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## SEPTEMBER 2016

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday** We go to **YARDLEY HASTINGS** for today's walk. Meet for bus SC 41 at 1.35pm. Refreshments available. **SW**

**6<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 2.30pm** **EL NIÑO** Midweek meeting for Meteorology of a more general nature in addition to the Saturday meetings. If popular these will become a permanent fixture. This week; over the last year you will have heard of the consequences of El Niño, we will look at this weather phenomena and its effects on man and wildlife with particular emphasis on Australia. **MET**

**6<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7.30pm** **AMOEBEA PROTEUS – LIVE OBSERVATIONS OF CULTURED SAMPLES** by Mike Gibson. You've seen the pictures, now is your opportunity to see the real thing, live, up close and personal through the microscope – what's more, you'll get to take home a sample to culture it yourself. **MIC**

**7<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 8.00pm** **SUMMER REVISITED.** An evening for members to show their photos taken during the summer break. Maybe some from Photo section's summer outings, photos taken on holiday etc. Also 'Life on the Land in Northants' images. **PHO**

**8<sup>th</sup> Thursday 2.30pm** **BEAUTIFUL BIRDS** By Alan Le Fort. Due to unprecedented demand Alan Le Fort returns to give another delightful and unique photographic presentation - this time of particular interest to ornithologists. **GEN**

**10<sup>th</sup> Saturday** The Scarecrows will be coming to **HARPOLE!** Meet for bus SC D3 at 11.02am. Refreshments available. **SW**

**12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**12<sup>th</sup> 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**

**14<sup>th</sup> 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. Tea, coffee, and biscuits available.

**14<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 2.30pm** **MEDIAEVAL NORTHAMPTON** with Ruth Thomas. Northampton fortunes change, the late medieval period and after. The golden age of Northampton with its great castle and important role in the affairs of state was succeeded by centuries of decline and misfortune. **ARC/HIS**

**14<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 8.00pm** **UNDERWOOD CUP** A projected pictorial image competition. Up to three images. Round 1 of 3 **PHO**

**15<sup>th</sup> Thursday 2.30pm.** **ARTHUR BEEBY THOMPSON (1848-1931)**, one of the founder members of Northampton College and of this Society, whose important fossil collection is held at the Abington Park Museum and whose enthusiasm for the subject led to his son (1873-1968) becoming a renowned geological engineer and oil-field geologist. Bob Purser will give an overview of their lives and their contribution to Northamptonshire geology. **GEO**

**17<sup>th</sup> Saturday** A walk around **ECTON** village today. Meet for bus SC X47 at 1.30pm. The local inn will provide us with a drink. **SW**

**20<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7.30pm** **ILLUMINATION: ANOTHER LOOK AT LIGHTING & CONTRAST TECHNIQUES** by Mike Asquith and

Mike Gibson. Lighting and the enhancement of contrast are crucial to viewing all microscopic subjects to the best advantage. This is a chance to examine ways in which you can extend the capabilities of your microscope and get more out of it. **MIC**

**21<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 8.00pm** **THE WHY'S, THE HOW TO'S, AND THE RESULTS OF AUDIOVISUALS** by Brian Pere. Brian is renowned for his love of making audiovisual presentations from his photos. Tonight will be an interactive meeting for him to discuss how he does it and present some of his results. **PHO**

**24<sup>th</sup> Saturday** This month's programme of walks ends with a trip to **WALGRAVE**. Meet for bus SC 10 at 12.19pm. **SW**

**26<sup>th</sup> Monday** **CURATION GROUP** See the 12<sup>th</sup> September.

**26<sup>th</sup> Monday 7.30pm** **TELESCOPIC TOPICS.** See the 12<sup>th</sup> September for details of this meeting. **AST**

**28<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 8.00pm** **THREE WAY CHALLENGE** The annual competition between Northampton C.C., Duston C.C., and ourselves. This year hosted by Northampton Natural History Society in the Humfrey Rooms. **PHO**

**29<sup>th</sup> Thursday 2.30pm** Lecture to be announced. **ZOO/ORTH**

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## OCTOBER 2016

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**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday** We will travel to **WELLINGBOROUGH** to walk alongside the Embankment this week. Meet for bus SC X46 at 12.53pm. Cups of tea are available. **SW**

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday 11am.** **ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION ON THE STREET.** We will look at atmospheric pollution, in particular that produced by diesel engines, but also other exhausts. Our speaker, Steve Miller from the Green Party, will tell us about work that he is doing to monitor these pollutants in Northampton. **MET**

**4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 2.30pm** **LA NINA** The second in our midweek meetings for Meteorology. These are in addition to the Saturday meetings and will be of a more general nature. This week; over the last year you will have heard of the consequences of El Niño, we will look at its sister weather phenomena La Nina and its effects on man and wildlife. **MET**

**4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7.30pm** **PLANT GALLS** by Les Larkman and John Haughton. Galls are a unique interaction between insects and plants. An introduction to galls, then slide preparations and mounting of samples. Bring your own galls, or we can supply. **MIC**

**5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 8.00pm** **SET SUBJECT COMPETITION "MACRO PHOTOGRAPHY"** A themed competition for up to three digital and/or print images per member per round. Entries in this round to illustrate any subject taken at close quarters. i.e. as close as you like up to a maximum enlargement ratio of life size (1:1) Round 1 of 4 **PHO**

**6<sup>th</sup> Thursday 7.30pm** **"WHAT WE SAW THIS SUMMER."** Members are asked to bring along memories of the Summer, in the form of Slides, Photographs, Specimens or Stories. **BOT**

**8<sup>th</sup> Saturday** The pretty village of **DALLINGTON** and Park will be today's walk. Meet for bus SC 12 at 1.26pm. Drinks available. **SW**

**10<sup>th</sup> Monday** **CURATION GROUP** see the 12<sup>th</sup> September

**10<sup>th</sup> Monday 7.30pm** **TELESCOPIC TOPICS.** See the 12<sup>th</sup> September for details of this meeting. **AST**

**12<sup>th</sup> Wednesday** **OPEN HOUSE** see September 14<sup>th</sup>

**12<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 2.30pm** **A VISIT TO THE ISLE OF WIGHT** Images taken by the section secretary during his trips. **ARC/HIS**

**12<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 8.pm** **SOME OF MY FAVOURITE PICTURES** by Roger Warren. Society member Roger has an amazing knowledge of natural and local history. Tonight he draws on that knowledge and applies it to some of his favourite photos. **PHO**

**13<sup>th</sup> Thursday 2.30pm** **MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP** Presentation by Ron Sivers on the work of the Fellowship around the world - bringing support and supplies and medical assistance by plane to remote communities in developing countries. **GEN**

**15<sup>th</sup> Saturday** A new canal side walk at **BRAUNSTON** today. Meet for bus SC D2 at 11.14am. Lunch available or picnic. **SW**

**17<sup>th</sup> Monday 7.45pm** **BADBY CHALLENGE CUP** Competitive competition between nine local camera clubs. Enjoy other club's work & discover how well we measure up against them. Hosted by Abington Photographic Club at Abington Community Centre. **PHO**

**18<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7.30pm** **FUNGI AND FUNGAL SPORES UNDER THE MICROSCOPE** by Les Larkman and John Haughton. Fungi are unique in their construction and the way they reproduce and spread their spores. Bring your own fungi if you can. **MIC**

**19<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 8.00pm** **CORNWALL CUP** Natural history competition, three projected images per round. Round 1 of 3. **PHO**

**20<sup>th</sup> Thursday 2.30pm.** **THE GEOLOGY OF WARWICKSHIRE FROM THE PRECAMBRIAN TO THE ICE AGE** by Brian Ellis. Brian is President of the Warwickshire Geological Conservation Group and has a detailed knowledge of the fascinating and varied geology of Warwickshire through its geological history. **GEO**

**21<sup>st</sup> Friday 7.30pm** **THE 2016 PRESIDENTS NIGHT. CARL SAGAN MAN OF THE COSMOS** by Andrew Lound. Carl Sagan became one of the most influential astronomers of the 20<sup>th</sup> century bringing a fresh approach to planetary science and in the face of criticism questioned established theories about Venus, Mars, the formation of life and the manner in which to popularize space science. Andrew who is inspired by Carl to support space science gives a very personal view of the man and his work. Talk is illustrated with images, audio video and some surprising props.

**22<sup>nd</sup> Saturday** We are back again this year for a walk from **PIDDINGTON TO HACKLETON**. Meet for bus SC 3 at 10.59am. Lunch available at Hackleton, which must be pre-booked. **SW**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 11.00am** **FUNGUS FORAY AND GALL GALLOP**, in Wakerley Woods. Meet in the car-park at Grid ref. SP(42)96.0; 98.5. Leaders Seán Karley 01933225397 and Roger Warren. **BOT**

**24<sup>th</sup> Monday** **CURATION GROUP** see the 12<sup>th</sup> September

**26<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 7.30pm** **MCPF PORTFOLIO OF PRINTS AND DIGITAL IMAGES.** Our chance to view the award winning prints and slides, and listen to the judges' commentaries from the prestigious M.C.P.F. 2015 Photofolio competition. **PHO**

**27<sup>th</sup> Thursday 2.30pm** Lecture to be announced. **ZOO/ORTH**

**29<sup>th</sup> Saturday** A circular walk from **HARDINGSTONE THROUGH BRACKMILLS WOODS** and back to Hardingstone for a well-earned drink. Meet for bus SC 7 at 1.36pm. **SW**

**31<sup>st</sup> Monday 7.30pm** **SMALL BODIES OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM** by Professor Carolin Crawford. Outreach Officer at the Institute of Astronomy and Fellow of Emmanuel College, University of Cambridge, Carolin Crawford is one of Britain's foremost science communicators. In the wake of a momentous year for the study of dwarf planets – the Dawn mission arriving at Ceres in the asteroid belt, and the New Horizons at Pluto and its moons - she will be discussing the smaller bodies of the Solar System: from dwarf planets to asteroids. **AST**