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CAMBRIDGESHIRE BIRD CLUB FARMING AND BIRD CONSERVATION CONFERENCE

Saturday 16th October 2010 1000–1700 at Cottenham Village College
Sunday 17th October 2010 Farmland sites in Cambridgeshire

The conference, organised by Cambridgeshire Bird Club in collaboration with the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), will provide an opportunity for everyone to learn more about farmland birds in Cambridgeshire and beyond, and the challenges they face. On Saturday there will be a programme of lectures (each followed by time for discussion), displays and stalls. On Sunday there will be an opportunity to visit farmland sites in the county that demonstrate a variety of approaches to farming and environmental conservation.

Saturday 16th October

SESSION 1 HISTORY AND HABITATS

The changing face of lowland farmland and its associated birdlife *Andy Evans (RSPB)*

Farmland conservation – encouraging non-avian biodiversity *John Holland (Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust)*

SESSION 2 POPULATION AND SPECIES STUDIES

Atlases and farmland birds – past, present and future *Simon Gillings (BTO)*

The RSPB Corn Bunting Project *Rosemary Setchfield (RSPB)*

Winter food and farmland birds: causes of decline and means of recovery *Gavin Siriwardena (BTO)*

SESSION 3 CONSERVATION

The conservation of farmland birds in Eastern England *Simon Tonkin (RSPB)*

Action for Barn Owls and Kestrels on farmland *Peter Wilkinson (Barn Owl Conservation Network)*

How FWAG helps farmers *Elizabeth Ranelagh (Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group)*

From voluntary surveys to working for the Countryside Restoration Trust. A birding journey through farmland *Vince Lea (Countryside Restoration Trust)*

Tickets must be booked in advance: £17.50 per person (includes coffee, lunch and tea)

For further details or enquiries check the Club's website (www.cambridgeshirebirdclub.org.uk) or email vicki.harley@care4free.net

EVERYONE WELCOME: TURN OVER FOR BOOKING FORMS

Booking form for CBC conference

Send your completed booking form to: Vicki Harley, 30 Margett St, Cottenham, Cambridge, CB24 8QY

Tel.: 01954 250340; email: vicki.harley@care4free.net

Bookings must be received by Saturday 9th October

Saturday 16th October – Cottenham Village College

Please send me.....tickets @ £17.50 a ticket. I enclose a cheque/PO made payable to ‘Cambridgeshire Bird Club’ and a **stamped addressed envelope (SAE)**.

Please delete/fill in as appropriate:

1 I/We require directions to the venue YES/NO

2 I/We have special dietary requirements as follows (vegetarian choice available)

Name.....

Signed..... Date.....

Full address.....

Tel:..... Email:.....

Please write below in BLOCK CAPITALS your **name(s) as you would like it to appear on your participant’s badge** and any other information you would like to be included, e.g. Cambridgeshire Bird Club, BTO, RSPB, etc.

Sunday 17th October – field visits

Visits commence at 11:00. There will be guided walks lasting 1½ to 2 hours at each venue and the opportunity to learn about how the land is managed. Details of the sites can be found on the websites listed in the bulletin or on the Club’s website, or by contacting Vicki Harley.

Please indicate your first, second and third choice, as numbers may be limited at each venue.

Please check details of meeting points etc. which will be sent with confirmation of your booking.

Venue	No of people booking	Choice
Countryside Restoration Trust Farm, Barton		
RSPB Hope Farm, Knapwell		
Park Farm, Thorney (arable farm in environmental stewardship)		
Shropshires Hainey Farm, Soham (field-grown salad and vegetable producer)		

REMEMBER TO ENCLOSE YOUR SAE

Check the Club’s website for conference updates: www.cambridgeshirebirdclub.org.uk