



PAISLEY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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Newsletter March 2016

[Spring Talks Programme](#)

[Paisley Museum](#)

[7.30pm](#)

Thursday 7th April **AGM and Members Evening**

The business of the society will be discussed followed by:

“Hunters, Munchers and Management” by Richard Clarkson (Manager, NTS Grey Mare’s Tail Nature Reserve)

The Grey Mare’s Tail Nature Reserve is best known for its spectacular waterfall, its dramatic scenery and its diversity of wildlife.

This talk will provide an overview of the reserve from Peregrine Falcons to grazing animals, highlighting the many different facets of managing an upland reserve.

[Joint Meeting with Glasgow and Hamilton Natural History Societies](#)

This year Glasgow Natural History Society will be hosting the joint meeting. This meeting will take place at the University of Glasgow and it is hoped that a lot of our members will make the effort to attend and meet up with like-minded individuals from other societies.

The main lecture is at 7.30pm but for anyone that can get to the venue earlier Jeanne Robinson Curator of Entomology at the Hunterian Museum (and formerly at Kelvingrove) will be giving a short lecture on Scottish Ants.

Please note that you will need to enquire at the reception desk as to which theatre the talks are taking place in.

Tuesday 10th May

Joint Meeting with Glasgow and Hamilton Natural History Societies

**Boyd Orr Building,
University Avenue,
University of Glasgow**

6.30pm

Tutorial: Scottish Ants

Jeanne Robinson

7.30pm

Lecture: Scotland’s Deep Seas and their future in a changing ocean
Prof Murray Roberts, Heriot Watt University

Following the talks, Glasgow Natural History Society would like to invite you all to join them for refreshments in the Graham Kerr (Zoology) building.

Please note that this talk is hosted by Glasgow Natural History Society and will be held on a Tuesday at the **Boyd Orr Building in the University of Glasgow.**

Summer Outings Programme

Sunday 3rd April

**Outing to Culter Waterhead,
South Lanarkshire**

**Contact: Ewan Douglas
0141 886 5232**

This is a joint outing with RSPB Renfrew local group.

Meet at the Watermill car park, Paisley at 8.45am for car-sharing.

Car sharing is essential as parking can be very difficult at "Birthwood"

We will stop at the services at Junction 13 of the M74 for drinks, toilets, etc, then travel in convoy to the parking area so no one gets lost. We then walk up a surfaced road for about 2 miles while birdwatching, have lunch then walk back again. There are no facilities so bring sandwiches, drinks and warm clothing.

Sunday 8th May

**Outing to Sallochy,
Queen Elizabeth Forest Park**

The RSPB Renfrew local group are organising an outing to Sallochy, on the banks of Loch Lomond. Ewan Douglas will be collecting names and contact details at the next Paisley Natural History Society meeting (7th April) on behalf of the RSPB Renfrew group for anyone interested in joining this outing.

Meet at Sallochy at 10.00am. Bring a packed lunch

Sunday 5th June

**Search for the Small Blue Butterfly
At Gales Marsh SWT Reserve**

**Contact: Tom Byars
01294 466393**

Looking for Small Blue Butterfly, invertebrates, flowers and birds at Gales Marsh SWT and surrounding golf course with Gill Smart (SWT)

Meet at the Watermill car park in Paisley at 10.00am to organise car-sharing for trip down to Gales. Bring a packed lunch

Saturday 23rd July

Butterflies at Ardeer

**Contact: Tom Byars
01294 466393**

Looking for Dark Green Fritillary, Common Blue, Small Heath, Ringlet, Meadow Brown, Grayling, flowers and birds.

Meet at the Watermill car park in Paisley for 11.00am to organise car-sharing for trip down to Ardeer. Bring a packed lunch

Please note that this trip is limited to just 10 people and you must be fit, as it involves a bit of a steep scramble over rocks.

Please contact the leader (Tom Byars) to book a place on this trip, (first come first served).

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Society Website

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