

Birds in a Cage

Derek Niemann

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This is a bit different from the usual HDNS lecture.

Derek Niemann is a freelance writer who spent 25 years with the RSPB . He was given a cache of wartime letters which led him to write the story of a group of British Prisoners of War in 1940s Germany who overcome hunger, hardship, fear and stultifying boredom through their shared love of birds and bird-watching. Their experiences leave them scarred, but set them on a path to becoming pioneers of the post-war conservation movement.

The tale is not just about birds, or war, but about the human spirit. Derek takes us through the despair, the suffering, the hope, and the laughter, showing us how a love of the natural world can help us in good times - and in bad.

Lectures are held at:

St Robert's Centre, Robert Street, Harrogate (opposite Waitrose). Parking is available on adjacent streets or, with their kind permission, in the Waitrose car park