

Newsletter December 2021



Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year to all ILBs and readers.



The ILB meeting held on 14 December 2021 at the Belfairs Woodland Centre was attended by 10 ladies and Kris Mee and there was one apology. One lady left as there was no parking close to the centre.

Zoom Meetings

12/12/2021 Ian Alexander. Camouflage without Spots. This was a wonderful talk with many interesting photographs. There were 35 attendees with 5 from Chelmsford and 18 from SEE, 10 Unknown.

Local Sightings Thanks to Anne Sanford

Canvey Point - Guillemot's, Razorbills, Little Auk, Black-throated Diver, Eider, Kittiwakes, Glaucous Gull, Common Scoter.
Abberton - Great White Egret, Smew. Gunners Park – Razorbill, Black Guillemot.

Jenny – Kestrel on Wallasea. Sandra – Avocet, Ringed Plover at Rainham plus a photo on her 'phone of a brown bird that consensus decided was a juvenile kestrel. Hilary – Jay in the garden.

Walks Report

Wednesday 22/11/2021 EWT Hanningfield. Species count 46, including a Slavonian Grebe, 28 participants, including two ILB.
Sunday 5/12/2021 Heybridge Basin Species count 19, 4 participants. A birdwatching trip and Kris left her binoculars at home!
Wednesday 15/12/2021 Stambridge Mill Species count 47, 12 participants

Events Report

Wednesday 15/12/2021 Members Zoom Meeting. 18 participants including 2 ILB. This was a success chatting and catching up with old friends. Another will be arranged in the New Year

A.O.B.

Kris told the ladies that during a face to face with his consultant Graham was informed that his kidney function has deteriorated significantly and to continue to shield. With the rise in Covid cases Kris has decided not to attend the January and February ILB meetings. Some of the ladies still want to meet so Rita and Jenny volunteered to convey the latest news at these meetings.

Rita told everyone that the electric fences have been erected on West Canvey Marsh in time to protect breeding birds from foxes.

Forthcoming Events: -

The next Zoom will be Thursday 19/1/2022 at 7:45pm. East Anglia Highlights by Brian Nobbs.

The link will be emailed nearer the time and is on the website on the Event Calendar Page

Only Click on the link provided on the day and time stated. It will not work before then.

Please consider donating a minimum of £3 per person to allow us to book Zoom speakers who charge a fee, without incurring a financial loss. Please donate by Bank Transfer to

RSPB SEE LG, Sort Code **309079** Account Number **33710768**.

Important! Please put 'ZOOM & Initials' in the reference box. Thank you for your support it is much appreciated.

The next Field Trips are

12:00 midday Wednesday 5 January 2022 RSPB Wallasea Island.

10:45am Sunday 23/1/2022 at Southend Pier

The **next ILB meeting** will be **18 January 2022** at Belfairs Woodland Centre with Rita.

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



Slavonian Grebe
photo by Graham Mee

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