

Programme of events: April to June 2022
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		April	
Tuesday 5th Apr 7.30pm	Zoom Lecture	Update on 'Snakes in the Heather' <i>Speaker: Owain Masters</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> Mary Thornton
	Our Dorset heathlands are home to all 6 Native British reptiles, including the elusive smooth snake. These heathlands are of enormous importance to wildlife - as a habitat they are rarer than rainforest. Owain Masters, Amphibian and Reptile Conservation, is going to explain the work of the charity, highlighting examples of habitat management, wildlife surveys, education and volunteering. National Lottery Heritage Fund is supporting Snakes in the Heather project, and BNSS are partners. Qwain will update us on all aspects about the heathland reptiles and the work of the Amphibian and Reptile Conservation.		
Saturday 9th Apr 10.00-12.30	Young Explorers	Flowering Plants What makes your garden grow? Find out what stamens, styles and other parts do in a plant.	<i>Leader:</i> Steve Limburn
Saturday 9th Apr 2.30pm	In House and Zoom	Made In Poole <i>Speaker: Jo Amey</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> Jacque Bainbridge
	The story of local tile factories and their creations in our streets today. An Illustrated talk by 'The Tile Lady' Jo Amey.		
Monday 11th Apr 3.30pm	Trustee Meeting		
Tuesday 12th Apr 7.30pm	Zoom Lecture	Warbler workshop <i>Speaker: Tony Fulford</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> James Dovey
	Warblers tend to be skulking SBJs that announce themselves with remarkable unique songs. This talk will review the dozen species most frequently encountered in Britain, emphasising how to identify them from their songs. It will be illustrated with Tony's sound recordings, so listen with a good set of headphones for maximum benefit.		
Easter Sunday 17th Apr 07.00am	Bird Field Meeting	Stanpit Marsh SZ172924	<i>Leader: James Dovey</i> <i>Mobile: .</i>
	This visit to Stanpit Marsh is the field component of the warbler workshop. We will focus on listening to birdsong and attempt to locate as many warbler species as possible. Limited to 12 people, a priority will be given to those who attended the talk. Please contact James _____ mobile. Meet in the car park post code BH23 3ND .		
Tuesday 19th Apr 7.30pm	Zoom Lecture	Meteor Recording <i>Speaker: Bill Coombes</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> James Fradgley
	There are number of very good Meteor Storms each year, but the main problem is it can often be cloudy and raining. By using radio, meteors can be easily 'watched', and you will normally see a lot more than you can visually. It is not expensive, and most people will have no problem setting up a simple receiver. Bill will explain how to do this as part of his talk.		
Wednesday 20th Apr 10.30am	Botany Field Meeting	Bere Regis SY847 948	<i>Leader:</i> Charlie Light <i>Mobile:</i>
	Meet at Turberville Road Car Park. Observe early spring plants in flower.		
Tuesday 26th Apr 7.30pm	Zoom Lecture	Robots for Assisted Living <i>Speaker: Dorothy Monekosso</i>	<i>Chairman:</i> Margaret Ross
	Professor of Computer Science at Durham University and Chief Technical Director at More Life UK, describes her work journey from Autonomous Spacecraft to Assistive Living. Dorothy's research involved care for the elderly, those suffering from Parkinson's Disease, Stroke, Dementia, Brain Injury and Depression. developing ICT-based 'intelligent' systems to enable people living with dementia to remain longer at home and to support the rehabilitation of Stroke survivors.		

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Tuesday 3rd May 7.30pm	Zoom Lecture	Recycle More, Waste Less. <i>Speaker:</i> Sarah Speakman-Jones	<i>Chairman:</i> Robin Hewitt
	BCP council's waste and recycling programme team talk about how to waste less and recycle more in Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole. The talk includes how best to use the recycling service and where waste goes after collection. There will also be information on ways to reduce your waste and the waste prevention campaigns the Council runs.		
Monday 9th May 3.30pm	Trustee meeting		
Tuesday 10th May 7.30pm	President's Lecture In house & Zoom	Dorset's Areas of Outstanding Beauty <i>Speaker:</i> Bruce Longstaff	<i>Chairman:</i> Grenham Ireland
	A look at the work and projects of the Cranborne Chase and the Dorset AONBs.		
Saturday 14th May 10.00-12.30	Young Explorers	Evolution. Find out about this fascinating topic. The discovery. How it works and the evidence.	<i>Leader:</i> Steve Limburn
Saturday 14th May 2.30pm	In House and Zoom Lecture	A Variety of Beetles <i>Speaker:</i> Jonathan MacGowan	<i>Chairman:</i> Steve Limburn???
	A look at common and Scarce Beetles to be found Locally.		
Tuesday 17th May 7.30pm	In House and Zoom Lecture	Geology of the Galapagos Islands <i>Speaker:</i> Paul McFarling	<i>Chairman.</i> Jill Abbot
	Paul will introduce us to the unique geology underlying the extraordinary natural worlds that make up the Galapagos islands. He and his Ecuadorean wife, both naturalists, have studied, lived and worked there for over thirty years as biologists, guides, tour organisers and advisers. Paul also spends time here and joined BNSS last year.		
Tuesday 24th May 7.30pm	Zoom Lecture	Mega-constellations <i>Speaker:</i> Dr Paul Daniels	<i>Chairman.</i> James Fradgley
	Paul Daniels is President of the Federation of Astronomical Societies, and this talk looks at the damage being done to our observing the night sky by the launch of thousands of satellites, especially by SpaceX with their "Starlink", consisting eventually of tens of thousands of satellites. The talk will be approx. 90 minutes with a break after 60 minutes.		
Wednesday 25th May 10.30am	Botany Field Meeting	Old Harry and Ballard Down SZ037 825	<i>Leader:</i> Charlie Light 07808 546624
	Meet at NT car park by Bankes Arms. Observe the spring flowering plants on chalk downland near the sea.		
Saturday 28th May 10.00am -4.00pm	JOINT MEETING In House	QUEKETT MICROSCOPICAL CLUB	<i>Chairman:</i> Grenham Ireland
	There will be demonstrations, displays and gossip and a talk in the afternoon in house.		
Sunday 29th May 10.30am -3.30pm	Field Meeting	Sillens Lane Martin Down SP6 3LB OS Map 118. 057 192	<i>Leader:</i> Mark Spencer <i>Mobile:</i>
	Meet at the top of Sillens Lane, accessed through the village, off the triangular green. The walk we will take, will be on a steady rise over the chalk grassland and we will take lunch half way around the site. Then descend a steep slope back to the car park area, you will need to be fit and capable. We will be looking for the Silver -spotted skipper. Stout Walking boots (not wellingtons!) Food and drink (definitely water) Walking stick (if required), Binoculars, Camera, pocket lens if you have them.		
Tuesday 31st May 7.30pm	Zoom Lecture	Careers in the e-sports industry <i>Speaker:</i> James Fraser Murison	<i>Chairman:</i> Margaret Ross
	The e-sports industry is worth over 130 billion dollars, with a viewing audience of over 223 million e-sports viewers per month and the top prize money in 2019 for an esports competition was 3 million dollars, which is higher than the Wimbledon tennis championship. The e-sports industry generates over 100 different types of jobs, in addition to the actual e-sports competitors whilst the industry also generates more money than both the film and music industry combined here in the UK. E-sports is now a major UK and worldwide industry and the various jobs in this e-sports industry will be considered. James Fraser-Murison is Director of Learning, Queen Mary's College, Basingstoke, who helped create the first-ever BTEC in e-sports.		

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Tuesday 7th June 7.30pm	Zoom Lecture	Solent Seagrass Restoration Project <i>Speaker: Dr Tim Ferrero</i>		<i>Chairman:</i> Mary Thornton	
	Seagrass beds are wonderfully diverse habitats and good carbon sinks. Dr Tim Ferrero is the senior marine biologist with Hampshire and IOW Wildlife Trust and will tell us about this important ecosystem and what HIWWT are doing in Langstone Harbour. Dorset also has extensive seagrass beds along the coast, notably in Studland Bay and the Fleet.				
Saturday 11th June 10.00-12.30	Young Explorers	Parasites The weird and wonderful world of the living things that like to share with others		<i>Leader:</i> Steve Limburn	
Saturday 11^h June 2.30pm	In House and Zoom Lecture	RELATIVITY <i>Speaker: Danny Thomas</i>		<i>Chairman:</i> James Fradgley	
	Danny will introduce the history leading up to Einstein and attempt to explain Special and General Relativity in simple terms. In his presentation he seeks to use animation and pictures to avoid complex mathematics and the confusing paradoxes that arise from the theories. As an amateur astronomer, he is able to relate the evidence for Relativity to the planets, stars and galaxies we observe in the night sky.				
Tuesday 14th June 7.30pm	In house and Zoom Lecture	Raised from the Dead. <i>Speaker: Mark Spencer</i>			
	Mark is going to show us some of the beautiful South American Butterflies from our own collections, and develop their stories as life cycles.			<i>Chairman.</i> Steve Limburn	
Mon 20th June 3.30pm	Trustees Meeting				
Tuesday 21st June 7.30pm	Zoom Lecture	Great Bustards <i>Speaker: David Waters</i>		<i>Chairman:</i> James Dovey	
	David will be giving us an update on the reintroduction project of the Great Bustard to Salisbury Plain.				
Wednesday 22nd June 10.30am	Botany Field meeting	PigBush SU 362 050		<i>Leader: Charlie Light</i> <i>Mobile:</i>	
	Meet at Forestry commission Car Park on the B3056. Hoping to see the rare Lesser Butterfly Orchid and other common heath and marsh orchids and any other plants in flower in this less visited site.				
Sunday 26th June 10.30am -3.30pm	Field Meeting	Down Farm by courtesy of Martin Green		<i>Leader: Bryan Popple</i> <i>Mobile:</i>	
	Down Farm Field Meeting. Visit to include a look into Martin Green's private museum and a walk around the farm. Bring your own packed lunch and be prepared to make a donation. The afternoon will include a visit to the wildlife pond or a walk to investigate other archaeological sites of interest. Access from Blandford to Salisbury A354, near Sixpenny Handley. Go through Cashmoor, and take the next right to Wimborne St Giles, immediately right again up lane to Down Farm.				
Tuesday 28th June 7.30pm	Zoom Assembly and Quiz			<i>Chairman:</i>	

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

Field trips are undertaken at your own responsibility.
BNSS do not guarantee to provide a dedicated first aider.
Please read any attendance guidance notes carefully.

The BNSS building is open every Tuesday from 10.00-4.00pm. Please sign in.