

## Birding

**Please ring Leader if planning to attend.** Meet at site at times stated.

**Bring lunch.** More details/directions from Leader.

- Nov 12 (Tues)** **Rodley Nature Reserve**  
Meet 10-00am at Reserve SE228363  
Leaders: Peter & Barbara Murphy 01132930188
- Dec 14 (Sat)** **Otley Wetland Nature Reserve**  
Meet at Reserve gate SE201458 for 9-30am start  
Event lasts until 12noon  
**Gate locked promptly at start /finish times**  
Numbers limited to 20 - please contact Leader  
Helen Steward on 07760883865 to book a place
- Jan 25 (Sat)** **St Aidan's RSPB Reserve**  
Meet 11-00am at Reserve SE398287  
Leader: Nigel Steels 07794992189
- March 1 (Sat)** **Hetchell Wood YWT Reserve**  
Meet 11-00am at Reserve SE380423  
Leader: Nigel Steels 07794992189



**Recorders** – your sightings to the following please -

### Amphibians and Reptiles - Denis O'Connor - 01943

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### Bees, Wasps and Ants - Catherine Burton - 07825687193

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### Birds - Sam Barker - 07479274029

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### Botany

#### Higher Plants, Ferns & Allies - Bruce Brown - 01943

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#### Bryophytes - Gordon Haycock - 01943 968112

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#### Butterflies - Nyree Fearnley - 07811 066971

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#### ALL BUTTERFLY RECORDS TO NYREE, PLEASE

#### Dragonflies - David Alred - 01943 862930

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#### Fungi—Andy Woodall - 07725819326

andywoodall13@virginmedia.com

#### Ladybirds - Anne Riley - 01943 862916

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#### Mammals - Rachel Huxham - 07818 401619

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#### Moths (macro and micro) - Aidan Smith

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#### Weather - Peter & Sheila Bancroft - 01943 864943

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WNS - Founded 1945 - Member YNU and YWT

## Tuesday Evening Meetings 2024

Christchurch, The Grove, Ilkley 7-30pm

**Sept 24** 'The Fascinating World of Fungal Diseases'  
**Sue Stevens**, WNS member

*Interval with Tea and Coffee*

**Oct 8** 'Indonesia - Sailing from Bali to Komodo'  
**Sara Frost**, Tour Leader, Naturetrek  
**WEBINAR**

**Oct 22** 'The Wakefield Peregrines'  
**Francis Hickenbottom**, Head of Project

**Nov 12** 'Life on the Rocky Shores of the British Isles'  
**Jack Lucas**, Field Biologist and Marine Ecologist  
**WEBINAR**

**Nov 26** 'Fungi - Beauty of Shape and Colour'  
*and*

'Mixed Nature'

**David Alred**, Dragonfly Recorder and WNS Past President

**Dec 10** 'Making Space for Nature -the Woodland Trust's work at Snaizeholme, near Hawes'

**Alastair Nash**, Snaizeholme Estate Manager

*Interval with Tea and Coffee*



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**January 14** 'Svalbard - the Wildlife of a High Arctic Archipelago at a time of Climate Change'  
**WEBINAR** **Stephen Mott**, Geologist and lifelong Naturalist

**January 28** 'Climate Change in Wharfedale Deep Time'  
**Prof. Rob Knipe**, WNS member

**February 11** 'Butterflies and Their Associated Plants'  
**WEBINAR** **Nyree Fearnley**, WNS Butterfly Recorder

**February 25** 'Righting River Habitat Wrongs for Wildlife'  
**Prof. Jonny Grey**, Research & Conservation Officer, Wild Trout Trust

**March 11** **Recorders' Evening**

A selection of Recorders' highlights

**March 25** **AGM**

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'Ben Rhydding Nature Reserve'  
**Steve Parkes**

*and*

'Gallows Hill Nature Reserve'  
**Gordon Haycock**

## Special Events

**October 13**  
**2024**  
**(Sun)**



**Fungus Foray**  
With Fungus expert Andrew Woodall  
Meet 10am Swinsty Moor Car Park\*  
SE 187537  
Contact: Andrew - 07725819326  
**Bring lunch**

**\*parking charges apply**



**November 30**  
**(Sat)**  
**18-00**



**Winter Moth Night Walk - Danefield (Chevin Forest Park)**

A torchlit walk to count the number of Winter Moth on Danefield.  
N.B. Steep terrain and rough underfoot.  
Warm clothes and torch required.  
Date will move in the event of bad weather.  
email wharfedalemoths@gmail.com if interested/for more information.  
Leader: Aidan Smith - 07712156793

**January 11**  
**2025**  
**(Sat)**

**Winter Walk round Fewston Reservoir**

Meet 9.15am Swinsty Moor Car Park\*  
SE 187537  
Leaders: Peter and Anne Riley - 862916

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N.B. Members are reminded that they attend events in this programme at their own risk and that they are responsible for their own safety and that of their property.  
Car sharing passengers contribute towards petrol cost