

## Audlem Wildlife and Ecology Group

### Programme of Events 2024

Date	Event
7 for 7.30pm 16th January	AWEG Annual Xmas Meal Shroppie Fly
7pm 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Keith Offord will give a talk entitled "Raptorphilia" An introduction to birds of prey (raptors), a fascinating and varied group which have evolved special features to ensure survival. The talk covers UK species and others from around the world.
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Simon Schouten will lead a Field Trip to Parkgate on the Wirral to witness the "High Tide Event" when the marsh is flooded driving wildfowl close to the shore and raptors arrive (in theory!).
7pm 19th March	Adrian Leighton will give a talk entitled: "The Burren Unearthed" – a presentation of time and space about this amazing area of natural life in the west of Ireland.
30th April	Field Trip to Woolston Eyes Nature Reserve accompanied by local warden. Cost of £5 a head to cover permit and warden.
7pm 14th May	Cath Price of the Shropshire Wildlife Trust will give a talk on "The Mosses of Shropshire".
21-24 May	AWEG trip to the Forest of Dean.
29/30 May	Gin Foster to lead a Field Trip to Bettisfield Moss.
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Field Trip to RSPB Middleton Lakes, a reserve near Tamworth, good for birds, butterflies, dragonflies and rare wetland plants.
7pm 18th June	Phil Playford will give a talk on Invertebrates.
June. Date to be decided	One morning Chris Knibbs will be opening his moth trap for us at Hatherton.
3rd July	"Farming for Nature" Farm visit to Paul Griffith's farm at Higher Kempley, Willaston, Calverhall, Whitchurch, SY13 4PP.
7pm 10th September	Simon Schouten will give a talk on the Natural History of the Falkland Isles.
7 <sup>th</sup> October	Fungal Foray with Fungal Punk. After the highly successful trip with Dave to Brown Moss in 2021 he is taking us to Colemere this year. (A small charge will be required to cover his time and expenses).
7pm 15th October	Bergitte (Bee) McGovern, Medical Herbalist from Whitchurch will present on the medicinal use and health benefits of commonly available berries.