

Altrincham and District

**Natural
History
Society**

**2021
Calendar**





This **Mallard** Family (*Anas platyrhynchos*) was seen at King George V Pool, Altrincham. Captions please!
The pool is an artificial lake constructed in 1910 - 1911 from a former clay-pit, to celebrate the coronation of King George V. It was given as a gift to the people of Altrincham by Lord Stamford in memory of the reign of the King. The pool is about 2.5 acres, fed from Timperley Brook and now managed both for wildlife and for fishing. It is surprising the variety of flora and fauna that can be seen here so close to dense habitation. It is one of the special places providing sanctuary for many of us during the lockdown of 2020.

May 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
31 <i>Spring Bank Holiday</i>					1	2
3 <i>May Bank Holiday</i>	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Altnats Walk	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



Marsh Helleborine (*Epipactis palustris*) As with many orchids, the attractive features often remain hidden until you move very close – the frilly white lip is only about 0.5cm across. It is found mostly in calcareous habitats and particularly dune systems. Where it does occur, it can be quite common, as it is here in the dunes of the Sefton Coast near Ainsdale.

August 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
30 Summer Bank Holiday	31					1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Altnats Walk	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29



Scarce Silver-lines Moth (*Bena bicolorana*) One of the few species of green moths in Britain. Distributed widely but locally across England and Wales as far north as Yorkshire. The larva feeds mainly on oak leaves and disguises itself accordingly. In summer it is small and green, changing in autumn to pale brown with a dark brown saddle to match a leaf bud or scar. At bud burst in spring it becomes green with reddish brown stripes resembling an expanding oak bud. Once the tree is in leaf it becomes all green again. The adults generally fly from June to August.

September 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Altnats Evening Lecture	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			



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January



February



March



April



May



June



July



August



September



October



November



December



Cover picture: Grey Heron (*Ardea cinerea*). Young heron confined to nest during 2020 lockdown.

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The Altrincham and District Natural History Society provides a focus for natural history activities in the Altrincham area. Meetings are held monthly throughout the year, with evening walks in summer and illustrated lectures in winter. Additional full day excursions are organised periodically.

Indoor meetings are held at the Jubilee Centre, The Firs, Bowdon, Altrincham, Cheshire WA14 2TQ.

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