



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. Eat, drink and be merry. We hope to see you all there and if you want to bring along some food or drink to share with other members please do.

Subscriptions

Please note that due to the change in time of year for subscriptions to be paid subscriptions are now due for 2013/14 (if you haven't already paid) and as agreed at the last AGM subscriptions have been increased. They are as follows: **Ordinary £10, Family £14, Unwaged £4.**

Subscriptions can be paid at the meetings to our Treasurer, Anne Gray or by sending a cheque along with membership form (which can be downloaded from the website) to Paisley Natural History Society C/o Paisley Museum. Please make the cheque out to Paisley Natural History Society.

Please let us know of any changes to your contact details.

March 2014 Society Outing

Following on from the brilliant talk given by Chris McInerney in November we have arranged an outing to hopefully see some of the reptiles he has been studying over the past few years.

Sunday 30th March Outing to Cashel, Loch Lomondside Leader: Tom Byars 01294 466393

Meet at the Watermill car park, Paisley at 7.45am we will meet up with Chris at Cashel car park at 9.00am. The journey should take approximately 1hr 10mins

Directions to Cashel (NS 399 940):

From Drymen, take the road for Balmaha. Continue through Balmaha Village heading towards Rowardennan. Cashel is about 2 miles along this road on the right hand side shortly after Blair Cottage. The site is brown sign posted for forest walks and there is a dry stone dyke wall with Cashel embossed onto large boulders built into the wall on either side of the entrance track. Take a right turn up this track, you will find car parking to the side of and behind the farm buildings.

Please let the leader know if you intend to go on this outing

Thursday 5th 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 9th January **Flora of Renfrewshire**
Illustrated talk by Keith Watson, Botanical Recorder for Renfrewshire
for the Botanical Society of the British Isles

The first full Flora of Renfrewshire, which lists and maps the distribution of all plants recorded as growing wild in the old county of Renfrewshire was published in 2013. To celebrate this publication this talk will describe and illustrate many of the wild plants and habitats found in the county and is a must for anyone who enjoys the Renfrewshire countryside and is interested in wildflowers.

Thursday 6th February **Scottish Spiders**
Illustrated talk by Chris Cathrine, South Scotland Area Organiser for
the British Arachnological Society Spider Recording Scheme.

Spiders are a fascinating but often misunderstood group of animals. Over 440 species are known to live in Scotland, a number of which are rare or endangered. Come along and learn about spider biology, ecology and life strategies and find out why Scotland is so important for many species of conservation concern.

Thursday 6th March **Plight of the Bumblebee**
Illustrated talk by Anthony McCluskey, Outreach Officer, Bumblebee
Conservation Trust.

This is a joint meeting with Glasgow and Hamilton Natural History Societies, which we are hosting.

Bumblebees are essential pollinators of many wildflowers and crops, but their numbers are declining. Anthony will talk about the life cycle of the bumblebee, reasons for their decline and what we can do to help this furry little insect.

[Facebook Page](#)

Check out our 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](#)

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