



## PAISLEY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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### Newsletter, March 2010

#### News

#### **Mearsehead RSPB Reserve Outing (21<sup>st</sup> February)**

A group of 9 turned up for the outing to Mersehead RSPB Reserve on the Solway Firth.

Although huge flocks of Svalbard Barnacle geese make their way to this reserve each winter the highlights of the day were the duck species including Wigeon, Teal and good sightings of Pintail.

#### **International Year of Biodiversity**

2010 is International Year of Biodiversity and Paisley Natural History Society has signed up to the IYB-UK partnership. IYB-UK is an informal network of organisations that plan to promote understanding of biodiversity during the International Year of Biodiversity.

We hope to do our bit to raise awareness of biodiversity through our involvement with the Local Biodiversity Action Plan partnership and through our own evening talks and summer excursions programme. For more information on International Year of Biodiversity visit the Natural History Museum website at <http://www.nhm.ac.uk/nature-online/biodiversity/international-year-biodiversity/index.html>

#### **Joint Meeting with Glasgow and Hamilton Natural History Societies**

This year we have been invited to a joint meeting hosted by Glasgow Natural History Society to bring all the local natural history societies within the Clyde area together. This meeting will take place at the University of Glasgow and it is hoped that a lot of our members will make the effort to attend and meet up with like-minded individuals from other societies.

Please find details of this meeting overleaf.

#### Spring Talks Programme

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

**AGM and Members Night**

**Paisley Museum 7.30pm**

The business of the society will be discussed, followed by a talk by Richard Weddle and Richard Sutcliffe of Glasgow Museums Biological Records Centre.

Biological Records are vital for conservation. This talk will provide a brief history of biological recording in Renfrewshire, reviewing the records currently held for Vice County 76 (Renfrewshire, East Renfrewshire and Inverclyde), highlighting areas, both taxonomic and geographic which appear under-recorded and suggesting how members of PNHS can help to fill in the gaps.

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April

**Joint Meeting with Glasgow and  
Hamilton Natural History Societies**

**Graham Kerr Building  
University of Glasgow**

**6.30pm Tutorial**

Eilidh Spence  
The Glasgow Living Water project

**7.30pm Lecture**

Mel Tonkin  
Red Squirrels

Please note that this talk is hosted by Glasgow Natural History Society and will be held on a **Tuesday at the Graham Kerr Building (Zoology) in the University of Glasgow**. A map of the venue is enclosed.

### Summer Outings Programme

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June**

**Outing to Culzean Castle  
and Country Park**

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Group outing to Culzean Country Park where as well as the variety of wildlife to be found within the woodlands of the park we have organised a Ranger led activity to go rock-pooling along the coastline at 11.00am.

**The maximum number allowed on the rock-pooling excursion is 15 so if you're interested in this let the leader know as it will be on a first come first served basis.**

**Otherwise there is no number limit for the general visit to the country park itself.**

Costs are as follows:

Country Park & Castle:	Individual £13.00 (adult)	£9.00 (concession)
Country Park only:	Individual £8.50 (adult)	£5.50 (concession)
Members of NTS/NT	Free	

Meet at the Watermill Hotel car park, Paisley at 9.00am. Travel will be by car-sharing.

### Subscriptions

Please note that subscriptions are now due for 2010.

They are as follows:      **Ordinary £6**  
                                     **Family £8**  
                                     **Unwaged £3.**

Subscriptions can be paid at the meetings to our Treasurer, Marian Coates or by sending a cheque along with membership form to Paisley Natural History Society C/o Paisley Museum.

Please find a membership form enclosed with this newsletter .

### Society Website

The address is [www.paisleynaturalhistorysociety.org.uk](http://www.paisleynaturalhistorysociety.org.uk)

Any member wishing to add new information please contact me at Paisley Museum.

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