

## **Orpington Field Club - Autumn/Winter Talks - 2018/19**

Five talks have been arranged for mainly the second Saturday afternoons from October to February at BEECHE, High Elms Country Park, Shire Lane, Farnborough, BR6 7JH. These will be between **1.30pm and 3.30pm** giving members and visitors a chance to network! **All visitors are welcome**, especially those from Bromley's Friends Groups, Kent Wildlife Trust and Local RSPB members and anyone with an interest in natural history. **Entrance is by a £3.00 donation**, which includes refreshments.

**October 13<sup>th</sup>                                      Kent's Wild Year                                      Simon Ginnaw**

Simon makes a welcome return to show us more photographs included in his multi-media presentation. His talk outlines his travels around Kent through the seasons looking at the county's wildlife and landscapes.

**November 17<sup>th</sup>                                      20 Years of Nest-boxing                                      Bob Francis**

An illustrated talk about Bob's 20 years experience of checking nest boxes of all type (Birds and Small Mammals) and being fascinated, horrified, surprised and sometimes puzzled by their contents.

**December 8<sup>th</sup>                                      Urban Reserves                                      Alison Ruyter**

A positive look at how nature can thrive in some of the places we least expect. The talk will be based mostly on some Kent Wildlife Trust Reserves.

### **2019**

**January 12<sup>th</sup>                      A Wildlife of Yellowstone National Park                      Duncan Mc Donald**

Duncan gave the Orpington Field Club a talk last year on his wildlife journeys through Europe. He is now making a welcome return. He has previously worked as a Countryside Ranger for the Highland Council within the Cairngorms National Park as well as being a guide for Speyside Wildlife. His passion for wildlife and conservation has taken him across the globe. His illustrated talk this time will outline his trips to the Yellowstone National Park, USA

**February 9<sup>th</sup>                      The Spanish Bluebell - Menace or Misunderstood                      Fred Rumsey**

Fred's talk will firstly focus on what we know about the Bluebell (Hyacinthoids – non scripta) and related species and describe the research he was involved with aimed at addressing the alarmist claims which have been made about the imminent demise of our native Bluebell and the Spanish Bluebell's introduction and spread.