

Programme Secretary's Report 2014

The programme for 2014 consisted of six indoor meetings held at the Natural History Museum in London, ten field meetings, one indoor workshop, and a conference held jointly with the Association for Environmental Archaeology.

Lectures at indoor meetings in London were given by John Whicher (Jurassic fossil mollusca from Dorset), Ben Rowson (A new guide to British slugs), Mike Allen (Subfossil snails and the Stonehenge landscape), June Chatfield (Seashore and shells including Port Talbot and Porthcawl), and Amy Prendergast (Land snails and rainfall reconstruction over the last glacial cycle in Libya); the December meeting consisted, as is becoming a regular fixture, of short presentations by members followed by a Christmas celebration. We are particularly grateful to June Chatfield for agreeing to talk at short notice when the advertised speaker was unwell.

Field meetings were held at the following venues: Purbeck Coast, Dorset (non-marine led by Chris Gleed-Owen, marine led by Bas Payne), Bournemouth, Dorset (marine and non-marine, led by June Chatfield), Lindisfarne, Northumberland (led by Rosemary Hill), Avebury, Wiltshire (non-marine, led by Mike Allen), Moss Valley, West Yorkshire (non-marine, joint meeting with Sorby Natural History Society led by Robert Cameron), Chimney Rocks, Penzance, Cornwall (marine, led by David Fenwick), Hannafore Point, West Looe, Cornwall (led by Bas Payne), Scarborough area, North Yorkshire (marine, six-day joint meeting with Yorkshire Naturalists Union and Seasearch, led by Paula Lightfoot), Wrest Park, Bedfordshire (non-marine, led by Peter Topley), and Wyre Forest, Shropshire (non-marine, joint meeting with Wyre Forest Study Group, led by Rosemary Winnall and John Bingham).

The Society's twenty-eighth Molluscan Workshop, which consisted mainly of a day on shell sand and making micro-slides, led by Adrian Rundle, was held at Judith Nelson's home in Woking, Surrey.

The Conference, on *Molluscs in Archaeology*, was organised by Mike Allen and held at the Natural History Museum on 26 April.

The Society is grateful to all those who contributed to these meetings - speakers, field meeting leaders, and meeting and workshop organisers and tutors.

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