



Hawk
and
Owl
Trust

Sculthorpe Moor Community Nature Reserve

Newsletter and events calendar

AUTUMN WILDLIFE HIGHLIGHTS

Returning autumn
migrants:

siskin

redpoll

fieldfare

brambling

water rail

fabulous fungi

trees turning
autumn colours

nuts and berries

EVENTS CALENDAR INSIDE

WALKS, TALKS
& ACTIVITIES
IN THE NEXT
FEW MONTHS.

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Tagged Harriers Spotted

During the breeding season last year marsh harrier chicks from nests at Sculthorpe Moor and other sites in the Wensum valley were tagged with green plastic wing tags. The project aims to find out where young marsh harriers go when they leave their Norfolk nests and whether they return when they are ready to breed. 14 young harriers were tagged in 2011. The first brood of six were tagged at Sculthorpe Moor with tags AA, AB, AC, AD, AF and AH and the first confirmed sighting came in on 24th August 2011 of AD at Holme. Then AA was spotted at Lakenheath RSPB reserve on 18th October 2011. At the end of the month, AD turned up on the Isle of Sheppey in Kent, 160km from Sculthorpe. AA stayed in East Anglia, early in 2012 it was being reported on the Ouse Washes at Welney, and also near Boughton Fen. AP, a youngster from a second brood of two from Sculthorpe, was seen nearby at Pensthorpe in October 2011.

In 2012, a total of 40 birds have been tagged in Norfolk, from the Great Yarmouth area in the east, to Holkham in the north, and Swaffham in the south. Already, a confirmed sighting of one of this years birds has come in from the RSPB reserve at Burton Mere wetlands in Cheshire, 257km from where it was tagged in Norfolk.



It is hoped that two years into the project with 54 marsh harriers now tagged next spring we should be able to find out whether they return to Norfolk to breed and what sort of habitat they choose to nest in if they do. We would like to thank Phil Littler and all the other volunteers who have put many hours into this project.

300 CLUB

The Friends of Sculthorpe Moor 300 Club is a lottery draw that raises funds to help support the valuable conservation and educational work on the Reserve. There are four draws a year, the latest of which took place on Friday 14th Sept. With 174 tickets in the draw, the prize fund was £652.50. 1st prize £326.25, to Ms. J. Smith –number 87, 2nd prize £195.75, to Mrs. A. Strachan- number 129, 3rd prize £130.50 to Ms. J. Smith— number 91. Lottery tickets are available for an annual subscription of £30. If you would like to support the reserve in this way, with the chance of winning a cash prize every quarter, pick up an application form from the reserve or download one www.sculthorpemoor.org

Events Calendar



Family
Activities



Guided
walks



Courses



Exhibitions



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Talks

September



Saturday 29th. 10am – 4pm. **Drawing Trees and Foliage.** A workshop with Bob Larking, using a variety of drawing materials including pen, pencil, graphite or charcoal. Be inspired by the lovely trees of this nature reserve. Tutor: Bob Larking. £40. Please book through Courses for Leisure and Pleasure www.chalkies.org.uk tel 01328 853695.

October



Tuesday 2nd—Sunday 7th. **Poetry Trail.** A trail of poems for visitors to come across as they wander the paths through the reserve.



Tuesday 2nd. 7pm. **'How To Find a Tiger' talk by Nick Acheson.** Nick is Norfolk naturalist and conservationist who has spent many months watching tigers in India. He will share his experience with us in his entertaining talk. £5, £3 Friends.



Saturday 6th. 5.30pm. **Evening Reedbed Watch with hot soup.** A chance to sit in the Whitley hide to see if any birds are coming in to roost as the sun sets . £7.50 includes mug of hot soup. Please book.



Sunday 7th. 2-4pm. **Young Rangers.** An opportunity for young people 12-18years old to get involved with practical work and wildlife surveying on the reserve. £2.50. Contact Leanne for more information.



Saturday 13th. 10-4pm. **Wild about Norfolk** at Easton College. See the Hawk and Owl Trust's stand when you visit this fantastic free event celebrating wildlife in Norfolk. Lots of activities for children. www.wildaboutnorfolk.co.uk



Saturday 13th. 10am – 4pm. **Creative Coloured Pencils.** A workshop with Bob Larking, using coloured pencils of all types. Tutor: Bob Larking. £40. Please book through Courses for Leisure and Pleasure www.chalkies.org.uk tel 01328 853695.

Sunday 14th. 6pm. **A Life With Ospreys talk by Roy Dennis MBE** at Fakenham High School.

From the time he saw his first Osprey in 1960 Roy has worked to help this magnificent raptor re-establish itself in a country where it had been hounded and persecuted to near extinction over hundreds of years.

Roy's story tells us not only about the Osprey but also about the watcher himself following the bird's fortunes in Scotland. Roy was entrusted in 1960 with guarding the first breeding pair at a secret location. There he had to deal with egg collectors, vandals and horrendous weather. Gradually, his dedication has seen the Osprey population rise from that single pair to over two hundred pairs today.

It was he who pioneered the translocation of Osprey chicks and established the flourishing number of breeding pairs at the Rutland Water Reserve in England.

On SPRINGWATCH, using satellite tracking, he followed the epic autumn migration of an Osprey from its nest in Wales to its winter quarters in the mangrove swamps and lagoons in Senegal.

It is a remarkable, informative and entertaining story. **Tickets £15 available from the reserve.**



October cont.



Tuesday 16th 10am – 3pm. **Painting the Firecracker Tints and Hues of Autumn.**

Depicting the gorgeous colours of autumn in watercolour or pastel.. Tutor: Carol Dobson. £35. Please book through Courses for Leisure and Pleasure www.chalkies.org.uk tel 01328 853695.

Saturday 27th. 7.30pm. **A Mystery Object Challenge Night.** Enjoy an evening of bewilderment and laughter as you and your friends try to identify what domestic, work and leisure objects from the 1850's to the 1940's were used for. Bring snacks and drinks of your choosing and come alone, with a partner or with friends. £5. Please book your place(s) by Thursday 25th Oct.



Wednesday 31st. 2-4pm. **Kestrel Club. Natural Harvest.** Activities for children up to 12 yrs old investigating nuts and seeds on the reserve. £2.50 per child. (Under 8's must be accompanied by an adult). Please book.

November



Thursday 1st. 5pm. **Owl Prowl with fish and chip supper.** Join us for a walk around the reserve to listen for tawny owls calling followed by fish and chip supper. In the event of bad weather the walk will be replaced by an indoor talk. £12. Places must be booked in advance.



Sunday 4th. 2-4pm. **Young Rangers.** An opportunity for young people 12-18years old to get involved with practical work and wildlife surveying on the reserve. £2.50. Contact Leanne for more information.



Tuesday 6th. 7pm. **Evening talk/film showing.** The second of the winter programme of talks and films. Please contact us for more information and booking. £5, £3 Friends.



Saturday 10th. 10am – 4pm. **Acrylics Workshop.** A day to find out about and explore techniques of acrylic painting, with seasonal still life subjects as the theme. Tutor: Bob Larking. £40. Please book through Courses for Leisure and Pleasure www.chalkies.org.uk tel 01328 853695.



Tuesday 20th. 10am – 3pm. **Drawing in Gold, Silver, Sepia and Terracotta.** A drawing workshop with a festive feel. Tutor: Carol Dobson. £35. Please book through Courses for Leisure and Pleasure www.chalkies.org.uk tel 01328 853695.



Thursday 29th–Thursday 6th December. **Christmas Tree Festival** at Fakenham Parish Church. Start the Christmas season by visiting the Hawk and Owl Trust's tree and those of many other charities in the parish church. Refreshments available. Donations towards charities.

December



Tuesday 4th. 7pm. **Evening talk by Andy Bloomfield.** Another of the winter programme of talks and films. Please contact us for booking. £5, £3 Friends.

January

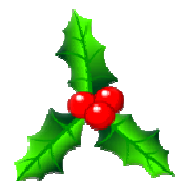


Tuesday 8th. 7pm. **Evening talk/film showing.** Another of the winter programme of talks and films. Please contact us for more information and booking. £5, £3 Friends.

Christmas and New Year Opening times

The visitor centre will be closed from Monday 24th December and re-open on Tuesday 1st January 2013.

The reserve will be closed on Mon 24th and Tuesday 25th December. The reserve will be open Wed 26th—Sunday 30th from 8am until 4pm daily.



For more information and to book places for our events or activities contact us on 01328 856788 or leanne.thomas@hawkandowl.org. Visit us at www.sculthorpemoor.org
You can now follow us on twitter at @sculthorpemoor for up-to-the-minute news from the reserve.

If you would like to receive this quarterly newsletter electronically then please let us have your email address. Contact us on leanne.thomas@hawkandowl.org

Sculthorpe Moor Clothing for Sale



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