**Oundle U3a Birding Group - Programme, 2023-24**

***Usually* first Thursday of each month at 9.15am - but note exceptions shown below.**

**Not first Thurs\*, additional dates \*\***

***2023***

7th Sept. 2023 Frampton Marsh, near Boston, Lincs. (10.00 am start at Frampton; afternoon at Freiston Shore, but no need to come for the full day).

\*12th Oct 2023 Stanwick Lakes for winter wildfowl (9.30 am start at Stanwick).

2nd Nov 2023 Oundle Lodge Farm, Stoke Doyle, for winter finches.

**\*1**4th Dec 2023 Talk video quiz + lunch. Hopefully at the Oundle Golf club again.

***2024***

\*11th Jan 2024 Thrapston Lake and Titchmarsh Local Nature Reserve.

\*\*18th Jan 2024 Deeping Lakes for Long-eared and Little Owl lunch then afternoon visit to Eldernell, Nene Washes, for Short-eared Owls. Dates may change Owl dependent!

1st Feb 2024 Rutland Water and Eyebrook for Smew (10.00 am start at Egelton Visitor Centre).

7th Mar 2024 Summer Leys Local Nature Reserve (09.30 am start).

\*11th Apr 2024 Old Sulehay for woodpeckers, Nuthatch and early warblers.

\*\*18th Apr 2024 Frampton Marsh, near Boston, Lincs. (10.00 am start at Frampton).

2nd May 2024 Castor Hanglands for Nightingales and warblers.

\*\*16th May 2024 Lakenheath and the Brecks, Bitterns, Stone Curlew and Bearded Tit (Early Start)

\*6th June 2024 June can be poor for birds so we will see what is around. A couple of possibilities are Summer Leys or Grafham

 4th July 2024 Snipe Meadow, Oundle, for birds and dragonflies. followed by tea and cake at 6 Blackpot Lane.

\*\*18th July 2024 Osprey walk, Rutland Water (10:00 start at Lyndon Visitor Centre).

*August 2024 no meeting*