

Lincolnshire Bird Club

Cordially invites you to

**The Admiral Rodney, Horncastle
at 7.30pm on Tuesday, March 20th, 2018
for a talk on**

Skegness to Shetland

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The son of a self-employed milk roundsman, Roger grew up and went to school in the Alford area where he discovered the joys and challenges of birdwatching while exploring the fields and woods around his home. He was lucky to receive plenty of encouragement from an old school pal of his father, namely the late Ted Smith, driving force behind the founding of Gibraltar Point Nature Reserve, Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust and many other nature-associated initiatives.

The talk will be followed by the Annual General Meeting (members only)

Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the previous AGM and Matters arising from the minutes
3. Hon Chairman's Address
4. Proposed Constitutional Changes (See Page 2)
5. Presentation of the Accounts
6. Reports from the Officers
7. Election of Secretary
8. Election of IT Officer
9. Any other motions previously notified in writing or via email¹
10. Any other business.

Notes

1. Motions for debate, which must be proposed and seconded by paid-up members, must be received by the Hon Secretary by email to Jameswri1@aol.com on or before 6th March 2018.

Lincolnshire Bird Club: Proposed Constitutional amendments, agreed at committee meeting on 6th Feb 2018. To be put to members at AGM on 20th March 2018

The current constitution can be downloaded at <http://lincsbirdclub.co.uk/site/index.php/club-constitution>.

The current constitution was adopted at the 2007 AGM. Seven amendments are proposed and the suggested wording for each change and the reason for it is below.

Members are invited to submit appropriately worded motions to the Hon. Secretary fourteen days before the AGM should they object to any of the proposed changes.

The changes will be voted on at the AGM on 20th March 2018 and a simple majority of the membership present will be required for the amendments to be adopted.

Para 1.1 Replace with "The Club shall be called the Lincolnshire Bird Club and can be referred to informally as Lincs Bird Club and abbreviated to LBC.

Reason: To conform with current practice

Para 2.2 Insert "IT Officer" after "Treasurer" in the first sentence.

Reason: The IT Officer, referred to informally as Webmaster is an important role and the operation of a paypal account linked to our new membership process makes it necessary for him to be a signatory on the Club bank account. For that he needs to be an officer.

Para 2.7 Replace with "The Committee will appoint one or more County Recorders."

Reason: To conform with current practice.

Para 2.10 Insert "IT Officer" after "Secretary"

Reason: Consequential amendment to Para 2.2

Para 3.2 Replace with "Membership will be for one calendar year starting on the date the subscription is paid. New members will receive a free copy of the last published bird report."

Reason: Our new online membership system cannot cope with membership periods for other than one year.

Para 4.1 Replace with "The Club shall aim to publish an annual Bird Report covering Lincolnshire and also a regular Newsletter"

Reason: To conform with current practice and to allow maximum flexibility on when newsletters are sent out.

Final paragraph Replace first sentence with: "The Constitution of the Club may only be changed at an AGM, after notification of the proposed change to the membership by announcement on the website and newsletter to members".

Reason: To make any changes entirely electronic and avoid unnecessary paper usage, make administration straightforward and to conform with current practice.