
MAY 2016

3rd Tuesday 7.30pm POLLEN (PART 1): POLLEN DISTRIBUTION is the mechanism by which higher plants exchange genes and produce seed. Part 1 will be an introductory talk by Mike Asquith followed by examination of pollen preparations from the society's extensive and fascinating collection of microscope slides. **MIC**

4th Wednesday 8.00pm SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHY by Andy Taylor who is one of the photographers for the Northampton Saints and will present his view of obtaining sports photographs. *"Photographing Rugby is our passion, and freezing those moments of glory that highlight the athlete's skill and dedication to training, is one of the forces driving that passion."* – A.T. **PHO**

5th Thursday 2.30pm DARWIN'S UNREQUITED ISLE: A PERSONAL NATURAL HISTORY OF TENERIFE. A talk by Professor Jeff Ollerton from the University of Northampton. Jeff is otherwise engaged until about 3:00 p.m., so Seán will fill with a selection of images of the Geology of Tenerife. **BOT**

7th Saturday 11am to 12.30pm THE LITTLE ICE AGE Only a few hundred years ago temperatures in Europe dropped four degrees below those of today. We learn how this affected the lives of people at the time. **MET**

7th Saturday A visit to **BUGBROOKE** in order to partake lunch at the Old School Room! Meet for bus SC D3 at 11.02am. **SW**

9th Monday 7.30pm OUR VOLATILE SUN: EXPLOSIONS, EJECTIONS AND SPACE WEATHER by Dr Colin Forsyth. Dr. Colin Forsyth is a researcher in the Space Plasma Group at UCL's Mullard Space Science Laboratory. Colin's research considers the interaction of the Sun with the planets in the solar system. So come along and see what space weather is and how it affects us. Guests are very welcome. **AST**

9th Monday 8.00pm COLOUR MANAGEMENT BY PERMAJET. Learn to enhance your printing skills at this [joint meeting with NCC at Hardingstone Village Hall \(NN4 6DA\)](#). Permajet Imaging Warehouse will demonstrate Colour Management, the use of various types of paper, plus give advice on calibrating your printer. 8.00pm start. **PHO**

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

11th Wednesday 2.30pm NORTH WEST ENGLAND. An investigation of 5000 year old footprints while a trip is taken on a 100 year old lifeboat. **ARC/HIS**

12th Thursday 2.30pm MICROSCOPY AND SIR EDWARD ELGAR. It is not widely appreciated that the distinguished composer Sir Edward Elgar was also a keen microscopist. An illustrated presentation by microscopy section secretary Mike Gibson on this intriguing theme. **GEN**

12th Thursday 7.30pm MAIN SOCIETY AGM 7.30pm start

14th Saturday BADBY WOODS AT BLUEBELL TIME. Meet for bus SC D2 at 11.14am. Lunch available in Badby! **SW**

15th Sunday 2.30pm – 5pm BUTTERFLY IDENTIFICATION COURSE by Douglas Goddard. We are holding this one off afternoon course on butterfly identification, kindly run by

Douglas Goddard the County Butterfly Recorder. If you would like to learn the names of the more common butterflies, or broaden your knowledge of these beautiful insects then don't miss this chance to do so. Guests welcome.

17th Tuesday 7.30pm POLLEN (PART 2): THE GERMINATION OF POLLEN GRAINS: We shall germinate pollen grains in an artificial medium and try to observe the pollen tubes. Mike Asquith will guide us through preparation of the samples for the best results through the microscope. **MIC**

18th Wednesday 8.00pm PRINTS FINAL 2 – Vic Seaton Cup (Monochrome Portrait), and Monochrome General. Another chance to see the winning prints from the 3 preliminary rounds as they compete for the annual trophy. Invited judge. Final Round **PHO**

21st Saturday A lovely field walk at **MAIDWELL** is a perennial favourite. Meet for bus SC X7 at 1.21pm. Drinks available after the walk. **SW**

25th Wednesday 8.00pm SET SUBJECT - TROPHY. Final Round. A new format for this competition this year. Watch as the best images from the four previous rounds; aeroplanes, tracks, still life and macro photography plants are evaluated by an invited Judge to find an overall winner. **PHO**

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

28th Saturday Today we set out on our annual outing, this time to **WARWICK**. All members and their friends are invited; the usual pick-up points apply and fares remain the same as last year. Details can be found on "flyers" and the Saturday Walks notice board in the Humfrey Rooms. To book a place, speak to Iris or ring 01604 646442. **SW**

JUNE 2016

1st Wednesday 8.00pm ON THE LAND IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE. Tonight we present the results from the Photo Section's project to take photos capturing life on the land of rural Northamptonshire as it is in 2016. **PHO**

4th Saturday 11am to 12.30pm. GREENLAND This month's meeting takes a trip to Greenland, home of the largest ice sheet in the northern hemisphere to see how it affects and how it is affected by weather trends. **MET**

4th Saturday A new route in **LONG BUCKBY** today. Meet for bus SC 96 at 10.39am. Picnic or use one of the local inns. **SW**

7th Tuesday 7.30pm LEAVES (PART 1): The leaf is the site of most photosynthesis and therefore vital to all life. Introductory talk by Mike Asquith followed by a look at some prepared slides showing the variety of leaf structure. **MIC**

8th Wednesday OPEN HOUSE See the 11th May for details.

8th Wednesday 2.30pm NORTHERN SCOTLAND. The presenter meets the descendants of the highland clearances and meets the survivors of the Royal Oak sinking. **ARC/HIS**

8th Wednesday 8.00pm CORNWALL CUP FINAL. The final of the Natural History competition for projected images. A chance to see again the best images from the three rounds as they compete for the trophy. Invited Judge. **PHO**

9th Thursday 2.30pm BOTANY MISCELLANY. Welcome return by overwhelming demand of ever-popular wildlife

photographer and society member Alan Le Fort. A unique photographic presentation with a botanical theme. **GEN**

11th Saturday A stroll in the woods at **EAST HUNSBURY**. Meet for bus SC 14 at 1.37pm. Refreshments available. **SW**

13th 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**

15th Wednesday 8.00pm SCENIC SCOTLAND by Rod Giddins. Rod has spent many holidays in Scotland and tonight he shows us some of his images and tells us the background on some of the gems he has visited. **PHO**

18th Saturday This week-end is when **FLORE VILLAGE** hold its annual **OPEN GARDENS AND FLOWER FESTIVAL**. So meet for bus SC D2 at 1.14pm. Refreshments available. **SW**

19th Sunday 11.00am A walk around **GRAFTON PARK WOODS**. We have been granted a special permit to visit parts of this Ancient Woodland which are not normally open to the public. Leaders Seán Karley Tel. 01933 – 225397; Mobile:- 07968898375; e-mail:- seankarley@tiscali.co.uk and Roger Warren. Meet in the middle of the woods at Grid ref. SP(42)93.5; 81.3. Access from the Grafton Underwood to Brigstock road at SP(42)92.8; 81.6. **BOT**

21st Tuesday 7.30pm LEAVES (PART 2): The emphasis will be on leaf surfaces - making replicas and trichome preparations. Bring your own assortment of leaves, the more varied the better. An easy procedure, demonstrated by Mike Asquith, giving permanent results you can take home. **MIC**

22nd Wednesday 8.00pm MONOPOD COMPETITION A competition originally for ecclesiastical subjects to honour Mrs Humfrey's church photography, now broadened to include all religions. Up to three entries per person, any mix of prints or projected images. **TROPHY PRESENTATIONS** The evening concludes with the presentation of the annual trophies. **PHO**

25th Saturday FOXTON LOCKS with its locks, waterways, ponds and museum, has again been requested. Bus SC X7 at 10.51am. Picnic in the grounds or lunch at the Locks. **SW**

26th Sunday 10.00am - 4.00pm THE ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF MICROSCOPY Open Day (10am until 4.00pm). A great opportunity to purchase new or second-hand microscopes, slides, books, accessories, and equipment at realistic and affordable prices and to meet with enthusiasts and experts from other society's all over the country. In the afternoon there will be demonstrations and short talks from our own members and visiting guest lecturers. *Important: if you want to book a table for demonstrations or sales, please email Mike Gibson at stmarysmrg@yahoo.com.* Everybody is very welcome to attend, just turn up. *Ample free parking on local roads.* **MIC**

27th Monday 7.30pm THE ASTRONOMY SECTION SUMMER SOCIAL. It's time for this year's summer social. A chance to catch up with other members over food and drink. The time and venue will be announced in due course. Booking will be required, but all are welcome. **AST**

30th Thursday 2.30pm Lecture to be announced. **ZOO/ORTH**