

WEST OXFORDSHIRE FIELD CLUB – WINTER PROGRAMME 2021—22

Indoor meetings are held in the Upper Hall of the High Street Methodist Church, Witney

Please use the rear entrance. Parking is available in the shoppers' (Woolgate) car park behind the church.

SEPTEMBER 2021

Sunday 19th 10.30 am POND DIPPING AT PINKHILL near Farmoor. *Adults only!* This will be led by Jeremy Biggs the director of the Freshwater Trust. *Please contact Jonathan Noel for details.*

OCTOBER

Friday 1st 7:15 for 7:30 pm INDOOR MEETING Peter Creed "Grassland Fungi"

Sunday 3rd 10:30 am GEOLOGY WALK with Lesley Dunlop at Dry Sanford Pit. SU467997

Sunday 31st 10:30 am FUNGUS FORAY with Peter Creed at Jarn Mound, Boars Hill, Oxford. SP493020 **Booking essential.**

NOVEMBER

Friday 5th 7:15 for 7:30 pm INDOOR MEETING Tim King "Seething soils: the local value of yellow meadow ants as engineers, farmers and conservationists"

Sunday 7th 10:00 am GIBBETS CLOSE FARM, the Wychwood Forest Trust's new site on the outskirts of Witney. Leader Neil Clennell. Limited parking in yard opposite cemetery on Oxford Hill; car sharing is advised. SP368098

DECEMBER

Friday 3rd 7:15 for 7:30 pm INDOOR MEETING Andy Warren "Ethiopia - endemic birds and wildlife in the Horn of Africa"

Monday 6th 2pm Visit to ENTOMOLOGY DEPARTMENT, Natural History Museum, Oxford. **Booking essential.**

JANUARY 2022

Subscriptions due by 31st. Please pay by bank transfer or send a cheque to the Treasurer.

Friday 14th 7:15 for 7:30 pm INDOOR MEETING – MEMBERS' NIGHT (non-members equally welcome) Please bring your slides, photos on memory sticks, and items of interest or for identification; there may also be a Fiendish Quiz.

Sunday 16th WWT SLIMBRIDGE. Joint with RSPB. Possible to go by coach. Pick up at 8.30 am at the lay-by just before the Burford roundabout. Fare approximately £20. Pay cash or cheque on the day. If driving meet in Slimbridge car park at 10 am. Entry fee for non-WWT members. *Contact Reg Cox* directly to book on coach: 01865 761402 or reg.cox@btinternet.com.

FEBRUARY

Friday 4th 7:15 for 7:30 pm INDOOR MEETING John Tyler "The wildlife and history of the River Thames."

Thursday 17 6:00 pm Visit to OXFORD UNIVERSITY HERBARIA. **Booking Essential**

MARCH

Friday 4th 7:15 for 7:30 pm INDOOR MEETING ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING followed by Philip Mugridge "Galapagos - our voyage aboard the Beagle."

Sunday 27th 10.30 am WHITEHILL WOOD circular walk with Peter Creed to see mosses, lichens and spring flowers including Yellow Star of Bethlehem. Park at Ashford Bridge SP386155

APRIL

Friday 1st 7:15 for 7:30 pm INDOOR MEETING Jessica Turner "The Canary Islands, Part 2. Looking at the islands of Gran Canaria, Fuerteventura and La Palma."

Sunday 10th 10:30 am GREENHAM COMMON REPTILES and possibly interesting birds. Leader Neil Clennell. Details closer to date

MAY

Sunday 1st 4:00 am DAWN CHORUS WALK Location and leader TBC. Details closer to date.

Friday 6th 7:15 for 7:30 pm INDOOR MEETING Martin Catt "Montague's Devon" Please bring plants and books for our annual sale in aid of Club funds.

Sunday 29 May 6:00 pm BIRD SONG WALK Leader and location TBC. Details closer to date.

In the event of further Covid restrictions on indoor meetings the talks will be given by Zoom. Members will be informed by email.

Please inform the walks coordinators (contact details overleaf) if you intend to come on any of the walks.