



## PAISLEY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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### Newsletter March 2014

#### Renfrewshire's Beautiful Butterflies

2014 is the last in Butterfly Conservation's current 5-year recording period. So when you're out and about in the local area this summer, please keep an eye out for butterflies and if you spot any make a record. The basic information needed for a record is:

1. **Species**
2. **Date seen**
3. **Where it was seen and grid reference (if possible)**
4. **Recorder's name**

Without this information a record will not be accepted and please note that there are 4 white butterflies in this region.

If you do manage to record butterflies this year please send your records to:

Marianne Ward, local recorder for Renfrewshire  
email: [mariannefox1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mariannefox1@yahoo.co.uk)



[Spring Talks Programme](#)

[Paisley Museum](#)

[7.30pm](#)

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**      **AGM and Members Evening**

The business of the society will be discussed followed by an illustrated talk:

**Madagascar - Eden in crisis.**  
**Illustrated talk by Judy Hayton**

Madagascar is home to an abundance of plants and animals found nowhere else on Earth. This talk will look at the relationship between Madagascar's unique wildlife and its human population.

## [Spring/Summer Outings Programme](#)

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

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 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  
Remember the clocks go forward this weekend**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

**Outing to Inversnaid**

**Leader: Ewan Douglas**

**0141 886 5232**

Meet at [Inveruglas at 10am](#) or [Watermill car park at 8.45am for car sharing](#), or drive to Inversnaid Hotel for 10.30am (not recommended).

There is a large car park at Inveruglas with public toilets and a cafe. Ferry to Inversnaid about 10.30am where there are public toilets and Hotel facilities catering for walkers.

Drive to Inveruglas takes 45-60 minutes.

Trails from Inversnaid both north and south, through oakwoods for Pied Flycatcher, Wood Warbler, Jay, Redstart, Cuckoo, Golden Eagle, etc.

Ferry back to Inveruglas about 3pm.

**Please contact leader Ewan Douglas 0141 886 5232 if going as the Hotel's boat could be booked depending on numbers.**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**

**Purple Hairstreak Outing**

**Leader: Norman Tait**

Meet at the [Watermill car park at 2pm](#).

Purple Hairstreaks emerge much later in the day than other butterflies, late afternoon and evening being the optimum time. So, we will visit Erskine Harbour and have a short walk on surfaced paths downriver from the carpark to look for autumn waders on the shoreline. On returning to the carpark later in the afternoon, we will then take the path up to the Boden Boo Plantation where there are many large oak trees. The Purple Hairstreak's life cycle is closely associated with the oak tree. If we are lucky we may see some flying around lower down at head height on the smaller oak trees before they migrate to the canopy of the oaks where they fly, pair and lay their eggs in the oak tree buds. These eggs will overwinter.

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