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The thirtieth meeting of the ILBs' was held on 20 August 2019 at Millers Farm, Great Wakering where Gill Threadgold hosted 10 ladies including Maureen Hooker & Kris. It was beautiful day in the garden and Gill answered questions about their arable farm and the common. Jenny Williams led several ladies in a walk on the common. John Threadgold, who had been ploughing on Rushley Island, was able to join us as he did not want to be stranded by the returning tide. Gill had thoughtfully ejected all the spiders from the outdoor toilet the day before and after Mavis had checked that none had returned overnight Kris was able to brave the facilities.



Shelduck and 11 babies from last newsletter on R. Roach photo by Graham Mee

Drew Lyness, the Local Groups and Volunteering Support Officer, Eastern England, has left the RSPB for a position in Winchester with the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management. Kris sent him a Good Luck message on behalf of the ILBs. In the three years he worked at Norwich he vastly improved relations between LGs and HQ and he will be greatly missed. There are no plans at the moment to replace him soon.

Sue Snowdon has been in touch and has settled into her new home in Durham.

Indoor Meeting 4/9/2019: - Thanks to Rita Merrick

A very informative talk by Liz Huxley about The Naze at Walton, an important SSSI. The cliffs are slowly eroding and receding, but many tonnes of boulders have been deposited to, hopefully, slow this process down and preserve them. We had an introduction to the new EWT centre/ cafe near the original very tall tower and Liz displayed a range of her excellent pictures of the geology, fossils, various habitats, animals, birds & insect life (plus information boards) and had cards for sale. A good place to visit and wander along the various paths.

Local Sightings: -

Forthcoming Events: -

The outing to Southwold has, sadly, been cancelled due to lack of people.

The next ILB outing to be arranged will be to Fingringhoe on Sunday 17 May 2020.

Maureen Beesley will be arranging this trip and will provide details later.

The next indoor meeting will be Wednesday 2 October 2019 at the Belfairs Woodland Centre. The Birds of Guyana by Chris Collins.

The next Field Trip will be Wednesday 29 September 2019 10:00am at RSPB Rainham Marsh and Sunday 6 October Walton on the Naze meet 10:00am at the Naze Tower.

The next Essex Wildlife Trust meeting will be Thursday 24 October 7:45pm. The Essex Coast by Mark Iley of EWT.

The Christmas meal will be Tuesday 10 December 2019 13:00pm at The Royal Oak.

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

The **next ILB meeting** is scheduled for **17 September 2019** at Belfairs Woodland Centre. Meet at 10.00am for a walk or 10:30 for a coffee and chat.

This newsletter will be available on the local group website at: <http://www.souhendrspsb.co.uk> . Click on ILBs on the Menu Bar.

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