
MAY 2026

3rd 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**

5th Tuesday 7.30pm GERMINATION by Mike Asquith. What happens when a seed germinates? Mike will bring some microscope slides of germinating seeds and some examples for you to examine under the microscope. **MIC**

6th Wednesday 8.00pm SET SUBJECT COMPETITION. This year there is only one round of this competition - subject is "Puddles". With an invited Judge. **PHO**

7th Thursday 2.30pm TENERIFE by Seán Karley. In this illustrated talk Seán looks at how the islands were originally formed. Followed by a look at the amazing geology visible today, then finally the plant and animal life of the island. **BOT**

7th Thursday 7.30pm MAIN SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. NNHS members are encouraged to attend to understand how the society is run and to contribute.

11th Monday 11.00am – 1.00pm EXPLORING THE SOCIETY'S COLLECTIONS. The society has important collections including butterflies, shells, sands, microscope slides, rocks, minerals and Northamptonshire fossils. This is a great opportunity to look at, draw, study or just appreciate their beauty. Also, if you wish to assist us conserving or documenting you would be welcome.

13th Wednesday 8.00pm MY BEST WILDLIFE 2011-2021 by Michael Watson. This talk shows the further progress Michael has made in wildlife photography leading to his 2021 award as Wildlife Photographer of the Year at the Natural History Museum. Only 100 pictures were accepted from 100,000 entered. **PHO**

14th Thursday 2.30pm THE MICROSCOPIC WORLD IN PICTURES AND VIDEOS by Mike Gibson. Mike has extensive experience in using a camera with his microscopes. In this talk he describes how he creates his images and videos and shows us a selection of them. Including images that have been published in a number of professional microscopy journals. **GEN**

19th Tuesday 7.30pm BACTERIA by Ian Wilson. Life on earth is mostly bacteria. Sometimes they inconvenience us or even kill us but we couldn't live without them. We will talk about their huge variety before looking at some bacteria used in food production such as yoghurt as well as seeing what is in some hay infusions which are generally produced to provide a good source of bacteria for paramecium etc to feed on. Bring a microscope capable of phase contrast if you have it. If you can't bring one, use ours. **MIC**

20th Wednesday 8.00pm CORNWALL CUP - FINAL The round where the winners from the previous three rounds of our natural history images competition battle for the trophy. Invited Judge. **PHO**

21st Thursday 2.30pm CHARLES LAPWORTH by Don Munn. Don will look at the life and contribution of Charles Lapworth (1842-1920) who, whilst a school teacher in Galashiels, through careful mapping of fossil graptolites, solved what was called the Highlands controversy and so introduced the Ordovician period. He was

appointed first professor of Geology at Mason College, Birmingham, later the University of Birmingham. **GEO**

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27th Wednesday 8.00pm PRACTICAL NIGHT TBC Taking advantage of the long evenings to do some outdoor photography. Please check our web site <https://www.nnhs.info/Whats-On/> nearer the date of the meeting for further details. **PHO**

28th Thursday 2.30pm THE NORTHANTS NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY & FIELD CLUB, ITS FIRST 100 YEARS. This is an edited presentation of the late John Peet's museum presentation of 2022 titled "Northants Natural History Society & Field Club 1876 – 2022". We will look at the founding of the society and the important local figures involved in its first 100 years. **ARC/HIST**

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2nd Tuesday 7.30pm COLLECT, BRING & DISPLAY This is a chance for everybody to go out and collect something of microscopical interest to bring along and say a few words about it. Any item, either natural or man-made. **MIC**

3rd Wednesday 8.00pm COLOUR PRINT FINALS Today the winners from the previous three rounds of our Colour print competition battle for the annual trophy. With an invited Judge **PHO**

4th Thursday 2.30pm NORTHAMPTONSHIRE by Seán Karley. A light hearted tour of our county featuring its various attractions and quirks including, interesting views, country houses, churches, monuments and last but not least, some botany! **BOT**

6th Saturday 2.30pm 150TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT Our anniversary lecture and the start of Great Big Green Week will be marked with a presentation by Dr. Joyce I. Nchom Humphrey, PhD., FRMetSoc who will give a talk entitled **BUILDING THE ARK WHILE THE RAIN FALLS: Why Only Collective Action Can Save Us From Climate Breakdown.** **MET**

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8th Monday 7.30pm A UNIVERSE FROM SCRATCH by Julian Onions. Astronomy is mostly a visual and non-experimental science. We can only look at what is out there but can't bring stars and galaxies into the lab. However, we can build them inside computers and attempt to simulate them. In this talk, we will see how simulations can show us how the universe evolves and what we can do with them, and what areas we are still struggling to make models of. Guests are very welcome. **AST**

10th Wednesday 8.00pm NORTHAMPTONSHIRE PHOTO PROJECT NIGHT – "PHOTOGRAPHING A SPECIFIC LOCATION THROUGHOUT THE YEAR". This is the evening where we look at member's photos taken for this year's Northamptonshire project. **PHO**

11th Thursday 2.30pm IRONBRIDGE GORGE AND ITS MUSEUMS by Paul Hayes. The Ironbridge Gorge area in Shropshire was the birthplace of modern-day industry and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This is a pictorial tour of the area and the museums featuring their unique contents and stories. **GEN**

16th Tuesday 7.30pm ROTIFERS PART 2 by John Smith. A more detailed look at the structure and behaviour of these tiny freshwater animals. With video footage to help you distinguish them from algae and protozoa. Please bring water or sediment samples from ponds, streams or bird baths etc to explore if you can. **MIC**

17th Wednesday 8.00pm MONOCHROME PRINTS FINALS Today the winners from the previous three rounds of our Monochrome competition battle for the annual trophy. **PHO**

18th Thursday 2.30pm CHINA CLAY by Sue Barker. The occurrence of China clay in Cornwall has been a driving force of the Cornish economy for 150 years. In this talk Sue will explore how the granite underlying the SW became changed into China clay, what China clay really is and the development of the China clay industry in Cornwall. **GEO**

22nd Monday 11.00am – 1.00pm EXPLORING THE SOCIETY'S COLLECTIONS. Please see 11th May entry for meeting.

24th Wednesday 8.00pm MONOPOD COMPETITION The last meeting of our programme is our annual set subject competition depicting religious subjects from any faith. A competition held in honour of Mrs Humfrey's interest in church photography. 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 Thursday 2.30pm A SELECTION OF PHOTOGRAPHIC PRINTS BY LYSBETH HUMFREY FRPS The society were given a large number of original large format photographic prints by Lysbeth Humfrey. During this meeting we will be able to study a selection of these unique prints, mainly featuring ecclesiastical, scenic and family subjects. **ARC/HIST**

29th Monday 7.30pm JWST AND THE PROCESS OF CREATING COLOUR IMAGES FROM THE DATA by Alyssa Pagan. Alyssa is a science visuals developer with the Space Telescope Science Institute located in Baltimore. The STSci is the science operations centre for the Hubble, James Webb and Nancy Grace space telescopes. She is responsible for putting the colour and sparkle into cosmic imagery. Join us in the Humfrey Rooms in the company of other members or check our web site www.nnhs.info/Whats-On/ for the Zoom link. **AST**

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