

Programme of events: April to June 2018
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		April	
Easter weekend Easter day Sunday 1st April			
Tuesday 3rd Apr 7:30pm	Entomology	The Insects of the Oak, the Sallow and the Hazel <i>Speaker: Mark Spencer</i>	<i>Chairman:</i>
Mark has reared and studied many insects, over the last 52 years and is Chair of Entomology, at the BNSS. The first of a series of studies on Plants with insects that depend upon them.			
Thursday 5th April 10.30am	Botany Field Meeting	Windspit & Seacombe Map Ref: OL15 / SY 974 776 (Worth Matravers Car Park) A walk to identify spring flowers including orchids. Some steep hills. Car park charge.	<i>Coordinator:</i> Malcolm Hadley
Saturday 7th Apr 2:30pm	Archaeology Lecture	Archaeology of Orkney and Beyond <i>Speaker: Ben Buxton</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> Bryan Popple
Ben is curator of Wareham Town Museum and will talk on the rich heritage of the Orkney Islands.			
Tuesday 10th Apr 7:30pm	Geology Lecture	The Great Landslide. <i>Speaker: Richard Edmonds</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> Ray Chapman
Remapping and interpretation of one of the most famous landslides in the world.			
Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th April	10.00am – 4.00pm	Spring Weekend at the Museum Live insects, Children's crafts, small charge for Entrance	<i>Coordinator:</i> Kate Seaman
Tuesday 17th Apr	7:30pm Lecture	TBA	<i>Chairman:</i>
Thursday 19th Apr 10:30am	Geology Field Meeting	Charmouth: DT6 6LL, SY365 934	<i>Leader: Ray Chapman</i>
To see David Attenborough's Sea Dragon and walk east to Stonebarrow. Car Park Charge.			
Saturday 21st Apr 2:30pm	Joint Historical Lecture	'Chicago and the Rise of the Skyscraper'. <i>Speaker: Prof David Stevenson, LSE</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> Robert Hill
David Stevenson is a 'star' and has written the best one volume book on the 1st World War. In 2014 he was on the television constantly on programmes to do with the outbreak of the war in 1914. He has been to the BNSS to speak on a number of previous occasions speaking on the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Cold War and Origins of the 1st World War etc.			
Tuesday 24th Apr 7:30pm	Astronomy Lecture	A Life on Mars <i>Speaker: Bud Budzynski</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> James Fradgley
Bud is a member of the Crewkerne Astronomy Society, and is both a musician and an astronomy speaker. This is a light-hearted look at Mars's putative habitability.			
Friday 27th April 1000-1600	Entomology Field Meeting	Knoll Gardens. Stapehill Road, Hampreston, Wimborne, BH217ND.	<i>Leader: Mark Spencer</i>
<i>We have been offered a free visit to the gardens, on this day as BNSS members (please bring proof that you are a member of BNSS) We will also be showing the captures of the previous night's mothing at the site on this day, weather on the night before permitting ! Don't forget your BNSS membership proof, drinks and plants for sale available of course.</i>			
Saturday 28th Apr 2:30pm	Zoology Lecture	Dorset Mammals highlighting Dorset Dormice <i>Speaker: Angie Price</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> Jonathan McGowan
Angie, a member of Dorset Mammals Group working on the Atlas, specialises in Dorset Dormice.			
Sunday 29th Apr 11:00am	Entomology Field Meeting	Martin Down Nature Reserve. SU 037201	<i>Leader: Mark Spencer</i>

We will meet in the car park off the A354 Salisbury to Blandford road. The walk we take will be on the flat, no steep slopes, though the paths may be a little rough and stony. We will first walk over the Chalk Downland site returning to the cars for lunch at around 13.00Hrs, those that wish to continue will then cross the road to the Vernditch side, which is mainly a woodland and scrub habitat. We should return to the cars after a circular walk, by around 15.30 to 16.00 Hrs. To observe any early summer insects, flowers and other wildlife of interest at this amazing site. Stout Walking boots (not wellingtons!) Food and drink (definitely water). Walking stick (if required), Binoculars, Camera, pocket lens if you have them.

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Tuesday 1st May		12:30pm Programme Committee Meeting	
Tuesday 1st May 7:30pm	Ornithology Lecture	REGUA: Accessible Atlantic Rainforest <i>Speaker: Peter Allen</i>	<i>Chairman: Jill Abbot</i>
A former vice-chairman of the British Dragonfly Society and Hampshire Dragonfly Recorder, retired-dentist Peter has been a CHOG member since 1975. This talk covers two visits he has made to the world-renowned REGUA reserve, one of S. America's most biodiverse and endemic-rich environments.			
Wed. 2nd May 7.00-9.30pm	Arts Fringe Audio Club	'In the Dark'	Laura Irving
The Bournemouth chapter of In The Dark is excited to be hosting their next event at BNSS, where the theme will be 'listening to the environment'. Our events are hosted by a practicing audio producer who curates, plays and discusses snippets of audio that they find inspirational and wish to share. At this event we hope to inspire thoughts and discussion about how we listen to, record, appreciate and conserve the sound of the natural world. www.inthedarkradio.org Small Entrance Charge			
Thursday 3rd May 10.30am	Botany Field Meeting	Throop Mill Map Ref: OL22 / SZ 111 958 Riverside and hedgerow plants.	<i>Coordinator: Malcolm Hadley</i>
Saturday 5th May 2:30pm	Archaeology Lecture	Meet Bournemouth Man: Redhill and Bournemouth skulls <i>Speaker: Gabriel Delbarre</i>	<i>Chairman: Bryan Pople</i>
New research, questions answered.			
Sunday 6th May 10.30am	Ecology field meeting	Dunyeats Heath, Broadstone	<i>Leader: Keith Clements</i>
Entrance to heath opposite 15 Merryfield Drive, park in or near cul-de-sac. Emperor moth, Moths, Butterflies, Ants, reptiles & Birds			
Tuesday 8th May	12.30 Museum Committee Meeting		
Tuesday 8th May 7:30pm	Entomology Lecture	The Secret life of Flies <i>Speaker: Dr Erica McAlister</i>	<i>Chairman: Mark Spencer</i>
Erica is the senior curator of Diptera at the Natural History Museum, London. Erica is involved in a number of foreign mosquito projects but also finds time for public engagement on radio and science cafes. She has participated in Nature Lives, Night Safaris, and both childrens' and Adult Dinosnores and also participated in Ugly Animals, Science Showoff and Museum Showoff.			
Saturday 12th May 2:30pm	Astronomy Lecture	Guest Stars, Ancient and Modern <i>Speaker: Guy Hurst</i>	<i>Chairman: James Fradgley</i>
Guy is editor of "The Astronomer" magazine, and is a former President of the British Astronomical Association. He received their highest honour, the Walter Goodacre Medal. He has also received an award of 'Services to Astronomy' from The Royal Astronomical Society. Guy teaches and lectures extensively. The idea that stars are unchanging is very old. We look at some of the history and impact of the appearance of "new stars" from long ago up to more recent times.			
Sunday 13th May 10:30am	Entomology Field Meeting	Martin Down Nature Reserve. SU 037201	<i>Leader: Mark Spencer</i> <i>Mobile:</i>
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Tuesday 15th May 7:30pm	Science Lecture	The Coral Reef: a threatened world wonder. <i>Speaker: Professor Joerg Wiedenmann</i>	<i>Chairman: Grenham Ireland</i>
Prof. Wiedenmann is Professor of Biological Oceanography at the University of Southampton and Head of the Coral Reef Laboratory at the National Oceanographic Centre. Prof. Wiedenmann will talk about the ecology of coral reefs and the impact of climate change. He will also discuss his research on their photobiology and the use of coral pigments in biomedical research and the pharmaceutical industry.			
Thursday 17th May	Geology Field Meeting	Seatown. DT6 6JU. SY 419 918	<i>Leader: Ray Chapman</i>
To study the geology and fossils, walk to Golden Cap. Car Park Charge			

Saturday 19th May 2:30pm	Lecture	Insects and their enemies, the battle for survival <i>Speaker: Mark Spencer</i>	
	Mark is Chair of Entomology at the BNSS and has reared and studied insects for 52 Years. A look at Insects and their enemies, including Birds, Bats, Reptiles and other creatures.		
Tuesday 22nd May 7:30pm.	Lecture	Back from the Brink: Dorset's threatened Plants <i>Speaker: Dr. Sophie Lake</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> Grenham Ireland
	Sophie works for Plantlife and Footprint Ecology. She did her doctorate on Dorset's Heaths and has previously worked at Furzebrook ITE and abroad on ecological projects.		
Saturday 26th May 2:30pm	President's Address	"MAGIC – BNSS" <i>Speaker: Bryan Popple</i>	<i>Chairman:</i>
Sunday 27th May 10.30-3.30	DOWN FARM Field Meeting ST 999 149 .	Field Trip to look at Archaeology, Botany, History, Wildlife ecology, conservation etc	<i>Leader:</i> Bryan Popple
	Turn off the A354 signposted Wimborne St Giles. Continue a short distance along this road. Take the tarmac lane on the right (signposted 'Down Farm'). The farm is past the cottages on the right hand side. We will visit Martin Green's farm to investigate the Dorset Cursus, Longbarrows, Neolithic henges, orchids, birds of prey etc. Bring your own lunch.		
Tuesday 29th May 7:30pm	Animal Lecture	Dorset Marine Mammals <i>Speaker: Rick Morris</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> Jonathan McGowan
	Rick is chair of the charity Marine Life. Come & learn about their field techniques and who lives in our waters.		
Thursday 31st May 10:30am	Botany Field meeting	Corfe Common Map Ref: OL15 / SY 958 818 (Toms Mead Car Park off West Street)	<i>Chairman:</i> Malcolm Hadley
	A walk on the very botanically rich Corfe Common		
		JUNE	
Friday 1st June	7.00-10.00pm	Barn Dance Tickets from Steve Limburn	
Saturday 2th June 2:30pm	Lecture	Birding on the Falklands, South Georgia and the Antarctic <i>Speaker: Keith Betton</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> Ian Julian
	Keith is vice-President of the BTO, was President of the Africa Bird Club (at 23), the ABTA spokesman with over 1000 TV appearances, has clocked up over 2 million miles birding over 8,000 species. This is the first time he has agreed to give a talk on some of his trips.		
Tuesday 5th June	12.30 Programme meeting		
Tuesday 5th June 7:30pm	Archaeology Lecture	To be Announced <i>Speaker:</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> Bryan Popple
Wednesday 6th June	Coach Trip 08.30am - 7.00pm	BNSS annual outing to Abbotsbury, Wareham Market & Mapperton House.	<i>See website for full details</i>
Saturday 9th June 2:30pm	Philosophy/ Science Lecture	Human Futures for 1000 years Part 2, Surviving this century. <i>Speaker: Brendan MacNamara</i>	<i>Chairman: TBC</i>
	The previous talk showed how advances in Genetics, Artificial intelligence, Robotics, and Energy Systems could lead to a fabulous future for us with colonies on all the habitable Moons and Planets of the Solar System. Here we use the European Convention on Human Rights Agreement to evaluate our present mix of beliefs and civilisations and steer them away from dire Global Warming and continuous war and Abuse and onto a path to a golden future by 2100. The history of the past 100 years has been a low point in man's progress with a few heroes, many villains, and millions of victims. An effective new UN manifesto will be proposed.		
Tuesday 12^h June 7:30pm	Astronomy Lecture	Quasars <i>Speaker: Nick Higginbottom</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> James Fradgley
	Nick is a post-doctoral researcher at Southampton University, and comes highly recommended as a speaker. Not only quasars, but wide diversions about spectroscopy and distance measurement in astrophysics.		
Thursday 14^h June 10:30am	Geology Field Meeting	Pirates Cove DT4 9GL	<i>Leader;</i> Ray Chapman
	To study Corallian and Inferior Oolite strata and collect fossils. 3km walk.		
Saturday 16th June, 2.30pm	Photography Lecture	Wildlife Photography Speaker. David Bailey	Tbc

Mon 18th June	Trustees Meeting		
Tuesday 19th June 7:30pm	Assembly		Chair Jill Abbott.
National Entomology week 20-26th June			
Wednesday 20th June 7.00-9.00pm	Archaeology Field meeting	Hengistbury Head	<i>Leader:</i> Bryan Popple
Walk the Head, smell the fresh air, look at Old Barrows. Imagine Iron Age Living.			
Saturday 23th June 2:30pm	Entomology Lecture	Moths by Families, Why a Hawk or a Tiger? <i>Speaker: Mark Spencer</i>	<i>Chairman:</i>
Mark is the BNSS Chair of Entomology and has studied insects for 52 Years. Looking at the Different Families of Moths and their Characteristics.			
Sunday 24th June 10:30am	Entomology Field Meeting	Cerne Abbas. Village Hall Car Park (and Picnic site) Kettle Road DT27GY. ST663014.	<i>Leader:</i> Mark Spencer
The car park is outside the village near to the hall and close to the Giant viewpoint. There are some very steep slopes on this site but we should be following the path around, but not for the unfit! Main target species are Marsh Fritillary and Adonis Blue, but lots more insects and flowers on site! Bring packed lunch, liquids, good walking boots and a stick if required !			
Tuesday 26th June 7:30pm	Entomology Lecture	Summer Flowers and Insects at Martin Down. <i>Speaker: Mark Spencer</i>	<i>Chairman:</i>
Mark is Chair of Entomology at the BNSS and has been an Amateur Entomologist for 52 years. A look at this Famous Local Nature Reserve and some of the Flora and Fauna it has to offer in the Summer months.			
Wednesday 27th June 7.00-9.00pm	Entomology Workshop	Meet the Livestock: Discuss the pros and cons of captive breeding of arthropods, Insects, spiders etc.	<i>Leader:</i> Mark Spencer
This is in house at the BNSS and an EVENING EVENT to allow for people who would otherwise be at work or school if it was in the Afternoon. If you are nervous around live creatures (despite how many legs) either let us know on the day, or give this one a miss!			
Thursday 28th June 10.30am	Botany Field Meeting	Fontmell Down Map Ref E118 / ST 884 168 (DWT Littlecombe Car Park) Exploring the chalk flora of Fontmell Down.	<i>Coordinator:</i> Malcolm Hadley
Saturday 30th June 2.30pm	General Lecture	'The Great Reappearing Act: How to reverse the world's wildlife declines' <i>Speaker: Philip Lymbery</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> Ian Julian
Philip is an Author and Chief Executive, Compassion in World Farming. Today, many animals face extinction and it's not only climate change and poaching that are to blame. The impact of an industrial approach to agriculture is having a devastating effect. Yet, awareness is slowly building that the wellbeing of society depends on a thriving natural world. Building on his latest book, <i>Dead Zone: Where the wild things were</i> , Philip Lymbery will take us on an investigative journey across the globe, focusing on iconic wildlife species to understand the role that industrial farming is playing in their plight and to highlight the work of pioneers in food, farming and conservation, who are taking action to save life on Earth.			

Any suggestion for talks or sections gratefully received by any member of the committee or email mmthornton5@gmail.com

Please can someone help with promoting a General Interest Section, or Marine, Or Conservation or any topic that appeals? We have lost our birding section, any help gratefully received.

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.