



NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January	AGM	
25 th February	Tony Glover	Large parrots
25 th March	Barry Kaufman-Wright	Birds
22 nd April	Brian Gallop	Birds of Kenya & Tanzania
27 th May	Roger	Quiz & social evening
24 th June	Paul Oldfield	Birds of Nepal
22 nd July	Nick Willis (to be confirmed)	Anglia Wild Fowl
23 rd September	Chris Parfitt	Galapagos
October 28 th	Chris Ward	Birds of Gambia
25 th November	Ralph Todd	Where Yeehaa meets Ole

This is a short Newsletter as we did not have a meeting in December. The line up that Paul has for us in the way of speakers for this year is fantastic, so please show your appreciation for all his very hard work by coming along to the meetings. Oh, and don't forget.....ideas for topics for 2011

What happened during December???

Colleen and Bernard had an after Christmas get together on 28th December. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend as I was “elderly dog” sitting, but I understand from my other half Peter, that there was enough grub to feed the 5,000. The fact that he was not aware that he would be so well fed, we had decided that I would cook on his return. At 7pm Colin telephoned to say that they had just left and would be about one and a half hours, so I decided I would wait until Peters return before starting dinner.

At 8.30pm he arrived and started to tell me what a “blow out meal” they had enjoyed and he was “stuffed”.....I ended up with a cheese sandwich!!!!!!!

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DID YOU KNOW THAT ??????

A third of salmon are fertilised by diminutive male parr, their juvenile relations

Adult salmon at sea dive even in daytime, down to 300 ft. to feed.

Salmon growth rates at sea are almost unrivalled in nature.

The lateral line running down the middle of a salmon's body contains magnetite, thereby guiding the fish's migration via the earth's magnetic forces.

North American salmon are a younger strain evolutionary, deriving from European salmon.

European sea-trout never made the journey across the Atlantic, being too far, so do not compete for river-space in North America.

Odd bits of important information

1)

We are looking at venues for a trip later in the year and your suggestions are needed. Please let a committee member know your thoughts.

2)

The date for the annual club dinner is tentatively 19th February at the New Times, Tiptree. The cost will be about £28 a couple.

3)

Annual subs will remain unchanged from last year at £10 single membership and £15 per couple.

4)

David Paget was the only name put forward for those wishing to serve on the committee.

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Please try to swell our numbers by bringing along a friend to a meeting, you never know they may become regulars!

The Speakers secretary has a very difficult job trying to satisfy all members interests. Speakers tend to fill their diaries up to 14 months in advance, so Paul's lead times must fall in line. For example:- once the February meeting is over a speaker for February 2011 needs to be booked. Paul has done a grand job and managed to fill our speakers calendar for the whole of 2010 and to enable him to grab the best speakers for 2011, he needs to have your thoughts asap.

As I am sure you are all aware, Mr. Post Master has put the cost of postage up, yet again. If you would like this newsletter by email, please let me know, and as Mr, Tesco says....."Every little helps"

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