

PROGRAMME SECRETARY'S REPORT for 2018

The programme for 2018 consisted of five indoor meetings held at the Natural History Museum in London, one indoor meeting held at Bristol Museums, eight field meetings and two indoor workshops, as set out below:

Saturday 20th January 2018: INDOOR MEETING: Lecture and exhibits.
Guest Speaker: Robert Cameron: 'Death and Resurrection on the Deserts: a minor molluscan catastrophe?'

Saturday 24th February 2018: FULL DAY INDOOR MEETING:
Demonstrations, discussion, exhibits and lecture.
Guest Speaker: Chris du Feu: 'The value of species records?'

Saturday 14th April 2017: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND
PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS
Speaker: The President (Peter Topley): 'Beachcombing on Vancouver Island: giants and interlopers.'

Friday 15th June 2018: FIELD MEETING (marine and non-marine):
NORTHAM BURROWS, Bideford, North Devon.
Leader: Bas Payne.

Sunday 17th June 2018: FIELD MEETING (non-marine): Flounders Folly,
South Shropshire.
Joint meeting with Shropshire Invertebrate Group.
Leader: Mags Cousins.

Saturday 23rd June 2018: FIELD MEETING (marine, non-marine and fossil):
Deben estuary, Suffolk.
Leader: Simon Taylor.

Saturday 11th August 2018: FIELD MEETING (non-marine): The Devil's
Punchbowl, Hindhead, Surrey.
Leader: June Chatfield.

Saturday 8th – Saturday 15th September 2018: FIELD MEETING (marine):
Mullet Peninsula, Co. Mayo, Ireland.
Joint meeting with Porcupine and Seasearch.
Leader: Julia Nunn.

Saturday 22nd September 2018: FIELD MEETING (non-marine): Wharram
Percy, North Yorkshire.
Leader: Terry O'Connor.

Saturday 6th October 2018: SNAIL IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOP: Elsecar Heritage Centre, Barnsley, South Yorkshire.
Leader: Robert Cameron.

Saturday 6th October 2018: FIELD MEETING (non-marine and marine): Orfordness, Suffolk.
Leader: Toby Abrehart.

Saturday 13th October 2018: FIELD MEETING (non-marine): Hawkbatch, Shropshire.
Joint meeting with Wyre Forest Study Group.
Leaders: Rosemary Winnall and Rosemary Hill.

Saturday 20th October 2018: INDOOR MEETING: Demonstrations, exhibits, and lecture.
Guest Speaker: Penny Green: 'The Knepp rewilding project.'

Saturday 10th November 2018 : REGIONAL INDOOR MEETING: Bristol Museum and Art Gallery and MShed.
Organiser: Rhian Rowson.

Saturday 24th November 2018: WORKSHOP MEETING: Woking, Surrey.
10:00 – 17:00: by kind invitation of Judith Nelson.

Saturday 8th December 2018: INDOOR MEETING: A Christmas miscellany.

Numbers of participants at meetings, and particularly at field meetings, have been declining in recent years, and is a source of some concern.

Bas Payne
Hon. Programme Secretary
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