
JANUARY 2017

2nd Monday 11.00am to 1.00pm CURATION GROUP We meet fortnightly to work on the Society's Collections, cleaning and sorting them and making databases to facilitate use of them. No previous experience is needed, all are welcome to help. Come and have real "hands-on" pleasure with some fascinating objects.

3rd Tuesday 7.30pm ENTOMOLOGICAL WORKSHOP (PART I) - FLEAS by Tim Newton. There are over 60 different species of flea found in the UK, and in this first session Tim will show you various species, and outline the differences between mammal and avian fleas. In addition to using mounted material, he will explain how to make slides of fleas, using a supply from a local vet. This evening you can prepare your own slides of fleas. **MIC**

4th Wednesday 8.00pm THE 2015 P.A.G.B. PRINT AND PROJECTED IMAGE EXHIBITIONS An opportunity to see the winning images from the national competition and exhibition run by the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain. **PHO**

5th Thursday 2.30pm. OAK APPLES & BEDEGUARS. Seán Karley will give an illustrated talk about Plant Galls – some of those funny-peculiar growths which occur on our plants. If you have any, please bring them along. **BOT**

7th Saturday 11.00am. WHAT ABOUT UNDERTAKING A MOOC? Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC's) are increasingly popular and usually they are free. We will look at MOOC's related to weather to see what they involve. Could we make use of them in our section meeting? **MET**

7th Saturday A visit to **EARLS BARTON** is the choice for our first walk of the New Year. Meet for bus SC X4 at 11.20am. Refreshments obtainable in the village. **SW**

9th Monday 7.30pm AN ARCTIC ECLIPSE by Mike Frost. On March 20th 2015 a total eclipse of the Sun swept across the North Atlantic and was visible from the territory of Svalbard in the High Arctic. We welcome back Mike Frost for the story of his arctic eclipse, a stunning sight in cloudless skies. And polar bears, shadow bands, frostbite, enigma machines, fata morgana, reindeer pizza and pink bottoms. **AST**

11th Wednesday 10.30am-2.30pm OPEN HOUSE The Humfrey rooms will be open for members and guests to chat and study the literature and exhibits. Tea and coffee available.

11th Wednesday 2.30pm THE PEAK DISTRICT A trip showing the sights and finishing at the tramway museum. **ARC/HIS**

11th Wednesday 8.00pm CORNWALL CUP A natural history competition for up to three projected images per member per round. Round 2 of 3 **PHO**

12th Thursday 2.30pm AMY, WONDERFUL AMY by Roy Smart. Roy presents the remarkable story of popular aviation pioneer Amy Johnson - describing the triumphs and disasters of her aviation career - and her mysterious disappearance while on air force duty during the war. **GEN**

14th Saturday This year the **SATURDAY WALKS SECTION AGM** will take place at **2pm** at St Michael's Church Rooms, which are situated in Perry Street (access via St Michael's avenue) just off the Kettering Road in Northampton. **SW**

16th Monday CURATION GROUP See 2nd January for details.

17th Tuesday 2.30pm WHAT DOES CLIMATE CHANGE REALLY MEAN? Continuing our experimental midweek meetings

covering areas looked at in previous Saturday meetings we will look at weather in Northern Europe, an area on the edge of the Arctic. What is happening there? is there any evidence of change? **MET**

17th Tuesday 7.30pm ENTOMOLOGICAL WORKSHOP (PART 2) - FLEAS: by Tim Newton and Mike Gibson. They will show you how to make a flea slide and will demonstrate the use of a range of mountants so you to make your own slide to keep. **MIC**

18th Wednesday 8.00pm MRS HUMFREY'S PHOTOS by Paul Hayes. Mrs Humfrey was a past member of the NNHS, and a renowned photographer, especially of churches. Paul has had a further look at the great number of her photos donated to the Society, and will show us some more of them. **PHO**

19th Thursday 2.30pm GEOLOGICAL WONDERS Some More of "The World's Greatest Geological Wonders". Two videos, shown with the permission of the publishers, showing some spectacular Geological sights and sites. **GEO**

21st Saturday The village of **COLLINGTON** is a popular venue for a walk. Meet for Country Lion bus service No. 86 11.01am. Refreshments available. **SW**

25th Wednesday 8.00pm PRINT COMPETITIONS Up to three entries per member per round for each of the competitions. Monochrome General, Monochrome Portrait (Vic Seaton Cup), Colour Print (Jubilee Cup), Digital Art. Round 2 of 3 **PHO**

26th Thursday 2.30pm Lecture to be announced. **ZOO/ORTH**

28th Saturday We will travel further afield today, to the town of **RUGBY**. Meet for bus SC 96 at 10.39am. Lunch available **SW**

30th Monday CURATION GROUP See 2nd January for details.

30th Monday 7.30pm TELESCOPIC TOPICS. These are our members' meetings for which participation is invited. It's a forum to discuss new observations, equipment and techniques. If you've got any astronomical problems bring them along for some help. We'll try to present some themed observing inspiration and if the weather's helpful do a little practical urban astronomy too, so bring your binoculars and telescopes. Guests are very welcome. **AST**

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1st Wednesday 8.00pm PHOTO MOUNTING, PLUS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY by Steve Dormer. A two part evening. Mounting photo prints can be expensive, so for the first part of the evening Steve will demonstrate how to cut mounts ourselves. Always interested in the artistic side of photography, the second part will be Steve's ideas on the relationship between photography and art. **PHO**

2nd Thursday 2.30pm BOTANY SECTION AGM; followed by a **BRING AND SHOW / TELL** session. Please bring along any photos, specimens etc. to show the meeting and ask us or tell us about them. Guests are welcome. **BOT**

4th Saturday 11.00am WEATHER ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB. We will look at sources of weather information, data, clubs etc. which can be found on the WWW and possibly watch some videos. Come and tell us about sources you have found. **MET**

4th Saturday Another popular village is **MILTON MALSOR**. Meet for SC X89 at 11.49am. Refreshments available in the village. **SW**

7th Tuesday 7.30pm FORAMNIFEROUS SANDS OF THE WORLD by Mike Gibson. In this session we shall be having another look at a selection of sand slides from the Douglas

Richardson & Gordon Osborne collections. The society is the proud holder of one of the largest sand collections in the country. **MIC**

8th Wednesday OPEN HOUSE See the 11th January.

8th Wednesday 2.30pm NORTH WALES A trip across North Wales between Chester and the seaside town of Aberystwyth, visiting Snowdonia and the Cambrian coast. **ARC/HIS**

8th Wednesday 8.00pm UNDERWOOD CUP A pictorial image competition on any subject for up to three projected images per member per round. Round 3 of 3. **PHO**

9th Thursday 2.30pm MESSAGES IN A BOTTLE A presentation and display by Mark Simmonds on his extensive and unusual collection of Victorian bottles - ink bottles in particular - with plenty of examples on show for examination. **GEN**

11th Saturday CAMP HILL is this Saturday's destination. Meet for bus SC 2 at 1.22pm. Refreshments available after the walk. **SW**

13th Monday CURATION GROUP See 2nd January for details.

13th Monday 7.30pm BLACK HOLES IN THE UNIVERSE by Dr Paul Abel. One of the most exotic objects predicted by General Relativity is the black hole, once thought to be theoretical quirks we now know they really exist. Dr Paul Abel is a theoretical physicist at the University of Leicester, but is probably most widely known for his co-hosting "The Sky At Night". In this talk, Dr Abel looks at the history of general relativity and recent developments in black hole research. **AST**

14th Tuesday 2.30pm AN INTRODUCTION TO THE WEATHER OF THE WORLD. How does the weather system work? Can a butterfly really have an effect on the weather on the other side of the world? Let's see. Part 1. **MET**

15th Wednesday 8.00pm SET SUBJECT COMPETITION A themed competition for up to three digital and/or print images per round. Time to put those lessons on advanced photo processing techniques and ideas on the artistic aspect of photography, into practice. The subject is 'DIGITAL ART' Round 3 of 4 **PHO**

16th Thursday 2.30pm GEOLOGY SECTION AGM AND BRING AND SHOW A short Section AGM followed by Bring & Show / Help session. Please bring some items or photographs to show us or ask for help with identification? Anything with a Geological connection is welcome. Pebbles from the beach, fossils, rocks, minerals, equipment, maps, photos? **GEO**

18th Saturday A trip out to **WEEDON** is this week's location. Meet for bus SC D2 at 1.14pm. Drinks available in the village. **SW**

21st Tuesday 7.30pm PLANT STRUCTURE & FUNCTION: CORMS & BULBS (PART I) by Mike Asquith. There will be an introductory talk on the differences between the structure and function of corms and bulbs, followed by the chance to study some of the society's large collection of prepared slides illustrating these two different structures. **MIC**

22nd Wednesday 8.00pm. PHOTOGRAPHIC SECTION AGM Come along and hear how the section has been doing, elect our committee, and have a say in how the photographic section and its competitions are run. This is the place to put forward your ideas for the section's future direction. **PHO**

23rd Thursday 2.30pm Lecture to be announced. **ZOO/ORTH**

25th Saturday A walk in **WOOTTON** will conclude the programme for February. Meet for bus SC 7 at 1.11pm. Drinks available. **SW**

27th Monday CURATION GROUP See 2nd January for details.

27th Monday 7.30pm TELESCOPIC TOPICS. See the entry for the 30th January for details of this meeting. **AST**