

Sensing Nature



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exploring sound



W&BA is working with Norfolk & Norwich Association for The Blind to explore how humans and creatures hear, make and experience sound, leading to a specially created outdoor performance trail in 2017. To stimulate the old grey matter we have a fascinating range of leading researchers, writers and sound experts to inspire us to become sound-aware.

Sounding Out Sound

Sunday 2 October

10.30am – 1.30pm

Cost £12/£10 W&BA members

Dr Matthew Moreland,
Lecturer in Phonetics at
the University of East

Anglia will explain how people make
and hear sound. Award-winning
author, naturalist and ornithologist

Mark Cocker will answer such
fascinating questions as ... Do
moths make noises? How do
birds sing? And **Geoff Sample**,
wildlife sound recordist for
BBC TV and radio, will play
recordings of creatures'
songs and calls, gatherings



and rituals. Followed by a question & answer session.

Venue: The Cut, New Cut, Halesworth, Suffolk, IP19 8BY

To book: call **0845 673 2123**
or via www.newcut.org

Human Echo-location Workshop - for blind, visually impaired, and sighted participants

Saturday 5 November 11am – 3pm

Cost £12/£10 W&BA members

This practical workshop will be led by Human echo-locator **Dr Lore Thaler**, Lecturer in the Department of Psychology at Durham University, and will help you discover your inner bat! It will start with practising mouth clicks, then detecting objects, and go on to combine echo-location with the use of the long cane. For the purpose of the workshop sighted people will be asked to wear blindfolds. Places are limited and priority will be given to blind and visually-impaired participants.



Venue: Beccles Free School, Castle Hill,
Beccles, Suffolk, NR34 7BQ

To book: jan@ollandstreet.co.uk
or ring Jan on **01986 89522**



Tom Shakespeare, researcher and broadcaster, is the Project Patron for Sensing Nature because it removes barriers to appreciating nature and exploring the role of sounds in our lives.



Bats & Batpeople

Sunday 6 November 11am – 1pm

Cost £12/£10 W&BA members

Love them or hate them, bats are intriguing animals that famously use echo-location, a beam of sound, rather than sight for navigation and hunting; humans are now learning their techniques. **Lisa Worledge**, Head of Conservation Services for the UK's Bat Conservation Trust, is an expert on bats. What she doesn't know about them is not worth knowing! **Dr Lore Thaler** is a Human echo-locator and lecturer at Durham University. She will explain how blind American Daniel Kish learned techniques from bats and has developed echo-location to help blind people find their way around. The talks will be followed by a question & answer session.



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