

Bristol Naturalists' Society

SPRING/SUMMER 2008

Events list, 2008 Spring/Summer

Any member of the Society can attend any meeting. Some changes to this programme will occur: details will be in the Bulletin.

APRIL

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| <i>Thu 10 Leigh Woods</i> | <i>Ornith + Botany</i> |
| <i>Sat 12 Leigh Woods</i> | <i>Society</i> |
| <i>Sat 19 Aliens in Batheaston</i> | <i>Botany</i> |
| <i>Wed 23 Eastwood Farm</i> | <i>Ornithology</i> |

MAY

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| <i>Sun 4 Weston Woods, WsM</i> | <i>Invertebrate</i> |
| <i>Sun 4 Lower Woods</i> | <i>Botany</i> |
| <i>Wed 7 Forest of Dean</i> | <i>Ornithology</i> |
| <i>Sat 10 Gorge</i> | <i>Society</i> |
| <i>Tues 13 Tynesfield Recording</i> | <i>Botany</i> |
| <i>Wed 14 Frome Valley</i> | <i>Ornithology</i> |
| <i>Tues 20 Felton - Recording</i> | <i>Botany</i> |
| <i>Tue 27 Blagdon</i> | <i>Ornith + Botany</i> |

JUNE

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| <i>Wed 11 Folly Farm</i> | <i>Ornithology</i> |
| <i>Sat 21 Downs</i> | <i>Society</i> |
| <i>Sun 22 Maes Knoll, nr Dundry</i> | <i>Invertebrate</i> |
| <i>Wed 25 Somerset Levels</i> | <i>Ornithology</i> |
| <i>Sat 28 Lords Wood nr Hunstrete</i> | <i>Botany</i> |

JULY

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| <i>Wed 2 Marshfield</i> | <i>Ornithology</i> |
| <i>Sat 19 The other Severn Beach</i> | <i>Botany</i> |
| <i>Sun 20 Oldbury Power Stn. NR</i> | <i>Invertebrate</i> |
| <i>Sun 27 Bramble Identification</i> | <i>Botany</i> |
| <i>Sat 26 Severnside</i> | <i>Ornith + Botany</i> |

AUGUST

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| <i>Sun 17 Shirehampton Saltmarsh</i> | <i>Botany</i> |
| <i>Sun 24 Ringing demo</i> | <i>Ornithology</i> |

SEPTEMBER

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| <i>Sun 14 Yeo Estuary, Clevedon</i> | <i>Botany</i> |
| <i>Sun 14 Severn Beach</i> | <i>Society and Invertebrate</i> |

You are reminded that the Society can take **NO RESPONSIBILITY** for accident, injury or other mishap at its events: please check your own insurance.

SOCIETY MEETINGS

FIELD MEETINGS

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| Sat 12 Apr | Leigh Woods | W Morris |
| Sat 10 May | Gorge | T Ewin |
| Sat 21 Jun | Downs | R Bland |
| Sat 12 July | Brean Down (TBC) | T Smith |

INVERTEBRATE SECTION

PRESIDENT:- Ray Barnett 0117 942 5655 ray_barnett@bristol-city.gov.uk

HON. SECRETARY:- Tony Smith 0117 965 6566

Sun 4 May – Weston Woods, Weston-super-mare (woodland spring species)

Sun 22 June – Maes Knoll, near Dundry (grassland species)

Sun 20 July – Oldbury Power Station nature reserve (terrestrial & freshwater species)

Sun 14 Sept – Severn Beach, a meeting for the General Section *and* the

Invertebrate Section (seashore species)

Details of the time and meeting place for each of the above will be published in the monthly bulletin. Leaders will be Tony Smith and Ray Barnett

MOTHS OF THE BRISTOL REGION

After a very long gestation period this, the third volume in the *Wildlife of the Bristol Region* series, will be published this year. Final preparations are being made to the text prior to sending to the printers. If you have submitted any moth sightings to BRERC, the Bristol & District Moth Group or to the Invertebrate Section of the Bristol Naturalists' Society since 1991 then your name may appear in the book in the list of recorders. If you think you fall into this category and *do not* wish your name to be published you must contact Tim Corner at BRERC (Top Floor, Bristol Central Library, College Green, Bristol BS1 5TL) as soon as possible, otherwise it will be assumed you are happy for your name to appear in the list.

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We hope to run some events jointly with botany

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| Thu 10 Apr | Leigh Woods | Richard Bland + Pam Millman |
| Wed 23 Apr | Eastwood Farm | Richard Bland |
| Wed 7May | Forest of Dean for woodcock | Ed Drewitt + Tim Fretter (local expert) |
| Wed 14 May | Frome Valley | Richard Bland |
| Tue 27 May | Blagdon | Mike Johnson + Tony Smith |
| Wed 11 Jun | Folly Farm | David Warden |
| Wed 25 Jun | Somerset Levels (Barn owl, Hobby ...) | Mike Johnson |
| Wed 2 Jul | Marshfield | Paul Farmer |
| Sat 26 Jul | Severnside | Ed Drewitt + Peter Hilton |
| Sun 24 Aug | Ringling demo | Lyndon Roberts |

BOTANY SECTION

PRESIDENT:- Tony Smith 0117 965 6566

HON. SEC.:- Peter Hilton 0117 968 8031

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| APRIL | Sat 19 | Alien Invasion of Batheaston | Leader: Rob Randall |
| MAY | Sun 4 | Lower Woods | Leader: Mike Martin |
| | Tues 13 | Tyntesfield Recording Evening | Leader: Pam Millman |
| | Tues 20 | Felton Common-Recording Meeting | Leader: Pam Millman |
| JUNE | Sat 28 | Lords Wood nr Hunstrete | Leader: Nick Hudson |
| JULY | Sat 19 | The other Severn Beach | Leader: Chris Hurfurt |
| | Sun 27 | Bramble Identification | Leader: Rob Randall |
| AUGUST | Sun 17 | Saltmarsh at Shirehampton | Leaders: M and C Kitchen |
| SEPTEMBER | Sun 14 | Yeo Estuary, Clevedon | Leaders: Tony Smith/Libby Houston |

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LIBRARY

BNS Library at Bristol City Museum & Art Gallery
Opening: Wed. 12.30-1.30pm, Sat. 10.15-12 noon.
NB Membership card required for admission

LIBRARY ADMISSION

Those visiting the library need a Visitor's Badge. Museum reception will issue this when you produce a **current membership card** before coming to the staircase and pressing the intercom to call the librarian. You also have to **SIGN IN & OUT** at Reception using the staff signing-in/out sheet. This sheet acts as the fire roll-call and is used to ensure that all visitors have evacuated the building in case of a fire alarm. Should a fire alarm sound, visitors should leave the building by the nearest exit (signposted) and report to the roll-call point at the front of the building next to the University Wills Building. If the front of the building is not safe the roll-call will take place on University Road.

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Bristol Naturalists' Society has some designated Funds from which its Council (the Trustees) makes discretionary grants to assist individuals or organisations with projects **relevant to the Society's charitable aims**. Grants rarely exceed a few hundred pounds, but some larger payments have been made, e.g. towards purchase of a nature reserve.

Grants towards projects by individuals are likely to be supported from the **Hector Hockey** and **Milton** funds. In addition, **The Conservation Fund** enables small grants to assist work specifically related to conservation aims, and **The Memorial Fund** can be used to support any relevant cause. Enquiries relating to possible grant support for projects related to the Society's charitable aims should be made to the Hon. Secretary, who will advise on the appropriate Fund to be considered.

The generous support of members of the Society for these Funds is most important. Some add extra payments when renewing subscriptions, some make ad hoc donations during the year, e.g. in memory of a member or relative who has died, or by including a bequest to the Society in a will. The Hon. Secretary can advise about making a contribution.

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