



PAISLEY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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Notification

The committee wishes to make a change to the society constitution. Currently the date of collection of subscriptions is the 1st January and the society wishes to change this collection date to the 1st September in line with the start of each new evening talks season.

The proposed change to the constitution is as follows:

“A first annual subscription shall accompany the application to join the society. Thereafter the annual subscription shall become due on 1st September each year. The treasurer shall prepare annually a statement of the receipts and expenditure for the past session.”

This proposal will be discussed at the AGM and will be decided by a yes/no vote from the members.

Evening Talks Programme

Paisley Museum

7.30pm

Thursday 5th April

AGM and Members Evening.

The business of the society will be discussed followed by a talk entitled ‘Down memory lane’; a light-hearted and irreverent look at Chairpersons past and present and their own personal recollections of the society through the years.

Joint Meeting with Hamilton and Glasgow Natural History Societies

Hosted by Hamilton Natural History Society

Friday 13th April

Old Parish Church Hall, Hamilton

7.30pm

Wildflowers and Gardens by Roy Sexton

For the past few years we have been organising joint talks with our two closest neighbouring natural history societies and this year Hamilton Natural History Society are hosting this event.

Please find enclosed a copy of the map showing the location of the Old Parish Church Hall, Hamilton.

Summer Outings Programme

Sunday 13th May

Green Hairstreak at Gleniffer Braes Country Park

Contact: Cathy Gillen 07881 601660/ Tom Byars 01294 466 393

Departure from the Watermill Hotel car park, Paisley at 1pm.

We will be spending an afternoon on the braes discovering all the different types of wildlife this area has to offer and if conditions are correct hopefully, seeing some Green Hairstreak butterflies.

Sunday 20th May

Scottish Bird Fair at Hopetoun House, Edinburgh

Joint meeting with RSPB, Renfrewshire Group

Contact: Ewan Douglas 0141 886 5232

This is the first annual Scottish Bird Fair. So to find out all that's happening in the world of birding why not come along.

There is an entrance fee but groups do get a discount and the RSPB Renfrewshire Group will be running a bus so contact Ewan Douglas for more details.

Sunday 12th August

Purple Hairstreak at Shaw Wood

Contact: Tom Byars 01294 466 393

Departure from the Watermill Hotel car park, Paisley at 4pm

This colony of Purple Hairstreak was only discovered last year. Associated with oak trees these butterflies are to be seen high up in the canopy where the main adult food source is honeydew.

Please note this outing is weather dependent; please contact the leader if you plan to come along.

Sunday 30th September

Bird Rarities on the East Coast

Contact: Tom Byars 01294 466 393

Departure from the Watermill Hotel car park, Paisley at 9am

Our annual outing to the East coast to look for rarities during the autumn bird migration.

Facebook Page

We now have a facebook page - www.facebook.com/PaisleyNaturalHistorySociety.

There are already members posting photos looking for help in identification and producing records. With any luck we will have more members on the site soon. If you have a facebook account all you need to do is sign in and click 'like'. If you do not want to join facebook you can still view the page although you cannot contribute to any posts or photos.

Society Website

The address is www.paisleynaturalhistorysociety.org.uk

Any member wishing to add new information please contact me at Paisley Museum.

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