

PROGRAMME SECRETARY'S REPORT for 2017

The programme for 2017 consisted of five indoor meetings held at the Natural History Museum in London, one indoor meeting held at the Museum of Zoology, Cambridge University, eleven field meetings and one indoor workshop, as set out below:

Saturday 21st January 2017: INDOOR MEETING: Lecture and exhibits.
Guest Speaker: Jen Jones: 'On the trail of Galapagos snails'.

Saturday 25th February 2017: FULL DAY INDOOR MEETING:
Demonstrations, discussion, exhibits and lecture.
Guest Speaker: Bryce Beukers-Stewart: 'Seeking sustainable scallop fisheries in a changing ocean'.

Saturday 1 April 2017: FIELD MEETING (non-marine (and marine)): Golden Cap, Chideock, Dorset.
Leader: Chris Gleed-Owen.

Saturday 8th April 2017: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND
PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.
Speaker: Helen Scales: 'Spirals in Time; exploring the secret life and curious afterlife of molluscs'.

Sunday 21 May - Sunday 28 May 2017: FIELD MEETING (marine): Kirkwall, Orkney.
Leader: Simon Taylor.

Friday 26th May 2017: FIELD MEETING (non-marine): Yardley Chase SSSI, Northamptonshire.
Leaders: Alan Outen and John Showers. Joint meeting with the Bedfordshire Invertebrate Group and the Dipterists Forum.

Saturday 1st July 2017: FIELD MEETING (non-marine): Wombwell Wood, Dearne Valley, Yorks.
Leader: Robert Cameron. Joint meeting with Sorby NHS and the Dearne Valley Landscape Partnership.

Saturday 12th August 2017: FIELD MEETING (non-marine): Oswestry Uplands, Shropshire
Leader: Mags Cousins.

Sunday 13th August 2017: FIELD MEETING (non-marine): Churchyard and Rectory garden Bioblitz, All Saints Church, Clifton, Beds.

Leader: Peter Topley. Joint meeting with the Bedfordshire Invertebrate Group and Clifton PCC.

Saturday 16th September 2017: FIELD MEETING (non-marine): Carlton Marsh, near Lowestoft, Suffolk.

Leader: Toby Abrehart. Joint meeting with Suffolk Naturalists Society.

Friday 8th September 2017: FIELD MEETING (non-marine) Llangorse Lake SSSI, Brecon.

Leaders: Hannah Shaw and Ben Rowson. Joint meeting with Freshwater Habitats Trust.

Sunday 17th September 2017: FIELD MEETING (non-marine): East Devon.

Leader: Keith Alexander.

Friday 6th October – Thursday 12th October 2017: FIELD MEETING (marine): Gower Peninsula, S. Wales.

Leader: Rosemary Hill.

Saturday 14th October – Sunday 15th October 2017: FIELD MEETING (non-marine): Knepp Castle Estate, Horsham, Sussex.

Leader: Martin Willing.

Saturday 21st October 2017: INDOOR MEETING: Demonstrations, exhibits, and lecture.

Guest Speaker: Bernard Picton: 'Nudibranchs of Britain and Ireland, their discovery and recording from Linnaeus to the 21st Century.'

Saturday 11th November 2017: REGIONAL INDOOR MEETING: Museum of Zoology, Cambridge.

Organiser: Richard Preece.

Saturday 25th November 2017: WORKSHOP MEETING : Woking, Surrey.

By kind invitation of Judith Nelson.

Saturday 9th December 2017: INDOOR MEETING: A Christmas miscellany

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

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Hon. Programme Secretary