



PAISLEY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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Reminder!

Just a wee reminder that as Paisley Museum is closed for re-development and so our meetings have moved and are now in:

Wynd Centre,
6 School Wynd,
Paisley, PA1 2DB

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 2019/20. 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.

Thursday 5th December

A Twitcher's Tale
Andrew Russell

An insight into the excitement of twitching.

This fast-paced take on birdwatching involves the race to see rare birds, with country-wide travelling witnessing incredible migration, friendly competition, euphoria, devastation of failure and the thrill of the chase

Thursday 9th January

How can we stimulate more biodiversity action in Renfrewshire?

Steve Edwards (40 years an ecologist but still only a semi-competent field naturalist and very weak-willed environmentalist)

This talk was provoked by the publication in May 2019 of the UN State of Nature Report, with its devastating assessment of the condition of our planet and dire predictions for the future, including the imminent extinction of more than 1 million species. Trying not to be too gloomy and in the spirit of optimistic New Year's Resolutions, the speaker will ask if there is more that we can be doing at a local level to save and enhance Renfrewshire's wildlife".

Thursday 6th February

Floods of Motorway meadows – a journey from trainee to plant hunting flood surveyor
Rennie Mason

My journey from a trainee with the Scottish Wildlife Trust survey teams to running my own conservation consultancy and travelling the country hunting for plants and seeds for motorway landscaping, flood plains...and other things along the way!

Thursday 5th March

Conservation in Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park
Alan Brown (Countryside Officer, Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park)

A look at conservation work in the Country Parks and the wider Regional Park. From a historical perspective, what has been achieved.

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.