

Programme Secretary's Report 2013

The programme for 2013 consisted of five indoor meetings held at the Natural History Museum in London, one indoor whole day meeting held at National Museums Scotland in Edinburgh, eight field meetings and one indoor workshop.

Lectures at indoor meetings in London were given by David Kipling (Amateur divers and UK nudibranch recording), Jennifer Robinson (Shells from Roman Pompeii), and Matt Law (Snails and archaeology in the Outer Hebrides, with Nigel Thew). The January speaker was unable to turn up on the day because of travel problems; an impromptu replacement programme of short presentations by members was so enjoyable that we decided to have another programme of short presentations for the December meeting, followed by a Christmas celebration; this is likely to become a regular fixture.

The meeting in Edinburgh, kindly organised by Adrian Sumner with the assistance of Susan Chambers, and particularly Sankurie Pye, of National Museums Scotland, consisted of a programme of short talks on different aspects of conchology in Scotland, and a guest lecture on Scotland's living reefs by Dan Harries.

Field meetings were held at the following venues: Little Matlock Wood, West Yorkshire (non-marine, joint meeting with Sorby Natural History Society led by Robert Cameron), Codford, Wiltshire (non-marine, led by Mike Allen), Bracklesham Bay, West Sussex (marine and non-marine, led by June Chatfield), Docklow Ponds, Herefordshire (non-marine, led by Rosemary Hill), Edmondsham House, Dorset (non-marine, led by Graham Long), and Wyre Forest, Worcestershire / Shropshire (non-marine, joint with Wyre Forest Study Group, led by Rosemary Winnall). The Society also supported two other field meetings, at Strangford Lough, Co Down (6-day marine, organised by the Centre for Environmental Recording and Seasearch NI with CS, led by Julia Nunn), and Woolacombe, Devon (marine, organised by North Devon Coastwise, CS element led by Bas Payne).

The Society's twenty-seventh Molluscan Workshop, which worked on a number of problem groups, including identification of British *Spisula* species, was held at Judith Nelson's home in Woking, Surrey.

The Society is grateful to all those people who contributed to the above programme, as speakers, field meeting leaders, and meeting and workshop organisers and tutors.

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