
JANUARY 2010

2nd (Sat) In case there is no bus service in operation, we will meet at the **HUMFREY ROOMS** at 2.00pm and commence our walk from there! Tea available. **SW**

5th (Tue) **BRING, SHOW & TELL EVENING** - members and guests have an opportunity to bring along an unusual or interesting specimen or piece of equipment for everyone to see and comment on. **MIC**

6th (Wed) **SET SUBJECT "A QUIET MOMENT"** A themed competition of three projected images and / or prints. 8.00pm start. **PHO**

7th (Thu) **PLANT FOLKLORE** by Stuart Phillips. Stuart covers such subjects as why we garnish food with parsley, and why we kiss under the mistletoe at Christmas; as well as the significance of the national emblems of the rose, thistle, shamrock and leek. **BOT**

9th (Sat) Meet opposite **BECKET'S WELL** at 1.30pm for a short walk before our **AGM** in the Humfrey Rooms at 2.30pm,*. Tea afterwards. **SW**

10th (Sun) **WEATHER WORKSHOP**. We will discuss the weather events and trends of the last month, and look forward to next month's weather. 2.30pm start. **MET**

11th (Mon) **THE ISAAC NEWTON GROUP OF TELESCOPES** by Neil Parker. Neil talks about Britain's telescopes on the Island of La Palma in the Canary Islands. What are they? How were they built and what is it like to work on them? An insider's view of some of the world's most productive optical telescopes. **AST**

13th (Wed) **OPEN HOUSE** The rooms will be open for members and guests to look at the library books, magazines and exhibits. Tea, coffee, soup and light lunches available. 10.30am-2.30pm

13th (Wed) **PRACTICAL EVENING: PRESENTING YOUR IMAGES** by Paul Hayes and Vic Seaton. An image is greatly influenced by how it is presented. Paul will demonstrate how to prepare your digital images to be either displayed by a digital projector or printed. Vic will demonstrate the different methods and styles in which a print can be mounted for best effect. 8.00pm start. **PHO**

14th (Thu) **CORAL** A look at man's disgraceful attitude to coral, from blowing it up for hardcore to removal for souvenirs because of its beauty. 2.30pm start **GEN**

16th (Sat) A pleasant walk along **BILLING BROOK AND LAKES** is today's venue. Meet in the bus station for bus SC1 at 1.35pm,*. Tea at the Weston Favell Centre. **SW**

18th (Mon) **CURATION GROUP** A good opportunity to explore the society's historic collections as we continue to

curate (tidy up, clean, record etc.) them. We are starting with our Minerals Collection. 10.30am to 12.30pm

20th (Wed) **PHOTOSHOP FOR BEGINNERS** Brian Pere will describe and demonstrate the use of Photoshop, and Photoshop Elements for beginners and experienced users, and how to get the results you want. 8.00pm start. **PHO**

21st (Thu) **THE DOWNS** by Richard Young. Richard will be describing the countryside south of London dominated by the chalk and other Cretaceous rocks. **GEO**

23rd (Sat) A stroll around the village of **KINGSTHORPE** will be today's location. Meet in the bus station for bus FN 4A at 1.30pm,*. Tea available. **SW**

25th (Mon) **PLANETARY FORMATION**, by Dr Martin Andrews. Dr Andrews is uniquely qualified in this subject after obtaining his PhD in planetary formation. **AST**

26th (Tue) **BYZANTIUM** a presentation by John Romer, who is an eminent archaeologist. Byzantium has now become the modern, bustling city of Istanbul. **ARC**

27th (Wed) **UNDERWOOD CUP** Pictorial image competition. Three projected images, digital and/or slide. Round 2 of 3 8.00pm start. **PHO**

28th (Thu) **THE ULTIMATE SHARK** A presentation featuring this great predator of the sea. 2.30pm start **ZOO**

30th (Sat) **MARKET HARBOROUGH** is the destination today for a walk or visit the Symington Museum. Meet in the bus station for bus SC X7 at 11.20am,*. **SW**

FEBRUARY

1st (Mon) **CURATION GROUP** A good opportunity to explore the society's historic collections as we continue to curate (tidy up, clean, record etc.) them. We are starting with our Minerals Collection. 10.30am to 12.30pm

2nd (Tue) **VICTORIAN MICROSCOPE SLIDE EVENING** Rare and previously unseen slides from the society's extensive archives will be on display and viewed using a micro-projector. **MIC**

3rd (Wed) **CORNWALL CUP** Natural History competition. Three projected images, slide and/or digital images of nature. Round 2 of 3 8.00pm start. **PHO**

4th (Thu) **SECTION AGM**. After a short formal meeting we will be studying some more of our Section slide collection. **BOT**

6th (Sat) **BEDFORD**, where we can opt for a riverside walk, take a look at one of their three museums (the Cecil Higgins, Bunyan or the Town) or just browse among the varied and busy market stalls! Meet in the bus station for bus SC Pluto 1 at 10.30am,*. Lunch available. **SW**

8th (Mon) Astronomy lecture to be announced. **AST**

10th (Wed) **INSTANT DIGITAL IMAGE BATTLE WITH NORTHAMPTON CAMERA CLUB** A fun annual competition featuring interesting and varied digital images with a witty commentary by the judge Brian Pere from Duston Camera Club 8.00pm start. **PHO**

11th (Thu) **SECTION AGM** followed by a talk on **NORTHAMPTON MILL** by Fred Towning, the general section president. 2.30pm start **GEN**

13th (Sat) **DELAPRE ABBEY** is the walk today to see the snowdrops in the gardens. Meet in the bus station for bus SC 15 at 1.40pm,*. Tea available in the tearooms. **SW**

14th (Sun) **WEATHER WORKSHOP**. We will discuss the weather events and trends of the last month, and look forward to next month's weather. 2.30pm start. **MET**

15th (Mon) **CURATION GROUP** A good opportunity to explore the society's historic collections as we continue to curate (tidy up, clean, record etc.) them. We are starting with our Minerals Collection. 10.30am to 12.30pm

17th (Wed) **OPEN HOUSE** The rooms will be open for members and guests to look at the library books, magazines and exhibits. Tea, coffee, soup and light lunches available. 10.30am-2.30pm

17th (Wed) **PRACTICAL EVENING: PORTRAIT EVENING** Bring your camera and tripod for this practical evening led by our own lighting and portrait expert Vic Seaton who will guide us through lighting and posing of the model. 8.00pm start. **PHO**

18th (Thu) **SECTION AGM & "BRING AND SHOW"** A chance to bring samples or images of rocks, minerals, or fossils etc to show us and either tell us about them or ask for help with identification. **GEO**

20th (Sat) Today we go to **EAST HUNSBURY** for a walk in the woodlands and snowdrops. Meet in the bus station for bus SC 14 at 1.35pm,*. Tea available. **SW**

22nd (Mon) **TELESCOPIC TOPICS**. Section members can showcase their interests and results. With a chance to discuss observations, events and theories over a cup of tea and biscuits. **AST**

23rd (Tue) **SECTION AGM** and finger buffet (£1) followed by a slide presentation by Dawn Lovitt covering a selection of **CATHEDRALS AND CASTLES**. **ARC**

24th (Wed) **SECTION AGM** 8.00pm start. **PHO**

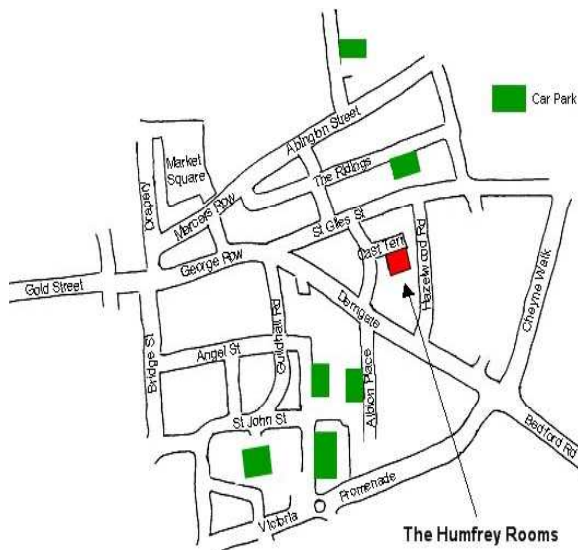
25th (Thu) **MOUNTAIN GORILLAS** a presentation featuring these iconic mammals. 2.30pm start **ZOO**

27th (Sat) **TOWCESTER** is the venue today which is a favourite amongst the walkers. We will take a stroll alongside the brook after having lunch in the town. Meet in the bus station for bus SC 88 at 11.20am,*. **SW**

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Guests may attend 3 meetings before membership is required. Annual subscriptions are due on January 1st. Membership taken out on or after October 1st is valid until the end of the following year. Correspondence concerning membership should be addressed to the Treasurer.

All meetings take place in the Humfrey Rooms, and start at 7.30 pm, except if otherwise noted.

(*) Saturday Walks: Listed bus times and meeting points can be checked with the section representative on 01604 646442 FN – First Northampton; M = Meridian; SC – Stagecoach.

The Society disclaims any responsibility for any person or persons sustaining an accident of any kind while participating in an outing or field meeting or any activity connected with or organised by the Society. No equipment or apparatus may be removed from the Humfrey Rooms.

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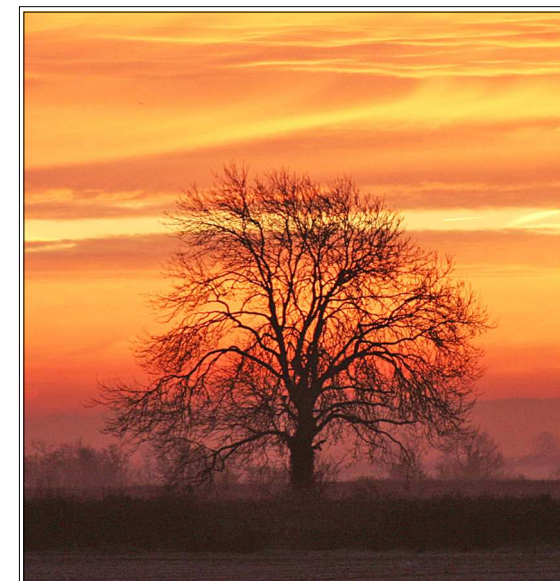
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