



## PAISLEY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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### Newsletter, March 2007

#### COMING EVENTS

##### Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> April **Annual General Meeting & Members' Night**

After the business of the Society has been discussed there will be three short illustrated talks. Iain Gibson will tell us about the past, the present and the future of Paisley Moss Reserve which is again under threat owing to new expansion plans by Glasgow Airport. Ewan Douglas will give a short presentation about his recent visits to Fair Isle and Tom Byres will talk about birds – what else!. Any other members wishing to contribute will be made welcome. A slide projector and digital projector will be available.

#### SUMMER OUTINGS

##### Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> April **RSPB Inversnaid Reserve, Loch Lomond** contact Ewan Douglas **0141 8865232**

This will be a joint meeting with the Renfrewshire RSPB Local Group. The venue is Inveruglas car park where the Inversnaid Hotel ferry boat will take those present across to Inversnaid. Booking is essential to ensure a place on the boat. A walk will be taken through the oak woodlands in search of Redstart, Pied Flycatcher, Wood Warbler and Tree Pipits - all of which breed in the area.

##### Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> June **SWT Loch Libo Reserve** contact Norman Tait **0141 8851951**

Following on from the talk in February, the society will make a visit to this seldom-visited SWT reserve to record the birds, plants and insects present. Gill Smart from the SWT will take us around the reserve.

##### Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September **East Coast Birds** contact Tom Byres (evening) **01294 446393**

Meet at 9am in the Cotton Street car park. This is an outing to locations on the east coast at which rarities are regularly sighted. Please remember to contact the leader if you plan to come on this excursion.

##### Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> November **Caerlaverock Nature Reserve** contact Ewan Douglas **0141 8865232**

Details about this joint bus outing with the Renfrewshire RSPB Local Group will be given in the next newsletter.

#### Reports on Recent Events

*Christmas Social (December 2006)* – The social evening was well attended as usual. Many thanks to Anne Gray for an improved dreaded 'word game' (identifying natural history subjects from obscure clues). Thanks also to Ewan Douglas for a more difficult bird-sound quiz than last year – no territorial calls, just alarm and contact calls. Another quiz, presented by Norman Tait, consisted of pictures of local flowering plants to be identified by the members. Everyone present enjoyed the evening.

*The Scottish Wildlife Trust (February 2007)* – Gill Smart, who is the SWT Reserve Manager for South West Scotland, gave an excellent talk about the work of the Scottish Wildlife Trust. She highlighted the wide range of wildlife to be found on the 17 Ayrshire Reserves and the two Renfrewshire Reserves (Glen Moss and Loch Libo) which are part of her remit. Her enthusiasm shone through and Gill was given a hearty vote of thanks.

**Subscriptions** – Will members please note that subscriptions are now due from the 1<sup>st</sup> January each year in accordance with our new Constitution.

#### Committee

The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 7pm in the Bull Inn on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

T. Norman Tait