
SEPTEMBER 2026

1st Tuesday 7.30pm POLLEN by Mike Asquith. Pollen can be a beautiful and varied subject for the microscope and making slides can be surprisingly easy. We will look at its structure and function before making slides from our own samples. **MIC**

2nd Wednesday 8.00pm SUMMER IMAGES We will view any images taken during the summer break that members wish to show or anything else of photographic interest. We will introduce this year's Northamptonshire photo topic. **PHO**

3rd Thursday 2.30pm THE PLANTS OF THE CHILTERN LIMESTONES, PART 1 by Paul Hayes. The northern edges of the Chiltern Hills are a botanist's dream, with many nature reserves highlighting the very varied flora. This highly illustrated talk concentrates on the reserves around the Aylesbury area. **BOT**

3rd Thursday 7.30pm SOCIETY COUNCIL MEETING

7th 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.

9th Wednesday 8.00pm UNDERWOOD CUP A competition for members to submit pictorial images on any subject. Up to three projected images per member per round. Round 1 of 3. **PHO**

10th Thursday 2.30pm THE WORLDS CHANGING CLIMATE by Mike Longman. Mike will look at the world's climate, how it has changed and how that has affected man and beast and what further changes might mean for us all. **GEN**

14th Monday 7.30pm THE SNOWBALL EARTH by Paul Fellows. The Snowball Earth is a historical hypothesis proposing that the planet's surface was nearly entirely frozen, with little or no liquid water exposed. This global glaciation hypothesis is most commonly associated with the Cryogenian Period, which included two major glacial episodes. Guests welcome. **AST**

15th Tuesday 7.30pm AN AQUATIC EVENING by Ian Wilson. An opportunity to look at anything we can find in fresh water. Having covered protozoa in a previous meeting we might look for other things like worms, flatworms, crustaceans, fly larvae and whatever else is in our samples. Bring along a sample if you have some water with signs of life in it. **MIC**

16th Wednesday 8.00pm PHOTOGRAPHING GARDEN BIRDS by Steve Magennis ARPS. Steve is a respected, passionate, multi award winning and widely published British wildlife photographer, Steve has been capturing images of British birds, mammals and landscapes over many years, and he will share with us his images of garden birds and the techniques he uses to capture them. Presented in person in the Humfrey Rooms. **PHO**

17th Thursday 2.30pm WALTER DRAWBRIDGE CRICK (1857-1903) was an early member of the Society's Geology section. He was a businessman, palaeontologist and conchologist, a student and then colleague of Beeby Thompson, he went on to correspond with Charles Darwin and his grandson was the Cambridge molecular biologist, Francis Crick. Bob Purser will

introduce his life, his contribution to science, and there will be an opportunity to look at his fossil and micro-fossil collection. **GEO**

20th Sunday 2.30pm 150 YEARS OF WEATHER RECORDS. The Society members have been keeping weather records for 150 years. Who were they and what do the records tell us. **MET**

21st Monday 11.00am – 1.00pm EXPLORING THE SOCIETY'S COLLECTIONS. For meeting details see the 7th September entry.

23rd Wednesday 8.00pm CORNWALL CUP A competition for members to submit natural history photos, as per PAGB natural history competition rules 2018. Up to three projected images per member per round allowed. Round 3 of 3. **PHO**

24th Thursday 2.30pm A SELECTION OF PHOTOGRAPHIC PRINTS BY LYSBETH HUMFREY FRPS – PART 2 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**

27th 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**

30th Wednesday 8.00pm MCPF PORTFOLIO OF DIGITAL IMAGES The MCPF (Midland Counties Photographic Federation) Traveling Portfolio includes the award winning entries and a selection of the best entries of the 2026 Midland Counties Photographic Federation Photofolio Exhibition. **PHO**

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1st Thursday 2.30pm A TRIO OF PLANTS GROUPS. Today we look at three of Seán Karley's short introductory presentations covering – **Bryophytes** (Mosses, Liverworts and Hornworts), **Ferns** and the **Juncaceae** (Rush family). **BOT**

4th 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**

5th Monday 11.00am – 1.00pm EXPLORING THE SOCIETY'S COLLECTIONS. For meeting details see the 7th September entry.

6th Tuesday 7.30pm HOW TO GET THE BEST FROM YOUR MICROSCOPE by Mike Asquith. A great meeting to learn how different types of optical microscopes work, and how to set your own device up to get the best image. Guests are very welcome. No microscope? No problem, just come along to learn what to buy. **MIC**

7th Wednesday 8.00pm SELECT IMAGES This week we will select images from previous competitions for use in external competitions. A good chance to see and discuss again the winning images so far this year. **PHO**

8th Thursday 2.30pm NORTH ANGLESEY AND ITS MINING HISTORY by Paul Hayes. The area of Anglesey around Amlwch Port and Parys Mountain have a long history of mining. We will take

a pictorial tour of the area looking at its history and what evidence of mining can be seen in the landscape now. **GEN**

12th Monday 7.30pm. WHAT IS LIGHT? by Jens Buss. Stars emit electromagnetic radiation in the form of light. Our own member Jens tackles this question from a science perspective. What is light actually propagated through? Guests welcome. **AST**

14th Wednesday 8.00pm THREE WAY CHALLENGE The annual competition between Northampton Camera Club, Duston Camera Club and ourselves. This year hosted by ourselves. **PHO**

15th Thursday 2.30pm ICE AGE SCOTLAND by Sue Barker Two million years ago, as the world's climate cooled, Scotland entered the Ice Age staying an icy wasteland until around 12 000 years ago. In this talk we will look at the evidence for glaciers and ice sheets in Scotland and view the landforms and scenery, left behind by the ice, that can still be seen today. **GEO**

19th Monday 11.00am – 1.00pm EXPLORING THE SOCIETY'S COLLECTIONS. For meeting details see the 7th September entry.

20th Tuesday 7.30pm SEEDS by Ian Wilson. Seeds show a considerable variation between different plant species and the intended method of dispersal. We look into the different types of seeds and their structure under the microscope. **MIC**

21st Wednesday 8.00pm PRINT COMPETITION – COLOUR AND MONO The competition will consist of both colour and a mono competitions. Up to 4 print entries per member per round for each of the competitions. Round 1 of 3. **PHO**

22nd Thursday 2.30pm MEDIEVAL ROUND CHURCHES OF EUROPE by Mike Longman. Mike will continue his fascinating tour of round churches, now venturing into Europe. **ARCH/HIST**

26th Monday 7.30pm TELESCOPIC TOPICS For meeting details please see the 27th September entry. **AST**

28th Wednesday 8.00pm THE EIGHTH - PAGB MASTERS OF PRINT - SALON DES REFUSES. The Masters of Print exhibition is restricted to 60 prints from an entry of about 1000 prints and this makes acceptance particularly difficult. Many excellent photographers and many excellent prints were unlucky merely because they may have had another print accepted or the exhibition already has similar works selected. This Salon des Refuses consists of 65 original unmounted A3 prints with comments by many of the photographers. **PHO**

29th Thursday 7.45pm start. THE BADBY CHALLENGE. A highly competitive competition between nine local camera clubs. This year hosted by Dunchurch at Dunchurch & Thurlaston W.I Hall, Mill Yard, Off Southam Road, Dunchurch, Rugby. CV22 6GH **PHO**

31st Saturday 10.30am onwards 150TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT ROCKS AND FOSSILS DAY A series of workshops with talks and hands on activities for 6-12 year olds. Geology Rocks - 10.30am. Ask a Geologist - 1.00pm-1.30pm. Fascinating Fossils - 2.00pm Come for the day or just one session. Numbers are limited so booking is essential. Adult to stay with child throughout. For details contact Sue Barker or Bob Purser at geology@nnhs.info **GEO**

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www.nnhs.info/Whats-On/ for any
cancellations or changes to meetings.**