
NOVEMBER 2011

1st (Tue) MAKING SIMPLE DRY MOUNTS WITH CARDBOARD SLIDES. A practical evening where you can make and label your own slides using simple dry mounting techniques. Low power stereo microscopes will be used to examine our finished samples ranging from lichens, seeds, foraminiferous sand samples etc. Bring your own microscope, or borrow one of ours. **MIC**

2nd (Wed) M.C.P.F. PORTFOLIO OF PRINTS AND SLIDES A very informative evening consisting of award winning prints and slides from the M.C.P.F. 2010 Photofolio competition. With an instructive recorded commentary by the judges. 8.00pm start **PHO**

3rd (Thu) THE DIVERSITY OF POLLINATING INSECTS IN THE GARDENS OF LARGE ENGLISH COUNTRY HOUSES by Hilary Erenler, Research Student at the University of Northampton. The reduction of bee colonies and other pollinators has received much attention and raised concerns about how food and native plants will be affected. Hilary's research in 17 English country houses explores the factors that affect pollinator diversity. **BOT**

5th (Sat) The village of DALLINGTON is today's venue. Meet in the bus station for bus FN 29 at 1.20pm. **SW**

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) ASTRO - PHOTOGRAPHY by Dave Eagle. Dave is a very keen and skilled amateur astronomer and imager. He has written many articles for astronomy publications. He will describe the history of astro photography and show us how to take your own images with the equipment you have available. Demonstrated with his superb images. 8.00pm start **PHO**

10th (Thu) FOR THE LOVE OF ELEANOR The story of the Eleanor Crosses - including the monuments which are still standing in Northamptonshire. 2.30pm start. **GEN**

11th (Friday) THE 2011 HUMFREY LECTURE: THE ACCIDENTAL ADVENTURER by Richard Terry. Richard is a cameraman, director & presenter with 20 years experience working in both documentary and drama. He single-handedly directed, photographed, recorded and narrated the internationally successful series 'Stranger Among Bears' for National Geographic Wild.

12th (Sat) KETTERING and Heritage Centre this week. Meet in the bus station for bus SC 39 at 11.30am. **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) 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

14th (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. Guests welcome. **AST**

15th (Tue) THE DEATH OF A VANILLA BEAN AND THE BIRTH OF VANILLIN. Extra Microscopy meeting by Dr. Patrick Dunphy. All members and sections welcome to attend. Dr Dunphy is an experienced aroma and flavour chemist and is also an international authority on the production of vanilla, a key flavouring used by the food industry. This illustrated talk will cover the growing and production of vanilla and some of the science behind it, including the microscopy of the vanilla bean and pod. **MIC**

16th (Wed) CORNWALL CUP Natural History competition. Three projected images, slide and/or digital. Round 1 of 3 8.00pm start **PHO**

17th (Thu) ALL ABOUT GEOLOGY, a course for all. Part 1, From the big bang to lithium. by Seán Karley. **GEO**

19th (Sat) SPRING PARK TO KINGSTHORPE VIA THE BRAMPTON VALLEY WAY is this afternoon's walk. Meet in the bus station for bus FN 4A. at 1.23pm. Cuppas' available afterwards. **SW**

22nd (Tue) NORTHAMPTONSHIRE VILLAGE SIGNS. In this illustrated talk John Starkey presents some stories on sticks and other signs of life in the county. **ARC**

23rd (Wed) PRACTICAL EVENING: A/V WORKSHOP Vic Seaton will show us how to use the images we took at the Foxton Locks summer outing to make a digital audio visual presentation. 8.00pm start **PHO**

24th (Thu) A CLOSE-UP ON INSECTS Alan Le Fort is a master of close-up photography and specialises in imaging the insects of Northamptonshire. See the insects that we rarely take a second look at, or even see at all in their full detailed and colourful glory. 2.30pm start **ZOO**

26th (Sat) MARKET HARBOROUGH – Meet in the bus station for bus SC X7 at 11.20am to arrive for lunch. **SW**

28th (Mon) CURATION GROUP See 14th November for details. 10.30am to 12.30pm

28th (Mon) SEARCHING FOR THE NORTHERN LIGHTS by Robin Scagell. Robin is a well known author and has made countless appearances on TV describing latest discoveries. Join us as Robin showcases the wonders of the Northern Lights. **AST**

30th (Wed) SET SUBJECT COMPETITION "PATTERNS IN NATURE" A themed competition for three digital images and/or prints. 8.00pm start **PHO**

DECEMBER 2011

1st (Thu) PRESIDENT'S EVENING. Patrick Rawlinson will present some more of his slides, on a theme of his own choosing. **BOT**

3rd (Sat) DAVENTRY today and a look at the monthly Farmers' Market before a bite to eat and a walk afterwards Meet in the bus station for bus SC D1 at 10.45am. **SW**

5th (Mon) PHOTOGRAPHIC PRACTICAL EVENING An informal practical evening where you decide the agenda at the meeting, using our studio flash kit, guidance in Photoshop or bring your own laptop or camera etc, if you have specific queries. 8.00pm start **PHO**

6th (Tue) "THE Z STACK VERSUS HELICON FOCUS" An illustrated talk by Mike Asquith and Mike Gibson in which both types of photo enhancement software will be put through their paces using actual examples of microscopical subjects on the night. **MIC**

7th (Wed) PHOTOGRAPHY - THE BASICS EXPLAINED, COMPUTERS a series of four lectures introduced by Paul Hayes. Lecture 1. All modern cameras have many computers in them. Learn why computers are an integral part of modern digital photography. Amongst the many subjects covered will be how to safely transfer, archive and view images. 8.00pm start **PHO**

8th (Thu) THE EASTER ISLAND ECLIPSE Scientific expedition to observe the total solar eclipse in the south Pacific in July 2010. 2.30pm start **GEN**

10th (Sat) EARLS BARTON and the Christmas Tree Festival is our walk today. Refreshments available in the Church Hall or the Apothocoffee shop. Meet in the bus station for bus SC X47 at 1.25pm. **SW**

11th (Sun) WEATHER WORKSHOP see 13th Nov' **MET**

12th (Mon) CURATION GROUP See 14th November for details. 10.30am to 12.30pm

12th (Mon) CHRISTMAS MEETING. A festive meeting full of merriment and a light-hearted look at astronomy with mince pies and mulled wine. **AST**

14th (Wed) OPEN HOUSE see 9th November for details.

14th (Wed) CHRISTMAS PARTY Bring food and drink, with seasonal photography themed competitions and games. 8.00pm start **PHO**

15th (Thu) ALL ABOUT GEOLOGY, a course for all Part 2. From Hydrogen to Uranium. by Seán Karley. **GEO**

17th (Sat) TOWCESTER is a popular venue, especially if the visit includes lunch at the inn on the square. Meet in the bus station for bus SC 8 at 1.16am. **SW**

24th (Sat) A local walk from EASTFIELD PARK TO THE KETTERING ROAD where we can obtain a hot cuppa. Meet in the bus station for bus SC7 at 1.20pm. **SW**

31st (Sat) We end the year with a walk from WESTON FAVELL VILLAGE TO ABINGTON PARK. Meet in bus station for bus SC1 at 1.30pm. Coffee/tea available. **SW**