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## JULY 2026

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 2.30pm PEN-Y-GENT WALK** by Seán Karley. In this illustrated talk Seán travels to the top of this iconic Yorkshire mountain whilst looking at and explaining the geology of the area, how it produces the landforms seen and how it affect the botany of the area. **BOT**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday 10.00am-4.00pm CELEBRATION OF MICROSCOPY.** A celebration of the microscopy section and its history in the NNHS in its 150<sup>th</sup> year. Please check our web site nearer the date for final details and timing. [www.NNHS.info/whats-on](http://www.NNHS.info/whats-on) **MIC**

**6<sup>th</sup> 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. **MIC**

**7<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7.30pm ROOTS** by Mike Asquith. Mike will look at this vital and often out of sight overlooked part of plants. Concentrating on Ranunculus ( the buttercup family ) as a model. **MIC**

**8<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, Affinity etc), 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**

**9<sup>th</sup> Thursday 2.30pm BRITISH PICTORIAL POSTAGE STAMPS** by Paul Hayes. John Peet used to send many post cards to his friends and deliberately chose to use interesting pictorial stamps. This is a fun, close-up look at this random selection of interesting stamps showing the skill, art and fun in their design. Subjects vary from animals, birds, comic characters to sport etc. **GEN**

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

**13<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. Guests are very welcome, a great night to learn new techniques and ask questions or learn how to use your own telescope. **AST**

**16<sup>th</sup> Thursday 2.30pm NORTHAMPTON BUILDING STONES WALK.** We will meet at the Rooms at 2.15pm or 2.30pm outside the Bus Station, and walk from the Bavarian limestone of Northampton's new bus station, along The Drapery, take in some very fine Ross of Mull granite, pass down Gold Street to finish at St Peter's Church where we will pay homage at William Smith' grave in the churchyard. **GEO**

**20<sup>th</sup> 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. **MIC**

**21<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 7.30pm FRUIT FLIES** by Colin Brooks. Colin will describe how he has been collecting data for a national project to assess the impact of native and non-native fruit flies. An opportunity for all to explore a container of previously collected specimens to identify species and sex. **MIC**

**22<sup>nd</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, Affinity etc), 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**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 2.30pm POMPEII AND HERCULANEUM** by Mike Walsh. A pictorial tour around these iconic archaeological sites. Looking at how the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79 affected the region and preserved the towns and their contents for us to explore 2000 years later. **ARCH/HIST**

**27<sup>th</sup> Monday 7.30pm THE MOST DRAMATIC EVENTS IN THE UNIVERSE** by Andrew Blain. Andrew is Professor of observational astronomy at Leicester University. The most dramatic events in the universe on a galaxy wide scale are the ignition of ultra luminous galaxies and quasars. I will describe the objects detected in the 2010 WISE all-sky infrared survey, and what we have learned about them since. Guests are very welcome. **AST**

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## AUGUST 2026

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**2<sup>nd</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 welcome. **MET**

**4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7.30pm THINGS THAT LIVE IN LEAVES** by Ian Wilson. Leaves are the source of much of the food on earth. Going straight to the source and feeding directly on

leaves can be a useful life choice. Leaf miners, mites, rusts and various galls all follow this path. We will look at how to spot interesting leaves and the life cycles of a few of the inhabitants of leaves before looking at some prepared specimens (and possibly some live material) under the microscope. **MIC**

**5<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, Affinity etc), 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**

**12<sup>th</sup> Wednesday (time TBA) THE PERSEID METEOR SHOWER** The Moon sets at 10.00pm 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 of times and location available nearer the time from our web site, [www.nnhs.info/Whats-On/](http://www.nnhs.info/Whats-On/) Guests are very welcome to join us to observe the meteors and other celestial highlights visible in the company of our knowledgeable members. **AST**

**13<sup>th</sup> Thursday 2.30pm THE WEST COAST OF NORWAY** by Mike Walsh. A pictorial tour of the scenic western region of Norway. Looking at the scenery, locations and history of the region. **GEN**

**18<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7.30pm DAPHNIA** by John Smith. Daphnia (water fleas), by virtue of their size and the transparency of their shell, are the ideal subject for live microscope study. Tonight we will explore the results of over 250 years of research into the biology of this fascinating freshwater crustacean. Please bring a sample from your own pond or tank if you have one. **MIC**

**19<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, Affinity etc), 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**

**27<sup>th</sup> Thursday 2.30pm A HISTORY OF THE ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE DUSTON POST** by Mike Longman. The Royal Observer Corps was a civil defence organisation that was created in 1925 and disbanded 70 years later. It was composed mainly of volunteers and had posts over most of the country. In this talk Mike will look at their history with particular attention to their presence and Post in Duston, Northampton. **ARCH/HIST**

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cancellations or changes to meetings.**