

SOG Outdoor Programme – 2018

NOTES It is always advisable to bring sufficient food and drink and appropriate clothing and footwear on all field events. Members are asked not to bring dogs. Children under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

The itinerary of the meeting may be altered by the leader on the day. Members are requested to read the Health and Safety information as published in Bulletin no. 128.

A copy can be obtained from the Secretary. Additional information about the field events can be obtained from leaders or Gi Grieco. Tel. 07951 482547.

Saturday, January 6th

LEVINGTON AND TRIMLEY

Meet at Levington Marina at 8.30 am.

(Long walk possible).

Map Ref: TM246380.

Leader: Justin and Ellie Zantboer. Tel. 07786 656888.

Saturday, January 20th

FALKENHAM

Meet at Falkenham Church at 8.30 am.

(Long walk possible).

Map Ref: TM293390.

Leader: Justin and Ellie Zantboer. Tel. 07786 656888.

Saturday, February 17th

DUNWICH

Meet at Dunwich Beach car park, at 10.00 am.

(Long walk possible.)

Map Ref: TM479707.

Leader: Steve Fryett. Tel. 01394 383413.

Sunday, March 18th

BRECKLAND

Meet at Santon Downham car park at 7.30 am.

Map Ref: TL815877.

Leader: Gi Grieco. Tel. 07951 482547.

Sunday, April 1st

CARLTON MARSHES

Meet at reserve car park, Burnt Hill Lane, Carlton Colville at 9.00 am.

Map Ref: TM508920.

Leader: Richard Smith. Tel. 01502 586801.

Saturday, April 21st

SHINGLE STREET AND THE SANDLINGS

Meet at Coastguard Cottages car park at 9.00 am.

(Long walk possible).

Map Ref: TM369431.

Leader: Steve Fryett. Tel. 01394 383413.

Sunday, April 29th

BROMESWELL – DAWN CHORUS

Meet at Melton Riverside car park at 4.30 am.

(Long walk possible).

Map Ref: TM288502.

Leader: Gi Grieco. Tel. 07951 482547.

Sunday, May 13th

EASTBRIDGE – OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

Meet at Eastbridge at 7.00 am.

(Long walk possible).

Map Ref: TM452666.

Leader: David Walsh. Tel. 07947 051223.

Friday, June 8th

BLAXHALL HEATH – NIGHTJARS

Meet at Blaxhall Heath at 9.00 pm (21.00 hrs).

Map Ref: TM381565.

Leader: Ashley Gooding. Tel. 07808 044611.

Friday, June 15th

MINSMERE (RSPB) RESERVE

Meet at the Reserve car park at 7.00 pm for evening walk ending with Nightjars on the heath.

Leader: Paul Gowen. Tel. 01473 311263.

Sunday, July 8th

REDGRAVE AND LOPHAM FEN

Meet at reserve centre car park at 9.00 am.

Map Ref: TM052803.

Leader: Gi Grieco. Tel. 07951 482547.

Date to be arranged

STANFORD TRAINING AREA, NEAR THETFORD

For details, cost and to reserve your place, contact Jonathan Lawley. Tel. 01449 711331.

Leader: Paul Holness.

Sunday, August 26th

EAST LANE, BAWDSEY

Meet at East Lane car park, Bawdsey at 7.00 am.

Map Ref: TM357400.

Leader: Gi Grieco. Tel. 07951 482547.

Saturday, September 8th

FINGRINGHOE WICK

Meet at visitor centre car park, South Green Road at 9.00 am.

Map Ref: TM048193.

Leader: Ashley Gooding. Tel. 07808 044611.

Saturday, September 15th

SHINGLE STREET & HOLLESLEY MARSH

Meet at Coastguard Cottages at 8.30 am.

(Long walk possible).

Map Ref: TM369431.

Leader: Steve Fryett. Tel. 01394 383413.

Saturday, 29th & Sunday, September 30th

ORFORDNESS (NATIONAL TRUST) RESERVE

Some places available to stay overnight on Saturday in self-catering dormitories.

Current entrance fees will apply.

Map Ref: TM425495.

For further details and to reserve your place, contact Gi Grieco. Tel. 07951 482547.

Leader: Gi Grieco and Eddie Bathgate.

Sunday, October 14th

THORPENESS – BIRDTRACK IN THE FIELD

Meet by Dolphin Inn, Old Homes Road at 7.30 am.

Map Ref: TM472598.

Using Birdtrack in the field to log observations.

Leader: Scott Mayson Tel. 01394 385595.

Saturday, October 27th

AUTUMN OPEN MORNING

AT LANDGUARD BIRD OBSERVATORY

Meet at main car park,

View Point Road, Felixstowe at 8.00 am.

Map Ref: TM284319.

Leader: Nigel Odin. For details contact Gi Grieco. Tel. 07951 482547.

Saturday, November 17th

THE NAZE

Meet at visitor centre car park,
South Green Road at 9.00 am.
Map Ref: TM265234.

Leader: Ashley Gooding. Tel. 07808 044611.

Sunday, December 2nd

LACKFORD AND LAKENHEATH

Meet at Lackford SWT car park at 10.00 am.
(*Long walk possible –
finish at Lakenheath Fen for dusk raptor roost.*)
Map Ref: TL800705.

Leader: Ivan Lockwood.
For details contact Gi Grieco. Tel. 07951 482547.

Saturday, December 8th

HOLBROOK, RIVER STOUR

Meet at Lower Holbrook car park, at 9.30 am.
(*Long walk possible.*)
Map Ref: TM177350.

Leader: Steve Fryett. Tel. 01394 383413.

SOG INDOOR PROGRAMME – 2018

NOTES All meetings will commence at 7.30pm.
Admission charge (apart from the AGM which is free):
£3 for all, non-members most welcome. Additional
information/queries: Adam Gretton, Tel. 01473 829156.
Adam.gretton@naturalengland.org.uk

*Please note that two meetings below are in Stowmarket;
please check details carefully! All other meetings are at the
University of Suffolk, Waterfront Building, Neptune Quay,
IPSWICH. Free parking at IP3 8AH, a short walk away.*

Thursday, January 25th

'BIRDING DESERTS & MOUNTAINS IN SE KAZAKHSTAN'

Steve Piotrowski
University of Suffolk, Waterfront Building,
Neptune Quay, Ipswich IP4 1QJ (room W115)

Thursday, February 22nd

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Followed by trophy presentations, SOG and BINS Review
of the Year, a raffle and Mystery Bird Quiz!
Please bring any unwanted bird books/magazines to
exchange or donate for Save Our Suffolk Swifts.
University of Suffolk, Waterfront Building,
Neptune Quay, Ipswich IP4 1QJ (room W115)

Thursday, March 15th

**A TRIO OF TALKS including
'BIRDING WESTERN CRETE; A COMPACT VIEW
OF AUSSIE BIRDS; SRI LANKAN ENDEMIC'S'**

Eddie Bathgate / Edward Jackson / Adam Gretton
University of Suffolk, Waterfront Building,
Neptune Quay, Ipswich IP4 1QJ (room W115)

Thursday, April 26th

**'BIRD THERAPY –
EXPLORING THE THERAPEUTIC BENEFITS OF BIRD-
WATCHING FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING'**

Joe Harkness.
Bird Therapy blog: www.birdtherapy.co.uk
Please note venue: The Cedars Hotel,
Needham Road, Stowmarket, IP14 2AJ

Thursday, September 27th

**'GUNS, GERM & SEED:
RESEARCHING THE CAUSES OF TURTLE DOVE DECLINE'**

Dr Tony Morris, Principal Research Manager, RSPB
Please note venue: The Cedars Hotel,
Needham Road, Stowmarket, IP14 2AJ

Thursday, October 25th

**'CAN WE SAVE BRITISH WILDLIFE
BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE?'**

Mark Cocker [Books will be available for sale, inc. 'Birds
and People' at a 70% discount]
University of Suffolk, Waterfront Building,
Neptune Quay, Ipswich IP4 1QJ (room W115)

Thursday, November 29th

**'BIRDS OF SAUDI ARABIA AND
CONSERVATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST'**

Rob Sheldon
(Chairman, Ornithological Society of the Middle East)
University of Suffolk, Waterfront Building,
Neptune Quay, Ipswich IP4 1QJ (room W115)



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MEMBERSHIP OF SOG

Full details are available from the Membership Secretary:
Kevin Verlander 9 Heron Close, Stowmarket, Suffolk IP14 1UR
Single and family membership are available at a respective
subscription of £17 and £20 per annum payable on January
1st. Members may attend all meetings and will receive four
copies of *The Harrier* per year.

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