

## Newsletter 10

The tenth meeting of the ILB's was held on 19 December 2017 at Belfairs Woodland Centre and seven ladies plus Kris Mee attended.

Indoor Meeting:- Rachel Fancy from RSPB Wallasea attended to present Steve Barker and his son Dave of Discovery Charters laminated certificates to commemorate the £688.29 pin badge money collected this season on seal trips on the R. Crouch and R. Roach. Rachel also presented Kris Mee with a volunteer ten year badge. Bill Baston then did a presentation of excellent photographs of the birds of Goa

Local Sightings:- Steve Sanford has had a brambling in his garden, There have been various reports of redwing around and a short eared owl has been sighted on Wallasea Island

Outings:- 15 people, including one ILB, attended the walk at EWT Ingrebourne, on Sunday 26 November where the weather was sunny and cold and 32 species were seen including ring necked parakeet. Six people went on the walk to Paglesham Lagoon on Monday 4 December where 62 species were seen including 4 goldeneye and 2 brown hares. The walk at EWT Thameside on Sunday 17 December was cancelled due to the icy roads and freezing fog.

Essex Wildlife Trust:- The meeting on 14/12/2017 was well attended and Andrew Armstrong gave a very interesting, if short, talk about bird ringing and the wildlife of Gunners Park.

At the coffee morning there was a discussion about the trip to EWT Fingringhoe next May and it was decided that we would go in June and try initially to fill a 17 or 29 seater coach and, if not, to car share. Decisions to be made later in the new year.

It was also suggested that we could run a day trip to Southwold in the summer.

There was also a discussion about fundraising and the possibility of ladies making things that could be sold for local group funds at a Christmas fair next year. Leigh community centre have fairs at which we could possibly have a table if the cost is not too high. It was also suggested that we could discreetly collect a voluntary donation from ILBs at the coffee mornings each month.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their lovely words of appreciation for the Christmas lunch and also to wish everyone a good Christmas and a very happy and healthy new year.



### The Lady Birders' Christmas Lunch

Jingle Bells, It's Christmas time  
The Lady Birders went to dine.  
The Royal Oak was where we met  
And sat at a table so beautifully set.

Our places were named,  
We had badges to wear,  
There were crackers to pull  
And mottos to share.

We sat and we talked,  
And laughed a lot too,  
As we ate through three courses  
Of wonderful food.

And Graham had cake  
For his birthday that day  
And he shared it with us  
As we went on our way.

We each had a party bag  
Full of nice things  
And thanks were to Kris  
For the kindness she brings.

**Happy Christmas to one and all.** Thanks to our poet Diana Smith.

The next indoor meeting is Wednesday 3 January at the Belfairs Woodland Centre the speaker is Graham Ekins-Bolivian Delights.

The next Essex Wildlife Trust meeting is Thursday 25 January, Rachel Langley, EWT Living Seas Coordinator will be speaking

The next walks are at RSPB Wallasea midday Tuesday 2 January and Southend Pier 9:45 at lower entrance on Sunday 14 Jan

Any lady requiring transport to attend Indoor meetings or any field trip or to get to an EWT Meeting please contact Kris Mee.

The next ILB meeting is scheduled for 10:00am for a walk or 10:30am 16 January 2018 at the Belfairs Woodland Centre, Eastwood Rd North, Leigh on Sea, which can be reached from Eastwood Road North on the 29 bus.

Alight at the Co-op and continue along Eastwood Rd North, past the traffic lights and the Green House Restaurant and turn right down the track on the bend before the children's playground and the three flags. It is safer to cross the road at the traffic lights and not on the bend. The Belfairs Woodland Centre is at the end of the track where there are also car parking spaces.

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