

# Filey Bird Observatory and Group



## ***Newsletter - September 2016***

Hi everyone and welcome to the autumn member's newsletter. We're keeping it short and sweet this time to concentrate on the two main fixtures fast approaching – the ***FBOG Ringing and Migration Week*** and the ***FBOG Annual General Meeting and Social***. Normal (i.e. more long-winded) newsletter service will resume next time!

Below is the finalised schedule for ***Ringing and Migration Week***, which kicks off on **Saturday 15th October**. A couple of things to bear in mind: the Saturday evening talks – **Richard Baines on 15th, Pete Dunn on 22nd**, both unmissable! - are taking place in the back room of the Cobbler Arms. It's a very cosy venue which holds 25 people at most, and so **you need to book your place by contacting me** (details below). It's free of course, but places are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Secondly, please note all outdoor events and activities are weather dependent, and any changes or cancellations will be posted on the FBOG website homepage (**[fbog.co.uk](http://fbog.co.uk)**) by 7pm the evening before.

See you there!

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# Ringling & Migration Week

Saturday 15th – Saturday 22nd October 2016

Free events, demos, walks and talks all about Filey's amazing birdlife



**Every day from dawn til dusk - Bird ringing in the Country Park** (weather permitting\*) - come and see everything from tiny Goldcrests to birds of prey in the hand, and learn all about their amazing lives and journeys from our experts... All welcome, and great for kids – **drop by any time!**

*Second-hand bird books and reports will be for sale at the ringing station all week – all proceeds to St Catherine's Hospice (good quality donations also welcome)*

## **Saturday 15th**

**1000hrs - Birds of the Brigg guided walk:** see shorebirds, seabirds and more up close, and learn all about their lifestyles and how to identify them. (Warning - uneven and slippery surfaces!). Meet at the ringing station.

**1500hrs – Birds of Filey Dams guided walk:** a leisurely look at the waterbirds of this wonderful wetland reserve. Learn about their amazing migrations, how to identify them and more! (Wheelchair accessible and mostly from sheltered hides.) Meet at the Dams car park.

**1930hrs – Evening talk – 'Siberia to Filey Migration Express – how do birds do it?' by Richard Baines** – free entry, but **BOOKING ESSENTIAL** due to very cosy venue (!) – **contact Mark (details below) to reserve your place.**

## **Sunday 16th**

**1400hrs – Birds of Filey Dams guided walk:** a leisurely look at the waterbirds of this wonderful wetland reserve. Learn about their migrations, ecology and much more! (Wheelchair accessible and mostly from hides). Meet Dams car park. Followed by....

**Discover East Lea:** an exclusive chance to visit our East Lea wetland reserve, just ten minutes walk from the Dams (not wheelchair accessible). Just stay with us at the end of the Dams walk!

### Tuesday 18th

**1600-1730hrs - Bird identification drop-in session at Filey Dams.** Ducks, geese, gulls, waders, songbirds and more ..... ask away and let our ID experts help you with the basics! Come to the east pool hide and we'll have optics and field guides available.

### Thursday 20th

**1900hrs – 'Filey International - arrivals and departures at North Yorkshire's Bird Observatory' - a talk by Mark Pearson at Filey library, 6.45 for a 7pm start.** Learn all about why we're famous for welcoming birds from around the globe on their epic journeys with a whistlestop tour through four seasons of action! Booking not required.

### Saturday 22nd

**1000hrs – Bird migration guided walk:** a gentle 'walking talk' on Carr Naze and nearby, looking at migrating birds, learning about their amazing journeys and how to identify them. Meet at the ringing station.

**1500hrs – Birds of Filey Dams guided walk:** a leisurely look at the waterbirds of this wonderful wetland reserve. Learn about their amazing migrations, how to identify them and much more! Wheelchair accessible and mostly from sheltered hides. Meet at the Dams car park.

**1930hrs – Evening talk - 'Bird ringing in Filey – the week in review and what we've learned' by Pete Dunn – free entry, but **BOOKING ESSENTIAL** due to very cosy venue (!) – contact Mark (details below) to reserve your place.**

**Directions to the ringing station:** At Filey Country Park, take the left-hand track immediately after the cafe. Follow the track on foot for 150m and you'll see us on your right.

**Directions to Filey Dams:** From Muston Road (A1039), turn onto Wharfedale and follow it to the end, where a small car park is at the reserve entrance.

**\*All outdoor events are weather dependent and late changes may also be required – check FBOG.CO.UK the evening before for confirmation or changes to the schedule\***

All talk bookings & enquiries contact Mark: [mpearson@fbog.co.uk](mailto:mpearson@fbog.co.uk) / 07957 100856

**Thanks to our partners the British Trust for Ornithology – visit them at [bto.org](http://bto.org)**

## **FBOG AND BIRD OBSERVATORY AGM**

This year the AGM will be held at **3.30pm on Saturday 3rd December 2016**, in the **Council Chamber of the Filey Town Council Offices, Queen Street, Filey**. We have to vacate the premises at 5pm at the latest so we will follow the same streamlined format as last year. The Agenda for the meeting is attached below.

The general plan is to have the AGM and then go for a pint followed by Italian food at San Marco's in Filey (it will be happy hour and pizza, pasta and risotto will be approx. £6-7 per head, other dishes will be at the standard rates). Then back to the pub for a bird quiz, general chin wag and social evening.

### **ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!**

Please can you send me details of:-

- Any nominations (with their permission) for one of the following seven FBOG officer posts:- Hon. Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Recorder, Ringing Officer, Communication Officer
- Any items for the Agenda under A.O.B.
- Can you please let me know if you intend to join us for food at San Marco's after the AGM so I can book enough places.

**All nominations for posts or items for A.O.B on the Agenda have to be received by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016.** Please send your nominations by e-mail to [S.Hull@hull.ac.uk](mailto:S.Hull@hull.ac.uk) or ring me on my home number 01723 515042 (if I am not in please leave a message).

It would also be helpful if you can **confirm if you are going to join us for food by the 18<sup>th</sup> November.**

Queen Street lies at the northern end of town where you can visit the Filey Museum (or call in at The Grapes or The Ffords public houses). The Council Chambers are at the bottom (eastern) end of the street. All are welcome and please join us in the social activities to celebrate it is all over!

Thanks

*Sue*

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Saturday 3rd December 2016, 3.30 pm in the Council Chambers, Queen St, Filey

### **AGENDA**

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Minutes of the last meeting**
- 3. Matters arising from the Minutes**
- 4. Constitution and Election of Officers and Conservation Committee,**  
Existing officers:-

Chairman	Ian Robinson
Secretary	Sue Hull
Recorder	George Watola
Treasurer	Jan Robinson
Membership Sec (acting)	Jan Robinson
Ringling Officer	Peter Dunn
Communications Officer	Mark Pearson
- 5. Annual reports and Accounts for year ending 30th September 2016**
- 6. Questions on Annual reports and Accounts**
- 7. Membership fees 2016/2017**
- 8. *AOB***