

**Programme of events: October to December 2023**

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|   |   | <b>OCTOBER</b>  |                                    |
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| <b>Tuesday<br/>3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 7:30pm</b>                  | <b>Zoom<br/>Lecture</b>   | <b>The Great Big Dorset Hedge</b><br><i>Speaker: Julie Leah</i>                           | <i>Chairman:</i><br>Mary Thornton  |
|   | <p><b>The Great Big Dorset Hedge (GBDH)</b> is a campaign to facilitate the restoration and extension of hedgerows the length and breadth of Dorset. The project aims to survey and assess the condition of the vast network of Dorset hedgerows using volunteer manpower to determine the need for hedge laying, planting up gaps, leaving of occasional standards or modifying maintenance schedules. The project also aims to create an understanding within the general community of what a healthy hedgerow looks like, the value of hedgerows as a key habitat for wildlife and their importance in providing protection against the effects of climate change.</p> |   |                                    |
| <b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup><br/>October 7.30pm</b>             | <b>In house Zoom</b>  | <b>Left in Space</b><br><i>Speaker: Dr Lilian H</i>                                       | <i>Chairman:</i><br>James Fradgley |
|   | <p>Lilian has given us talks before – always interesting. This talk is about what we have left behind in space including space junk.</p>  |   |                                    |
| <b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup><br/>October</b>                   | <b>Young Explorers</b>  | <b>Marvellous Maths</b>   | <i>Leader</i><br>Steve Limburn     |
| <b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup><br/>October 2.30pm</b>            | <b>In house Zoom</b>  | <b>Giant Pterosaurs</b><br><i>Speaker: Professor David Martill</i>                        | <i>Chairman</i><br>Mary Thornton   |
|   | <p>Who were the largest Pterosaurs and where did they live? Professor Martill has made a lifelong study of these ancient reptiles.</p>  |   |                                    |
| <b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup><br/>October 7.30pm</b>             | <b>Zoom</b>   | <b>CJ7 and the Rise of the Poole Ospreys</b><br><i>Speaker Brittany Maxted</i>            | <i>Chairman</i><br>James Dovey     |
|   | <p>The next chapter has now been written. Brittany Maxted, Osprey Project Manager, will give us an update on this year's progress and other work the team is undertaking.</p>   |   |                                    |
| <b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup><br/>October 7.30pm</b>             | <b>Zoom</b>   | <b>Blue Plaques in Bournemouth</b><br><i>Speaker Steve Roberts</i>                        | <i>Chairman</i><br>Robin Hewitt    |
|   | <p>What is the history behind some of the Blue Plaques in and around Bournemouth</p>  |   |                                    |
| <b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Oct<br/>10.00-13.00</b>             |   | <b>Preparation Day</b>  |                                    |
| <b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup><br/>October<br/>10.00- 4.00PM</b> | <b>OPEN DAY</b>   | All our botany, geology, Egyptian and Museum Rooms will be open.<br>Tea and Refreshments. | All Members and Visitors welcome   |
| <b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup><br/>October<br/>1000-4.00PM</b>     | <b>OPEN DAY</b>   | All our botany, geology, Egyptian and Museum rooms will be open.<br>Tea and Refreshments  | All Members and Visitors welcome   |
| <b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup><br/>October 6.30pm</b>             | <b>BU archaeology Zoom</b>  | <b>Science of Early Farming in Europe</b><br><i>Speaker. Dr Amy Bogaard</i>               |                                    |
|   | <p><b>Register for FREE Tickets *NOW* through <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk">Eventbrite.co.uk</a>. <a href="#">Seventh Pitt Rivers Lecture: The science of early farming in Europe Tickets, Tue 31 Oct 2023 at 18:30   Eventbrite</a></b><br/>This is the Seventh Pitts Rivers Lecture.</p>   |   |                                    |

|  |  | <b>NOVEMBER</b>   |                                   |
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| <b>Tuesday<br/>7<sup>th</sup> Nov 7:30pm</b>                 | <b>Zoom<br/>Lecture</b>  | <b>How the Ordnance Survey has adopted UAS's for mapping purposes</b><br><i>Speaker: James Morrison, Head UAS Pilot and Service Matter Expert in Unmanned Aerial Systems at the Ordnance Survey</i> | <i>Chairman:</i><br>Margaret Ross |
|  | <p>How UAS (Unmanned Aerial Systems) are used by the OS (Ordnance Survey) in conjunction with field surveyors and airplanes to ensure that the topographic mapping is updated in the most accurate, efficient and safest manner - also the amazing variations in less than a decade, in how UASs have changed in size, cost and safety features.</p> |   |                                   |
| <b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup><br/>November<br/>10.00-12.30</b> | <b>Young Explorers</b>   | <b>World War 1.</b>   | <i>Leader</i><br>Steve Limburn    |

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| <b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b><br>2.30pm | <b>Inhouse Only</b>  | <b>Wildlife Film from New Forest</b><br><i>Presenter. Manny Hinge</i>                                  | <i>Chair</i><br>Mary Thornton     |
|  | Manuel is a well-known local film maker based in the New Forest and has previously given talks at BNSS. He will be chatting about the process of making wild-life films and showing examples from his extensive library as well as items of interest.  |  |                                   |
| <b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b><br>7.30pm  | <b>Zoom</b>  | <b>New Views of the Universe using the James Webb telescope.</b><br><i>Speaker. Dr Robin Catchpole</i> | <i>Chairman</i><br>James Fradgley |
|  | Robin works as an astronomer at the Institute of Astronomy, Cambridge, having retired as Senior Astronomer at the Royal Observatory Greenwich in July 2004. He has given us several talks over the years, and is an excellent speaker.   |  |                                   |
| <b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b><br>7.30pm  | <b>Zoom</b>  | <b>Using Art to attract Scientists attention.</b><br><i>Speaker Glyn Gorick</i>                        | <i>Chair</i><br>Mary Thornton     |
|  | Glynn Gorick, graphic illustrator for countless scientific ecological researchers, international environmental organisations, and publications, takes us through his unique creative journey interpreting their work in images and will show us several of the stunning and detailed artworks visualising the processes involved.  |  |                                   |
| <b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b><br>2.30pm | <b>Inhouse Zoom</b>  | <b>Chalk Streams</b><br><i>Speaker Dr Phillip Teasdale</i>   | <i>Chairman</i><br>James Dovey    |
|  | England's rare and valuable chalk streams (estimated to be 85% of the world's total), face significant challenges. Their ecosystems are the result of a particular combination of geology, rich aquatic biodiversity and past management activities. Highlighting its unique character, environmental scientist, Dr Phill Teasdale, will tell you all about the upper River Allen in N.E.Dorset – its restoration, conservation and management.  |  |                                   |
| <b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b><br>7.30pm  | <b>Zoom</b>  | <b>Royal Fleet Auxiliary HMS ARGUS</b><br><i>Speakers to include Peter Fry.</i>                        | <i>Chairman.</i><br>Margaret Ross |
|  | Naval Auxiliary A135 (RFA <i>Argus</i> ) was regularly seen recently in Bournemouth Bay. She was built in 1981 and is still in service. Join us to hear about Life in this amazing ship, with a fascinating history, including being requisitioned for the Falklands Wars, set up with intensive care medical facilities, active in the Bosnia, Kosovo and Gulf wars: assisted in the Caribbean with the Covid outbreaks, in West Africa with the Ebola outbreaks, and in addition helping following various disasters, took part in the capture of pirates and of drug trafficking. |  |                                   |

|   |  | <b>DECEMBER</b>  |                                   |
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| <b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b><br>7.30pm      | <b>Inhouse</b>   | <b>The Thugs in our Gardens</b><br><i>Speaker Mark Spencer</i>                                 | <i>Chair</i><br>Jill Abbot        |
|   | Are the worst thugs, our weeds or slugs?   |  |                                   |
| <b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b><br>10.00-1230 | <b>Young Explorers</b>   | <b>Party</b>   | <i>Leader:</i><br>Steve Limburn   |
| <b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b><br>2.30pm     | <b>Inhouse Zoom</b>  | <b>AGM and Assembly</b>  |                                   |
| <b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b><br>7.30pm     | <b>Zoom</b>  | <b>The Late Great Manor Of Kingston Lacy. Christmas 1371</b><br><i>Speaker Martin Papworth</i> | <i>Chairman:</i><br>Mary Thornton |
|   | This story is a blend of both archaeology and history. Kingston Lacy medieval manor is an ideal medium to demonstrate the value of both. The talk begins with the discovery of a medieval hunting lodge during building repairs, it then leads on to the medieval documents found at Kingston Lacy House, which in turn located the site of the royal manor house in the park. seen in the roots of a storm-felled tree.<br>In 1371-72 John of Gaunt invited his father Edward III to spend Christmas and New Year at Kingston Lacy. The documents detailing this event both personalise the history and reveal the significance of this site. Definitely the place to be that year; though now an area of grassland within Kingston Lacy Park, 200m north of the present mansion. |  |                                   |

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Tuesday 2nd January 2023 - Closed for CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR**

It is hoped to open the Museum on 27,28,29 December 2023. Please check website for opening times: [www.bnss.org.uk](http://www.bnss.org.uk)

Talks begin 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024.