

# AVICULTURAL SOCIETY AND I.T.S AGM WEEKEND 2017

## Member Schedule

\*NOTE - PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE (see below)\*

**ATTENTION - NO BIRDS ARE TO BE BROUGHT ON SITE AT EITHER COLLECTION FOR EXCHANGE OR OTHERWISE. IT COMPROMISES THE BALAI DIRECTIVE AND IS DISRESPECTFUL TO OUR HOSTS. CONSIDERING OUR CURRENT AVIAN FLU CONCERNS THIS CANNOT BE OVER EMPHASIZED, THIS INCLUDES THE CAR PARKS AND SURROUNDING GROUNDS.**

The Avicultural Society and International Turaco Society AGM for 2017 will be held on the 25th and 26th of March at Cotswold Wildlife Park and Gardens and Crocodiles of the world.

Entry to CWP is FREE for MEMBERS, please bring a recent copy of avicultural magazine or ITS magazine to prove your membership at the drive-in gate. There is also a reduced members rate of £6.70 at Crocodiles Of The World. Non members will pay full price on entry.

Lunches on both days are self purchased, we feel it will be more flexible for everyone to decide what they want for lunch from the restaurant. This year dates and timings have been organised to try to avoid the busiest periods for lunch.

### Day 1 -Cotswold Wildlife Park

10:00 - Park opens, members are free to roam the park and enjoy the grounds and collection.

10:30 - 12:20 AS council meeting- AZRA room.

10:30 - 12:20 ITS committee meeting - small classroom.

12:30 - 13:00 Avicultural Society AGM meeting - Drawing room, Manor house.

12:30 - 13:00 ITS AGM - Small classroom.

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch - Members can purchase lunch from the restaurant.

14:00 - 15:00 Tour of the walled garden.

15:00 - 15:30 short break for coffee in the drawing room to prepare for talks.

15:30 onwards - Talks and raffle results in the drawing room.

**Logan Ody, *Raymond Sawyer Scholarship winner 2016* - Scholarship experience and softbills at Paradise Park.**

**Neil A Forbes *B VetMed Dip ECZM(avian) FRCVS* - Aviculturists working with your avian vet.**

Once talks have finished members are free to use their time as they wish, the park closes at 18:00 so there will be some free time before the evening meal.

19:00 - Optional evening meal at the Windmill Carvery (**notify Chris Kent to book a seat**)  
2 courses plus coffee £15.95, 3 courses plus coffee £18.95. Usual roast meats, veg, etc, /or veggie option. - <http://windmillcarvery.com/>

## Day 2 - Crocodiles of the world

10:00 - Park Opens - Talk on the similarities between birds and crocodilians with Colin Stevenson, a member of the IUCN Crocodile Specialist Group and previous director of the Madras Crocodile Bank in India, also the chance to meet an alligator up close.

11:30 - Nile crocodile feeding

There are more talks and feedings through the course of the day and members are free to explore for the rest of the day as they wish.

Due to some needing to return to work on Monday and having distance to travel we have left the second half of the Sunday flexible so that they can leave on time without missing anything should they need to, but those who wish to stay and enjoy more of the park for the whole day can easily do so.

## Hotels

Suggested hotels are listed below should you need somewhere to stay.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT YOU WILL NEED TO BOOK YOUR OWN ROOM, but are free to stay wherever you wish. Some may have booked ahead.

Travel Lodge - Burford Cotswolds - 0871 984601

The Priory Restaurant - Burford - 01993823249

Premier Inn - Witney - 0871 527 9488

The Royal Oak - Burford (online booking)

## Addresses for both collections

Cotswold Wildlife Park,  
Bradwell Grove  
OX18 4JP

Crocodiles of the World  
Burford Road  
Brize Norton  
OX18 3NX

We hope that this itinerary assists you in planning your AGM weekend, should you still need to confirm your attendance or have any questions at all please contact the Social secretary at [Christopher\\_kent@live.co.uk](mailto:Christopher_kent@live.co.uk).

On behalf of both societies, we look forward to seeing you!

Christopher Kent  
(Social Secretary, Avicultural Society)