



PAISLEY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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December Meeting

Christmas is just around the corner and the December meeting will be a time to celebrate and mark the occasion. Come along, join in the fun, try your hand at some of the nature based games and quizzes including a new one this year "Bright and Beautiful", a look at some colourful and flamboyant phenomena in the natural world. Eat, drink and be merry. We hope to see you all there.

Flora of Renfrewshire

Also included with this newsletter is a pre-publication offer for *The Flora of Renfrewshire*, the long-awaited publication by Keith Watson detailing the full flora of the old county of Renfrewshire (Renfrewshire, East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde and south-west Glasgow).

This publication marks the culmination of decades of field recording and contains over 1500 species accounts. A must for any ecologist or naturalist.

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 (if you haven't already paid). 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 .

Winter /Spring Talks Programme

Paisley Museum

7.30pm

Thursday 6th December Christmas Social

There is no talk on this evening, but the members of the Natural History Society will be getting together to celebrate the festive season. So why not come along, meet new friends and join in with the games and quizzes.

Thursday 10th January ‘Frozen in Flight’ by T. Norman Tait

Huge advances in the world of photography have meant that it is now possible to photograph what the eye cannot see using both shorter shutter speeds and high-speed flash equipment. Norman, a well-respected wildlife photographer will be demonstrating how these advances have enabled him to produce a variety of remarkable images of birds, mammals and insects in action.

Thursday 7th February ‘Ospreys in the Trossachs’ by Robert Fraser-Binns, Forestry Commission, based at David Marshall Lodge, Aberfoyle.

These magnificent birds of prey breeding in the Trossachs can be observed from live feed cameras in Marshall Lodge. This talk will provide a fascinating insight into the world of these superb birds, detailing the highs and the lows of their lives in the Trossachs.

Thursday 7th March ‘Wildflowers and Gardens’ by Roy Sexton, Chairman of the Stirling members Centre, Scottish Wildlife Trust

This illustrated account of the good and bad influences of gardening on our wildflower populations will raise a number of questions as to how we view our native flora. Why do we favour foreign species over native, i.e. daffodils over dandelions? What are the benefits of wildflowers to native insects? What damage do alien plants and foreign pests cause our native flora and fauna, and what impact does the export of gardening values into the countryside have on our native wildlife?

[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.

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