

Herefordshire Ornithological Club

'The Wonderful Mr Willughby - The First True Ornithologist'

A talk by Professor Tim Birkhead.

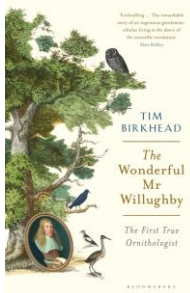
Bartestree Village Hall, Bartestree, Herefordshire HR1 4BY, Friday 15th February - 7.30pm start, doors open 7pm.

A donation of £2 per member, £3 per non-member, is suggested to cover costs. This includes refreshments. Car parking and other facilities are available.



Tim Birkhead is a Fellow of the Royal Society and professor in behaviour and evolution at the University of Sheffield. His internationally recognised research focuses on population studies of birds and their reproduction and has redefined our understanding of their mating systems.

Tim is the author of many books on birds, including *The Wisdom of Birds*, *Bird Sense* and *The Most Perfect Thing*, winner of the Zoological Society of London's Communicating Zoology Award for 2016, and the basis for the TV documentary *Attenborough's Eggs* screened in 2018. He has featured in many BBC Radio 4 programmes and has spoken at numerous literary festivals, including Hay on Wye and Cheltenham.



His most recent book, published in 2018 is *The Wonderful Mr Willughby. The First True Ornithologist*. The pioneering studies of Francis Willughby and his colleague John Ray provide the bedrock for all aspects of modern ornithology. In particular they developed ways of more accurately classifying and identifying families and species of birds through asking questions that were centuries ahead of their time - questions that remain relevant today.

So, whether you are a birder or an ornithologist interested in the evolution, ecology or behaviour of birds, this talk by one of the world's leading ornithologists is a not to be missed opportunity.

Join us at Bartestree Village Hall on Friday 15th February 2019 - you will not be disappointed!

(directions <http://www.bartestreevillagehall.co.uk/directions.html>)