
SEPTEMBER 2019

4th Wednesday 8.00pm MEMBERS NIGHT. Summer is over so tonight is for members to show off any photos taken during the summer break, or anything else of photographic interest. Maybe photos from our informal meeting nights, photographs of a particular interest or work by a photographer you admire etc. etc. This year's photo project "**NORTHAMPTON CHARACTERS**" will also be introduced. **PHO**

5th Thursday 2.30pm. WHAT WE SAW THIS SUMMER. Please bring along anything you saw recently, to share with us all. Tell tales; ask questions, whatever you wish. Photos, specimens, plants, galls etc. **BOT**

7th Saturday We start the month with a visit to **YARDLEY HASTINGS.** Meet for bus SC 41 at 12.44pm. Refreshments at the Village Hall. **SW**

7th Saturday 11.00am AIR PARTICLES. Working Group – we will be looking at and setting up our atmospheric particle recording equipment using a Raspberry Pi. If you are interested in measuring levels of particles in the atmosphere come along and find out what we are doing. **MET**

9th Monday 7.30pm THE ZOONIVERSE PROJECT by guest speaker Prof Andrew Norton of the Open University. Andrew carries out research on all sorts of variable stars, including white dwarfs, neutron stars and black holes. He leads a Zooniverse project where citizen science volunteers can identify and classify the light-curves of 1.5 million variable stars observed by SuperWASP. Guests are very welcome. **AST**

10th Tuesday 7.30pm DISCOVERING DORMICE.. Join Gwen Hitchcock, the local Wildlife Trust's Monitoring and Research officer for a brief introduction to one of our most iconic mammals and the work the Wildlife Trust is doing to help them. Arranged by the WILDside project which the NNHS supports with the use of the Humfrey Rooms.

11th 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.

11th Wednesday 2.30pm THE NORTH WEST HIGHLANDS by Cyril Sampson. Cyril will show us pictures and tell us about his and Jan's trip they took in March 2018 to the rugged and beautiful North West Highlands of Scotland. **ARC/HIS**

11th 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 1 of 3. **PHO**

12th Thursday 2.30pm THE TORRES STRAITS – AUSTRALIA. The interesting story of the Cambridge University zoological expedition to the Torres Strait islands of Australia in the late 1890s - which lead to the establishment of the new science of anthropology. **GEN**

14th Saturday The meadows and/or the brook at **TOWCESTER** today. Meet for bus SC 88 at 11.02am. Lunch available in the town. **SW**

16th 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.

17th Tuesday 7.30pm STACKING / STITCHING by Mike Asquith. The new season starts with a chance to explore the potential of stacking and stitching images from your microscope. This method is used to generate images with greater depth of field and/or image coverage impossible to get by any other means. We will use software available free to all. **MIC**

18th Wednesday 2.30pm 150 YEARS OF WEATHER RECORDS IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE. We will look at the Society's weather records for the last 150 years. What can they tell us about Northamptonshire, not just its climate but also society and technology? **MET**

18th Wednesday 8.00pm A MATTER OF GRAVE CONCERN by Elaine Lenton. Elaine will introduce us to her interest in the architecture associated with gravestones, and the stories behind them. She is especially interested in those found in the 'Magnificent Seven' London cemeteries. **PHO**

19th Thursday 2.30pm THE VOLCANO THAT STOPPED THE WORLD. In 2010, the small Icelandic volcano Eyjafjallajökull, dormant since 1823, erupted. The ash cloud caused the largest shutdown of air traffic over Europe since WW2. This talk will explore the eruption and its aftermath and ask "will it happen again?" We welcome **Prof Nick Petford**, Vice - Chancellor of Northampton University and formerly Professor of Earth and Planetary Sciences at Kingston University to address us. **GEO**

21st Saturday It is some time since we had a stroll beside the canal at **SHELFLEYS.** Meet for bus SC 3 at 1.22pm. **SW**

25th 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 '**MACRO PHOTOGRAPHY – CLOSE UP OF A KITCHEN ITEM**'. Round 1 of 4. **PHO**

26th Thursday 2.30pm Lecture to be announced. **ZOO/ORTH**

28th Saturday Another waterside walk is on offer this week: this time alongside **WELLINGBOROUGH EMBANKMENT!** Meet for bus SC X47 at 11.25am. Refreshments available in the town. **SW**

30th Monday 11:00am-1:00pm CURATION GROUP. See 16th September

30th 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**

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1st Tuesday 7.30pm SPIDERS. This is a good time of the year to collect wild spiders from the garden and examine them under the microscope. It will be the first time we have looked at this fascinating group of creatures at an evening meeting. **MIC**

2nd Wednesday 8.00pm CORNWALL CUP A competition for members to submit natural history photos, as per PAGB rules 2018. Up to three projected images per member per round allowed. Round 1 of 3. **PHO**

3rd Thursday 2.30pm A DEMOCRATIC BOTANICAL SLIDE SHOW. Seán Karley will bring several Powerpoint shows on Botanical subjects, and members will be asked to select one to watch. **BOT**

5th Saturday A new location for us to explore is **BROMHAM MILL.** Meet for bus SC 41 at 10.44am. Refreshments available on site. **SW**

5th Saturday 11:00am AIR PARTICLES. Working Group – we will be looking at and setting up our atmospheric particle measuring device. Is it reporting correctly to the WWW? What is it telling us? How do our readings compare with others? **MET**

8th Tuesday 7.30pm THE CHANGING FACE OF BIOLOGICAL RECORDING IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE. Join Ryan Clark from the Northamptonshire Biodiversity Records Centre for the final talk in the series of WILDside Talks at the NNHS. This talk will be a celebration of the WILDside Project through looking at how biological recording has evolved in the county from the first biological recorders, to the present day and how the future for biological recording may look. Arranged by the WILDside project which the NNHS supports with the use of the Humfrey Rooms.

9th Wednesday 10.30am - 2.30pm OPEN HOUSE see 11th September

9th Wednesday 2.30pm AROUND IN A CIRCLE by Mike Longman. A whistle stop tour of the remaining six round churches in Britain commencing with the Holy Sepulchre in Northampton. **ARC/HIS**

9th Wednesday 8.00pm THREE WAY CHALLENGE The annual competition between Northampton C.C., Duston C.C., and ourselves. This year hosted by NNHS in the Humfrey Rooms. **PHO**

10th Thursday 2.30pm "A MATTER OF GRAVE CONCERN" Illustrated presentation by photographer Elaine Lenton on Victorian cemeteries in both Northampton and London - where the tombs and memorials provide great subject matter for imaginative photography. **GEN**

10th Thursday 7.30pm MAIN SOCIETY COUNCIL MEETING

12th Saturday There is an opportunity for us to stretch our legs at **DAVENTRY COUNTRY PARK!** Meet bus SC D2 at 11.15am. Refreshments at the café in the park. **SW**

14th Monday 11:00am-1:00pm CURATION GROUP. See 16th September

14th Monday 7.30pm Guest speaker to be announced. **AST**

15th Tuesday 7.30pm MICROSCOPE SERVICING, TROUBLE SHOOTING AND ALIGNMENT by Mike Asquith and Mike Gibson. Tips for optimising the performance of your microscope and making it do things you never knew it could. Important: bring your own microscope if you possibly can. Perfect meeting to bring a microscope you bought / inherited etc and find out exactly what it can do when properly serviced. **MIC**

16th Wednesday 8.00pm MCPF PORTFOLIO OF PRINTS AND DIGITAL IMAGES An evening viewing the award winning prints and digital images, accompanied by the judges' comments, from the Midland Counties Photographic Federation's 2018 Travelling Photofolio competition. **PHO**

17th Thursday 2.30pm ROCKS! Another hands-on session, this time with the Society's own rock collection. First find out how rocks are formed then get hands on with sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic samples from the collection and try to decide how they were formed. Bring a hand lens if you have one, lots of help available for beginners. Sue Barker and Bob Purser. **GEO**

19th Saturday BRACKMILLS WOODS has been chosen for this week. Meet for bus SC 7 at 1.11pm. Drinks obtainable after the walk. **SW**

23rd Wednesday 8.00pm "BEHIND THE LENS, BEYOND THE LENS." by Peter Cairns Another exciting evening of Photographic Interest organised by **Towcester Camera Club at Towcester Sports Centre.** Peter is a Scottish Conservation/Wildlife Photographer and author, and will highlight his talk with natural history and landscape photos. The first 10 tickets available from NNHS photo programme secretary. **PHO**

26th Saturday The towpath at **BLISWORTH** completes the Autumn programme. Meet for bus SC88 at 1.02pm. Drinks available in village. **SW**

27th Sunday 11.00am FUNGUS FORAY AND GALL GALLOP in Wakerley Woods. Meet in the car park at Grid Ref. SP(42) 95.9; 98.7. Leaders Seán Karley. Tel. 01933 – 225397 and Roger Warren. Joint meeting with Kettering & District NHS. **BOT**

28th Monday 11:00am-1:00pm CURATION GROUP. See 16th September

28th Monday 7.30pm TELESCOPIC TOPICS. See 30th September **AST**

30th Wednesday 2.30pm ECO MARCH NORTHAMPTON. Our speakers today are Mia, Lorna and Ava, the founders of Eco March Northampton and organisers of the Northampton School Strike and Eco March For Climate Change. Together they have taken up the challenge of Greta Thunberg, the Swedish activist from Uppsala. They we will be talking about their campaign for Climate Change and the next steps. **MET**

30th Wednesday 8.00pm WORKSHOP + CHOOSING COMPETITION PHOTOS A practical evening of indoor photography, photographic discussion and post-shutter processing. Bring along your camera and props to take photos, and your questions for discussion. Plus we will choose photographs for the upcoming external Photographic Competitions. **PHO**

31st Thursday 2.30pm Lecture to be announced. **ZOO/ORTH**