

January

Thursday 19th January

Martin Davies presents: **'Wildlife of Turkey'** The richness of birds, mammals, dragonflies & flowers clearly shows the diversity of the wildlife of Turkey.

Sunday 22nd January

A visit to **Rye Meads & Amwell GPs** for wintering wildfowl. **NB - 8.00 am start**

February

Thursday 16th February

Peter Holden MBE presents: **'Born to Travel'**. Bird migration & the amazing stories of their journeys.

Sunday 19th February

A visit to **Buckenham Marshes & Breydon Water** for wintering geese and wildfowl.

March

Thursday 16th March

Steve Lovell presents **'British Birds of Prey'** The past, present and future of these magnificent birds.

Sunday 19th March

A visit to **Brecks – Cavenham Heath, Lakenheath** in search of early spring migrants.



April

Thursday 20th April

Jacque Clarke, head of the Demography team at the BTO presents **'Ringing for Conservation'**

Sunday 23rd April

A visit to **North Norfolk** for spring migrants and breeding birds. **NB – 7 am start**

May

****NB Dawn Chorus at Priory Park – Sunday 14th May. Meet at 5 am in Priory Car Park**

Thursday 11th May - **Evening Walk**

Paxton Pits - meet at 7 pm in the car park

Thursday 18th May - AGM

Chris Collins presents **'Birds and Wildlife of Guyana'** Tonight we visit many of the habitats that make Guyana such a unique destination.

Sunday 21st May

A visit to **Symonds Yat** for Forest of Dean specialities **NB - 7am start.**

June

Thursday 15th June - **Evening Walk**

Broom Gravel Pits – meet at 7 pm in the car park at the end of Kings Road, Broom TL172 433

Saturday 17th June

A visit to the **North Norfolk Nightjars** a 'later in the day' visit to North Norfolk, Dersingham & late return **NB – 11 am start**

July

Thursday 13th July - **Evening Walk**

Willington meet at 7 pm at location TBA

Sunday 16th July

A visit to **Rye Harbour & Pett Levels** for high tide waders and summer visitors.

NB - 7 am start

August

August Trip - TBA

September

Thursday 21st September

Barrie Mason presents **'The Splendour of Scotland'** – another of his many exciting and colourful wildlife trips.

Sunday 24th September

A visit to **Gibraltar Point, Lincolnshire** for migrants and sea birds. **NB – 7 am start**





October

Thursday 19th October

Trevor Gunton presents: **'I Know an Island'**. A visit to the Scottish Islands – Mull, Orkney & Fair Isle.

Sunday 22nd October

A visit to **RSPB Dungeness** for late migrants & winter arrivals. **NB – 7 am start**

November

Thursday 16th November

Jo Thomas presents **'Birds of India'**. Jo runs the travel company 'Wild about Travel' and has a vast & interesting knowledge of India's spectacular wildlife.

Sunday 19th November

A visit to **Welney & Ouse Washes** for wintering swans and geese. **NB – 8am start**

December

Thursday 21st December

Dr Andy Clements director of the **BTO** presents: **'Birds – their interaction with the landscape'**.

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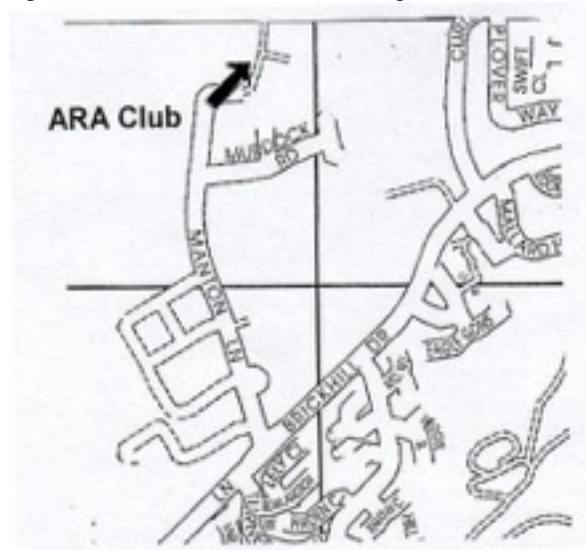
Visits normally depart from the RSPB Staff Car Park, The Lodge, Sandy at **7.30am**, unless otherwise stated, and are for Local Group members only.

Book by contacting Robert Norris at indoor meetings or by phone on 01234 391060. Maps/directions for Evening walks – contact John Tomlin – johntomlin15@gmail.com

Cheques to be made payable to Bedford RSPB Local Group. Please bring enough food and hot drinks for the day, also strong footwear and waterproofs. Please remember that RSPB membership cards must be produced at RSPB reserves, or entrance fees may be charged. Entrance fees may be payable when visiting the reserves of County Wildlife Trusts or other organisations.

Indoor meetings will take place at the ARA Club, Manton Lane, Bedford MK41 7PF. These are usually held on the third Thursday of the month and begin at 7.30 pm. The facilities, including refreshments, are at ground level and there is secure parking.

Group membership is £5 per annum for adults; there is no charge for children under 16. Entrance to the meetings is £1 for members and £2 for non-members; again, children enter free of charge.



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Programme of Visits and Speakers

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