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## NOVEMBER 2016

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**1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 7.30pm MY FAVOURITE MICROSCOPE - BRING, SHOW & TELL** We all have our preferred microscope, whether we own one or many! Your chance to speak about and display a microscope of your choice. Great for beginners to learn what is available and which ones work the best. **MIC**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 8.00pm PRINT COMPETITIONS** Up to 3 entries per member per round for each of the competitions. Monochrome General, Monochrome Portrait (Vic Seaton Cup), Colour Print (Jubilee Cup), Digital Art. Round 1 of 3 **PHO**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 2.30pm AN ABERRANT BOTANIST GOES DOWN UNDER (UP NORTH)** Seán Karley gives an illustrated talk on Wild Flowers and Caves in the Yorkshire Dales. **BOT**

**4<sup>th</sup> Friday 7.30pm THE 2016 HUMFREY LECTURE: IT'S A FUNNY WAY TO MAKE A LIVING** by Michael Leach. Michael is an ex BBC wildlife photographer and he will explain the basics of his art in this revelling, humorous introduction to the realities of professional wildlife filming. This is most definitely NOT a technical talk. Michael explains how to coax animals into the right spot and convince them that no-one is watching. He uncovers cunning, underhand tricks-of-the-trade that produce amazing images. Be prepared to have some illusions shattered. **MIC**

**5<sup>th</sup> Saturday 11:00am HOW SERIOUS IS CLIMATE CHANGE?** Our next four meetings will concentrate on Climate change and the Anthropocene. We will watch lecture by Chuck Kutscher on climate change, why it is important and what can be done. **MET**

**5<sup>th</sup> Saturday BRAMPTON VALLEY WAY** is today's choice. Meet for Centrebus No 60 at 10.45am. Lunch available. **SW**

**7<sup>th</sup> Monday 11.00am to 1.00pm CURATION GROUP** We are curating the collection of minerals given to the Society by Chris Osborne. We will be unwrapping them and entering them into a database; and of course enjoying them!

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

**9<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 2.30pm** A trip around **EAST ANGLIA** from Cambridge to the north Norfolk Coast. **ARC/HIS**

**9<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 8.00pm WORKSHOP – ADVANCED DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY (1)** The first of two workshops to help 'post-shutter' development of your photos. Dave Belton and David Harris will demonstrate some of the more advanced 'Photoshop' digital processing techniques. **PHO**

**10<sup>th</sup> Thursday 2.30pm ADA SALTER** Illustrated presentation by Roger Warren on the extraordinary story of pioneer ethical socialist, environmentalist and social reformer Ada Salter. Born in Raunds in 1866 she married and moved to Bermondsey and in 1922 became the first woman mayor in London. **GEN**

**12<sup>th</sup> Saturday LINGS WOOD** is this week's destination. Meet for bus SC 2 at 1.30pm. Afternoon tea available. **SW**

**14<sup>th</sup> Monday 7.30pm CELEBRATE TIM PEAKE'S PRINCIPIA MISSION WITH DAVE EAGLE.** A fun and informative evening looking at Tim's mission to the ISS. Using a multi-media and audience interactive presentation. We'll also look at what there is to see in the night sky after some tea and perhaps a little practical urban observing too. Guests are very welcome. **AST**

**15<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 2.30pm SEA LEVEL RISE** Climate change has many aspects, this week we will concentrate on sea level rise. It is thought that sea level rise could exceed 20 feet by the end of the century. Combating sea level rise might become the largest industry of the late 21<sup>st</sup> century and includes proposals for a dam between Gibraltar and Morocco. **MET**

**15<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7.30pm GENETIC MODIFICATION** by guest speaker Professor Peter Lillford (Univ. Birmingham). Prof. Lillford has had a distinguished career in industry and academia, and is an eminent authority in food and materials science. You can expect an interesting, lively, amusing and provocative approach to this controversial subject. **MIC**

**16<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 8.00pm UNDERWOOD CUP** Round 2 of 3. A pictorial image competition on any subject for up to three projected images per round. **PHO**

**17<sup>th</sup> Thursday 2.30pm THE RESTLESS EARTH.** Seán Karley will give an illustrated talk about Plate Tectonics, the biggest jig-saw on this planet. How the continents wander around and what this does to Life on Earth. **GEO**

**19<sup>th</sup> Saturday BEDFORD** is always a popular town with the walkers to visit. Meet for bus SC 41 at 10.35am. Lunch available in the town. **SW**

**21<sup>st</sup> Monday CURATION GROUP** See the 7<sup>th</sup> November

**23<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 8.00pm WHEN THE LIGHT IS RIGHT** by Annie Ford. Local photographer Annie has interests in both monochrome and colour photography, and likes to take photos of flowers, landscapes and industrial sites. Her talk illustrates how she uses the light to obtain some of her images. **PHO**

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

**24<sup>th</sup> Thursday 7.30pm MAIN SOCIETY COUNCIL MEETING**

**26<sup>th</sup> Saturday** A walk through the village of **WESTON FAVELL TO ABINGTON PARK** is the plan for this Saturday. Meet for bus SC 1 at 1.29pm. Refreshments available. **SW**

**28<sup>th</sup> Monday 7.30pm ROSETTA AT MISSION END** with Dr Colin Snodgrass. Rosetta's mission is nearly complete and the decision has been made to "land" the vehicle on the surface of the comet it has been following for over two years! Dr Colin Snodgrass is the Ernest Rutherford research fellow at the Open University. One of his jobs is to coordinate the world-wide ground-based observation campaign that supports the Rosetta mission. ESA has nominated Colin to visit us a couple of weeks after the post-landing Rosetta science team meeting, so final data from all instruments will be in. Come and hear what ESA have to say about this exciting mission to a comet. A highlight of the year. don't miss it! **AST**

**30<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 8.00pm JOINT MEETING WITH TOWCESTER CAMERA CLUB.** The NNHS has invited members from Towcester CC to bring along some photos to a social meeting to share and enjoy each other's work. We hope to show and discuss around 20 photos from each. **PHO**

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## DECEMBER 2016

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**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 2.30pm BOTANY SECTION PRESIDENTS EVENING.** Patrick Rawlinson will give us an illustrated talk on a subject close to his heart. **BOT**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 11:00am IS GLOBAL WARMING REALLY HAPPENING?** What is the evidence that global warming is taking place and why is it thought that human activity is the cause of this? What are the possible consequences? **MET**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday BRIXWORTH VILLAGE** is a place of great interest. Meet bus SC X7 at 1.21pm. Hot drinks available. **SW**

**5<sup>th</sup> Monday CURATION GROUP** See the 7<sup>th</sup> November

**6<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7.30pm YOUR CHRISTMAS DINNER - THE MEAT (PART I)** by Mike Asquith. An introduction to the structure of muscle: Mike will talk about the structure of mammalian and avian muscle, and then a chance to examine prepared slides from the society's large slide collection. **MIC**

**7<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 8.00pm SET SUBJECT COMPETITION** Round 2 of 4. Themed competition for up to three digital and/or print images per round. This round to illustrate **HERITAGE**. **PHO**

**8<sup>th</sup> Thursday 2.30pm BUS DRIVING REMINISCENCES.** Talk by society member John Cox about his experiences, memories and recollections as a bus driver in North London in the 1960s, with other personal reminiscences of the time. **GEN**

**10<sup>th</sup> Saturday OLNEY** is a favourite area. Meet for bus SC 41 at 1.35pm. Tea at one of the cafes before returning home. **SW**

**12<sup>th</sup> Monday 7.30pm SECTION CHRISTMAS PARTY.** It's the end of another year. Join us for our light hearted festive evening with mulled wine and mince pies. Reminisces of the astronomical year, or any other topic for that matter! Spouses and friends are welcome, as are contributions. **AST**

**13<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 2.30pm BANGLADESH** is famously prone to natural disasters, but is it now facing a disaster made in the industrialised world? **MET**

**14<sup>th</sup> Wednesday OPEN HOUSE** See the 9<sup>th</sup> November.

**14<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 2.30pm** Christmas Party and a quiz on Northampton by Cyril Sampson. **ARC/HIS**

**14<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 8.00pm WORKSHOP – ADVANCED DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY (2).** The second of two workshops where Dave Belton and David Harris demonstrate some of the more advanced 'Photoshop' digital processing techniques. **PHO**

**17<sup>th</sup> Saturday** Another 'must' is **MARKET HARBOROUGH**. Meet bus SC X7 at 11.21am. Lunch available in the town. **SW**

**19<sup>th</sup> Monday CURATION GROUP** See the 7<sup>th</sup> November

**20<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7.30pm YOUR CHRISTMAS DINNER - THE MEAT (PART II)** by Mike Asquith. Bring your own samples of muscle tissue (chicken legs etc). A combination of microscopy and food (to be looked at and then consumed afterwards in our pre-Christmas meeting). **MIC**

**21<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 8.00pm. CHRISTMAS PARTY** Our seasonal light-hearted meeting for the photo section members. What will Julia and Helen do this year to match last year's great success? Please bring a little food and drink to share for the supper. **PHO**

**24<sup>th</sup> Saturday** An afternoon walk through **THORNTON PARK TO KINGSTHORPE VILLAGE** is our venue today. Meet for bus SC 16 at 1.34pm. Refreshments available. **SW**

**31<sup>st</sup> Saturday BOUGHTON GREEN ROAD TO KETTERING ROAD** via Holton's Lane brings an end to our programme of walks for another year. Meet for bus SC 16 at 1.34pm. **SW**