

PAISLEY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY



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New Committee

At the society's AGM on May 3rd, the following members were elected to the committee:

Chair:	Bill Gray	Committee members:	Catherine Brown
Secretary:	Ewan Douglas		Tom Byars
Treasurer:	Anne Gray		John Drew
			Catherine Gillen
			Paul Kodur
			Dave Mellor

Summer Outings

Enclosed is a card with the programme of the society's summer outings. The first outing has already taken place, on 27th May. The plan was to go to Ballantrae to look at the shore life, but as there was a very small turnout (only three members turned up), the venue was changed to one closer to home: the oak woods at Aberfoyle. The most interesting sightings were Jay, Tree Pipit, Garden Warbler and Whitethroat.

The next outing will be on Sunday 24th June, when Chris Balling will lead us on a search for Water Voles. Please bring waterproofs and wellies. We will leave the museum at 10.00. If you plan to come to this or any other outing, please contact Ewan to check on departure times and to enable the transport to be planned.

Winter Programme

The new committee has already met to plan the winter programme. As was the case last year, the meetings will be on the first Thursday of the month at the museum, starting in September. Details will follow when the speakers have been arranged. The speaker for the first meeting, on Thursday 6th September has already been booked: our own Duncan McEwan will talk about 'My Way with Nature'. Duncan is an eminent nature photographer, so this talk promises to be a visual treat.

Subscriptions

At the AGM, it was decided that, after several years without change, the subscriptions should be increased. This increase is necessary to keep the society solvent. The new rates are: £6 (waged); £3 (unwaged); £8 (family). A membership renewal form is enclosed; if you did not renew your membership at the AGM, could you please return this form to Anne Gray with the appropriate membership fee?

E-mail Addresses

Newsletters and other information can be sent more cheaply and reliably by e-mail. If you have an e-mail address and have not already notified the society of it, or if you have changed it since you notified us, please let us know. You can do this either on the subscription renewal form or by e-mailing Ewan.

We look forward to seeing you on some of the summer outings.

Bill Gray
Ewan Douglas