

## Membership & Subscriptions

Membership forms can be obtained from the Secretary, or downloaded from the Club website. The Standard Annual Subscription is £15.00, payable in January for the calendar year. The Concessionary Annual Subscription (available to full-time students, & UB40s) is £5.00.

Memberships for the year are payable to the Treasurer by standing order or cheque. In the case of the former, a Mandate Form may be obtained from the Treasurer.

A small charge of £1 for members and £3 for non-members will be payable at each meeting.

## Field Trips

Local field trips are held throughout the year. A provisional programme has been drawn up and details will be confirmed at indoor meetings and on the website

A copy of the programme is also published on the website

[www.nioc.co.uk](http://www.nioc.co.uk)

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## Disclaimer

Neither the NIOC, nor its committee, shall be held responsible for any damage, loss or injury, however sustained, during participation in outdoor activities such as field trips. Participants must ensure that they have adequate personal insurance in place.

## Office Bearers

President	Tom Ennis
Vice Presidents	Ron Thompson Dave Craig
Chairman	Garry Wilkinson
Secretary	Carol Gillespie 4 Demesne Gate Saintfield BALLYNAHINCH Co Down BT24 7BE Tel: 9751 9371
Treasurer	Claire Barnett 46 Donegall Avenue Belfast BT12 6LX

## Communicating with the Committee

Committee meetings are held most months. Members are invited to send comments, suggestions, etc, to the Secretary, or to contact any committee member: or email us via our website at [www.nioc.co.uk](http://www.nioc.co.uk).

Committee members are Nigel Moore, Sandy McWilliams, Ray Bennett, Shane McGarvey, Ivor McDonald & Martin McClenaghan



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# Programme 2017 - 2018

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# Northern Ireland Ornithologists' Club : 2017 – 2018 Programme

All meetings will be held in the ULSTER MUSEUM, STRANMILLIS ROAD, starting promptly at 7.30 pm  
Please check the website regularly for last minute changes or register your e-mail address with the secretary

## Meetings

DATE	TITLE	SPEAKER	OTHER DETAILS
11 Oct 2017	<i>Falkland Islands and Antarctica</i>	Maeve and Adrian Bell	Maeve and Adrian who sail extensively in the Northern Hemisphere, relate their odyssey to the extremes of the opposite end of the world.
25 Oct 2017	<i>Back from the Brink - The Bermuda Petrel</i>	Andrew Cleave	Having taken early retirement from his teaching job, Andrew now concentrates on writing, photography, lecturing and tour leading. His published works, numbering over 30 titles, cover a range of natural history and environmental subjects. One of the founding directors of Bird Photographer of the Year.
08 Nov 2017	<i>Wildlife of Namibia</i>	Richard Gray	Richard, Chairman of the NIOC 2005-2009, travels extensively worldwide. This is the story of one of his African adventures.
22 Nov 2017	<i>The Evolution of Birds</i>	Mary Montague	As "living dinosaurs", birds teach us about the deep past. Mary takes a fresh look at the evidence and controversies thrown up by DNA sequencing and new fossil discoveries, while marvelling at the birds.
06 Dec 2017	<i>Birding in the Gambia</i>	Nigel Moore	A budget African trip by four members to this well known birding destination.
10 Jan 2018	<i>Land of the Great One</i>	Tom Ennis	Our President will talk on various journeys to Alaska showing wildlife in some of the Sub-arctic habitats.
24 Jan 2018	<i>Annual General Meeting, followed by Details of a GPS tracking study of Swifts</i>	Claire Barnett	After the AGM, our Treasurer, Claire, Conservation Team Leader at RSPB, will discuss the role of GPS tagging to explore foraging and migration in Swifts.
07 Feb 2018	<i>The Birds of Langholm Moor</i>	Rick Taylor	Rick is a Ranger at Langholm Moor in Dumfries and Galloway, where there is a longterm project to show that Hen Harriers and Grouse can co-exist. Rick will highlight species we may see on our fieldtrip in April.
21 Feb 2018	<i>Sam Penney Memorial Lecture - The Special Birds of Southern England</i>	Keith Betton	Keith, our judge for the photographic competition, will talk on such iconic birds as Stone Curlew, Dartford Warbler, and Honey Buzzard
07 Mar 2018	<i>Butterflies and Birds in Romania</i>	James O'Neill	A PhD student and winner of the Work Of NI Bird Photographers last year, James will speak on his summer work in Transylvania.
21 Mar 2018	<i>Annual Photographic Meeting Work of the NI Bird Photographers No. 45</i>	Judge Keith Betton	Come and see spectacular photos taken by some of N Ireland's best bird photographers
6 Jun 2018	<i>Social Evening at WOW RSPB reserve</i>	Members Only	Join us at the Harbour Reserve at 6.30pm for an evening of birding, craic and refreshments. Small cover charge £5.