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British Ornithologists' Club meetings in 2020

As previously announced and owing to the Corvid-19 pandemic, the 2020 meetings programme has had to be substantially adjusted. The current situation is that Prof. Diamond's talk, in conjunction with the Linnean Society has been deferred, subject to his availability, until a date in 2021. It is also looking distinctly uncertain as to whether the 21 September meeting, including the Annual Review, will be able to proceed. Should it do so, Dr Beth Okamura has most kindly provisionally agreed to give her previously planned talk on *How birds shape freshwater biodiversity* on that date. The talk scheduled for 16 November, which again had been planned in conjunction with the Linnean Society at their premises, is intended to be by Professor Jon Fjeldså, Univ. of Copenhagen, on the subject of the evolution of passerine birds. This talk had been designed to celebrate the 1,000th evening meeting of the BOC but, should it go ahead, will now be slightly ahead of the anniversary given the forced cancellation of prior 2020 meetings! At present, we remain very hopeful that this event will occur on schedule, but it is clearly too early to be definitive on this point, so please keep checking the website <https://boc-online.org/> for updates.

Robert Prŷs-Jones

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