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## JULY 2025

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**1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 7.30pm RUSTS** by Ian Wilson. Rusts are one of a number of types of micro-fungi which infect various plants. They have curious life-cycles and can be found easily all over the place. So we should be able to find some material with some spores to mount and examine. I guarantee that on your next county-side walk you will be spotting rusts on leaves along the paths. **MIC**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 2.30pm BOLIVIA** by Seán Karley. The South American country of Bolivia is often overlooked. Seán tours the country looking at the architectural, geological, historic, cultural and botanical highlights in this illustrated talk. **BOT**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday 10.00am – 4.00pm**

**THE ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF MICROSCOPY**, Including sales, exhibits, talks. This is an opportunity to meet with fellow microscopists and enthusiasts from around the country and also to see what's on offer in the way of sales items. Why not bring along an exhibit of your own? Sales and exhibits in the morning and lectures in the afternoon.

**Guests are very welcome, just turn up, free entry.**

**7<sup>th</sup> Monday 11.00am – 1.00pm EXPLORING THE SOCIETY'S COLLECTIONS.** The society has important collections including butterflies, shells, eggs, sands, microscope slides, rocks, minerals and Northamptonshire fossils. This is a great opportunity to look at our extensive collections, to draw, study them or just appreciate their beauty. Also, if you wish to assist us conserving or documenting you would be welcome.

**9<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 8.00pm IMPROMPTU PHOTOGRAPHIC NIGHTS.** Come along with your camera gear. Subject to be agreed on the night and may be Post Processing (Photoshop), Still Life, Studio Flash, AV, or anything else you would like to cover. Guests are very welcome to join us where we will gladly assist with photographic queries. **PHO**

**10<sup>th</sup> Thursday 2.30pm THE NNHS GLASS SLIDES.** We will continue our fascinating tour through the glass slides taken by society members on trips and walks etc in the first quarter of the last century. **GEN**

**14<sup>th</sup> Monday 7.30pm EXOPLANETS** by Rodney Buckland from the Open University. An exoplanet is any planet beyond our solar system. Most of them orbit other stars, but some free-floating exoplanets, called rogue planets, are untethered to any star. We've confirmed more than 5,800 exoplanets out of the billions that we believe exist. Guests are very welcome. **AST**

**15<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7.30pm SPECIALISED INSECT BODY PARTS - SESSION 2** by Kevin Rowley. Kevin will be showing us other marvels of evolution within the insect kingdom using specimens, fresh samples and slides from the society's collection. **MIC**

**17<sup>th</sup> Thursday 2.30pm BUILDING STONES WALK : THE GEOLOGY OF NORTHAMPTON'S MARKET SQUARE.**

Bob Purser will lead a walk around the historic square. We will find the oldest and the youngest rocks, lots of varieties of Mid-Jurassic geology, identify some fossils and depositional structures and a some examples of exotic rocks. We will meet at the Humfrey Rooms and finish with a cup of tea. **GEO**

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**24<sup>th</sup> Thursday 2.30pm THE KETTERING DISTRICT NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY WALLIS COLLECTION IMAGES.** A selection of scanned large format glass monochrome images of varied locations and subjects taken around the start of the last century. **ARC/HIST**

**28<sup>th</sup> Monday 7.30pm TELESCOPIC TOPICS** A meeting comprising member contributions on various astronomy themes. Your chance to show the section observations you have made, equipment you are using or anything else that has interested you enough to share it with the section. If you have a special interest and would like to participate as a speaker please let the secretary know beforehand. Guests are very welcome. **AST**

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## AUGUST 2025

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 2.30pm WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE WEATHER?** Our monthly meeting to discuss all weather and climate issues past present and future. All are welcome. **MET**

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**5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7.30pm BOTANY - PART 4 - THE FLOWER** by Mike Asquith. A look at the structures of the

various parts of the angiosperm flower, from prepared slides and fresh material. Feel free to bring your own samples to explore under the microscope. **MIC**

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**9<sup>th</sup> Saturday 1.30pm - 5.30pm SPECIAL OUTING BY VINTAGE 1946 EX-NORTHAMPTON CORPORATION TRANSPORT BUS** by arrangement with Northampton Transport Heritage. Northampton to Wellingborough for a visit to the Museum and the nearby Swanspool Gardens. Donations towards the upkeep of all NTH historic vehicles will be invited. Members and friends welcomed. Advance booking required. Further details from Don Kennedy / donkennedy@f2s.com / 020 8567 4397 / 07399 261162. **GEN**

**12<sup>th</sup> Tuesday THE PERSEID METEOR SHOWER** The Moon sets at 10 pm so prospects are good if the weather is kind. Hopefully a good showing for our annual viewing of one of the best meteor showers of the year. More details nearer the time on our web site or by contacting Nick directly. **AST**

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**19<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7.30pm MICROMETEORITES** by Ian Wilson. The earth is being constantly bombarded by cosmic dust. We will learn about how much there is, how big they are and how to find them before attempting to discover micrometeorites in dust collected from rooftops, streets and the gutters of the Humfrey rooms! **MIC**

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