

## 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.

There will be no charge for our talks until further notice. They will be open to all visitors to the Museum, to tie in with the major exhibition of the Diplodocus Dinosaur.

## 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
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## 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



**Programme**  
**2018 - 2019**

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# Northern Ireland Ornithologists' Club : 2018 – 2019 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
03 Oct 2018	<i>Biodiversity -- Why does it Matter</i>	Richard Gray	Our former Chairman, Richard is Head of Biodiversity and Conservation Science with the NIEA. While concentrating on local issues, he will also cover the importance of Biodiversity in an International context
17 Oct 2018	<i>Lough Neagh Eels - The History of L Neagh Fishermans Co-operative</i>	Pat Close	Pat Close, the Chairman/CEO of the fishery, will explain the complex life cycle of the Lough Neagh Eel and the importance of its conservation.
07 Nov 2018	<i>Cornwall's Hidden Wildlife Gems</i>	Hannah Stitfall	Hannah is an accomplished zoologist and wildlife filmmaker with a love for creative natural history story-telling. She has worked with Springwatch and the Back the Blue Belt Marine Campaign.
21 Nov 2018	<i>Dippy and other Dinosaurs and Birds</i>	Dr Patrick J Orr UCD School of Earth Sciences	Dippy, the Natural History Museum's Diplodocus skeleton is at the Ulster Museum from 28 September until 6th January 2019.
05 Dec 2018	<i>Birds of Inishboffin</i>	Anthony McGeehan	Over the years, Anthony has spent many weeks on Inishboffin, an island off the west coast of Ireland. This year he aims to spend the most of October there. Come and hear how he fared.
09 Jan 2019	<i>Falklands &amp; S Atlantic</i>	Neal Warnock	RSPB Conservation Advisor, Neal, will recount some memorable moments and birding experiences in the South Atlantic on his Sabbatical study tour.
23 Jan 2019	<i>Annual General Meeting, followed by Israel</i>	Nigel Moore	After the AGM, Nigel will relate some of his experiences of a trip through Israel on Horseback, birding as he went.
06 Feb 2019	<i>Something About Swifts</i>	Peter Cush	Anything you want to know about Swifts? Peter recently presented to an International Swift Conference in Israel.
20 Feb 2019	<i>Bears &amp; Birds in Transylvania and the Danube Delta</i>	Garry Wilkinson	Our Chairman, Garry, will relive an excellent club trip to Transylvania and the Danube Delta in Romania.
06 Mar 2019	<i>Sam Penney Memorial Lecture - Springtime in Europe, Lesvos to Shetland</i>	Kevin Hazelgrove	Kevin Hazelgrove, our judge for this years photographic competition, teaches youngsters to drive in order to fund his bird photography travels. A regular for many years on Lesvos, he will share his experiences of photographing birds from the bottom to the top of Europe with some wonderful images.
20 Mar 2019	<i>Annual Photographic Meeting Work of the N I Bird Photographers No. 46</i>	Judge Kevin Hazelgrove	Come and enjoy a show of spectacular photos taken by some of N Ireland's best bird photographers.

