



# PAISLEY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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## Newsletter, August 2002

### Future of the Society

At the Extraordinary General Meeting held on June 6<sup>th</sup> 2002, there were enough volunteers to serve on the committee to allow the Society to continue as a meetings-based organisation. However, it was decided that there should be fewer meetings than before, to avoid the months when the turnout is poor and to cut down on the work involved in organising and running the meetings.

### Committee

The committee for the next year is:

Chair:	Tom Byars
Secretary:	Ewan Douglas
Treasurer/Membership Secretary:	Marian Coates
Publicity Officer:	Ian Herbison
Newsletter Editor:	Bill Gray
Committee Members:	Catherine Gillen, David Mellor, Margaret Muir, Judith Potts, Norman Tait

### Winter Programme

The winter programme has now been arranged, and details are given on the enclosed card. We have tried to obtain a better venue for the meetings and have managed to secure the let of Gallery 3 in the Museum. This is up the main stairs and just past the Natural History Studio on the right. The meetings until the end of the year are:

#### ***Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September. Steven Kirk. Thrills and Spills in Bolivia***

Steven will give an illustrated talk about his recent holiday in Bolivia, in which he combined mountaineering and cycling, and which had a sting in the tail.

#### ***Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Kate Cuthbert . The Work of the Renfrewshire Access Officer***

Kate will tell us about her work in facilitating access for the public to the Renfrewshire countryside

#### ***Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Christmas Social***

### Subscriptions

These are now due. The rates are the same as last year: Family £8; Waged £6; Unwaged £3. A form is enclosed, which you should send with your subscription to the Treasurer, Marian Coates.

### Summer Outings

The summer outings have not been well supported this year, and two have had to be cancelled because of lack of interest. There are still three to come, details of which can be found on the programme card. Please remember to contact Ewan Douglas or David Mellor, as requested on the card, if you plan to come to an outing. Leaders are not prepared to turn up unless a reasonable number of members are. If you can't contact Ewan or David, then contact me (889 6436).

### Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting will be held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August at 7.00 pm in the Bull Inn, New Street, Paisley.

Bill Gray.