
JANUARY 2019

3rd Thursday 2.30pm. PLANT FAMILIES, PART 1 All About Plants series of illustrated lectures by Seán Karley. A study of most aspects of the Plant Kingdom, spread over several afternoons. Including an answer to the question :- "Why do we use Latin Names"? **BOT**

5th Saturday A walk in the **SOUTHBRIDGE** area of town starts the year. Meet at 1.30pm at the top of Guildhall Road. Tea at the supermarket. **SW**

5th Saturday 11:00am to 12:30pm ALIEN ATMOSPHERES We will look at how scientists are studying the atmospheres of planets around other stars, followed by a quick tour of weather in the Solar System. Preceded by: **REVIEW OF SECTION MEETINGS AND RECORDS.** We will look at the sections records and library items and hopefully recommence work on the transfer of our records from Quatro Pro to a modern data base. **MET**

7th Monday 11:00am-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. We are currently working on our collection of Shells.

9th Wednesday 10.30am - 2.30pm OPEN HOUSE The Humfrey rooms will be open for members and guests to chat and study the literature, samples and exhibits. Tea and coffee available.

9th Wednesday 2.30pm A visit to the **NORTH YORKSHIRE COAST** to investigate a strange series of tracks relating to Britain's past. **ARC/HIS**

9th Wednesday 8.00pm CORNWALL CUP A competition for members to submit natural history photos, as per PAGB rules 2018. Up to three projected images per member per round allowed. Round 2 of 3 **PHO**

10th Thursday 2.30pm. THE SEVERN BORE An illustrated presentation by Roger Warren on the curious tidal bore which occurs after new moon on the River Severn - and results in a spectacular wave which can be seen advancing up the river. **GEN**

12th Saturday COLLINGTREE is today's chosen destination for a walk. Meet for bus SC12 at 11.11am. Lunch available at the golf club. **SW**

14th Monday 7.30pm TELESCOPIC TOPICS. An evening of member talks and contributions on Astronomy themes. If you have made an observation you would like to share, seen something interesting or have images to share please inform the secretary to allocate you a spot. Guests and visitors are very welcome. **AST**

15th Tuesday 7.30pm AN INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN HISTOLOGY an illustrated lecture presentation by Mike Gibson. A series of four evening meetings devoted to the study of human histology using our microscopes. After a short introduction we will be looking at the high quality microscope slides available in the NNHS collections. **MIC**

16th Wednesday 8.00pm WILDLIFE AND LANDSCAPE PHOTOGRAPHY by Chris Ward After his successful talk last year about Natural History Photography around Milton Keynes. Chris returns tonight to give us some tips and techniques for successful landscapes and natural history photos. **PHO**

17th 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**

19th Saturday As last 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 Kettering Road in Northampton. **SW**

21st Monday 11:00am-1:00pm CURATION GROUP. Please see entry for the 7th January for meeting details.

22nd Tuesday 7:30pm - A SUBURBAN GARDEN MOTHING YEAR by Robert Gill. Robert Gill will take us on the tour of the moths you would expect to catch in an ordinary garden between the end of February and mid November. He will also include some caterpillars which you may come across and a few migrant moths too. Arranged by the WILDside project which the NNHS supports with the use of the Humfrey Rooms.

23rd Wednesday 8.00pm POST SHUTTER PROCESSING (2) AND STUDIO NIGHT A workshop evening combining more digital processing techniques by Dave Belton and a practical evening of indoor photography. Let Dave know if there is anything special you would like him to demonstrate. Bring along your equipment and props to take photos using our studio flash, doing table top photography etc. **PHO**

26th Saturday A village walk at **HARDINGSTONE** is this week's choice. Meet for bus SC7 at 1.36pm. Hot drinks available locally. **SW**

28th Monday 7.30pm MARTIAN DISCOVERIES by Richard McKim. Richard McKim joins us this evening. Richard is the BAA's Director of the Mars section. Recently (2018 late March and during 2018) there was a burst of dust activity at the E. end of Valles Marineris which turned out to be a global event. I'm sure we will hear all about it and other recent Martian discoveries. Guests and visitors are very welcome. **AST**

30th Wednesday 8.00pm PRINT COMPETITIONS Up to 3 entries per member per round for each of the four competitions. Monochrome General, Monochrome Portrait (Vic Seaton Cup), Colour Print (Jubilee Cup), Digital Art. Round 2 of 3 **PHO**

31st Thursday 2.30pm Lecture to be announced. **ZOO/ORTH**

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2nd Saturday Today we will travel to the town of **WELLINGBOROUGH** for a walk along a new route. Meet for bus SC X4 at 10.50am. Refreshments in the town afterwards. **SW**

2nd Saturday 11:00am to 12.30pm THE SEVERN BORE Roger Warren will tell us about his recent excursion to witness the Severn Bore. This will be followed by a discussion on tidal bores and tidal waves. **MET**

4th Monday 11:00am-1:00pm CURATION GROUP. Please see entry for the 7th January for meeting details.

5th Tuesday 7.30pm HUMAN HISTOLOGY (PART 2). The society has a very large number and range of microscope slides. These range from classic slides made in the Victorian era to modern examples exhibiting a further range of preparation techniques. In this meeting we examine a selection of prepared Histology slides. **MIC**

6th Wednesday 8.00pm UNDERWOOD CUP A competition for pictorial images on any subject. Up to three projected images allowed per member per round. Round 3 of 3 **PHO**

7th Thursday 2.30pm. PLANT FAMILIES, PART 2 All About Plants series of illustrated lectures by Seán Karley. A study of most aspects of the Plant Kingdom, spread over several afternoons. **BOT**

9th Saturday NETHER HEYFORD is this Saturday's destination for a walk. Meet for bus SC D3 at 1.07pm. Drinks available in the village. **SW**

11th Monday 7.30pm. TELESCOPIC TOPICS. An evening of member talks and contributions on Astronomy themes. If you have made an observation you would like to share, seen something interesting or have images to share please inform the secretary to allocate you a spot. Guests and visitors are very welcome. **AST**

12th Tuesday 7:30pm - FARTHINGHOE LOCAL NATURE RESERVE, A HIDDEN GEM by Tim Pridmore. Tim Pridmore has been the voluntary warden at the Wildlife Trust's Farthinghoe reserve for 15 years. He will be giving us a talk about Farthinghoe nature reserve from its very beginning to a maturing mixture of woodland, meadows, rides and glades of the present day. He will talk about how it's managed and the abundant flora and fauna to be discovered there. This presentation is arranged by the WILDside project which the NNHS supports with the use of the Humfrey Rooms.

13th 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.

13th Wednesday 2.30pm. A quiz based on the villages of Northampton presented by Cyril Sampson. **ARC/HIS**

13th Wednesday 8.00pm A CAREER IN PHOTOGRAPHY by Emma Morgan. Emma works as a commercial photographer. Tonight she will take us on her journey from her university photography course into the workplace world of commercial photography. **PHO**

14th Thursday 2.30pm DAWN CHORUS IN BADBY WOODS an Audio visual presentation by John Peet to recreate the all-night society outing on Saturday 18th May 1935. An account of this excursion appeared in the June 1935 journal identifying the birds heard and their songs. **GEN**

16th Saturday We hope to see snowdrops in bloom in the churchyard at **WEEDON**. Meet for bus SC D2 at 1.15pm. Drinks available in village. **SW**

18th Monday 11:00am-1:00pm CURATION GROUP. Please see entry for the 7th January for meeting details.

19th Tuesday 7.30pm. BLOOD UNDER THE MICROSCOPE – lecture / presentation by our very own Dr Nick Hewitt. Blood is a fascinating subject and here is an opportunity to find out more about what it is and how necessary it is for maintaining health and well-being. **MIC**

20th Wednesday 14:00 to 16.00 THE ROLE FOR CLIMATE SERVICES IN HANDLING CLIMATE CHANGE RISK By the time that you read this the new UK Climate Projections 2018 (UKCP18) scenarios should have been published. Produced by the Met Office, Defra and the Environment Agency, these provide new probabilistic estimates of the ranges of future climate change that are projected for UK land areas for a number of different potential future emission scenarios. We will join the Royal Meteorological Society on-line to hear about these projections. **MET**

20th Wednesday 8.00pm SET SUBJECT COMPETITION A themed competition for up to three digital and/or print images per round. Entries this round to illustrate 'Painting With Light'. Round 3 of 4 **PHO**

21st Thursday 2.30pm THE LIFE OF A PEBBLE by Sue Barker. A short Section AGM followed by another "Life of a Pebble". Please bring your own examples of pebbles from local and afar. Where did the pebble come from, what has happened to the pebble since, over what period of time, and how do we know? Guests welcome. **GEO**

23rd Saturday A local walk beside **BILLING BROOK AND LAKES**. Meet for bus SC 1 at 1.19pm. Tea at the nearby shopping centre. **SW**

25th Monday 7.30pm EXPLORING THE LOCAL GROUP by Nick Hewitt. A presentation by our section President. What does the immediate area around our galaxy look like, what is it composed of and what is our place in the nearby neighbourhood of galaxies. Guests are welcome. **AST**

27th Wednesday 8.00pm PHOTOGRAPHIC SECTION AGM come along and hear how the section has been doing, elect our office bearers, 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 photographic section's future direction. **PHO**

28th Thursday 2.30pm Lecture to be announced. **ZOO/ORTH**