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The twenty seventh meeting of the ILBs' was held on 21 May 2019 at Belfairs Woodland Centre and 13 ladies & Kris attended.

Indoor Meeting 01/05/2019: - *Thanks to Rita Merrick.*

Neil Coe gave an interesting talk about a trip to Point Pelee and other parts of Lake Erie. He had good pictures of so many amazing and colourful warblers and other wildlife of that area and accompanied them with amusing anecdotes. An individual on the trip had taken only one pair of underpants with him and was also a diabetic who never had any food with him and scrounged off the other trippers.

Local Sightings: - *Thanks to Anne Sanford.*

Foulness Island – Short Eared Owl, Turtle Dove, Cuckoo.

Fobbing/Coryton – Blackcap, Chiffchaff, Lesser Whitethroat, Cuckoos.

Southchurch Park East – Coot with three chicks.

Wakering Stairs – Cuckoo, Turtle Doves, Nightingale.

Bowers Marsh – Red Kite, Peregrine Falcon, Cuckoo, Ring Necked Duck.

Hilary – Peregrines nesting on Norwich Cathedral.

Rita – Yellow Wagtail, Lesser Whitethroat, Barn Owl at dawn chorus on Bowers Marsh. Great Tits nesting visible on Wat Tyler nest camera.

Sue Stacey – Stoat and a weasel on Wallasea.

Katherine – Pair of Stone Curlew at Dunwich Heath, Suffolk.



Bittern - Photographed from Mere Hide at Minsmere by Graham Mee.



Wall butterfly at Canvey Wick photo by Marie Tarrant (new ILB)

Coach Trip: - Minsmere Sunday 12 May 2019. There were 13 ILB on the coach and one lady met us at the reserve. It was sunny and warm and a great day out for everyone. 83 species were seen including Little, Sandwich and Common Tern, Water Rail, Coal Tit, Bearded Tit, Sand Martin, Swallow, House Martin, Cetti's Warbler and Bittern. Also, Peacock, Orange-tip, Green-veined White, Small Copper, Red Admiral, Green Hairstreak butterflies. Red Fox (cub), Otter, Muntjac, Red Deer.

Field Trip: - Holehaven Creek Sunday 19 May 2019. 33 species were seen and one lady photographer, visiting from Australia, who has become an ILB, attended.

Green Hairstreak butterfly and three cuckoos were also seen.

Forthcoming Events: -

An ILB outing to Southwold is to be arranged before the school summer holidays.

The next indoor meeting will be Wednesday 4 September 2019 at the Belfairs Woodland Centre.

The next Field and Coach Trips to be advised.

The next Essex Wildlife Trust meeting will be September 2019.

Any lady requiring transport to attend any event please contact Kris Mee.

The **next ILB meeting** is scheduled for **18 June 2019** at the Belfairs Woodland Centre. Meet at 10:00am for a walk or 10:30am for coffee and chat.

This newsletter will be available on the local group website at: [-http://www.southendrspb.co.uk](http://www.southendrspb.co.uk) . Click on ILBs on the Menu Bar.

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