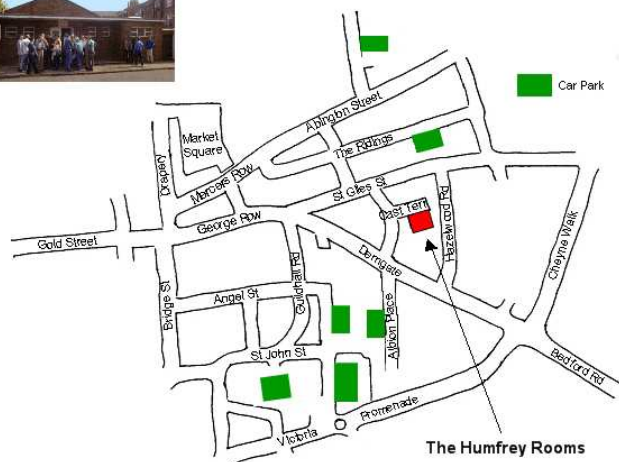


The Microscopy Section is one of ten sections that make up the NORTHAMPTONSHIRE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY. These sections cover all aspects of Natural History, plus Archaeology and Photography. The society has its own spacious, well equipped rooms and laboratory located near the centre of Northampton, not far from Derngate Theatres. It holds regular meetings throughout the year, arranged by different sections, or several combined: these include field meetings and outings.

On joining the Society you automatically have a right to take part in the activities of ANY or ALL of the sections (A fact often not realised by those who join in order to further their interest in a particular subject).

If you would like to know more about the Microscopy Section, come along to one of our meetings held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. Details of the other sections can be found on our web site, or email nnhsphoto@yahoo.co.uk for a programme. We hold our meetings at the address below:



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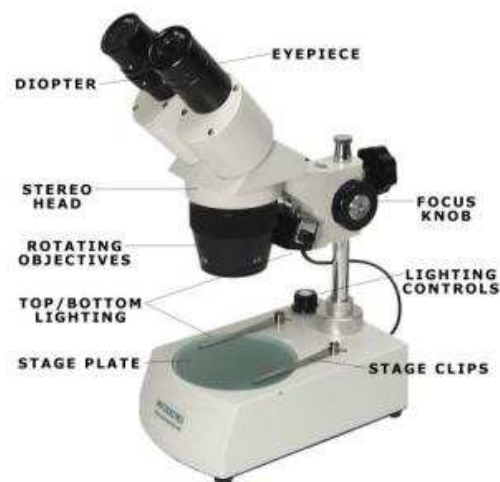
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Our current programme reflects members' interests, but microscopy is a vast subject and we cannot hope to cover it all in one year, or in several for that matter. All the more reason why someone can benefit from membership of a society where he or she can share experiences with others and be helped at the same time.

Young or old, our members come from varied backgrounds, and range from beginners in microscopy to advanced workers. Apart from specific projects that we may occasionally undertake as a group, most of us have our own particular subject interest. This may include any one or more of the following topics: algae, pond life, insects and spiders, desmids, diatoms and foraminifera, micro-ecology, rocks and sand, plant galls, wild flowers, pollen, histology, microscope collection and restoration, slide preparation, and photomicrography. It should also be noted that, as members of the Quekett Microscopy Club (based at London's Museum of Natural History), we hold occasional joint meetings with them and are able to call upon their assistance should the need arise.



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Microscopy Section Programme of meetings for 2009/10

Tuesday, 1 st September, 2009	FREE INTRODUCTORY COURSE ON BASIC MICROSCOPY Session 1: Choosing & Purchasing your first microscope; How to set up and get the best from your microscope; Making temporary slides for viewing specimens.
Tuesday, 6 th October, 2009	FREE INTRODUCTORY COURSE ON BASIC MICROSCOPY Session 2: Enhance that image by using different lighting techniques with your microscope.
Tuesday, 3 rd November, 2009	FREE INTRODUCTORY COURSE ON BASIC MICROSCOPY Session 3 : Mounting specimens for the microscope, including temporary mounts, dry mounts, acetate peels, simple staining techniques, mounting media, etc.
Tuesday, 1 st December, 2009	FREE INTRODUCTORY COURSE ON BASIC MICROSCOPY. Session 4 : Photography through the Microscope; General principles explained, including some simple set-ups for use with digital cameras.
Tuesday, 5 th January, 2010	BRING, SHOW & TELL EVENING - members' opportunity to bring along an unusual or interesting piece of equipment or specimen for everyone to see and comment on.
Tuesday, 2 nd February, 2010	VICTORIAN MICROSCOPE SLIDE EVENING – rare and previously unseen slides from the society's archives will be on display and viewed using a micro-projector.
Tuesday, 2 nd March, 2010	FERNS – an illustrated talk by Seán Karley (joint meeting with Botany Section to be confirmed).
Tuesday, 6 th April, 2010	MEMBERS' PHOTOGRAPHIC EVENING – an opportunity to show off your latest pictures (ALL sections welcome!).
Tuesday, 4 th May, 2010	GUEST SPEAKER – to be arranged.
Tuesday, 1 st June, 2010	"SUMMER SUNSHINE!" – an illustrated account of two hours observation of a bush in flower by John & Patricia Smeathers.
Sunday, 27th June, 2010	ANNUAL MICROSCOPY EXHIBITION. Sales, demonstrations and lectures. Contact Cyril Sampson on cytod@ntlworld.com for further details and a booking form. 10.00am start.
Tuesday, 6 th July	OPEN AIR MEETING AT DUSTON by invitation only. Hosted by John & Patricia Smeathers. Starting at 7.00pm.
Tuesday, 3 rd August, 2010	MEMBERS INTERESTS including laboratory session and general gossip meeting. A chance to ask questions on equipment and techniques.
1 st September	START OF NEW PROGRAMME!