



### **Marbury Country Park & Christmas Lunch, Tuesday 17 December 2013.**

Most of the group met at 10.00 a.m. in MCP on a cold but fine morning.

There was a good variety of birds on the Mere, including 20 Great Crested Grebe, Goldeneye Duck, Shoveler and Wigeon together with Curlew and Lapwing. The woodland birds included Siskin, Nuthatch and Treecreeper. Altogether a total of 35 species.

We then went to the Cock O' Budworth for Christmas lunch, enjoyed by 29 members.

Harold Fielding

### **Marbury Country Park, 11th December 2018**

Ten members turned up at Marbury Park for the preamble to Christmas lunch. Lots of small birds, Goldcrests, Redpolls plus a large flock of Redwings and Fieldfares all on the way to a walk by the mere. On the Mere itself were nine Goosanders, six of which were males. Several of the Great Crested Grebes were paired up and doing the very dance for which they are famous. Water Rails called from the reedbed. Curlews were on the grassy bank across from the spit. A Little Egret and a male Goldeneye were amongst the highlights. Several Great Spotted Woodpeckers were heard and Nuthatches called. A Sparrowhawk was seen to flush many of the small birds.

Paul Kenyon

### **Marbury Park and Mere, 14 December 2021**

Eight members turned out on a cold and misty morning for the annual walk round Marbury to work up an appetite for the MCOS Christmas lunch. Plenty of garden birds on the feeders by the portacabins including Jays. Sadly, the hide beside the mere had to be demolished due to vandalism, so no rest for us this year! The mist gradually cleared and the sun arrived and we were pleased to see a male and female Goldeneye on the mere after an enormous flock of Canada and Greylag Geese arrived with much honking. On our return leg we saw a large flock of Redwing on the meadows with a solitary Mistle Thrush nearby. 26 species were recorded.

Stephen William