

WINTER PROGRAMME SPEAKERS 2015

Thursday 3rd September 2015

“Buglife Scotland and the Amazing Ardeer Peninsula”

by Suzanne Bairner

Buglife Scotland are currently involved in several projects across Scotland including ‘Fife’s Buzzing’, the ‘John Muir Pollinator Way’ and the outreach project ‘Roots to Shoots’.

This talk will give a brief introduction to these projects as well as some of our other work in Scotland including a recent project in Ayrshire at the amazing brownfield site on the Ardeer Peninsula that has revealed many exciting bug discoveries.

Thursday 1st October 2015

“Plastics and Poo – threats to Scottish Seas”

by Matt Barnes

Matt Barnes is the Scottish Co-ordinator for the Marine Conservation Society. His talk will provide an overview of the work of the Marine Conservation Society in Scotland from wildlife protection to beach clean ups, advice and education.

The seas around Scotland support a third of the global Grey seal population, the world’s most northerly population of Bottlenose dolphins, nearly half of all breeding seabirds in Europe and not to forget our summer visitors, Basking shark and Leatherback turtle. The myriad of habitats beneath the waves include rocky reefs, maerl and sea grass beds and coral reefs, home to a vast array of marine life.

Thursday 5th November 2015

“Wildlife in the Yukon, a trip to the Canadian Wilderness”

by Paul Tatner

This talk will introduce the concept of a truly wild and natural environment, where Man’s influence is almost minimal. It will describe a trip to a fishing lodge situated on the Kluane Lake, from which day trips were undertaken to various locations in order to satisfy the basic hunting urge through capture of pictures and fish, while avoiding the direct attention of some of the larger native mammals!

The audience will hopefully be entertained with pictures of the scenery, plants and animals that were encountered in this amazing Arctic environment. While some mention of the fishing may slip in, it will basically be the reflections of a naturalist fortunate enough to have been able visit part the incredible Canadian wilderness during a lovely July in 2014.

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CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Come and join our Christmas Social and do bring a friend with you. This is an informal evening packed with quirky quizzes and fun-filled frivolity. Will members please remember to bring a small contribution to the festivities.

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Thursday 14th January 2016 *Hessilhead Wildlife Rescue Centre*

Thursday 4th February 2016 *Gulls*

Thursday 3rd March 2016 *Big effort for the Small Blue*

Thursday 7th April 2016 *AGM and Hunters, Munchers and Management*