

Annual Report Nature Group Event's Organiser for April 12th 2025

The Nature Group organised Zoom lectures, two Distinction events, workshops and a wide variety of field trips in the 2024-5 season. The dedicated website displays our events quickly and attractively and allows Members to upload their own images to galleries after the event. All events are still accessible from the main RPS Nature Group home page and a News item is published on the RPS main pages after the event*. Zoom talks by Mick Durham, Danny Green, Roger Hance and Gianpiero Ferrari were excellent – if you missed any of these, recordings of most of these can be found from the Nature Group home page under Event Recordings. Many thanks to those who have helped provide this service to Members. Advisory sessions were by Zoom, held in August and January and were both fully subscribed. Unfortunately January did not go quite to plan as Mick Durham was unable to Chair the meeting because he was without internet due to storm damage but Ann chaired the meeting and the two advisors did an excellent job offering suggestions etc

We have run a number of Field trips since the last AGM (see below) and have many more planned. Thanks to Duncan Locke, Peter Ward, Bruce Kendrick, David O'Neill, Ken Rasmussen and Nick Bowman who have helped to run events. Several of these are offered as 2-day or more events with Members booking their own choice of accommodation. The number of participants varied with a maximum of 15. We added Workshops to our list last year with an indoor event in Toft in May, a full-day workshop at Welney preceded by a Zoom session on Focus Stacking by Duncan Locke and a day's practical workshop on photographing Fungi at Brandon Suffolk.

Hopefully those attending have enjoyed the events, got the occasional pleasing image and made new friends. Galleries and News items can be found for most of the trips that we organise on the RPSnature.org website.

We are still looking for Volunteers to help organise events so we can spread the locations out over more of the country especially in the Southern, Northern and Scottish areas, so it would be great if more members were willing to share their favourite locations – you do not have to be an expert in any field just have an enthusiasm for a locality and its wildlife.

List of Events April 2024-March 2025

On-line Advisory Days.

Saturday 10 August 2024 Chaired Mick Durham

Saturday 25 January 2025 Chaired Ann Miles (Mick Durham was unable to chair the meeting as storm damage removed internet access)

On-line Talks.

Saturday 2 November 2024 Mick Durham: Southern Adventure

Saturday 16 November 2024 Danny Green: The Art of Wildlife Photography

Saturday 11 January 2025 Roger Hance: A Different Approach to Bird and Wildlife Photography

Saturday 8 February 2025 Nature in Macro by Gianpiero Ferrari

Workshops

Friday 3 May Macro Workshop Toft Cambridgeshire with David Smith (Toft)

Tuesday 9 July 2024 Macro Workshop at WWT Welney (Nick Bowman)

Wednesday 9 October Fungi Photography workshop Brandon (Ann)

Field Trips

Wednesday 24 April 2024 Potteric Carr Yorkshire (Peter)

Saturday 11 May 2024 Barnack Hills and Holes (Ken)

Sunday 12 May 2024 St Aidans Reserve Yorkshire (Bruce)

Wednesday 22 May 2024 Bonsai Bank and Denge Wood Kent (Duncan)

Sunday 26 May 2024 Anglia Water Reserve at Rutland Water (Peter)

Thursday 30 May 2024 Whixhall Moss Shropshire (Duncan)

Wednesday 5 June 2024 Chartley Moss NNR (Alan Hartley)

Sunday 9 June 2024 Attenborough Nature Reserve (Peter) Cancelled as no takers

Wednesday 12 June 2024 Photography Day at Paxton Pits (Ann)

Thursday 27 June 2024 Prestbury Hill Butterfly Conservation Reserve Gloucestershire (Duncan)

Sunday 30th June Fermyn Woods (Ken)

Wednesday 10 July 2024 Lakenheath RSPB (Ann)

Thursday 11 July 2024 Strumpshaw RSPB (Ann)

Friday 12 July 2024 Winterton Dunes National NR (Ann)

Saturday 13 July 2024 planned as Buxton Heath changed to Hickling Broad and Horsey Gap (Ann)

Sunday 11 August 2024 Sharpenhoe Bedfordshire (Ann)

Monday 12th August 2024 Sandy RSPB reserve and Other Bedfordshire Site for BeeWolf Wasps (Ann)

Thursday 15th August 2024 Grafton Wood (Duncan)

Tuesday 24th September 2024 Slimbridge WWT (Ann)

Thursday 26 — 29 September 2024 2-Day Trip to North Pembrokeshire (Stephen Hyam)

Wednesday 9 October 2024 Fungi Workshop at Brandon (Ann)

Sunday 20 October 2024 Bradgate Park (Peter)

Saturday 26th October Cotswold Beech Wood (Duncan) (Cancelled as no fungi)

Sunday 9 November 2024 Fungi at RSPB Sandy (Ann)

Thursday 28th November Ham Wall (Duncan)

Saturday 30 November 2024 Hunstanton (Ann)

Sunday 1 December 2024 Titchwell RSPB (Ann)

Friday 17 January 2025 Burwell and Wicken Fen (Ann)

Saturday 18 January 2025 Welney WWT (Ann)

Saturday 1 March - Sunday 2 March 2025 Deeside Wader and Raptor Spectacular, (Bruce)

***News Items for Past Field Trips**

<https://rps.org/search/?content=News&groups=e40858b3-8db8-480a-8c7d-8gd1e7f5cabf1> and enter

keywords News Nature in the search box

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