

# PAISLEY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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## **Newsletter March 2019**

Spring Talks Programme Wynd Centre, Paisley 7.30pm

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April AGM and Members Evening

The business of the society will be discussed followed by:

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.

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.

## Joint Meeting with Glasgow and Hamilton Natural History Societies

This year Glasgow Natural History Society will be hosting the joint meeting. This meeting will take place at the University of Glasgow and it is hoped that a lot of our members will make the effort to attend and meet up with like-minded individuals from other societies.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 7.00pm

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Lecture Theatre 1, Graham Kerr Building, (Zoology Museum) University of Glasgow

John Russell Malloch and Alexander Cuthbertson – two Glasgow naturalists who made a global impact on Dipterology, the study of flies by Geoff Hancock

Following the talks, Glasgow Natural History Society would like to invite you all to join them for refreshments.

Please note that this talk is hosted by Glasgow Natural History Society and will be held on a Tuesday at the Graham Kerr Building in the University of Glasgow.

# **Summer Outings Programme**

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May Sallochy at Loch Lomond Contact: Tom Byars 01294 466393

The migrants will have returned in full force by this time so a good time to look out for Tree Pipit, Willow Warbler, Redstart and Pied Flycatcher

Meet at Watermill car park for 9am to organise car-sharing for the trip. Bring a packed lunch and stout footwear.

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July Whitelee Wind Farm Contact: Kathleen McMIllan 0141 614 0962 (work)

Following on from our talk on the 4<sup>th</sup> April, Kathleen will be guiding us round the site looking at the varied plant-life, reptiles, insects and birds that call this area home.

Meet at Watermill car park for 10am to organise car-sharing for the trip. Bring a packed lunch and stout footwear.

Leader will meet us on-site

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August Isle of Arran Contact: Tom Byars

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We should be able to see breeding Black Guillemots at the harbour. The sailing takes about 50 minutes, so we could do some sea-watching, looking out for Manx Shearwater, Gannets, Fulmar, Kittiwake, Sandwich Terns, Guillemots, Razorbills or maybe a Puffin. But on the island itself the main objective is the iconic Golden Eagle as well as a chance of seeing Red Squirrels and Scotch Argus.

Meet at Ardrossan Ferry terminal for the 11.05 ferry

#### Facebook Page

Check out our facebook page at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/PaisleyNaturalHistorySociety">www.facebook.com/PaisleyNaturalHistorySociety</a>.

### **Society Website**

The address is <a href="www.paisleynaturalhistorysociety.org.uk">www.paisleynaturalhistorysociety.org.uk</a>

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