



Paisley Natural History Society

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The location of the talks have changed due to the Museum closing for its 4 year make over. The new location is: Wynd Centre, 6 School Wynd, Paisley, PA1 2DB

Thursday 6th September 2018

[Plastics, plastics everywhere... plastic on the environment](#) by [Dr Brian Quinn](#) (Reader in Ecotoxicology, University of the West of Scotland)

Thursday 4th October 2018

[Marvellous Mud Snails](#) by [Joanne Lindsay](#) (Buglife Scotland)

Thursday 1st November 2018

[Renfrewshire Renaissance in Fungi](#) by [Dick Peebles](#) (Clyde and Argyll Fungus Group).

Thursday 6th December 2018

[Honey Buzzards in Central Scotland](#) by [Chris McInerny](#)

The honey-buzzard is probably Scotland's most enigmatic breeding bird of prey. It is extremely difficult to observe, being rare, secretive and elusive but over the past few years two populations have been discovered in central Scotland and systematic and intensive monitoring has revealed new information about the species' annual breeding cycle. This talk will review the history and distribution of the honey-buzzard in Scotland and summarise the results of these recent studies.

Thursday 10th January 2019

[Winners and Losers: the effects of climate change on our Scottish insects](#) by [Dr Scott Shanks](#) (Conservation Officer, Buglife Scotland)

With climate change taking place what effect is this having on our insect populations. This talk will discuss how climate change will affect butterflies in particular and how some will gain and some will ultimately lose in this ever-changing scenario.

Thursday 7th February 2019

[Cetaceans in the Clyde](#) by [David Nairn](#) (Clyde Porpoise C.I.C)

This talk will concentrate on cetaceans in the upper Clyde and the Harbour Porpoise in particular. With recent controversy over a recent planning application to create a decommissioning port at Hunterston terminal and the noise implications with pill driving - what will happen to our marine mammals in the upper Clyde?

Thursday 7th March 2019

[Birds of Southern Spain: Birdwatching in Cadiz Province and the straits of Gibraltar](#) by [Angus Hogg](#)

Angus will take us into the Tarifa hinterland in southern Spain, rich in breeding bird species of rocky wood country. Vultures abound here, with colonies of Griffon, Egyptian and Black. Tarifa beach is a favourite place to see gull and tern flocks with large numbers of passage waders, and the straits of Gibraltar is well known for bird migration. In addition, this talk will discuss the larger autumn movements of storks and many species of raptor as they move south into Africa.

Thursday 4th April 2019

[Whitelees Wind Farm](#) by [Kathleen McMillan](#) (Countryside Ranger, Whitelee Countryside Ranger Service)

Whitelee is the UK's largest onshore windfarm, based just outside Glasgow. The site has a number of different habitats with a wide range of wildlife found on site. Learn about the wildlife and the Whitelee Access project.