

Events list, 2010 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

Sat 10 W Sedgemoor & Greylake Ornithology
Sat 17 Burwalls Botany
Sat 17 Lower Woods Ornithology
Sat 24 Hawesbury Monument Geology
Wed 28 Ashton Court Ornithology

MAY

Sat 8 Kings Wood in Spring Botany
Sun 9 Newport Marshes Ornithology
Sat 15 Forest of Dean Ornithology
Sat 22 Wotton-u-Edge Geology
Wed 26 Ashton Vale Ornithology

JUNE

Wed. 9 Blagdon Ornithology
Sat 12 Walborough (TBC) Botany
Sat 19 Marshfield Ornithology
Sat 26 Saltford Geology

JULY

Sat 3 Mere Heath/Ham Wall Ornithology
Sat 10 Wetmoor/Lr Woods Invertebrate
Sun 18 Chew Ringing Stn Ornithology
Sun 18 Chew Ringing Station Invertebrate
Thu 22 Trees: Wills & Hiatt Baker Botany
TBA Bristol Botanical Garden Botany

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

Sat 4 Walborough (TBC) Botany

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

Sun 21 Tyntesfield Fungus Foray Botany

COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

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

INVERTEBRATE SECTION

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

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Saturday 10 July Wetmoor/Lower Woods, S. Glos. (*Joint meeting with the Bristol & District Moth Group*). Meet 2pm, Lower Woods Lodge car park, Inglestone Common ST745 881. Target is the larva of *Coleophora albella* (in seed heads of Ragged Robin along with other invertebrates). Leader: Ray Barnett.

Sunday 18 July Chew Valley Lake Ringing Station, Bath & NE Somerset

(*A meeting arranged by the Ornithology Section*) Meet at Herriot's Bridge ST572 582 at 9.00am to inspect light traps set the previous evening near to the Ringing Station. (Optional bird watch follows led by Ed Drewitt – bring £2.50 for hide permit if you want to stay on for this.) Leader: Mike Bailey.

Potential other meetings (to be confirmed in the monthly bulletin:

Carr's Woodland, Bath

Portbury Ashlands (new AWT reserve)

Priors Wood (AWT reserve)

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Saturday 24 April 2010 at 11.00.

This will be an informal circular walk starting from near Hawesbury Monument down into Lower Kilcote and beyond into Midger Wood Nature reserve, then back to H.M. with some geology along the way. Full details to follow.

Saturday 22 May at 11.00.

A circular walk from Wotton-under-Edge, along Combe Edge, down into Waterley Bottom, then up to Tyndale's Monument. Important geological sites along the way. Meet first at Wotton-under-Edge car park and drive up to start point. Full details to follow..

Saturday 26 June start at 10.00, finish by 16.00.

A Geological Ramble led by: Simon Carpenter

Simon will lead us through Saltford, and share some of his geological knowledge and interest in the town. Full details to follow.

Full, up to date details will be published on the geology blog, at:

<http://geology.winpenny.org.uk/#home>

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Details of meetings will be published in the monthly bulletins

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Sat. Apr 10	West Sedgemoor & Greylake	Mike Johnson
Sat. Apr 17	Lower Woods	Becky Coffin
Wed. Apr 28	Ashton Court	Richard Bland
Sun. May 9	Newport Marshes	Ed Drewitt
Sat. May 15	Forest of Dean	TBC
Wed. May 26	Ashton Vale	Mike Johnson/Becky Coffin
Wed. June 9	Blagdon	Mike Johnson
Sat. June 19	Marshfield	TBC
Sat. July 3	Mere Heath/Ham Wall	Mike Johnson
Sun. July 18	Chew Valley Ringing Station	Ed Drewitt

BOTANY SECTION

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APRIL	Sat 17	9.15am	Burwalls	Pam Millman & Alan Stealey
MAY	Sat 8	10am	Kings Wood in Spring	David Hill
JUNE	Sat 12		Walborough (Provisional)	Nick Hudson
JULY	TBA		Bristol Botanical Garden	Pam Millman
	Thu 22	6.15pm	Trees, Wills & Hiatt Baker Halls	Tony Titchen
AUGUST	TBA			
SEPTEMBER	Sat 4		Walborough (Provisional)	Nick Hudson
NOVEMBER	Sun 21		Fungus Foray at Tyntesfield	Justin Smith

THE BULLETIN AND "WHITE SHEET"

Bristol Naturalists' Society bulletin is published monthly except August and January. The 'White Sheet' gives 6-month advance notice of events and is published in March (covering April-Sept., copy deadline 7 Feb.) and Sept. (covering Oct.-March, deadline 7 Aug.). The bulletin carries monthly updates/corrections/additions to White Sheet info. The website carries, potentially, the most up-to-date information and corrections - and the best and most frequently updated commentary on phenology. This edition of the White Sheet is a month later than usual.

LIBRARY

BNS Library at Bristol City Museum & Art Gallery
Opening: Wed. 12.30-1.30pm, Sat. 10.15-12 noon
and 2-4pm on 2nd Sunday of each month until July 2010 (14/3, 11/4, 9/5, 13/6, 11/7)

BNS LIBRARY WELCOMES VISITORS

The Library committee welcomes BNS members to visit the Library at the above times.

The library contains a vast variety of books and journals on local Natural History and Geology that are of great interest to both experts and novices. It is hidden discreetly within Bristol City Museum and Art Gallery.

The Museum requires visitors to all areas not open to the general public, such as the BNS Library, to sign in at the reception desk and collect a visitor's card. It is a straightforward procedure, but will require you to show a **current membership card**.

The museum staffs are very helpful and will direct you to the locked entrance close to the dinosaur and geology exhibitions where an intercom introduction will allow the duty librarian to unlock the door to the stairway down to the library.

For further information see web site www.bristolnats.org.uk or call me:

Jim Webster, Hon. Librarian, 01275 472818.

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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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