



**Wiltshire Ornithological Society
45th Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 1st April 2020 at 7.30pm
The Wessex Room, Corn Exchange,
Devizes SN10 1HS**

AGENDA

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| 1. Welcome & Apologies | |
| 2. Minutes of the 2019 AGM | <i>(see attached sheet)</i> |
| 3. Chairman's Address | <i>Matt Prior</i> |
| 4. Treasurer's Report | <i>Martin Cook</i> |
| 5. Recorder's Report | <i>Nick Adams</i> |
| 6. Election of Chairman | <i>See note A</i> |
| 7. Election of Secretary | <i>See note B</i> |
| 8. Election of Treasurer | <i>See note C</i> |
| 9. Election of Executive Committee | <i>See note D</i> |
| 10. Appointment of Auditor | <i>See note E</i> |
| 11. Any other business | |

During the interval a raffle will be held and stalls set up for RSPB and BTO information and publicity. All proceeds are in aid of the Society's conservation funds. Refreshments of tea, coffee and juice will be available free of charge.

The talk this evening is given by **Peter Cranswick**,

"Born to be wild – saving the world's rarest bird"

Peter, a committee member with WOS, has been at the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust for almost 30 years, in recent times focusing on threatened species conservation. Eight years ago, when WWT was in the early stages of helping the Madagascar Pochard, arguably the world's rarest bird, Peter talked to WOS about the beginning of the project to save this species. He is returning to bring the story up to date. Once thought extinct, just 20 Madagascar Pochards survive on one small lake in the remote highlands of Madagascar. Barely clinging to existence, nearly all the ducklings die each year. Peter will tell how a pioneering approach, some innovative thinking, and not a little determination is helping keep this duck's head above water.

No entry fee and visitors very welcome.

Note A The Executive Committee nominates Matt Prior be re-elected Chairman for 2020/21.

Note B David Little is prepared to stand for re-election as Secretary.

Note C Martin Cook is prepared to stand for re-election as Treasurer

Note D The following members of the Executive Committee are prepared to stand for re-election: Peter Cranswick, Andrew Bray, Graham Deacon, Granville Pictor, Nick Adams, Paul Castle, Frank Mogford and Gareth Hawkes.

Any other nominations for the Executive Committee should be agreed with the person concerned who must be a paid up member of the Society. Nominations may be forwarded to the Secretary, with the name of the seconder of the proposal, before or at the meeting.

Note E Mr Lee Snyder is prepared to stand for position as Auditor.

**The Corn Exchange is in the Market Place, next to The Bear Hotel, Devizes.
The Wessex Room is upstairs. Disabled access is provided by lift to the first floor.**