



PAISLEY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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Committee

At the annual general meeting on April 3rd, last year's committee was re-elected for a further year. The committee is:

Chair: Tom Byars Secretary: Ewan Douglas Treasurer: Marian Coates

Committee Members: Catherine Gillen, Bill Gray (Newsletter Editor), Ian Herbison (Publicity Officer), David Mellor, Margaret Muir, Judith Potts, Norman Tait

Constitution

The society has for some years been without a valid constitution. The time has come to rectify this, particularly as we are required to provide a copy of our constitution when we apply for funding from the Community Fund. (We intend to seek such funding to assist in the purchase of a new projector.) A working group from the committee has drawn up a draft constitution, which is enclosed. We will devote the first part of our meeting on September 4th to discussing this, with a view to adopting it, with any agreed amendments, as our constitution.

Winter Programme

The winter programme has now been arranged, and details are given on the enclosed card. As was the case last year, there is a reduced programme this year, with only five meetings. These will again be held in Gallery 3 in the Museum. The meetings until the end of the year are:

Thursday 4th September. Alan Brown. Clyde Muirshiel Country Park

Alan is a senior ranger at Clyde Muirshiel Park and will tell us about the natural history of the park and the work of the rangers.

Thursday 2nd October. John Mitchell. A Tale of Two Butterflies

Before he retired, John was an officer of Scottish Natural Heritage. In addition to having an extensive knowledge of natural history, John has a keen interest in local history. Since his retirement, he has been combining these interests to investigate the causes of the disappearance of the Large Copper and Chequered Skipper butterflies from their former habitats in England. He will describe his investigations to us and reveal his conclusions.

Thursday 4th December. Christmas Social

Subscriptions

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

Summer Outings

Again, the summer outings have not been well supported this year. There are still two to come, details of which can be found on the programme card, which was circulated with the April newsletter. Please remember to contact the outing leader, or Ewan Douglas, as requested on the card, if you plan to come on an outing.

Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting will be held on Thursday 21st August at 7.00 pm in the Bull Inn, New Street, Paisley.

Bill Gray.