

# **Annual Programme 2020**

Indoor events (black) are held at the Hub (Voluntary Action Rutland, Lands' End Way, Oakham LE15 6RB). Visitors welcome. Outdoor events (green) for full details see our website:

www.rhns.org.uk. If the weather is bad check the website or call the 'Queries' phone number for changes.

Please note ALL outdoor events are likely to be on rough or muddy ground so be sure to wear suitable footwear and clothing and carry drinks and suncream etc. to suit weather conditions.



# Tuesday 7 January 7.30pm Goshawks to Humpbacks. By Richard Baines.

Richard, an experienced ornithologist, naturalist and wildlife guide will speak about the varied habitats and wildlife of the North Yorkshire Moors and coastline.

#### Sunday 12th January. 10am. A Winter Walk. Exton Park.

Leaders. Linda and Anthony Biddle. Meet at the Trout Farm, Exton Park, between Exton and Empingham. Map Ref. SK951105. Park with care on roadside verge, by the stile next to the Trout hatchery. **Queries.** Linda Biddle. 01780762108/07749636919. abiddle21@talktalk.net

### Tuesday 4th February 7.30pm. Northamptonshire's changing flora. By Brian Laney.

Brian Laney is a self-taught botanist who is joint recorder for plants and recorder for reptiles and amphibians in Northamptonshire.

#### Saturday 22nd February 10.00am. Winter Birds at Vine House Farm.

Leader. Nicholas Watts. Keen environmentalist farmer and producer of bird foods on a large scale. Meet at Vine House farm main entrance, off the A1175, Main road, Deeping St Nicholas, Spalding. PE11 3DG. **Queries.** Jayne Walker 07957340545. jayne8586@hotmail.com

# Tuesday 3rd March 7.30pm. AGM and Bird Migration and Ringing. By Lloyd Park.

The Society's AGM followed by a talk by Lloyd Park.

Lloyd is reserves officer at RWNR. Well known to members he is an experienced licensed bird ringer and was the youngest person to qualify as a bird ringing trainer.

#### Saturday 14th March 10.00am. Migrant Birds. Rutland Water.

Meet at Anglian Birdwatching Centre Egleton. Map Ref SK879071 LE15 7RT. AW Permit may be needed. £5 for LRWT members. **Queries.** Linda Biddle, as January.

#### Tuesday 7th April 7.30pm. Meadows. By Joe Costley of Plantlife.

Joe is reserves officer for Plantlife and has visited us before to tell us about the work of Plantlife. He also introduced and supervised our annual botany surveys of Seaton Meadows until nesting curlews prevented us from continuing.

# Sunday 19th April 9.30am - 12.30pm. Migrant Birds of Tunnely Wood.

Leader Terry Mitcham. Meet at the NW corner of Tunnely Wood, park on the verge or area of hard standing just west of corner. (Map Ref. SK 931124) members can drive up and need not walk in from Exton Village **Queries.** Jayne Walker as February.

#### Saturday 2nd May. 3.45am. Dawn Chorus.

# Booking essential Meeting place and Map ref withheld until leaders contacted.

Leaders. Linda and Anthony Biddle. Warm clothing suitable footwear and a torch essential. A picnic chair, hot drink and breakfast also recommended! **Queries.** Linda Biddle, as January.