

Pagham Harbour's new Wildlife Explorer Club got together for a second time at the end of January and we had a great time. We now have an official club name -The Pagham Seals. We had many suggestions from the kids including Barn Owls and Waddling Waders but after a vote 'Seals' was the winner, a fitting name considering our proximity to Selsey (Seal Island).

The Big Garden Bird Watch was our focus this month as we learnt about some of the common birds that visit our gardens. After a bit of practice of identifying Blue and Great Tits, Robins and Chaffinches we went outside in a blustery wind to record our bird visitors. Within the hour we counted 29 birds including unexpected visits from a cock and hen pheasant!



A male Pheasant at the bird feeders to eat



Making bird art for birds

We finished by making bird edible art from lard and seeds, bird seed cakes, bird cone feeders and bottle feeders, all to be placed in our gardens to feed our bird neighbours. Our next meeting will be Saturday 22nd February when we will be building bird nest boxes ready for the nesting season. Club meetings are open to all young people between the ages of 7 to 12. Cost £2 (RSPB members) £2.50 (Non-members). Meetings start at 2pm and finish 4pm. Email the reserve on Pagham.harbour@rspb.org.uk for more info!

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