

# WINTER PROGRAMME SPEAKERS 2014-15

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

***“Reserved for Wildlife?”***

**by David Shenton**

The Scottish Wildlife Trust manages 120 wildlife sites throughout Scotland. One such reserve is Loch Ardinning near Milngavie which was gifted to the Trust in 1988. SWT reserves are run by a Management Committee consisting of local volunteers and David has been involved since the beginning with Loch Ardinning and the SWT Clyde Members' Group. In his talk David will look at the SWT reserves around Scotland and answer the question “What are reserves for?” Reserve management issues and how management is carried out will also be discussed relating to Loch Ardinning.

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015**

**AGM and Members' Night**

The business of the society will be discussed followed by

***“Water Beetling: the oldest recording scheme in the World – and very Scottish”***

**by Garth Foster**

Garth Foster has been the moving force behind water beetle conservation in Britain for over thirty years and he has set up a number of local water beetle recording schemes. One of the first ‘water beetlers’ was Charles Darwin closely followed by some Scottish coleopterists. Records date back to 1904 and currently run to 400,000 but with less than 700 records from Renfrewshire. We need more local recording. How many have you seen?

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**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

The joint meeting with the Hamilton and Glasgow Natural History Societies will be hosted by Hamilton Natural History Society in the HAMILTON OLD PARISH CHURCH HALLS at 7.30pm.

**Rory Crawford**

**(Senior Policy Officer, Birdlife International Global Seabird Programme with the RSPB)**

**will give a talk titled “Global Seabird Programme”.**

