



“Putting Birds on the Map”

A Birdwatchers’ Forum

To be held at the Civic Centre, Britwell Rd., Didcot, Oxfordshire

Saturday 23rd February 2008
at **09.30 a.m**

Programme and Booking Form

Conference Fee: £10
Includes coffee, tea and lunch

The forum, which is open to all birdwatchers, provides an opportunity to meet others and learn about a number of recent bird study projects. The forum commences at **09.30 a.m.** with the registration of participants and an early opportunity to look round display stands, buy from commercial stalls and enter the competition. The main programme starts at **10.00 a.m.** and continues, with a short break, until lunchtime, which provides a further opportunity to meet people and to browse the stalls. The afternoon session includes further talks, a break for tea and the announcement of raffle and competition winners. The day will end at approximately **5.00p.m.**

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Programme

1000 Welcome and introductions – Frances Buckel

Chair: Frances Buckel, BTO Regional Representative for Oxfordshire North

1005 **Using records to target farmland bird recovery in England**
Mike Shurmer, RSPB

1045 **The evolution of ornithological atlases**
David Gibbons, RSPB

1125 Coffee/tea break

Chair: Chris Robinson, BTO Regional Representative for Berkshire

1145 **Bird Atlas 2007-2011**
Dawn Balmer, British Trust for Ornithology

1225 Lunch

1340 Quiz – Chris Robinson

Chair: John Melling, BTO Regional Representative for Oxfordshire South

1410 **The 2005 Tawny Owl Survey**
Paul Stancliffe, British Trust for Ornithology

1450 **From the Thames to Salisbury Plain - the Wiltshire Tetrad Atlas**
Peter Cranswick, Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust

1530 Tea

1550 **Hairstreaks and blues - local and national butterfly mapping**
Jim Asher, Butterfly Conservation

1630 Raffle and quiz answers

1645 Close of forum – Dawn Balmer

OTHER ATTRACTIONS

- Stalls and displays from local bird clubs and conservation organisations
- Commercial stalls
- Free competition
- Raffle

Directions to Didcot Civic Centre

Didcot Civic Centre is located in the middle of the town and is easily accessible by road or rail. Didcot is undergoing massive reconstruction, so any one who has not been there in the last couple of years will not recognise it. Be warned.

From A4074 Reading – Oxford Road

Turn off at the Roundabout just Southeast of Wallingford onto A4130. Follow signs to Didcot.

After about 6¼miles keep straight on over the roundabout at TESCO's

At next Roundabout (300yds) fork Left under the rail bridge following signs to the Town centre.

At next Roundabout keep straight on up the Broadway to Town Centre, soon passing Travis Perkins on the Right.

Keep straight on up the hill past shops, mostly on the Right, and mini Roundabouts & Traffic humps, eventually passing the Fire Station on the Right. Take next Right, opposite the New Coronet Bingo Club(ex cinema) into Britwell Road and the Civic Hall is immediately on the Left

From A34.

At the Didcot turnoff, head East onto A4130, signposted Didcot/Wallingford. On exit from the roundabout you pass McDonalds then BP (on R) the road is fairly straight with no turnings. Didcot Power Station will loom ever larger. At the next Roundabout get into Right Lane and Keep straight on.

At next Roundabout turn Right up Foxhall Road [Speed Camera on Left]

At next Roundabout (Shell Petrol station on the Left) turn Left down Broadway.

At next mini-Roundabout opposite the New Coronet Bingo Club turn Left into Britwell Rd. The Civic Hall is immediately on the Left.

By Train.

From the station (Didcot Parkway), cross the road, turn Right. After 100yd turn left up Haydon Rd.

After 500yd turn Right at the T-junction (Chancellor's Estate Agent on the R) on to the Broadway

pass the Fire Station on the right, then turn next Right, opposite the Coronet Bingo Hall into

Britwell Rd. The Civic Hall is on the Left.

