



Linkline

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NO CHANGE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

Over 40 members and guests attended the Area Group's AGM & Supper on Wednesday 24 April. Reports were received from Jean Blades (Acting chairman) and Linda Woodward (Treasurer). Members' questions were invited and the current officers who make up the Committee were all re-elected. An informative presentation on the Idle Valley Nature Reserve near Retford followed, whetting members' appetites for their forthcoming visit there in early May. The evening ended with a supper of homemade vegetable soup, rolls, plum bread and cheese and tea or coffee. A big 'THANK YOU' to all those who helped in any way to make this such a happy, successful and well-attended Annual General Meeting.

Dates For Your Diary - INDOOR MEETINGS

Wed 25 September 2013: What else can you do with nestboxes? – Chris du Feu
Not only do nestboxes provide the opportunity for observation of birds' breeding activity, but other varieties of animal life might choose to call nestboxes 'home'. Find out more in this illustrated talk by local naturalist Chris.



Wed 16 October 2013: In a Rainbow Sea – John Naylor and Brian Jubb
Lots of people think UK waters aren't very exciting compared to somewhere like the Red Sea and coral reefs, but prepare to be amazed as we see what our marine habitats are really like, with some fantastic underwater photography.

Wed 20 November 2013: A Year at Potteric Carr NR – Allan and Susan Parker
This digital presentation looks at the flora and fauna of one of Yorkshire Wildlife Trust's premier sites on the outskirts of Doncaster. Superb photography from this renowned couple.

All indoor meetings are held at Morton Village Hall (just north of Gainsborough) and begin at 7.30pm. Admission is by donation at the door (minimum £1.00) which includes tea/coffee and biscuits, a raffle, sales table and good company. People of all ages, Wildlife Trust members or not, are welcome. Please support our Sales Table at these meetings by bringing along any suitable items – e.g garden produce, cakes, books, bric-a-brac, plants - on a sale or return basis.

OUTDOOR MEETINGS

Sat 26 October 2013: A FUNGUS FORAY is being planned for SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER which will be led by Ray Halstead. The venue has yet to be arranged but will be in the Gainsborough area, with members assembling at 9.45am, and as usual numbers are limited so it is essential to pre-book. For more details, or to reserve a place, please contact Linda (01427 614915) or Joy (01427 628457).

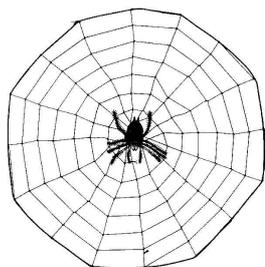
Many thanks to Linda, our Programme Secretary, for arranging these meetings.
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WHAT YOU HAVE SEEN ...

Spring reports from Area Group members



- The first cuckoo of spring to be reported to Linkline was heard on 20 April in the southern end of Laughton Forest. Three pairs of swallows had already arrived at the Forestry Cottages on 15 April along with a bumble bee.
- In early June we received news that a large number of bumble bees had taken up residence in a bird box in a Scotton garden. As they were not causing a problem they were allowed to remain undisturbed in their new dwelling.



Gainsborough Area Group On The InterWeb!

www.gainsboroughwildlifetrust.webs.com

HAVE YOU LOGGED ON YET? The Area Group's website has been in operation for several months now. It provides up-to-date information about the Trust's activities in and around Gainsborough and further afield as well as a gallery of members' photographs and much more. Its success depends on it being used - so please take a look, and maybe report items of wildlife interest. Suggestions for improvements to the website welcomed.

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Bird Food Sales:

Our local distributor is Clare Holmes. Regular customers are still welcome to call at her home as before, but if you wish to buy bird food from the stall at indoor meetings please pre-order from her in good time - 01427 613128 - and she will bring your order to the meeting. In the past Clare has often lugged quantities of bird food to meetings, sales have been poor ...and she has had to lug the stuff home again. By pre-ordering you will save Clare much time and effort.

Weight	Peanuts	Mixed seed	Black sunflowers	Niger seed	Sunflower hearts
Kg	£	£	£	£	£
2.5	6.75	3.00	4.15	5.30	5.50
5	12.50	5.25	7.30	9.20	10.25
20	-	20.00	26.00	-	40.00
25	55.00	-	-	42.00	-
Fat Balls	30p each				
Charcoal	4.75 per bag				

Please note supplies and prices are subject to availability and change.

Please send your wildlife sightings
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