



PAISLEY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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News

Unfortunately the horrendous weather on Sunday the 13th May meant that the planned outing to Gleniffer Braes Country Park to look for Green hairstreak butterflies was cancelled. There are a few historic records of Green hairstreak on this site but no sightings have been made recently, so a determined effort to check this area out is needed. Perhaps we can try again next year and maybe this time we will be luckier with the weather.

The outing to look for Purple hairstreak butterflies at Shaw Wood on the 12th August was fortunately more successful. In total 11 members of the society turned up for this outing and after a long wait of an hour and a half, we were rewarded with an aerial display of at least 6 individual butterflies flitting in and out of the tree canopy, well worth the wait.

Our first evening talk of the season is from Kate Sampson of the National Trust for Scotland, Arran Ranger Service. Kate was due to give this talk way back in February 2011, but couldn't get across the water due to bad weather. However, we were treated to a talk on Basking sharks by Dr Mauvis Gore instead. Anyway let's hope things go more smoothly this time.

Flora of Renfrewshire

Keith Watson author of the long-awaited *Flora of Renfrewshire* has just announced that the publication date is to be spring 2013. A pre-publication offer will be included in the November newsletter and for anyone looking for more information keep checking the Paisley Natural History Society website or you can contact Keith direct at Keith.Watson@glasgowlife.org.uk

Subscriptions

Please note that due to the change in time of year for subscriptions to be paid (which was agreed at the last AGM) subscriptions are now due for 2012/13. They are as follows: **Ordinary £6, Family £8, Unwaged £3.**

Subscriptions can be paid at the meetings to our Treasurer, Anne Gray or by sending a cheque along with membership form to Paisley Natural History Society C/o Paisley Museum. Please find a membership form enclosed with this newsletter.

Summer Outings Programme

Sunday 30th September **Bird Rairities 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 rairities during the autumn bird migration.

Winter /Spring Talks Programme

Paisley Museum

7.30pm

Thursday 6th September **'Goatfell – Everything but the Goats' by Kate Sampson, National Trust for Scotland – Arran Ranger Service**

Take a closer look at the conservation and mountain wildlife of the magnificent Goatfell Property on the Isle of Arran. Golden eagles soar overhead, red deer roar in the glens, and black adder hiss at your feet. Come along and find out more about these and some of the more unusual mountain wildlife of Goatfell and some of the conservation projects aiming to improve key habitats.

Thursday 4th October **'The Forestry Commission in Renfrewshire' by Derek Shannan, Community Ranger, Scottish Lowlands Forest District (FCS)**

Come along to find out more about Forestry Commission Scotland, who they are, what they do and how they manage their sites in Renfrewshire for the benefit of both people and wildlife.

Thursday 1st November **'The Butterflies of Ecuador' by Marianne Ward, Butterfly Conservation**

Ecuador is home to approximately 2700 species of butterfly, 50% of all neotropical species. In this illustrated talk, Marianne will share her experience of visiting the country and helping to photograph, identify and catalogue its great biodiversity.

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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