

SPEAKER DETAILS, 2024;3

Jan 4; Trinidad and Tobago, Home of the Hummingbird. ASHLEY GROVE. ZOOM

Tonight, Ashley relieves the gloom and cold of January with a visit to the island of Trinidad and Tobago for a close look at Hummingbirds the tiny jewels of the bird world. This talk includes film and sound so expect a very informative and entertaining show.

Feb 1; Birds and Wildlife of Australia. JOHN BUCKINGHAM. ZOOM

In this talk John goes walkabout in Australia to discover some of the unique birds and wildlife of this vast country. John is a widely published wildlife photographer who lectures to RSPB and other groups across the country.

March 7; British Invaders. JACK PERKS.

The UK has many non-native species from the Brown Hare to the Little Owl. Some are a welcome addition to our fauna, some are deadly! Tonight Jack will reveal just how many invasive species inhabit our countryside. Jack has made many appearances on TV including Countryfile and David Attenborough's Wild Isles.

April 4; Old Moor. JULIAN MAYSTON (visitor experience manager)

Julian Mayston is Visitor Experience Manager at Old Moor. As our local RSPB reserve most of us have enjoyed many hours of birding there. Julian will describe and explain recent changes that have been made and what the future plans are for the reserve.

May 2; The Amazing Life of Birds. TONY CLARKE

Local birder, Tony Clarke, takes an in-depth look at the way birds live; courtship, raising young, hunting and many other aspects of daily bird life. Bird behavior can be both spectacular and entertaining. Tony is a very experienced wildlife photographer with images and articles published in various magazines.

Sept 5; Antarctic Adventure. NEIL FAWSON

Neil is a member of Sheffield RSPB Group. His talk is based on his trip to Antarctica including brief visits to Buenos Aires and Tierra del Fuego. As well as featuring the amazing wildlife encountered along the way we will see images capturing the desolate beauty of the Antarctic.

Oct 3; The Return of the Biking Birder. GARY PRESCOT

Gary Prescott returns to Sheffield to entertain and amuse us with more stories of his two-wheel adventures around the world. Gary is a dedicated environmentalist and all his travels are undertaken on his faithful, and heavily laden, bike. Known nationally and internationally

as The Green Birder and with friends on every continent, Gary is committed to raising money for RSPB and Acorn Children's Hospice in Birmingham.

Nov 7; Tom Grose, RSPB Investigations Officer: no title as yet.

Tom and his team investigate wildlife crime in the Peak District with special emphasis on Hen Harriers. Tagging and monitoring these heavily persecuted raptors and gathering evidence to prosecute offenders is the major part of their role.