



## **JULY 2025 NEWSLETTER**

Dear Members

The committee have just met so here is an update of the items discussed and information about up-and-coming events with the club.

### **Chairman's report**

Graham Dawson, our new Chairman, thanked everyone for inviting him to become Chairman. He reminded us that now we are a Charity we do have a legal responsibility to follow certain guidelines but these should not pose any problems. The Club was running smoothly and hopefully will continue to do so.

### **Treasurer**

We also have a new treasurer in the name of Phil Jackson who took over from Vivienne when she stepped down at the AGM.

### **Membership Secretary Report**

Many members have paid their subs for 2025 and we now have a total of 167 members. If you haven't paid yet, please do so promptly. Several more members have signed up for Gift Aid, which is a great way of adding 25% to your contributions to the club at no cost to yourself. Many thanks for your generous donations to the Swift Tower and Barn Owl projects.

### **Events**

The outdoor events this year have been well attended. Wendy is starting to plan next year's meetings. It would be nice if we had a few new ideas about where to go. Therefore, if anyone has ideas or would like Wendy to look into somewhere to go, please contact her.

We are also in need of some new leaders for the outdoor meetings, because without leaders we can't run the trips! If you would be interested in taking a group around your local patch or leading a trip please get in touch.

Contact Wendy on [wendy@planettry.net](mailto:wendy@planettry.net)

### **Forthcoming Events**

Hopefully everyone has received the latest information about the coming events but if not here is a recap:

**On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** Roger Walsh will be leading a walk around Bungay counting Swifts and looking for other birds then afterwards at the Green Dragon to lift a swift pint to Paddy and Steve.

Meet at Bungay Community Centre, Old Grammar Lane, Bungay, Suffolk NR35 1PU

No need to book this event just turn up in good time to leave promptly at 7pm

**On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July** Mark Piotrowski will be leading a walk starting at Kingsfleet for the Southern Migrant Hawker and then on to Loompit Lake for the Lesser Emperor. There will be a good chance of seeing Hobby, Red Kite, Raven, Yellow Wagtail, Bittern, Cuckoo, and Kingfisher. There is also a possibility of otters on both sites (there has been a family on Loompit Lake for the last 2 summers).

Meet at St Nicholas Church (IP11 9RZ) 11am. Parking is free and The Ferryboat Inn close by. For Loompit Lake park at the entrance of Suffolk Yacht Club (IP10 0LN). After that we could stop for a drink at The Ship, Levington for Purple Hairstreaks.

To book this event contact [Wendy Bainbridge](#)

### **Swift Tower**

As most of you know the Swift Tower is up and running at the Eel's Foot Pub at Eastbridge. In fact, as we left the Pub after our committee meeting last week there were a number of Swifts flying around the tower! Let's hope they are prospecting for future nests! The call recordings are now installed as is the QR code on the display board. This enables people to make a donation towards the funds for the upkeep of the tower.

The club currently has funds to pay for maintenance for a limited time period; hence the need to continue to raise funds in partnership with the Eel's Foot.

### **Social Media**

Harry Read updates our Facebook and Twitter accounts and would appreciate any news including photographs sent to him for posting [harryread@hotmail.com](mailto:harryread@hotmail.com)

### **Web Site**

For many years now our Web Site has been maintained by Kevin Allenby. Kevin is now going to retire so we are looking for someone who would be willing to take over the running of the site. We have decided that the site needs streamlining as most information can now be found via Facebook and many of our members are also on the Clubbers Whatsapp group. We still want to keep the web site running as it gives details of events and it is a contact for people to get in touch.

If anyone would like to take over or knows of anyone who would be willing to update the website please contact me. We would be willing to pay for this. It may suit a young person

who knows how to maintain web sites (maybe one of your own children), they don't necessarily need to be members of the club. Contact me [rbedwell06@gmail.com](mailto:rbedwell06@gmail.com)

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That's all for now

Regards,

Rebecca Bedwell – Secretary