

## Not yet a member?

I would love to become a member of Essex Bat Group

Full Name

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Email/Postal Address

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Contact number

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*Your personal information will not be passed on to any third parties.*

Please tick the appropriate box

- 1 year membership (£5)
- 3 years membership (£12)
- Donation

Membership runs until 31st December each year

I enclose a cheque for £\_\_\_\_\_ payable to **Essex Bat Group**

Please send this completed form to: Helen Miller, Membership Secretary, Essex Bat Group, 176 Abbotsbury Road, Morden SM4 5JS

## 2017 Events

### Talks

#### Friday 24 March, 7.45 pm Essex Bat Group AGM

AGM about 15 minutes followed by a talk on **'The Gibraltar Bat Project'** by James Shipman.

The Goodwin Room, Boreham Village Hall, Main Road, Boreham CM3 3JD

#### Friday 28 April, 7.30 pm Jan Ragg Memorial Lecture

**'Bat Care - Why do we do it?'** by Gail Armstrong

The Goodwin Room, Boreham Village Hall, Main Road, Boreham CM3 3JD

#### 3 May, 7.30 pm: **New Members Evening**

Weald Country Park, South Weald CM14 5QS  
An introductory event for new members, but please join us even if you aren't that new! Learn about bat ecology and identification. There may be a bat walk, weather permitting. You can also find out how to get more involved with the group and with bat conservation. Please register your interest with Graham Hart: [woodlandbats@essexbatgroup.org](mailto:woodlandbats@essexbatgroup.org)



## Events 2017



## March to October

[www.essexbatgroup.org](http://www.essexbatgroup.org)

## 2017 Events

### Surveys and Bat Walks

#### BRENTWOOD

**Various dates: Weald Bat Survey Project (FREE)**  
**Weald Country Park, South Weald**

**19 April, 17 May, 7 June, 12 July, 16 August, 13 September, 4 October**

The main focus of the surveys will be to try to understand how Barbastelle use the country park. Suitable for all, including those who have never surveyed for bats before. Meeting locations and times will be confirmed nearer each date. Register interest with Graham Hart: [woodlandbats@essexbatgroup.org](mailto:woodlandbats@essexbatgroup.org)

**Various dates: \*NEW\* Thorndon Bat Project (FREE)**  
**Thorndon Country Park, Brentwood**

**5 April, 26 April, 10 May, 31 May, 28 June, 19 July, 23 August.** Be part of a brand new project. As with

Weald we are concentrating on Barbastelle distribution. Suitable for all, including those who have never surveyed for bats before. Meeting locations and times will be confirmed nearer each date. Register interest: Graham Hart: [woodlandbats@essexbatgroup.org](mailto:woodlandbats@essexbatgroup.org)

#### CHELMSFORD

**Various dates: Evening Bat Roost Emergence Counts (FREE) - Hanningfield Visitor Centre** Hawkswood Road, Billericay, Downham CM11 1WT

**Dates: 19 April, 3 May, 17 May, 31 May, 14 June, 28 June, 12 July, 26 July, 9 August, 23 August, 6 September, 20 September, 4 October**

A good opportunity for new bat enthusiasts to see soprano pipistrelle bats emerging from a roost. Numbers have peaked at over 1000 bats when the young make their first flights. Register your interest with Pete Cloughton: [hannersbats@gmail.com](mailto:hannersbats@gmail.com)

### Surveys and Bat Walks

**CHELMSFORD** (All events have limited places)

**6 May: Dawn Chorus and Bats Returning to Roost Hanningfield Visitor Centre** and  
**3 and 17 August: Family Bat Evening Hanningfield Visitor Centre** (*Essex Wildlife Trust Event*)  
Hawkswood Road, Downham, Billericay CM11 1WT.  
**To book places call: 01268 711001** (EWT Hanningfield)

**11 August, 6-9pm: Guided Walk to Identify Plants Good for Bats then Bat Emergence Survey (£12) RHS Hyde Hall** (*Essex Wildlife Trust/RHS Hyde Hall Event*)  
Creepedge Lane, Rettendon Common CM3 8ET followed by Hanningfield Visitor Centre, Hawkswood Road, Downham, Billericay CM11 1WT. **Book by 9 August 2017 and quote booking reference 14199. Call 0203 176 5830**

#### COLCHESTER

**Various dates: Joint Essex Bat Group/Colchester Borough Council (CBC) Bat Surveys:**

**10 May: Cymbeline Meadows (FREE)**

**24 May and 30 August: Salary Brook (FREE)**

**24 June: Gosbecks Archaeological Park (FREE)**

Call **Sonya Lindsell: 07770 814282** to confirm your attendance and to obtain meeting details

**Various dates: CBC Bat Evening - Booking essential. (FREE to EBG members & children, otherwise £4.30).**

**11 August: Lexden Park Bat Evening**

**19 August: High Woods Country Park**

**22 September: Colchester Cemetery Bat Evening**

For booking and details please call: 01206 282920

### Surveys and Bat Walks

**GRAYS** (EBG Members Only)

**Various dates: Chafford Hundred Tunnel Surveys: (FREE)** Help us monitor the bat population at Chafford Gorges Nature Reserve. **Dates: 11 March, 22 April, 20 May, 17 June, 15 July, 26 August, 23 September, 21 October, 18 November.** Contact Ella Barnett: [ebgpublicity@gmail.com](mailto:ebgpublicity@gmail.com)

#### HARLOW

**Various dates: Parndon Wood Nature Reserve**  
Parndon Wood Road, Harlow CM19 4SF **Dates: 20-21 May (Bat weekend, FREE), 22 June, 27 July & 31 August (talks and walks, £2 each), 23-24 September (small mammal weekend, FREE)**

**Various dates: Harlow Town Park (FREE)** Meeting at Spurriers House, Harlow CM20 2QG **Dates: 18 July & 22 August (talk and walk).**

For details of Harlow events contact Frances Donovan: [chad2giles@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:chad2giles@yahoo.co.uk)

### Talks

#### LEIGH-ON-SEA, SOUTHEND

**27 August, 7:30 - 8:30 pm Talk on bats. Belfairs Belfairs Woodland Centre,** Eastwood Road North, Leigh-On-Sea SS9 4LR. An event run with Essex Wildlife Trust. Contact Ella Barnett: [ebgpublicity@gmail.com](mailto:ebgpublicity@gmail.com)

**For the latest additions and changes to the 2017 Events Programme please visit our website:**  
**[www.essexbatgroup.org](http://www.essexbatgroup.org)**