



Marylebone Birdwatching Society

Booking Form for a winter visit to South Devon February 8 – 10, 2020 Travelling to/from Totnes, staying at a Paignton hotel

A long weekend in Devon has been arranged for the above dates. It will be led by **Mike Langman**, who worked for the RSPB for 9 years and was for eight years County Recorder for Devon. He is a well-known wildlife illustrator and has led birdwatching holidays for Travelling Naturalist & Wise Birding. He also led a visit to his home county for MBS in 2013.

We shall be based at the family-run **Summerhill Hotel**, which is opening early in the season especially. Mike will meet us at Totnes at midday on the Saturday (Paddington 9.03, no changes). Be ready for birdwatching on arrival as we will head straight out, arriving at the hotel about 4.30pm. The 16-seater minibus has lots of room for bags. The exact itinerary for the weekend will depend on what birds are about. But we shall visit the Exe estuary for waders and wildfowl, Aylesbeare RSPB reserve for Dartford warblers and stonechats, if they have survived the winter. Sunday afternoon we join a 3-hour "Avocet cruise" up the Exe estuary. On Monday morning we will visit sites around Torbay including possibly Brixham, Berry Head and Broadsands Beach. Sightings are likely to include Cirl Buntings, Chiffchaff, Great Northern Diver, Grebes, Mediterranean gull, Peregrine, Purple Sandpiper and maybe Harbour Porpoises, as well as other ducks, gulls, and divers. In the afternoon we shall head to Staverton or Dartington, for Dipper and possibly Goosander, before heading to Totnes for a train to London at 15.27 (Paddington 18.16, no changes).

The cost - **£245 each for two sharing a room, £330 for singles** - depends on 12 people joining the trip. If we are the minimum of 10, it will be another £24 per person. Covered are dinner, bed, breakfast, minibus hire, the boat trip, a checklist, and Mike's services as guide. Lunches & drinks are not included. We can buy provisions on Sunday and Monday morning or, on Monday, opt for a quick fish and chip restaurant lunch, particularly should the weather be bad.

The party will be limited to twelve. **Bookings open now and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.** Bookings close on **October 30**. Priority will be given to MBS members. Please complete the booking form and send it **with a deposit of £25 per person made out to the Summerhill Hotel AND a deposit of £25 per person made out to Mike Langman, plus a stamped/addressed envelope if email receipt not enough.**

Jean Clarke

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To: Ms J. Clarke, c/o 9 Birkbeck Grove, Acton, London W3 7QD

*I/we wish to book place(s) for South Devon in February 2020.. *I/we would like a *single/double/twin bedded room. I am/not* prepared to share if necessary. I am/not* a member of the Marylebone Birdwatching Society. *I am not a member of MBS, but wish to register an interest in case there are vacancies after October 30, 2019.

Please put name, telephone number, email address, and dietary requirements overleaf.

*Please delete as applicable.