallows. Home for lunch.

Summer programmes will be available at this meeting

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Each meeting has a committee contact nominated to assist members who may require further information on individual events.

New members & visitors welcome