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## NOVEMBER 2018

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**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 2.30pm. ALL ABOUT PLANTS** By Seán Karley. A study of most aspects of the Plant Kingdom, spread over several of our monthly meetings. Part 3. "Plant Ecology" or "What Grows Where and Why?". **BOT**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Friday 2.00pm – 4.00pm THE JANE HUMFREY CONCERT.** After the popular and successful 2017 concert Pamela Rawlinson will again entertain us on the piano, but this time with the assistance of a violin, cello and horn. Charge for non-members. **BOT**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday OLNEY** is an all time favourite destination with its impressive church and riverside location. Meet for bus SC 41 at 11.44am. Refreshments available. **SW**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 11:00am to 12:30pm 8,000 DAYS TO SAVE THE PLANET AS WE KNOW IT.** A meeting led by Mike Longman. The Paris Climate Agreement set a target of holding global warming at no more than 2 degrees centigrade above pre industrial levels. At current rates of increase in emission of CO2 we will hit that level in about 8,000 day's time. We will discuss what is being done around the World to try to reduce CO2 emissions. Please contribute news of any developments that you have heard of. **MET**

**6<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7.30pm LOOKING AT BACTERIA UNDER THE MICROSCOPE** by Mike Asquith and Mike Gibson. This is a good time to look at natural bacteria in rotting vegetation etc. This evening's practical will enable us not only to use our oil immersion lenses, but also to make some useful slides of bacteria to add to our own collections. Guests are very welcome. **MIC**

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

**8<sup>th</sup> Thursday 2.30pm. THE WAY WE WERE.** Presentation by section president Patrick Rawlinson. A nostalgic reflection, with interesting exhibits and displays on everyday life as it was in the old days. **GEN**

**8<sup>th</sup> Thursday 7.30pm. MAIN SOCIETY COUNCIL MEETING.** All members of the society are welcome to attend.

**10<sup>th</sup> Saturday BRADLAUGH FIELDS,** a surprisingly green and varied location is today's choice for a walk. Meet for bus SC7 at 1.06pm. A hot drink at the supermarket afterwards. **SW**

**12<sup>th</sup> Monday 11:00am-1:00pm CURATION GROUP.** We meet fortnightly to work on the Society's Collections, cleaning and sorting them and making databases to facilitate use of them. No previous experience is needed, all are welcome to help. Come and have real "hands-on" pleasure with some fascinating objects. We are currently working on our collection of Shells.

**12<sup>th</sup> Monday BADBY CHALLENGE CUP** The annual competition between nine local camera clubs. An occasion to enjoy other club's work and to discover how well our photographers measure up against them. Hosted by Banbury Club at Middleton Cheney. Details tba. **PHO**

**12<sup>th</sup> Monday 7.30pm GRAVITATIONAL WAVES. EXPLORING THIS PHENOMENA,** by Ulrich Kolb. We welcome Dr Ulrich Kolb who is a Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics, at The Open University. Guests are very welcome to this lecture on this subject of great interest. **AST**

**14<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 and exhibits. Tea and coffee available.

**14<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 2.30pm** A trip to Ireland to visit the last port of the Titanic. How to turn beach sand to glass **ARC/HIS**

**14<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 8.00pm AN AUDIO-VISUAL EXPERIENCE** Graham Neville from East Midlands Audio-visual Group has had many years exploring the world of audio-visual photographic presentations and has produced some amazing sequences. Tonight he will present some of them and hold an interactive discussion into how he creates his highly regarded works. **PHO**

**15<sup>th</sup> Thursday 2.30pm GEOLOGY OF OXFORDSHIRE** An opportunity to learn about the geology of one of our neighbouring county to the south with a presentation from a member of the Oxfordshire Geology Group. **GEO**

**17<sup>th</sup> Saturday** We will join the residents of **HIGHAM FERRERS** as they hold their annual "Sparkle" event. Meet for bus SC X46 at 10.55am. Refreshments available in the town. **SW**

**20<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7.30pm. FORAMINIFERA WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO SAND FROM DOG'S BAY IN IRELAND** by Mike Gibson. Foraminifera are microscopic shells or "tests" from marine environments. They can be so numerous that whole beaches can be formed from these shells. A brief introduction followed by a practical making microscope slides to add to your own collections. **MIC**

**21<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 8.00pm UNDERWOOD CUP** A competition for members to submit pictorial images on any subject. Up to three projected images allowed per member per round. Round 2 of 3 **PHO**

**24<sup>th</sup> Saturday TOWCESTER** is very popular with the Walkers. Meet for bus SC X89 at 11.49am. The town offers a popular choice of venues for refreshments. **SW**

**26<sup>th</sup> Monday 11:00am-1:00pm CURATION GROUP.** Please see entry for 12<sup>th</sup> November for meeting details.

**26<sup>th</sup> Monday 7.30pm TELESCOPIC TOPICS.** Visitors and guests welcome. A meeting comprising member contributions on various astronomy themes. Your chance to show the section observations you have made, equipment you are using or anything else that has interested you enough to share it with the section. If you have a special interest and would like to participate as a speaker please let the secretary know beforehand. **AST**

**28<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 8.00pm POST SHUTTER PROCESSING (1)** An ever popular workshop to explain further digital processing techniques, run by Dave Belton. This week includes collages but let Dave know if there is anything special you would like him to demonstrate. **PHO**

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

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## DECEMBER 2018

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**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday** Today we will walk in the village of **MILTON MALSOR** and visit the Christmas Tree Festival being held at the Parish Church. Meet for bus SC X89 at 12.49pm. Drinks available. **SW**

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday 11:00am to 12.30pm CLOUDS** With the help of the World Meteorological Organisation International Cloud Atlas and other sources we will look at the various types of clouds, how to identify them and what they are telling us. **MET**

**4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7.30pm YOUR CHRISTMAS FOOD – THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY (PART 1)** by Mike Asquith. Much of our food comes frozen. Mike will introduce you to the effects (good & bad) of freezing, and how they can be studied under the microscope. **MIC**

**5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 8.00pm SET SUBJECT COMPETITION** A themed competition for up to three digital and/or print images per round. The subject for this round is 'ENGINEERING' Round 2 of 4 **PHO**

**6<sup>th</sup> Thursday 2.30pm. PRESIDENT'S AFTERNOON** Our Section President, Patrick Rawlinson, will give us an illustrated talk on a subject close to his heart. **BOT**

**8<sup>th</sup> Saturday** A brisk walk down **THE OLD KENT ROAD** calling in at "Tick Tocks" en route! Meet for bus SC 9A at 1.19pm. **SW**

**10<sup>th</sup> Monday 11am-1pm CURATION GROUP** Please see entry for 12<sup>th</sup> November for meeting details.

**10<sup>th</sup> Monday 7.30pm. ASTRO CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER.** An evening of wine food and other Christmas fayre. The odd presentation and a quiz perhaps. Guests and visitor 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 and exhibits. Tea and coffee available.

**12<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 2.30pm. A YULETIDE GATHERING OF THE SECTION.** A lighthearted meeting to whom to all are invited. **ARC/HIS**

**12<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 8.00pm THE 2016 P.A.G.B. PRINT AND PROJECTED IMAGE EXHIBITIONS** An evening to enjoy and appreciate the winning images from the national 2017 competition and exhibition run by the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain. **PHO**

**13<sup>th</sup> Thursday 2.30pm THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS.** A light hearted look at the festive season by Polly Feeley. **GEN**

**15<sup>th</sup> Saturday** A walk round the village of **DALLINGTON** is on offer today. Meet for bus SC 12 at 1.26pm. Drinks at the local inn. **SW**

**18<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7.30pm. YOUR CHRISTMAS FOOD – THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY (PART 2)** by Mike Asquith. More about dodgy food additives and how to recognise them under the microscope, rounded off with some Christmas Goodies - for those who still have an appetite! **MIC**

**19<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 8.00pm CHRISTMAS PARTY** Our seasonal light-hearted meeting for the photo section members, organised by our lively trio Julia, Elaine and Caroline. Please bring a little food and drink to share for the supper. **PHO**

**20<sup>th</sup> Thursday 2.30pm LOST OCEANS** Sue Barker travels back in time to long before the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans existed, when Scotland and England were thousands of miles apart on either side of a disappeared ocean. Hear the story of their coming together and of other vanished oceans that have come and gone and the legacy they have left behind them. **GEO**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Saturday** This Saturday we will take a stroll through **THORNTON PARK TO KINGSTHORPE VILLAGE**. Meet for bus SC 16 at 1.16pm. Tea at the local café. **SW**

**24<sup>th</sup> Monday 11am-1pm CURATION GROUP.** Please see entry for 12<sup>th</sup> November for meeting details.

**29<sup>th</sup> Saturday** A visit to **EASTFIELD PARK** brings this year's programme to an end. Meet for bus SC 7 at 1.06pm. Tea at the supermarket. **SW**