

Programme of events: January to March 2018

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		JANUARY	
Tuesday 9th Jan	12:30pm Programme Committee Meeting		
Tuesday 9th Jan 7:30pm	Botany Lecture	"Flowers and wildlife in a medieval Transylvanian Landscape". <i>Speaker: Bob Gibbons</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> Mary Thornton
Bob is a well-known author, photographer and tour leader. This well-illustrated talk seeks to explain why the Transylvanian Landscape is so rich in species, looking particularly at its history and farming patterns, and how they have survived from the medieval period.			
Sat 13th Jan 10.00-12.30	Young explorers.	Chemistry for beginners.	Steve Limburn
Saturday 13th Jan 2:30pm	Astronomy Lecture	"New Horizons - Voyage to the outer Solar System" <i>Speaker: Chris Starr</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> James Fradgley
What can we find in the outer reaches of the solar system? This talk looks at Pluto, the Kuiper Belt and the New Horizons probe which is looking at this region. Chris is a space activist, writer and speaker, and is chairman of the Wells & Mendip Astronomers			
Tuesday 16th Jan	12.00-2.00	Museum Committee meeting	
Tuesday 16th Jan 7:30pm	Lecture	"A Winter Warmer" <i>Speaker: Steve Limburn</i>	<i>Chairman:</i>
Another look at the whisky producer's art and discovering a range of tastes worldwide.			
Saturday 20th Jan 2:30pm	Joint lecture with Historical Association	"Henry VII and His Court" <i>Speaker: Dr Steven Gunn, Merton College, Oxford</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> Robert Aitkenhead
Monday 22nd Jan	4.00pm Trustees Meeting		
Tuesday 23rd Jan 7:30pm	Archaeology Lecture	"Hadrian's Wall part 2" <i>Speaker: Bryan Popple</i>	<i>Chairman:</i>
Wednesday 24th Jan 2:30pm	Geology Study Group	Dynamic Earth 4	<i>Leader:</i> Ray Chapman
Saturday 27th Jan 2:30pm	Entomology Lecture	"A Visit to the Wildlife Wonders of Madagascar using Film Clips Part 2" <i>Speaker: Mark Spencer</i>	<i>Chairman:</i>
Mark is our Chair of Entomology, and has been an Amateur Entomologist for 51 Years. He has recently made 3 visits to Madagascar.			
Tuesday 30th Jan 7:30pm	Geology Lecture	"Treasures of the Fells" <i>Speaker: Michael Brooke</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> Ray Chapman
The Lake District: Geology Minerals and More!			

		FEBRUARY	
Saturday 3rd Feb 2:30pm	Science Lecture	"Back from the Brink Project" <i>Speaker: Caroline Kelly</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> Grenham Ireland
Caroline works at "Plantlife" and manages the project "Adding Diversity to Dorset's Heaths". She will talk about the local species which "Back from the Brink" project is seeking to save.			
Tuesday 6th Feb 7.30pm	Local Interest Lecture	"History of Hengistbury Head" <i>Speaker: Bill Hoodless</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> Bryan Pople
Sat 10th February 10.00-12.30	Young Explorers.	Maths for Scientists.	Steve Limburn
Saturday 10th Feb 2:30pm	Geology Lecture	"Coastal Geomorphology and Geology of the Western United States" <i>Speaker: Professor Vincent May</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> Ray Chapman
Tuesday 13th Feb 7.30pm	Entomology Lecture	"Mirror, Orb, Funnel Web, Jumping, Pelican, Purse Web, Baboon, Trap Door, Violin and Bird Eaters, Meet Them All!" <i>Speaker: Mark Spencer</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> Jonathan Macgowan
Spider Keeper for 20 years.			
Saturday 17th Feb 2:30pm	Lecture	"New Forest Films, Past and Present" <i>Speaker: Manuel Hinge</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> Ian Julian
Manuel Hinge is a well known cinematographer and producer			
Monday 19th Feb	4.00pm Trustees Meeting		
Tuesday 20th Feb 7:30pm	Zoology Lecture	"The Red Fox" <i>Speaker: Jonathan McGowan</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> Mark Spencer
A look at Fox Behaviour, its place in the environment, hunting and control and misconceptions from a human perspective.			
Saturday 24th Feb 2:30pm	Egyptology Lecture	"Squeezes. The embarrassing secrets of Egyptology" <i>Speaker: Charlotte Booth</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> Bryan Pople
Charlotte Booth earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Egyptian studies at UCL London and is now teaching at Birkbeck College, London. She is now studying for her PHD at University of Birmingham. Charlotte has written books about various aspects of Egyptology and has appeared on several history television programmes. Her website, 'Charlotte's Egypt', will give you tours of museums and downloads of publications			
Tuesday 27th Feb 7:30pm	Astronomy Lecture	"Spectroscopy: Cracking starlight's hidden code" <i>Speaker: Hugh Allen</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> James Fradgley
We look at the colours of stars and galaxies. How much more can we learn from a detailed analysis of their spectra? Spectroscopy is a fundamental tool for astronomers. Hugh is a chemist who is a member of the William Herschel Society in Bath. He strongly believes that spectroscopy deserves far greater attention from amateurs			

To All Our Members. Are we giving you what you desire in terms of lectures? Any ideas and suggestions will be welcomed by the Programme Committee. What other ideas and topics would you like to see aired? Please send comments to contact@bnss.org.uk or talk to one of the Programme committee.

		MARCH	
Saturday 3rd Mar 2:30pm	Presidents Address	<i>Speaker: TBA</i>	<i>Chairman:</i>
Tuesday 6th March 12.30	Museum Committee meeting		
Tuesday 6th Mar 7:30pm	Assembly		<i>Leader:</i>
National Science Week: Saturday 9th – Sunday 18th			
Saturday 10th March. 10.00-12.30	Young Explorers	Astronomy including Bob's Planetarium and Jo Richardson and Space Detectors.	
Saturday 10th Mar 2:30pm 3.10pm	Planetarium Day	Bob will run 2 30-minute shows in his inflatable planetarium, starting at 2:30 and 3:10pm. <i>Speaker: Bob Mizon</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> James Fradgley
There is a maximum of 30 people per session. If needed a third session will be scheduled. Tickets for each session will be issued at the door.			
Tuesday 13th Mar 7:30pm	Science Lecture	"Dinosaurs to Forensics: tracking dinosaurs, tracking criminals" <i>Speaker: Professor Matthew Bennett</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> Grenham Ireland
Matthew Bennett is Professor of Environmental and Geographical Sciences at Bournemouth University. He is known for his work on aspects of glaciology, sedimentology and geomorphology and has published widely on ancient footprints. Prof. Bennett will talk about recent work on the capture, analysis and comparison of 3D footprints which have applications to the study of dinosaur biology and forensic science			
Wednesday 14th Mar 2:30pm	Microscopy Study Group	A Histological Look at Organs of the Body	<i>Leader:</i> Steve Limburn Grenham Ireland
Saturday 17th Mar 2:30pm	Science Lecture	"Infections in the countryside" <i>Speaker: Dr. Tim Brooks</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> Grenham Ireland
Dr. Brooks is the Director of Public Health England's Rare and Imported Pathogens Laboratory at Porton Down. He will talk particularly about Lyme Disease but also consider a few of the other things that lurk in the woods and fields, that may affect those who wander the green pastures and paddle the rivers.			
Monday 19th Mar	4.00pm Trustees Meeting		
Tuesday 20th Mar 7:30pm	Entomology Lecture	"Little Creatures Enlarged" <i>Speaker: Mark Spencer</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> Jonathan MacGowan
A Magnified View of the Tiny Life that Surrounds Us. Mark is our Chair of Entomology and has been a keen observer for 50 years of the microscopic insect life that surrounds us unseen.			
Saturday 24th Mar 2:30pm	Egyptology Lecture	"Everything you need to know about Mummies" <i>Speaker: Dr Joyce Filer</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> Bryan Popple
Dr. Joyce Filer originally trained as an audiologist and teacher of deaf children and for many years was Head of Department for deaf children in a London school. Several years later Joyce studied archaeology and excavated at many British sites. She later went on to study full time Egyptian archaeology and followed with a post graduate course in ancient pathology. From there Joyce became Curator for human and animal remains at the British Museum. Over the years she has been involved with CT scans and X-raying mummies and excavating in Egypt and Sudan.			
Tuesday 27th Mar 7:30pm	Geology Lecture	"Minerals of Europe" <i>Speaker: Gary Morse</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> Ray Chapman
Saturday 31st Mar 2:30pm	EASTER No Lecture		

Lecture and Field Meeting arrangements

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.

Afternoon lectures last about one hour, followed by 10-15 minutes for questions. Refreshments are then available in the Museum Room. Please place your money in the bowl provided on tea table.

Evening lectures usually last for one hour followed by questions and/or discussion. Refreshments will be available.

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 best sound via loop is round the edge of the hall. The hall is accessible at ground level.

New Members' Tea: Are you a new member? Would you like to know more about the Society? Please email the society saying whether you would like a guided tour or to meet one of the Trustees.

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.

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

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. Thank you.

Officers of the Society

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

President		
Chairman of Trustees		
Secretary to Society	Ray Chapman	
Chairman of Assembly		
Treasurer	Gerry Duggan	
Membership Secretary	James Fradgely	
Secretary to Trustees	Mark Davies	
Curator (acting)	Ray Chapman	
Archivist	John Cresswell	
Programme Chairman	Mary Thornton	
Newsletter Editor	Chris Davison	
Programme Despatch	Edna Cherrett	
Publicity	vacant	

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 Fradgely	
Botany	vacant	
Entomology	Mark Spencer	
General	vacant	
Geography	vacant	
Geology	Ray Chapman	
Microscopy	Steve Limburn	
Ornithology	vacant	
Science	Grenham Ireland	
Zoology	Jonathan McGowan	

The Society's Premises are open (unless otherwise stated in the Programme):

Tuesday from 10:00am to 4.00pm

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: Please notify the Membership Secretary. This programme is also available on the Society website.