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Bristol Group**
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**Summer Meetings for
Members 2017**

Monday 24th April	A walk along the Strawberry Line with Trevor Riddle. Hope to hear recently arrived warblers and also to have access to some of the YACWAG reserves.	6.45pm at the mosaic seat on the Strawberry Line near the footpath from Chescombe Road (off the High St), Yatton. <i>(ST42536525) Park carefully at the end of Chescombe Road.</i>
Monday 22nd May	St. Anne's Wood and Nightingale Valley. Hidden gems of the Bristol suburbs with a fascinating history and some surprising wildlife. Guided by Barry Gray and other members of The Friends of Brislington Brook.	7.00 pm at the entrance to Nightingale Valley (between Brooklea Health Centre and Wicklea Academy, BS4 4HR) on Wick Road, Brislington. (ST 621720) <i>No public parking near this entrance so please car share if possible. The No. 36 bus stops nearby.</i>
Monday 19th June	Lord's Wood near Pensford, led by Roger Moses. Hopefully this will be a sunny afternoon with plenty of butterflies!	2.00pm ST631632 .On Birchwood Lane, Pensford, <i>About 1km from A37 junction .Very limited parking, please car share. Approach via Chelwood r/about.</i>
Monday 17th July	Portbury Wharf NR with Chris Sperring. Will include some areas not normally open to the public.	7.00pm in the car park in Wharf Lane off Sheepway (ST 48757645) <i>Limited parking, please car share if possible</i>
Sunday 20st August	An afternoon on Shapwick Moor Reserve with walks and a BBQ to celebrate completion of the new building and recent works.	More details nearer the time!

All walks £2.50, for members only. Further details from Sally Lee
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Winter Indoor Meetings 2017-18

Monday 18th September – An evening with Chris Sperring, addressing topical issues and the state of wildlife in Britain, and more locally.

Monday 16th October – ‘**The Mendip Ponds**’ – by John Dickson of The Somerset Reptile and Amphibian Group. He will tell how the historic stone and mortar ponds on the Mendip hills are being restored and of their associated wildlife.

Monday 20th November – ‘**Raptors of the Forests**’. By Rod Leslie. An update of what is happening to raptors in Forestry Commission forests, It will include the spectacular spread of the Goshawk, England’s booming FC Osprey population and more.

Monday 18th December - **Members Owl Prowl**– with Chris Sperring MBE, Warm clothes and a torch advised. Venue TBC. Afterwards at a local hostelry *Numbers limited, please book.*

Monday 15th January– ‘**Nature and Wildlife in the Garden**’ – Higgy, local naturalist, gardener and photographer shares his experiences of how we can all create opportunities in our gardens for wildlife and how important gardens are as part of the big picture.

Monday 19th February – Roger Lucken – ‘**Recent Avian Colonists in Somerset**’. Mainly the Great White Egret but there are also others!

Monday 19th March – – ‘**Urban Peregrine Falcons (... and suburban birds of prey)**’ The story of the Bath Urban Peregrine Project with fabulous film footage by Hamish Smith, Project Coordinator.

Venue: The Star Inn at Tickenham, Stone Edge Batch, BS216SE.

All meetings start at 7.45pm. Entry fee is £3.00 for members, £4.00 for non-members, free entry for 18 years or under. Further details from Carrie Riches 01275 462908