



PAISLEY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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COMING EVENTS

Thursday, 2 April **Annual General Meeting**

After the business of the Society has been discussed there will be three talks on local topics given by members of the society. Neil Gregory will discuss moths in Renfrewshire, Tom Byars, our chairman, will present plans for the conservation of lesser whitethroats at Brownside Braes and Norman Tait will show how an artificial nest site for sand martins was constructed near Newshot LNR in January 2006. Sand martins first used the site in 2008.

FORTHCOMING OUTINGS

Sunday 19 April **Drumlanrig Castle Country Park**

contact Nicola Macintyre **0141 8406171**

Excellent views can be had of red squirrels, nuthatch, jays and great-spotted woodpeckers from a woodland hide. Park rangers keep the feeders full around the hide and, whatever the weather, some of the above will probably be seen. There is a charge of £3 for entry to the park. Please notify the leader if you plan to come along. Meet in Cotton Street car park at 9am.

Saturday 2 May **The Lowther Hills, Wanlockhead**

contact Ewan Douglas **0141 8865232**

This outing is to the Green Lowther Hill where it is hoped that dotterel, an attractive mountain plover, may be located. The walk involves climbing to 2,500ft on rough ground so good hill walking boots are required plus good waterproof clothing. Please notify the leader if you plan to come along. Meet in the Cotton Street car park at 8am.

Sunday 17 May **Bio Blitz at Brownside Braes**

contact Tom Byars (evening) **01294 466393**

This meeting will be joint with the GNHS and it is hoped that a number of experts in plants and insects will be present to help compile a register of the biodiversity of this unique site. Meet in Brownside Braes car park near the farm at 10am.

Saturday, 6 June **Moth trapping at Linwood Moss**

contact Nicola Macintyre **0141 8406171**

Neil Gregory, who is the moth recorder for Renfrewshire, will conduct an evening moth trapping session. The insects will be attracted to lights which the leader will operate via a generator. Linwood Moss is at NS 440660 and is accessed from the Linwood side. It is hoped that some colourful specimens will be caught. Joint with the GNHS. The meeting will start at **9pm till late**.

Saturday 4 July **Glen Moss, Kilmacolm**

contact Norman Tait **0141 8851951**

Given a sunny day at Glen Moss, four types of dragonflies and five types of damselflies should be in evidence. A variety of butterflies and many marsh plants may be seen. Meet in the car park at Kilmacolm Cross for 10am

Sunday 27 September **East Coast Bird Foray.**

contact Tom Byars (evening) **01294 466393**

This annual outing will be made to view the autumn bird migration at various locations on the South East Coast.

Society Website - New member Nigel Scriven has kindly set up a website for the society. The address is www.paisleynaturalhistorysociety.org.uk Any member wishing to add new information please contact Nicola Macintyre at Paisley Museum who has access to the site.

Subscriptions - Please note that subscriptions are now due for 2009. They are as follows:- Ordinary £6; Family £8; Unwaged £3. Subscriptions may be paid to the Treasurer, Marian Coates at any of the meetings.

