

Programme of events: October to December 2017

		OCTOBER		
Tuesday 3rd Oct	12:30pm Programme Committee Meeting			
Tuesday 3rd Oct 7:30pm	Science Lecture	Birds and Poetry <i>Speaker: Richard Hesketh</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> Grenham Ireland	
Richard is the Volunteer & Education Coordinator for Bournemouth Parks. He is a well known local speaker and was awarded the BNSS President's Award in 2016.				
Friday 6th Oct 10:00-1300	Mycology Field Mtg.	Kings Copse enclosure Map Ref: OL 22 SU 408 025	<i>Leader:</i> Malcolm Storey <i>Mobile</i>	
Park in Moonhills Car Park on Summer Lane (on road to Exbury Gardens). The car park is just before the cattle grid at Otterwood Gate.				
Saturday 7th Oct 2:30pm	Geology Lecture	Life in the Mid Jurassic <i>Speaker: Will Fisher</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> Ray Chapman	
Will has recently completed a Masters in Geoscience.				
Tuesday 10th Oct 7:30pm	Astronomy Lecture	Astronomy and Philosophy <i>Speaker: Martin Griffiths</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> James Fradgley	
After 17 years as a lecturer at the University of South Wales, he is now Director of the Brecon Beacons Observatory. He is an enthusiastic science communicator, lecturer, writer and professional astronomer utilizing astronomy, history and science fiction as tools to encourage greater public understanding of science. We will look at the impact astronomical discoveries have had on various forms of philosophy, both ancient and modern.				
Friday 13th Oct 1000- 2:30pm	Preparation for Open Day			
Saturday 14th October 10:00am to 4:00pm Open Weekend in conjunction with the Bournemouth Arts Festival Children's Workshops will run throughout the weekend. Other attractions include Steve and his amazing flying cockroaches: spiders and breeding butterflies. Bring your own found antiquities to show the Dorset recording Officer.				
Sunday 15th October 10:00am to 4:00pm See above.				
Monday 16th Oct	4:00pm Trustees Meeting			
Tuesday 17th Oct 7:30pm	Archaeology Lecture	Druce Farm: a new Roman villa for Dorset <i>Speaker: Lilian Ladle</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> Brian Pople	
Lilian is Director of Excavations for East Dorset Antiquarian Society.				
Wednesday 18th Oct 2:30pm	Sustainability Workshop	"How Carbon Conscious are You?" <i>Speaker: Angela Fendley</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> Mary Thornton	
Angela Fendley will be delivering an interactive talk based on the successful Transition carbon counting project Count On Me. She will be taking a lighthearted and friendly look at the easy steps we could all take to live a more sustainable lifestyle. What would you pack in your Suitcase of Sustainability?				
Saturday 21st Oct 2:30pm	Geography Lecture	eXXpedition Round Britain 2017 <i>Speaker.</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> Mary Thornton	
One of the all-female S/V Sea Dragon crew member will give an illustrated talk on eXXpedition, the Round Britain trawl of marine plastics.				
Tuesday 24th Oct 7:30pm	Botany Lecture	The Great Heath Nature Parks - Corfe Barrows, Holes Bay and Lytchett Bay. <i>Speaker: Nicky Hoar</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> Mike Downing	
The Great Heath project has created two Nature Parks, with a third (Lytchett Bay) in the pipeline for 2017. The term Nature Park recognises the value of an area to both people and wildlife. Corfe Barrows is a varied landscape of woods, meadows and heaths, Holes Bay is a high-profile and busy area of Poole Harbour of great importance to wintering wildfowl while Lytchett Bay is a much quieter but no less important bay of Poole Harbour, with varied uses by local people and visitors. Nicky is a long-time serving DWT officer and has held a number of important posts supporting wildlife conservation and community engagement across the county.				

Wednesday 25th Oct 2:30pm	Geology Study group	Dynamic Earth 2 (museum room)	
Saturday 28th Oct 2:30pm	Egyptology Lecture	Empires in Parallel: Egypt and Rome <i>Speaker: Dylan Bickerstaffe</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> Brian Popple
	Dylan Bickerstaffe is an Egyptologist who specialises in Royal Mummies, the Ramesside Period and the Labyrinth. Dylan also leads tour groups in Egypt. Dylan has a wide selection of talks and this one looks at the time when Cleopatra V11 died and Rome took Egypt as an imperial province. Is it likely that that the Roman Empire can tell us anything about ancient Egypt? Surprisingly the answer is 'yes'.		
Tuesday 31st October 10:00am	Trustees	Strategy planning meeting	
Tuesday 31th Oct 7:30pm	History Lecture	Passchendaele <i>Speaker: Rod Arnold</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> Brian Popple
	Rod is a founder member and current vice chairman of the Western Front association. Rod's talk will look at the background, events and some of the myths of the British Army's campaign in Flanders during 1917.		

		NOVEMBER	
Saturday 4rd Nov 2:30pm	Astronomy Lecture	Archeoastronomy: Ancient Monuments and their Use of the Sky <i>Speaker: Diana Challis</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> James Fradgley
	Dr Challis is a very well regarded speaker. We look forward to her coming to BNSS. This talk is likely to run for 80 minutes or so.		
Tuesday 7th Nov	12:30pm Programme Committee Meeting		
Tuesday 7th Nov 7:30pm	Entomology Lecture	" A visit to the wildlife Wonders of Madagascar using film clips." <i>Speaker: Mark Spencer</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> Mark Spencer
	A mixture of film and stills taken from the best of three trips to Madagascar.		
Friday Nov 10th 10:00-13:00	Mycology Field Mtg.	St Catherine's Hill Map Ref: OL22 SZ 140 952	<i>Leader: Malcolm Storey</i> <i>Mobile:</i>
	Meet at the Car Park by the parade of shops on Marlow Drive (Post Code: BH23 2RR). For late arrivals we will go straight up the hill into the wood. A couple of brisk inclines but otherwise easy going. May be some mud!		
Friday 10th Nov 7:30pm	Barn Dance with "The Old Pull and Push". Tickets £5:00 pp in advance from Steve Limburn, or £7:00 at the door. Bring your own snacks and drinks!		
Saturday 11th Nov 10-12.30	Young Explorers "Famous Scientists"		
Saturday 11th Nov 2:30pm	Ornithology Lecture	Dorset and Hampshire's Special Birds <i>Speaker: Keith Betton</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> Ian Julian
	Keith is deputy-President of the BTO, has appeared over 1,000 times on television, has just passed the 8,000 mark of birds species seen worldwide, but his real passion are the local birds of Dorset and Hampshire, where he is the county recorder and leader of the 1600 members of Hampshire Ornithological Society.		
Monday 13th Nov	4.00pm Trustees Meeting		
Tuesday 14th November	12.30pm Museum Meeting		
Tuesday 14th Nov 7:30pm	Geology Lecture	The Big Five Mass Extinctions <i>Speaker: Ray chapman</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> Steve Limburn

Saturday 18th Nov 2:30pm	Egyptology Lecture	Update on Conservation <i>Speaker: Richard & Helena Jaenschke</i>	Brian Popple
	Richard and Helena Jaeschke are accredited specialists in the conservation of archaeological sites and objects and work on material from excavations in the field and museums. One of their many projects is a fort at Hierakonopolis which is 30' high and 16' thick at the base. Richard can turn a box of broken pottery or a broken mummy case. Richard is considered to be the best in the field of preventative and interventive conservation treatments. Not only in Egyptology, Richard also works with natural history and ethnographic items.		
Tuesday 21st Nov 7:30pm	General Lecture	A Wildlife Year in Dorset <i>Speaker: Ruth Worsley</i>	<i>Chairman: Mary Thornton</i>
	Humps, holloways and all things wild in an ancient landscape seen through the seasons. Ruth is currently working on a heritage project for East Devon AONB - legacy to landscape ...		
Wed 22nd Nov 2.30pm	Geology Study group	Dynamic Earth 3 (museum room)	Ray Chapman
Saturday 25th Nov 2:30pm	Joint Historical Lecture	Aethelred the Unready and Cnut the Great. A Tale of Two Kings. <i>Speaker: Dr Ryan Lavelle</i>	<i>Chairman: Robert Hill</i>
Tuesday 28th Nov 7:30pm	Astronomy Lecture	Pseudoastronomy <i>Speaker Steve Tonkin</i>	<i>Chairman: James Fradgley</i>
	Steve is a member of BNSS, and has given us entertaining talks before. Steve hates unscientific stuff. We look forward to a catalogue of wrong thinking.		

		DECEMBER	
Saturday 2nd Dec	No Lecture ARC AGM		
Monday 4th Dec	4.00pm Trustees meeting		
Tuesday 5th Dec 12.30- 2.30pm	Members Lunch. Informal in the museum room, come and meet other members and officers of the society		
Tuesday 5th Dec 7:30pm	Science Lecture	My favourite microscope specimens: the 'fierce roller', water bears and polychaete worm larvae. <i>Speaker: Grenham Ireland</i>	<i>Chairman: Mary Thornton</i>
	Grenham will describe the lives and behaviour of several interesting organisms he has studied under the microscope and illustrate his talk with pictures and videos. Grenham used to run a microscope facility at Manchester University but now gives microscope demonstrations as an amateur microscopist.		
Sat 9th Dec 1000-1200	Young explorers		
Saturday 9th Dec 2:00pm	AGM	Annual general meeting and assembly	

Monday 11th December – Tuesday 9th January 2018 - Closed for CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR

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Occasionally it is necessary to make changes to the programme after it has been published. Any changes will be posted on the notice boards at the Society and also published on our website: www.bnss.org.uk.

Lectures are held in the BNSS Lecture Hall at 39 Christchurch Road, Bournemouth.

Please note that BNSS is open 30 minutes before the lecture start time.

Afternoon lectures last about one hour, followed by 10-15 minutes for questions. Refreshments are then available in the Museum Room.

Evening lectures usually last for one hour. There may be a short break after about 40 minutes or at the end of the talk for refreshments as announced by the chairman. The evening concludes with questions and/or discussion.

The views expressed in lectures are those of the speakers. They do not necessarily represent the views of BNSS.

The hall is fitted with an audio-loop and loudspeakers. The hall is accessible at ground level.

Field Meetings are usually from 10:30am to about 3:30pm unless otherwise stated. Please bring your own refreshments as required. Please wear suitable waterproof clothing and footwear. Clothing should be dark in colour when birds and animals are to be observed. No dogs, please. **Also please check the BNSS Website "Latest News" or phone the leader of the field meeting on the day before the meeting in case changes have had to be made to the arrangements for the walk. Thank you.**

Members should be aware that the Society is not in a position to provide a qualified first-aider on field meetings.

Officers of the Society

All telephone numbers are in the Bournemouth area (code 01202) unless otherwise stated:

President		
Chairman of Trustees	Rod Cooper	
Chairman of Assembly	Mike Skivington	
Treasurer	Gerry Duggan	
Secretary	Ray Chapman	
Curator (acting)	Ray Chapman	
Librarian	Brian Tiller	
Archivist	John Cresswell	
Programme Chairman	Mary Thornton	
Programme Despatch	Edna Cherrett	
Website Editor	Grenham Ireland	
Newsletter Editor	Chris Davison	
Membership Sec.	James Fradgley	
Publicity	Chris Davison	
Volunteer Co-ordinator	Mary Thornton	
Young Explorers Co-ordinator	Steve Limburn	

A list of other members who help to run the Society is on the Notice Board.

Chairmen of Sections

Please use these telephone numbers and emails for field trips, etc.:

Archaeology & History	Bryan Popple	
Astronomy	James Fradgley	
Botany	Mike Downing	
Entomology	Mark Spencer	
General		
Geography	Martin Western	
Geology'	Ray Chapman	
Microscopy	Steve Limburn	
Ornithology		
Science	Grenham Ireland	
Zoology	Jonathan McGowan	

The Society's Premises are open **Tuesday from 10:00am to 16:00pm**

The Society rooms and library are open to members for research, help in the garden, etc. Come in for a chat and coffee.

The Society's Collections will be open for general viewing. A guided tour can be arranged.

Change of Address/Telephone: Please notify the Membership Secretary.

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