

PROCEEDINGS 2012

The lecturer's name and title of lecture are given for most meetings as is the location. All meetings were well attended.

10th January

Photographic Night: Members' slides or digital slide shows plus photographic competition results. Graham Kerr Building.

14th February

Tutorial from John Hume: "Lampreys: love and life (history strategies)". Lecture from Lucy Webster: "Blood, sweat and deer(s): using animal DNA evidence to aid wildlife crime investigation". Graham Kerr Building.

28th February

82nd AGM followed by a lecture from Jennifer Miller: "Plants: the (real) silent witnesses". Graham Kerr Building.

13th March

Tutorial from Victoria Paterson: "Rodent and parasite dynamics on the islands of Loch Lomond". Lecture from John Murphy: "Why snakes lost their legs: thoughts on the origins of snakes". Graham Kerr Building.

10th April

Tutorial from Keith Cohen: "Bats". Film, "Taking Root. The Vision of Wangari Maathai. Tree planting in Kenya". Davidson Building

13th April

Joint meeting with Hamilton NHS held in Hamilton. Lecture from Roy Sexton; "Wild flowers and gardens".

8th May

Tutorial from Anna Muir: "Local adaptation: Scottish frogs in a changing climate". Lecture from Anushka Miller: "Going bald on top: the past, present and future of the Arctic ecosystem". Graham Kerr Building.

12th June

Summer Social and visit to Lochwinnoch RSPB reserve.

Excursions

19 day excursions and 1 weekend excursion were held throughout the year.

18th September

Exhibition meeting with wine and cheese. Graham Kerr Building.

9th October

"Goodfellow re-visited: the role of microscopy in natural history". Talks and demonstrations by Roger Downie, Geoff Hancock and Richard Sutcliffe. Boyd Orr Building.

13th November

Lecture from Myles O'Reilly: "Monitoring the fish community in the Clyde Estuary under the Water Framework Directive". Boyd Orr Building.

28th November

Blodwen Lloyd Binns Lecture from Professor Dave Goulson: "How to conserve bumblebees in a crowded world". Graham Kerr Building.

Christmas Dinner followed by a lecture from Graham Law: "Big cat conservation". Graham Kerr Building.

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15th January

Joint meeting with Friends of the Glasgow Botanic Gardens for Hopkirk's 'Flora Glottiana' Bicentenary. Lectures from Jim Dickson and Dick Peebles. Boyd Orr Building.

12th February

Photographic Night. Members' photography and results of the photographic competition. Boyd Orr Building.

7th March

Joint meeting with Glasgow University Exploration Society. Glasgow University expeditions report back. Graham Kerr Building.

12th March

83rd AGM followed by a lecture from Mandy Glass: "Dangerous liaisons of animals and their viruses". Boyd Orr Building.

9th April

Tutorial from Chris Cathrine: "Scottish spiders". Lecture from Angus Hannah: "The Natural History of Bute". Graham Kerr Building.

14th May

Tutorial from Richard Sutcliffe and Richard Weddle: "Auditing Glasgow's biodiversity". Lecture from Isla Forsyth: "Hiding in Plain Sight: the work of Hugh Cott, artist and naturalist". Boyd Orr Building

22nd and 23rd June

Conference: 'Natives, Aliens and Reintroductions'. Graham Kerr Building.

Excursions

19 day excursions and 2 weekend excursion were held throughout the year.

17th September

Exhibition meeting with wine and cheese. Graham Kerr Building.

8th October

Tutorial from Alan Silverside: "Looking at Lichens". Lecture from Jeanne Robinson: "Entomological adventures on Mingualay". Boyd Orr Building

10th October

Joint meeting with Glasgow University Zoological Society and Friends of the Earth Glasgow. 'The Black Fish'. A film and discussion on destructive and illegal fishing. Graham Kerr Building.

23rd October

Blodwen Lloyd Binns Lecture. Wallace Centenary Lecture from Professor James Moore: "Making livings: why Darwin and Wallace's theories are worlds apart". Graham Kerr Building.

24th October

Joint meeting with Glasgow University Zoological Society. Lecture from Marianne Fox: "The butterflies of Ecuador". Graham Kerr Building.

12th November

Tutorial from Chris McNerny: "Observations on a colony of adders, slow-worms and common lizards on Loch Lomondside". Lecture from Laura Kubasiewicz: "The Scottish pine marten: using genetic techniques to study an elusive predator". Boyd Orr Building

10th December

Christmas Dinner followed by a lecture from Lief Bersweden: "An Orchid gap year: a 19 year old's attempt to see every species of orchid in Britain and Ireland in one summer". Graham Kerr Building.

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