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## MAY 2019

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**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 8.00pm CORNWALL CUP - FINAL** The round where the winners from the previous three rounds of our natural history images competition battle for the trophy. Invited Judge. **PHO**

**4<sup>th</sup> Saturday BEDFORD** is the first choice of venue for May. Meet for bus SC41 at 10.44am. Picnic if fine or refreshments will be available in town. **SW**

**4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 11am-12:30pm INTRODUCTION TO THE ATMOSPHERE.** We will follow the formal course provided by MetEd courtesy of NASA and NOAA. This is a basic level course and previous knowledge requirements are stated as 'None'. All welcome. **MET**

**7<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7.30pm SECTION AGM** and Planning Meeting followed by a show of members' favourite pictures either as hard copy or in electronic format. **MIC**

**8<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 10.30am - 2.30pm OPEN HOUSE** The Humfrey rooms will be open for members and guests to chat and study the literature, samples and exhibits. Tea and coffee available.

**8<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 2.30pm** A trip to the north west coast including a trip to Blackpool commencing on the Isle of Anglesey. **ARC/HIS**

**8<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 8.00pm STUDIO NIGHT** A practical evening of indoor photography where members interact and learn from each other. Bring along your equipment and props for an evening doing table top photography, using our studio flash, etc. **PHO**

**9<sup>th</sup> Thursday 2.30pm THE CROMER LIFEBOAT** Archive footage of the Cromer lifeboat and celebrated coxswain Henry Blogg - who became a national hero and the most decorated individual in lifeboat service history. **GEN**

**9<sup>th</sup> Thursday 7.30pm MAIN SOCIETY AGM.** All members welcome.

**11<sup>th</sup> Saturday** A walk at **HUNSBURY**, where we hope to see bluebells in the woods. Meet for bus SC12 at 1.11pm. Drinks available. **SW**

**13<sup>th</sup> Monday 7.30pm KEPLER'S LAWS** by Jens Buus. An introduction to the mechanics of solar systems by one of our own members. Guests and visitors welcome. **AST**

**14<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7:30pm - FLIES: THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY?** John Showers, the Northamptonshire recorder for flies, will discuss both positive and negative aspects of fly behaviour. As for ugly, well beauty is in the eye of the beholder, so he will look at some of the more beautiful or peculiar flies we have. This is a talk not to be missed! Arranged by the WILDside project which the NNHS supports with the use of the Humfrey Rooms.

**15<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 2.00pm to 4.00pm ARE WE SURVIVORS AND WEATHER READY?** What should we do to protect ourselves from extreme weather? We will look at 10 scenarios posed by MetEd courtesy of NASA and NOAA. Have we the knowledge and sense to survive. All welcome. **MET**

**15<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 8.00pm COLOUR PRINTS FINALS - JUBILEE CUP AND DIGITAL ART PRINT** The round where the winners from the previous three rounds of our 'Colour Print', and 'Digital Art Print' competitions vie for the annual trophy. Invited Judge. Final Round. **PHO**

**16<sup>th</sup> Thursday 2.30pm DEEP TIME** by Sue Barker. Travel back in time with Sue and find out how the age of the Earth has been worked out. Discover some of the Time Lords who have played a part in the story and how the Stratigraphical Column has been developed. **GEO**

**18<sup>th</sup> Saturday** It is the **MOULTON** village annual Flower Festival, so meet for bus SC X10 at 10.30am. Refreshments will be available. **SW**

**21<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 2.15pm AN INTRODUCTION TO FRESHWATER ALGAE** – lecture presentation by Guest speaker Dr Allan Pentecost. Dr Allan Pentecost is an internationally recognised expert in the field of ecology and is an honorary Research Fellow of the Freshwater Biological Association. He has written numerous research papers and books including an introduction to Freshwater Algae. (2.15pm) **MIC**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 8.00pm THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN - PART 1 THE BEGINNING** by Elaine Lenton and Peter Going. Elaine has started a project to photograph the seven most famous graveyards in the UK (The Magnificent Seven). We start with Highgate Cemetery but as she has run into technical problems with her slideshow Peter is helping her out. **PHO**

**25<sup>th</sup> Saturday EMBERTON COUNTRY PARK** has become one of the Walkers' favourite destinations. Meet for bus SC41 at 10.44am. Take picnic or use the café in the park. **SW**

**29<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 8.00pm MONOCHROME PRINTS FINALS – VIC SEATON CUP AND MONOCHROME GENERAL** The winners from the previous rounds of our 'Monochrome Portrait', and 'General Print' competitions battle for the annual trophy. Invited judge. **PHO**

**30<sup>th</sup> Thursday 2.30pm** Lecture to be announced. **ZOO/ORTH**

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## JUNE 2019

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**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday** Today we visit **WICKSTEED COUNTRY PARK**. Meet for bus SC X4 at 10.45am. Picnic or refreshments at the café. **SW**

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday 11:00am to 12:30pm BASIC WEATHER PROCESSES.** We should now have enough knowledge to tackle a formal course on weather provided by MetEd courtesy of NASA and NOAA. This is a basic level course and previous knowledge requirements are stated as 'None'. All welcome. **MET**

**4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7.30pm WHAT'S IN YOUR POND? (PART 1)** The garden pond is possibly the most bio-rich location in your garden. Bring your own pond water samples (or use ours) to identify and examine some of the vast range of different flora and fauna. **MIC**

**5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 8.00pm SET SUBJECT TROPHY.** The round where the winners from the previous four rounds of our 'set subject' images compete for the trophy. Invited Judge. Final Round. **PHO**

**8<sup>th</sup> Saturday COLD BRAYFIELD TO NEWTON BLOSSOMVILLE** is another favourite location! Meet for bus SC41 at 12.44pm. Drinks available after the walk. **SW**

**10<sup>th</sup> Monday 7.30pm HISTORIC NOVAE** by guest speaker Gary Poyner. From ancient records to modern day, this talk looks at Novae through the centuries, what the early astronomers thought Novae actually were, and finally a more detailed look at some landmark discoveries of the 19th/20th centuries. Guests are welcome. **AST**

**12<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 10.30am - 2.30pm OPEN HOUSE** The Humfrey rooms will be open for members and guests to chat and study the literature, samples and exhibits. Tea and coffee available.

**12<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 2.30pm** The section secretary will show a selection of images from his trip to Wales. **ARC/HIS**

**12<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 8.00pm NORTHAMPTONSHIRE NIGHT - VILLAGES A-Z** This is the evening where we look at the results of this year's Northamptonshire project. The photo collages that members have taken of Northamptonshire Villages will be presented alphabetically,

with a small prize for the person getting the most right. **PHO**

**13<sup>th</sup> Thursday 2.30pm NORTHAMPTON ARCHITECTS** Illustrated presentation by John Peet on some notable buildings in the town by influential architects - including Alexander Anderson, Edward William Godwin, Matthew Holding and Edmund Francis Law. **GEN**

**15<sup>th</sup> Saturday** The attractive village of **BRAFIELD – ON – THE – GREEN** will provide our walk today. Meet for bus SC 41 at 12.44pm. Drinks available nearby. **SW**

**18<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7.30pm. WHAT'S IN YOUR POND? (PART 2)** A further evening of exploration of the many and incredibly varied microscopic lifeforms to be found in pond water. **MIC**

**19<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 2.00pm to 4.00pm WEATHER AND CLIMATE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.** Bring along your queries about weather and the climate and we will see if we can find the answer. **MET**

**19<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 8.00pm MONOPOD COMPETITION** The last meeting of our programme is our annual set subject competition depicting religious subjects from any faith. A competition held in honour of Mrs Humfrey's interest in church photography. Up to three entries per person, any mix of prints or projected images.

**TROPHY PRESENTATIONS** The evening concludes with the presentation of the annual trophies. **PHO**

**20<sup>th</sup> Thursday 7.00pm BUILDING STONES OF NORTHAMPTON 3 – ST PETER'S CHURCH AND GOLD STREET** and finishing at the Bus Station Bob Purser. This year we will start at William Smith's statue in St Peter's Church and learn about his connection with Northamptonshire, look for stones from Northamptonshire Castle and ammonites at the Bus Station! An evening meeting will provide the opportunity for members unable to come during the daytime to join us. Meet at the St Peter's Church and finish at the Bus Station. **GEO**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Saturday** The village of **FLORE** holds its annual floral event today. Meet for bus SC D2 at 1.15pm. There will be a choice of venues for tea and cake! **SW**

**24<sup>th</sup> Monday 7.30pm TELESCOPIC TOPICS.** An evening of member talks and contributions on Astronomy themes. If you have made an observation you would like to share, seen something interesting or have images to share please inform the secretary to allocate you a spot. Guests and visitors are very welcome. **AST**

**25<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7:30pm FARMING FOR THE FUTURE** and Marvellous Meadows Helena Darragh is the Nene Valley Land Adviser for the Wildlife Trust BCN. She will give an overview of the Farming for the Future project running in the Nene Valley and discuss the importance of meadows, along with the opportunity to learn about and see a variety of wildflowers found in meadows across Northamptonshire. Arranged by the WILDside project which the NNHS supports with the use of the Humfrey Rooms.

**27<sup>th</sup> Thursday 2.30pm** Lecture to be announced. **ZOO/ORTH**

**29<sup>th</sup> Saturday** Requests have been made for a return visit to **BANBURY!** Meet for bus SC D2 at the earlier start time of 9.15am. Picnic or use one of the many outlets in town. **SW**

**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday 10.00am – 4.00pm THE ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF MICROSCOPY,** Including sales, exhibits, talks and Photo competition. This is an opportunity to meet with fellow microscopists and enthusiasts from around the country and also to see what's on offer in the way of sales items. Why not bring along an exhibit of your own? Sales and exhibits in the morning and lectures in the afternoon. Please contact Mike Gibson on stmarysmrg@yahoo.com for further information