

**RUISLIP AND DISTRICT  
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Join the RDNHS and.....

- come to the **INDOOR MEETINGS** at the Ruislip Guide Hut (next to the Great Barn in Bury Street). These cover a wide range of natural history interest topics and are usually illustrated with slides or digital images.
- come to the **OUTDOOR WALKS**. Visit attractive areas in good company and learn and see something new.
- **MEET LOCAL PEOPLE** who are also interested in all aspects of natural history - birds, wild flowers, bats, mammals, dragonflies, conservation, countryside appreciation etc.
- receive the **NEWSLETTER** and keep In touch with local wildlife matters.
- receive the **JOURNAL**: widely respected for the quality of its articles on natural history, includes a bird report.
- help with **RECORDING** by sending in your observations to the Recorders. This provides a valuable database, particularly for those sites that might be threatened with development or "improvement" in the future.
- support local **CONSERVATION**. The Society is active in preserving the countryside but needs the help of members in being alerted to threats to our wildlife heritage.

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**PROGRAMME**

**For**

**OCTOBER 2017**

**TO APRIL 2018**

**RUISLIP AND DISTRICT  
NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY  
WINTER PROGRAMME  
OCTOBER 2017 TO APRIL 2018**

**Please note:** Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult when attending the walks.

**All indoor meetings** are held in the Ruislip Guide Hut, near the Winston Churchill Hall in the Manor Farm complex.

**OCTOBER 2017**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> **Maple Lodge NR.** A moth/bat evening based in the Club House from 6.00pm onwards, weather permitting. Refreshments provided for a small fee. Joint with Maple Lodge members. Details from **Christina Bessant** (07500 057078).

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> INDOOR MEETING 8.15pm  
**In Search of the Resplendent Quetzal** by **Steve Carter**.

**NOVEMBER 2017**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> **Ruislip Woods to Harefield.** Meet in the Mad Bess Woods car park at 10.00am for a circular morning walk to St Mary's Church in Harefield. There will be an opportunity to look at the Anzac graves in the churchyard before returning via Bayhurst Woods to the start point. Details from **Mark Morgan** (07903 529024).

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> INDOOR MEETING 8.15pm  
**British non-marine Molluscs** by **June Chatfield**.

**DECEMBER 2017**

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> **Rickmansworth Aquadrome to Scotsbridge Mill.** Meet at 10am in front of the café at Rickmansworth Aquadrome, free CP. Following the Ebury Trail to Croxley Gr, joining the lower part of Chess Valley at Scotsbridge Mill. Return journey through the town where we can have lunch at one of the

pubs.(Grid Ref TQ056937, Maps 176/172)  
Details from **Iran Adil-Smith** (01895 482941 or 07914 387484).

**JANUARY 2018**

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> **RSPB Pulborough Brooks and Warnham.** A two-part day of late winter birdwatching. We will start off at Pulborough (RSPB) and proceed after lunch to the nearby (Surrey Wildlife Trust) reserve at Warnham. Bring picnic (or cafe) lunch. Meet in the car park at Pulborough Brooks. Joint with Hillingdon Natural History Society. Details from **Alan Rix**( 01895 466804).

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> INDOOR MEETING 8.15pm  
**Members Evening.** An opportunity to show your wildlife pictures. Please contact **George Bray**( 01923 824947) in advance with your contributions.

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> INDOOR MEETING 8.15pm  
**Annual General Meeting** followed by **Cheese and Wine.** Voluntary contribution of £3 appreciated.

**FEBRUARY 2018**

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> **Penn Wood.** An afternoon visit to this Buckinghamshire woodland which contains a broad mixture of tree species and a regular winter roost of Brambling. Wellingtons advised if a wet winter. Details of time and place of meeting from **John Edwards** (01494870337 or 07598783535)

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> INDOOR MEETING 8.15pm  
**Urban Peregrines** by **Mike Wallen**.

**MARCH 2018**

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> **Chess Valley Walk.** Meet in the car park off the A404 at ChorleyWood Common. Bring Picnic Lunch. Details from **Mark Morgan** (07903 529024)

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> INDOOR MEETING 8.15pm  
**Britain's Rarest Plants** by **Fred Rumsey**.

**APRIL 2018**

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> **The 2018 Bird Race.** Our annual contest against Hillingdon Natural History Society. All day fun event, part participation welcome. Details from **John Edwards** (01494 870337).

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> **Frensham Common.** A visit to this Surrey Heathland nature reserve. Meet in visitors centre car park at the Great Pond (SU 845405). Some steep sandy paths. Details from **Dick Middleton** (020 8845 6207 or 07597 369067).

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> INDOOR MEETING 8.15pm  
**Panshanger Park.** by a representative of the Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust.

**OUTDOOR MEETINGS**

As always, if you would like a lift or would be willing to offer one, please register your request with the leader who may be willing to co-ordinate rides. Neither the leader nor the Committee can guarantee lifts. Dogs are not always welcomed and, indeed, may be forbidden on some reserves. Members or guests wishing to take dogs should seek advice of the leader in advance.

Walks may be over rough or muddy terrain and it is important that walkers wear suitable footwear and take due care and attention. If you have any concern that you may not be able to complete the walk without incurring distress, or if you have any other concern, you should speak to the leader at the beginning of the walk, or beforehand. Any guests of members will be the responsibility of that member alone.

At some reserves an entrance fee is payable.

**If you wish to go on a walk, please telephone the leader in advance so that you may be given any last minute information.**

**If you would like to join the Society**

Send a cheque for the subscription (£8 individual or £12 family) to the Treasurer Dr Iran Adil-Smith, address overleaf. Visit our website [www.ruislip-districtnhs.co.uk](http://www.ruislip-districtnhs.co.uk).