
MARCH 2011

2nd (Wed) **PRINT COMPETITIONS** Monochrome, General, Portrait and Tinted competitions. Jubilee Cup colour print competition. Round 3 of 3 8.00pm start **PHO**

3rd (Thu) **A GENERAL INTRODUCTION TO PLANT IDENTIFICATION** by Seán Karley. After a short section AGM, Seán will show us how to identify, with the correct names, the wild flowers of the countryside. **BOT**

5th (Sat) A popular walk around **DUSTON** before visiting the village's annual Flower Festival. Meet in bus station for bus SC9 at 1.30pm,*. **SW**

7th (Mon) **CURATION GROUP** We will be curating our Sands Collection. This collection was started by Gordon Osborne, and is thought to be the largest collection of sands in private hands in the world. 10.30am to 12.30pm

9th (Wed) **OPEN HOUSE** The rooms will be open for members and guests to study the literature and exhibits. Tea, coffee, and biscuits available. 10.30am to 2.30pm

9th (Wed) **IF IT MOVES I FILM IT** by Graham Bentley. Graham is a professional movie photographer specialising in filming the amazing world of nature in close-up. A unique opportunity to see Graham's remarkable films and learn how they were made. 8.00pm start **PHO**

10th (Thu) Short Section **AGM** followed by **THE HUNT FOR DARWIN'S BEAGLE**. Retracing the final days of HMS Beagle to find out what happened to the vessel after Charles Darwin's famous scientific survey expedition - and to locate its remains. 2.30pm start **GEN**

12th (Sat) **DAVENTRY** offers a scenic walk round the town's park before we find a hot drink and a bite to eat. Meet in the bus station for bus SC D1 at 10.45am,*. **SW**

13th (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**

14th (Mon) **ASTRONOMY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**. A short section AGM will be followed by an opportunity to discuss astronomical matters and events with our more seasoned observers. Guests welcome. **AST**

16th (Wed) **CORNWALL CUP** Natural History competition. Three projected images, slide and/or digital. Round 3 of 3 8.00pm start **PHO**

17th (Thu) **THE DOUGLAS RICHARDSON SAND COLLECTION** A joint presentation between the Microscopy and Geology Sections, led by Mike Gibson and Richard Young. We have selected a few slides from over 500 sand samples from around the world, demonstrating the beauty of form, colour and variety of these microscope slides. A DVD of the slides is available to purchase at the meeting. **MIC GEO**

19th (Sat) The village of **WESTON FAVELL**, then over parkland towards the Weston Favell Centre is the walk for today. Meet in bus station for bus SC 1 at 1.35pm,*. **SW**

21st (Mon) **CURATION GROUP** as 7th March.

22nd (Tue) **UNFAMILIAR NORTHAMPTONSHIRE STORIES OF THE 1870s** by Eric Jenkins. We welcome back popular local author and historian, Eric Jenkins, with more stories from his extensive repertoire. **ARC**

23rd (Wed) **SUCCESSFUL DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY FOR ALL** by P. Hayes **LEARN FROM THE WINNERS**. Lecture 5 of 5. A good way to learn how to create the best images is to study other photographers work. We will study images from a major PABG competition and identify why the images did so well and how the techniques learnt can be applied to our own images. 8.00pm start **PHO**

26th (Sat) **RUSHMERE TO CLIFTONVILLE** is this week's walk. Meet in the bus station for bus SC 5 at 1.20pm,*. Tea available at the Workbridge cafe. **SW**

28th (Mon) **THE ATMOSPHERE OF VENUS, EARTH'S UNLUCKY TWIN** by Dr Stephen Lewis. Dr Lewis, a planetary scientist from the Open University, will describe how Venus, like Earth in so many ways, has become the most hostile environment in the Solar System. **AST**

30th (Wed) **UNDERWOOD CUP** Pictorial projected image competition. Round 3 of 3 8.00pm start **PHO**

31st (Thu) **MYSTERIES OF NORTHAMPTONSHIRE** A unique journey through our county. 2.30pm start **ZOO**

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2nd (Sat) **BEDFORDSHIRE** today. If fine, it's a picnic in Priory Country Park. If wet, the town and riverside. Meet in bus station for bus SC Pluto 1 at 10.30am,*. **SW**

4th (Mon) **CURATION GROUP** as 7th March.

5th (Tue) **MEMBERS' PHOTOGRAPHIC EVENING** an opportunity to show off your latest pictures and videos. Advice will be given on how to take images through a microscope. Everybody is welcome to contribute. **MIC**

6th (Wed) **PHOTOGRAPHING NATURE WITH A COMPACT DIGITAL CAMERA** by Derek Larkin. Derek, photographer and author, is well known for his skill in natural history close-up photography. He has shunned the DSLR and opted for a compact to continue his imaging with stunning results. 8.00pm start **PHO**

7th (Thu) **THE WORLD OF GRASSES** by Seán Karley. An illustrated talk about grasses, and how to identify wild grasses in the countryside. **BOT**

9th (Sat) **BUGBROOKE** has proved to be a popular village to explore with the canal and attractive village. Meet in the bus station for bus SC D3 at 1.03pm,*. **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 TELESCOPE – A HISTORY** by Lee MacDonald. Lee describes the development of the Isaac Newton telescope, now situated on La Palma. A fascinating story of a painful birth. **AST**

13th (Wed) **OPEN HOUSE** as 9th March

13th (Wed) **SET SUBJECT "TOOLS AND UTENSILS"** A themed competition for three images, projected and/or prints. **Trophy Round** 8.00pm start **PHO**

14th (Thu) **INSECTS** by Alan Le Fort. Alan is our very own expert macro photographer and is continually amazing us with his images of the smallest Beetles, Butterflies and other insects. 2.30pm start **GEN**

15th (Fri) **PRESIDENTS EVENING** Lecture: **TO THE END OF THE EARTH – SCOTT AND THE ANTARCTIC** by Andy Lound, graduate of the London Academy of Radio, Film and Television, is an internationally renowned author, broadcaster, lecturer and UK Regional Coordinator for The Planetary Society. We are lucky to experience another of his unique lectures.

16th (Sat) The **LAMPOR** area is the location for today's walk. Meet in bus station for bus SC X7 at 1.20pm,*. **SW**

18th (Mon) **CURATION GROUP** as 7th March.

20th (Wed) **GETTING STARTED IN PHOTOSHOP** This lecture, aimed at those new to Photoshop or Elements, will cover basic principles, from loading images into the programme, to simple adjustments, to saving the image. Including using the RAW converter. 8.00pm start **PHO**

21st (Thu) **VOLCANOES** An illustrated talk by Seán Karley. A beginner's guide to Volcanoes and how they work, illustrated from Seán's image collection. **GEO**

23rd (Sat) **CORBY** has more to offer than just shopping. We will walk in the nearby woods and have a picnic, or refreshments are available from the lakeside cafe. Meet in the bus station for bus SC X4 at 9.45am,*. **SW**

26th (Tue) **THE BRUDENELLS OF DEENE** by Geoff Baguley. A *Dawn Lovitt Memorial Lecture* In memory of a much loved and respected member and past president of the Society. Geoff returns by popular demand to tell us about the Brudenells of Deene, where he is a guide. **ARC**

27th (Wed) **MEMORIES, REMEMBER SLIDES?** Section members bring their best slides so we can consider if the rush to digital imaging over the last 10 years have been all to the good. 8.00pm start **PHO**

28th (Thu) **LOCH NESS DISCOVERED**. A presentation taking a closer look at Loch Ness. 2.30pm start **ZOO**

30th (Sat) We travel to **BRIXWORTH** today. Meet in the bus station for bus SC X7 at 1.20pm,*. Refreshments available at the Heritage Centre. **SW**