



PAISLEY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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Our New Venue

We are now settling into our new venue at the Wynd Centre, there have been a few teething problems but I think you'll agree the talks have all been worth the suspense of waiting to find out if the technology works.

As usual talks will be on the first Thursday of the month from September to April, starting at 7.30pm (except for the January meeting which is on the second Thursday).

Subscriptions

Please note that subscriptions are now due for 2018/19. They are as follows: **Ordinary £10, Family £14, Unwaged £4.**

Subscriptions can be paid at the meetings to our Treasurer, Anne Gray. **Please do not send subscription fees by post to the museum, it will be closed.**

However, members now also have the option to pay their dues by direct bank transfer. Details are as follows:

Name of account: Paisley Natural History Society

Sort code: 80-09-32

Account number: 06000238

You will see a reference box; please enter your own name in this box, so that we know who is paying the money in.

Christmas Meeting

As always our Christmas meeting will be followed by some festive fayre, so remember to leave a bit of room after your evening meal for some crisps, cake, mince pies and a glass of wine or fruit juice.

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Thursday 6th December

Honey Buzzards in Central Scotland

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

Winners and Losers: the effects of climate change on our Scottish insects

**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 will gain and some will ultimately loose in this ever-changing scenario.

Thursday 7th February

Cetaceans in the Clyde

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

Birds of Southern Spain

Angus Hogg

Birdwatching in Cadiz Province and the straits of Gibraltar

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.

Also bear in mind that to cut down on waste and costs, if you want to bring your own reusable cup for tea and coffee afterwards then please do.