

The Hullbridge U3A Bird Watching Group
Monthly Report by Roy Simmons



The July meeting was held on the 22nd July and was the Seal Watching Boat Trip, we hired a vessel from Charter Discovery at the Essex Mariner Wallasea Island. The trip was a cruise down the River Crouch into the River Roach and back. The weather was good during the 2Hr trip with light cloud and some sunny intervals but we were thankful for the relief provided by the sea breeze. We had clear views of the banks and we saw all the usual birds, and a good selection of Harbour Seals (Common Seals) all Mothers and Pups as the males stay away from the family colonies. The photographers amongst us had a field day as the photographic conditions were ideal. Everybody said they greatly enjoyed the trip.



A big thank you to Salina at Charter Discovery for organising the trip for us.

As the weather is still hot I have decided to go to EWT Hanningfield Reserve for the August meeting. Meeting in the Visitor's Centre at 10:00 Hrs on the 26th August. The water level might well be low after the

drought conditions this summer but there are good woodland walks and four Hides for shelter and all the facilities you could need.

Please note that Phil Perry has created a superb new "U3A Hullbridge" Web Site and the Group Monthly Report can be found on their using this link:- <https://hullbridge.u3asite.uk/>