

We hope you enjoy the range of topics and speakers on offer this year. Don't forget, members are welcome to attend talks organised by any of the other branches too, in addition to talks at your local branch. Non-members interested in finding out more about the SOC, our activities and membership, are more than welcome to come along and attend a meeting - a great way to sample Club life!

Please note that most branches ask attendees for a small donation towards the cost of room hire and refreshments.

Want a timely reminder about your branch's upcoming talks? Complete our online consent form at www.the-soc.org.uk/members-area to allow us to send you these (if you haven't done so already).

* Ayrshire

Monkton Community Church and Pioneer Cafe KA9 2RN
(Tues 1900 for 1930) Contact: Anne Dick Tel: 01292 541 981

- 11 Sep Iain Gibson – Hen Harriers of Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park
- 09 Oct Stan da Prato – The changing wildlife of the East Lothian coast
- 13 Nov Jeremy Brock – Overland to the Caucasus for birds
- 11 Dec Gordon Rae – Iceland and Eagles of Norway
- 08 Jan Tom Hastings – Bats around Ayrshire
- 12 Feb Edmund Fellowes – Two island bird observatories: From Isle of May to Bardsey
- 12 Mar Peadar O'Connell – RSPB's seabird conservation work: Tackling national and international challenges
- 09 Apr AGM & Tom Byars – Strawberry fields forever

* Borders

The Townhouse Hotel, Melrose TD6 9PQ
(Mon 1930 hrs) Contact: Neil Stratton Tel: 01573 450695

- 10 Sep Andy Loughlin – Police wildlife crime in Lothian & Borders
- 08 Oct Graham Wren – Forty years on the Farne Islands
- 12 Nov Norman Elkins – Birding the Balearics
- 10 Dec Members' Night
- 14 Jan Malcolm Ross – Birds and mammals in Gujarat, India

- 11 Feb Peter Mawby – The distance between: The significance of territory in the lives and survival of birds
- 11 Mar Martin Cook – Moray's birds: A century of change
- 08 Apr AGM & social evening

* Caithness

Castletown Heritage Centre, Harbour Road KW14 8TG
(Wed 1930 hrs) Contact: Angus McBay Tel: 01847 894663

- 05 Sep Speaker to be announced
- 03 Oct Hannah Riley – Tag-n-Track: Lesser Black-backed Gulls as you've never seen them before
- 07 Nov Brian Minshull – (Stalking) Scotland's Bean Geese
- 05 Dec Quiz and mince pies
- 06 Feb Sophie Edwards – Nest building and Blue Tits in a changing climate
- 06 Mar Keith Brockie – The Teuchat Glen: Wildlife on a Highland Perthshire estate
- 03 Apr AGM

* Central Scotland

The Allan Centre, Fountain Road, Bridge of Allan FK9 4AT
(Thu 1930 hrs) Contact: Neil Bielby Tel: 01786 823 830

- 04 Oct AGM & Hayley Douglas – Tag-n-Track: Lesser Black-backed Gulls as you've never seen them before
- 01 Nov Norman Elkins – Birding the Balearics
- 06 Dec Speaker to be announced
- 03 Jan Andy Clements – Unravelling the mysteries of migration: BTO research at local to global scales
- 07 Feb Keith Brockie – The Teuchat Glen: Wildlife on a Highland Perthshire estate
- 07 Mar Sophie Edwards – Nest building and Blue Tits in a changing climate

* Clyde

Zoology Department, Graham Kerr Building,
University of Glasgow G12 8QQ (Mon 1930 hrs)
Contact: Ian Fulton Tel: 0141 773 4329

- 10 Sep Hayley Douglas – Tag-n-Track: Lesser Black-backed Gulls as you've never seen them before
- 01 Oct Edmund Fellowes – Two island bird observatories: From Isle of May to Bardsey
- 05 Nov Keith Brockie – The Teuchat Glen: Wildlife on a Highland Perthshire estate
- 03 Dec David Palmar – Behind the naturalist's lens
- 07 Jan Kenny Boyle – Birding in the Algarve
- 04 Feb Irena Tomankova – Curlews in crisis
- 04 Mar Tom Byars – Dynamite in the dunes: A natural history of the Ardeer peninsula
- 01 Apr AGM & speaker to be announced

* Dumfries

Cumberland St Day Centre, Dumfries DG1 2JX (off Brooms Rd Car Park) (Wed 1930 hrs) Contact: Lesley Creamer Tel: 01848 330821

- 12 Sep Chris Rollie – Ring Ouzels
- 10 Oct Graham Wren – Forty years on the Farne Islands
- 14 Nov Hayley Douglas – Tag-n-Track: Lesser Black-backed Gulls as you've never seen them before
- 12 Dec Angus Hogg – The Western Isles: Birding on the edge
- 09 Jan Mick Durham – Wildlife of Shetland
- 13 Feb Keith Brockie – The Teuchat Glen: Wildlife on a Highland Perthshire estate
- 13 Mar Kat Keogan – Timing of breeding of seabirds in a changing climate: From a local to a global perspective
- 10 Apr AGM & Bob McGowan – A moving experience: the installation of the NMS bird collections in a new building at Granton, Edinburgh

* Fife

St Andrews Town Hall Supper Room KY16 9TA
(Wed 1930 hrs) Contact: Caroline Gordon
Tel: 01592 750230

- 12 Sep Presentations from St Andrews University PhD students on their research projects
- 10 Oct Stan da Prato – The changing wildlife of the East Lothian coast
- 14 Nov Jeremy Brock – Overland to the Caucasus for birds
- 12 Dec Members' Night
- 09 Jan Jeremy Greenwood – The European Breeding Birds Atlas: Birdwatchers collaborating across the continent
- 13 Feb Peter Mawby – The distance between: The significance of territory in the lives & survival of birds
- 13 Mar Martin Cook – Moray's birds: A century of change
- 10 Apr AGM & Members' Night

* Highland

Culloden Library, Keppoch Road IV2 7LL (Tue 1930 hrs)
Contact: Kathy Boniface Tel: 01808 511740

- 04 Sep Gareth Marshall – Capercaillies
- 02 Oct Hannah Riley – Tag-n-Track: Lesser Black-backed Gulls as you've never seen them before
- 06 Nov Brian Minshull – (Stalking) Scotland's Bean Geese
- 04 Dec Peter Mayhew – Is the Cairngorms National Park a 'farce, run for a tiny minority'?
- 08 Jan Bob Swann – Highland Owls and Tracking Canna's seabirds
- 05 Feb Sophie Edwards – Nest building and Blue Tits in a changing climate
- 05 Mar Keith Brockie – The Teuchat Glen: Wildlife on a Highland Perthshire estate
- 09 Apr AGM & Tim Mackrill – Osprey migration

* Lothian

33 Melville Street, Edinburgh EH3 7JF (Tue 1930 hrs)
Contact: Morag King Tel: 0131 258 4638

- 11 Sep Stuart Rivers – Autumn bird migration on Barra, Outer Hebrides
- 09 Oct Hannah Riley – Tag-n-Track: Lesser Black-backed Gulls as you've never seen them before*
- 13 Nov Norman Elkins – Birding the Balearics
- 11 Dec Cat Barlow – Reinforcing South of Scotland's Golden Eagle population
- 08 Jan Angus Hogg – South Ayrshire's changing birdlife
- 12 Feb Peter Mawby – The distance between: The significance of territory in the lives & survival of birds
- 12 Mar Martin Cook – Moray's birds: A century of change*
- 09 Apr AGM and Charles Everitt – A reflection on bird crime

* NB: Oct & Mar meetings held at Waterston House, Aberlady.
Space limited. Advance booking essential (0131 258 4638)

* Moray

Elgin Museum Hall, 1 High St, Elgin IV30 1EQ
(Thu 1930 hrs) Contact: Alison Ritchie Tel: 01309 674379

- 11 Oct Jane Reid – Shags
- 08 Nov Mark Young – The moths of NE Scotland
- 13 Dec John Calladine – Short-eared Owls and attempts to unravel some of their secrets
- 10 Jan Ben Darvill – New technologies, Cuckoos and other long distant migrants
- 14 Feb Tim Mackrill – Ospreys in West Africa
- 14 Mar AGM & Members' Night

* North-East Scotland

Sportsman's Club, 11 Queen's Rd, Aberdeen AB15 4YL
(Mon 1930 hrs) Contact: John Wills Tel: 01467 651296

- 01 Oct Aileen Salway – The nocturnal alternative to birds: Bats in NE Scotland
- 05 Nov Will Cresswell – Tagging and tracking birds
- 03 Dec Alister Clunas – Shiants: The enchanted isles
- 07 Jan Ewan Weston – Spoon-billed Sandpiper conservation
- 04 Feb Daisy Burnell – Seabirds count: Taking stock of Britain and Ireland's seabirds
- 04 Mar Gareth Marshall – Scottish Capercaillie: The story so far...
- 01 Apr AGM & speaker to be announced

* Orkney

The St Magnus Centre, Kirkwall KW15 1PA (Thu 1930 hrs)
Contact: Helen Aiton Tel: 01856 751482

- 04 Oct AGM + Hannah Riley – Tag-n-Track: Lesser Black-backed Gulls as you've never seen them before
- 08 Nov Brian Minshull – (Stalking) Scotland's Bean Geese

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* Stewartry

Kells School, New Galloway DG7 3RU (Thu 1930 hrs)
Contact: Joan Howie Tel: 01644 420280

- 20 Sep Jeremy Brock – Overland to the Caucasus for birds
- 11 Oct Graham Wren – Forty years on the Farne Islands
- 15 Nov Hayley Douglas – Tag-n-Track: Lesser Black-backed Gulls as you've never seen them before
- 13 Dec Ian Bainbridge – Shorebirds of the Solway coast
- 17 Jan Mick Durham – Shetland wildlife
- 14 Feb Keith Brockie – The Teuchat Glen: Wildlife on a Highland Perthshire estate
- 14 Mar Kat Keogan – Timing of breeding of seabirds in a changing climate: From a local to a global perspective
- 28 Mar AGM & David Lingard – Birdwatching in Italy and the work of LIPU. Followed by annual raffle and Easter 'Eggstravaganza'

* Tayside

Methodist Church Halls, 20 West Marketgait, Dundee DD1 1QR (Thu 1930 hrs) Contact: Brian Brocklehurst
Tel: 01382 778348

- 06 Sep David Merrie – Birding on the Chatham Islands
- 04 Oct Ben Darvill – Technology, tags and tracking
- 01 Nov Keith Brockie – The Teuchat Glen: Wildlife on a Highland Perthshire estate.
- 06 Dec Speaker to be announced
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- 07 Mar Norman Elkins – Birding the Balearics
- 04 Apr AGM & speaker to be announced

* West Galloway

Stranraer Library, North Strand Street, Stranraer DG9 7LD
(Tue 1930 hrs) Contact: Geoff Sheppard Tel: 01776 870 685

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