

Annual membership and fixture cards have changed little over the years.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD & DISTRICT NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

AUTUMN SESSION 1947

The following Lectures will be given in the GUILDROOM of the METHODIST CHURCH, South Street, at 7.30 pm, on FRIDAY evenings:—

Oct. 3	Dr J. Ramsbottom, O.B.E., D.Sc. F.L.S.	...	...	...	Fungi, Their life and usage
Oct. 17	Mr J. E. Forrest, B.Sc.	...	...	...	Natural History of the Outer Hebrides
Oct. 31	Dr L. J. Blay	...	...	...	Western Desert Notebook
Nov. 14	Mr A. E. Hick	...	...	...	Some local Beetles and their Parasites
	Mrs N. Ferguson, D.Sc.	...	...	...	Lichens
Nov. 28	ANNUAL EXHIBITION	...	...	...	Every member is urged to supply at least one exhibit, which must be a natural history subject of interest and preferably illustrating work done in 1947. A written note of such exhibit should be handed to the Secretary.

Visitors are welcome at all the above meetings

NOTE. The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the GUILDROOM of the METHODIST CHURCH on FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER at 7.30 pm and is restricted to members of the Society.

The Annual Subscription, 5/-, was due from all members on 1 January. Will members whose subscriptions are in arrear please pay them to the Treasurer at one of the above Lectures.

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SPRING SESSION 1948

The following Meetings and Lectures will be held in the GUILDROOM OF THE METHODIST CHURCH, South Street, at 7.30 pm, on FRIDAY evenings:—

Jan. 16	The President	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Presidential Address. Old Herbals
Jan. 30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	'Nature is Amazing' Everyone at some time has observed some natural object which appeared 'amazing.' Members are invited to say what is the most amazing natural phenomenon they have seen
Feb. 13	Miss E. M. Helliwell, B.A.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	The Connection between Types of Vegetation and Types of Climate
Feb. 27	Miss K. Hartley, B.Sc.	Some Pond Protozoa
Mar. 12	Miss M. Madge, Ph.D.	Conifers
Apr. 2	R. D. Anstead, C.I.E., M.A.	Compositae

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The Annual Subscription, 5/6, is due on JANUARY 1 and should be paid to the Treasurer

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WINTER PROGRAMME 1981-2

1981

- October 9 Visit to Thailand — Colin Fitzsimmons
October 23 Otter Society — Christine Clayton
November 6 Social Evening
November 20 Rare Plants and Surveys — Lynn Farrell
December 4 A.G.M. and Members Slides
December 18 Protection of Birds —
Peter Robinson, R.S.P.B

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- January 8 Quality aspects and conservation of Lee
Valley Area — Derek Hinge
January 22 In search of birds — John Watkins
February 5 Volcanoes — M. Bamlett
February 19 Film Show by kind permission of World
Wild Life Fund — Mrs. M. Badham
March 5 I dream that I shall never see . . .
— Mr. Rockall
March 19 Bees — Mr. W. E. Hooper.

Visitors are welcome at any meeting.

Unless otherwise indicated, meetings are held at
7.45 p.m. at Apton Road Day Centre.

Committee 1981

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SUMMER PROGRAMME 1995

The Bird Group arrange Field Trips during the summer. If anyone is interested in joining them and would like details, please telephone Arthur Curtis on 0279 651687.

SATURDAY 13TH MAY

Field trip to Aubrey Buxton E.W.T. Reserve TL 521264. Special interest; spring flowers and birds. Meet at Elm Road at 2.00pm or at the reserve at 2.15pm. Leader: Geoffrey Sell 0279 870576.

SATURDAY 10TH JUNE

Afternoon visit to Scales Park TL 418334, meeting there at 2.00pm. Special interest; woodland plants. John and Mollie Godfree extend an invitation for those on this walk to return to their home in Meesden for tea. 0279 777249.

TUESDAY 20TH JUNE

Evening walk through Much Hadham TL 428195. "Bugs, beer and botany." Meet in The Bull car park at 7.30pm. Leader: Charles Watson 0279 505309.

FRIDAY 7TH JULY

House meeting at the home of Jill and Geoffrey Sell at 7.45pm, 0279 870576. Members wishing to attend a house meeting are requested to telephone the hosts earlier in the week. Coffee and biscuits are provided, and there will be a general discussion on natural history subjects.

SATURDAY 8TH JULY

A walk from Tilty Church TL 600265, with general natural history interest. Meet at Elm Road at 2.00pm or at Tilty Church at 2.30pm. Leader: Geoffrey Sell 0279 870576.

SUNDAY 6TH AUGUST

Guided tour at Porton Down, Wiltshire. Members wishing to go must contact Keith Poole on 0279 507289 by 1st July.

FRIDAY 18TH AUGUST

House meeting at the home of Peter and Doris Clewett Price at 7.45pm 0279 652629.

FRIDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

House meeting at the home of Ray Thompson and Kay Medlock at 7.45pm 0920 822039

AUTUMN PROGRAMME 1995

FRIDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER

"Wildlife at Warren Lodge," by Mr Harry Boswell. Mr Boswell has developed a nature reserve in his own grounds, and will give an illustrated talk on this subject.

SUNDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

Bird Group Field Trip leaving at 8.00am. For further details contact Arthur Curtis 0279 651687.

FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER - OPEN EVENING

FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER

A World of Ferns by Mr A.R. (Matt) Busby.

SUNDAY 22ND OCTOBER

Field Trip to Tollesbury & the River Blackwater. Meet at Elm Road at 9.15am with a packed lunch. Leader: John Campbell 0279 657806.

FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

"Gathering Evidence," by Mr Tony Ellis from Ongar Police Station.

SUNDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

10.00am Dunmow Railway Line Working Party. Contact Keith Poole on 0279 507289.

FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

The Natural History Collections of Saffron Walden Museum - Past, Present and Future by Nick Gordon, Natural History Officer at Saffron Walden Museum.

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER

"Wildlife in Namibia," by Kathie and Mick Claydon.

FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER

A.G.M. and members' slides.

FRIDAY 5TH JANUARY

"Rushey Mead: The birth of a local nature reserve", by the honorary warden Mr Colin Taylor. Some historical and conservation anecdotes of Rushey Mead - Bishop's Stortford's nearest nature reserve founded in 1991.

SPRING PROGRAMME 1995

The Bird Group are planning a trip to the coast, probably North Norfolk, in January. The actual date will depend on the weather, so please contact Arthur Curtis on 0279 651687 if you are interested in going. It will be an early start. There is usually passenger space for those not wishing to use their own transport

MONDAY 16TH JANUARY 8.00PM - COMMITTEE MEETING

FRIDAY 20TH JANUARY

"The ancient traditions of coppice and wood pasture on Hatfield Forest"
by Mr Jeremy Wisenfeld.

Mr Wisenfeld is Head Warden of the Forest, which is owned by the National Trust. Last year it was made a National Nature Reserve. Several members of this Society are involved in regular conservation work there.

FRIDAY 3RD FEBRUARY

"An update on the Otters' Habitat Project"

by Mr Steve Kourik.

Mr Kourik has previously spoken to the society on badgers. Having had a lifelong interest in mammals, especially badgers, it was a natural progression for him to go on to study otters, being other mustelids. Otters were extinct in Hertfordshire. The Otters' Habitat Project has received sponsorship from B.T. and N.R.A. and Mr Kourik will give a general appraisal of the work countrywide.

FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

Mr Graham Wilton-Jones from the RSPB at Rye House Marsh.

FRIDAY 3RD MARCH

"The flora of Hertfordshire," by Mr Trevor James.

Mr James is involved in a long-term project to update the "Flora of Hertfordshire". One of our members, Shirley Watson, has been involved in providing him with data from this side of the county. Since it may be several years before the full project is complete, Mr James will be speaking in general terms on this subject.

SUNDAY 12TH MARCH 10.00AM

Working Party Old Dunmow Railway Line.

Members of the British Butterfly Conservation Group will be joining us on this date, so a good turn-out should ensure that a considerable amount of work can be done. Tools are provided, but gloves and eye protection are recommended. For anyone interested in this area, who perhaps does not wish to be involved physically, it would be a good opportunity to see the improvement that has been achieved, and perhaps walk the length of this stretch. For further details, contact the Field Secretary, Keith Poole on 0279 507289.

FRIDAY 17TH MARCH

"Solitary and social bees and wasps in Hertfordshire"

by Mr Ray Uffen.

Mr Uffen is the Hertfordshire recorder for bees, wasps and sawflies, and has kindly offered to lead a local field trip in April to complement this lecture, details of the venue will be given at his talk.

FRIDAY 31ST MARCH

"East Anglia: The last two million years"

by Dr Steve Perkins.

Dr Perkins is a lecturer in Geology at the Hertford Regional College at Ware, and spoke to us previously about building stones in Stortford. His talk this time, will be a review of the ice-age history of the area, including comments on the development of the Stort valley. There will be a Field Trip the following day.

SATURDAY 1ST APRIL

Field Trip with Dr Steve Perkins. Meet in Bishop's Stortford at 10.00am.

Details of this outing will be given at the lecture, but it should finish around 1.00pm.

EASTER: 16TH & 17TH APRIL

SUNDAY 23RD APRIL

Local Field Trip with Mr Ray Uffen. Meet at 10.30am. Venue and further details to be announced at the meeting in March.

FRIDAY 28TH APRIL - WORKSHOP EVENING

FRIDAY 12TH MAY

House meeting at the home of Cynthia and Michael White, 11 The Sycamores, Bishop's Stortford, 0279 651275. Members wishing to attend a house meeting, are requested to contact the hosts earlier in the week. Coffee and biscuits are provided and there will be a general discussion on natural history subjects.

ADVANCE NOTICE: PORTON DOWN - WILTSHIRE

SUNDAY 6TH AUGUST 1995 AT 10.00AM

A visit has been arranged for members of the Society to this area, occupied by the Chemical Defence Establishment, on the southern edge of the chalk of Salisbury Plain. Nearly half of the 7,000 acres is designated an SSSI.

Members will be responsible for making their own travel arrangements, but once there, we will have a guided tour starting at 10.00am. Names will need to be given to Keith Poole, on 0279 507289, at least a month prior to the visit, so that he can inform the authorities for security clearance.

SUMMER PROGRAMME 1997

FRIDAY 16TH MAY

House Meeting at the home of Michael & Cynthia White at 7.45pm.
Tel: 01279 651275

SUNDAY 18TH MAY

Visit to Wakehurst Place. Meet at the Station Car Park at 8.30am.
Refreshments available, or bring a packed lunch.
Leader: Michael White. Tel: 01279 651275

FRIDAY 27TH JUNE

House Meeting at the home of Tony Waugh at 7.45pm.
Tel: 01279 771292

SATURDAY 28TH JUNE

Visit to Barnack Hills & Holes. Meet at Grange Paddocks Car Park at 10.15am. Bring a packed lunch. Leader: John Godfree.
Tel: 01279 777249

FRIDAY 25TH JULY

House Meeting at the home of Carol Wylde at 7.45pm.
Tel: 01279 815125

SUNDAY 27TH JULY

Visit to Sawbridgeworth Marsh. Meet at Elm Road Car Park at 2.15pm. Leader: Bob Reed. Tel: 01279 725816

FRIDAY 22ND AUGUST

House Meeting at the home of Ray & Kay Thompson at 7.45pm.
Tel: 01920 822039

SATURDAY 23RD AUGUST

Visit to the Dragonfly Museum and Reserve at Polebrook. Meet at Grange Paddocks Car Park at 10.15am. Bring a packed lunch.
Leader: Ray Thompson. Tel: 01920 822039

AUTUMN PROGRAMME 1997

FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

"The Essex Coast and its Wildlife", by Geof Gibbs, who is the Essex Bird Atlas Representative for North West Essex, and gives talks on a variety of Natural History subjects.

FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER

"End to End - Flowers of the Mediterranean", by Dr Peter Brandham, who is Head of the Cytogenetics Section of the Jodrell Laboratory at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER

"Antarctica - Past and Future", by Dr Martin White, who is a Marine Biologist at the British Antarctic Survey at Cambridge.

SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER

The Society's dinner at Pearse House. Starting 7.30pm for 8.00pm.
Further details to be announced.

FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER

"Land Use Changes in the Parsonage Lane Area", by Keith Mathews.

FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

"Introduction to the Diptera", (Flies, Mosquitoes, Hover Flies etc.)
by David Henshaw.

FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

"The Wildlife of Hertfordshire - A Vision for the Future", by Graham White, who is the Conservation Manager of the Hertfordshire & Middlesex Wildlife Trust.

FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & Social Evening.

FRIDAY 9TH JANUARY

"A Visit to the Picos de Europa", by John Fielding & Michael White.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Evening meetings are generally held on a Friday, at the Sixth Form Centre at Birchwood School in Parsonage Lane, at 7.45 for 8.00pm.

There are coffee and biscuits after the talk and the meetings finish around 10.00pm.

Visitors are welcome at any meeting but a donation of 50 pence per person is requested.

The Bird Group have informal meetings on the first Monday of the month, at 8.00pm in the Bricklayers Arms in Hadham Road. If there is a Bank Holiday the meeting is transferred to the second Monday. For any information regarding the Bird Group meetings or the Field Trips which they organise, please contact *Arthur Curtis* on 01279 651687.

For general information please contact the Secretary, *Michael White* on 01279 651275.

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WINTER PROGRAMME 1999

FRIDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER

The Kingdom of the Fungi
Tony Boniface who is a local Essex naturalist

FRIDAY 1ST OCTOBER

Wildlife Gardening
Neil Holmes-Smith who is a horticulturist

FRIDAY 15TH OCTOBER

Weather Watch
Norman Billett who lectures in meteorology for WEA

FRIDAY 29TH OCTOBER

RSPB - Three Local Reserves
Mike Pollard who is the RSPB warden at Rye House Reserve

FRIDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

A Behind the Scenes Tour of the University Museum
of Zoology at Cambridge meet at 7.45 pm at the museum

FRIDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

Urban Foxes
Alf Gudgeon who is a member of the Essex Field Club

FRIDAY 10TH DECEMBER

Members' Slides and Social Evening

WINTER PROGRAMME 2000

FRIDAY 7TH JANUARY

Harvest Mice
Keith Seaman who is a local ecologist

FRIDAY 21ST JANUARY

Wildlife in Botswana
Kathie and Mick Claydon who frequently travel in Africa and India

FRIDAY 4TH FEBRUARY

Toad Rage
June Crew who is an organiser of toad crossing patrols

FRIDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

Geology on your Doorstep
Gerald Lucy who is a local amateur geologist

FRIDAY 3RD MARCH

Lake and Pond Wildlife
John Smith and Ray Thompson who are BSNHS members

FRIDAY 17TH MARCH

Butterflies of Hertfordshire
Gavin Vicary who is involved with the Butterfly Conservation Charity

FRIDAY 31ST MARCH

Managing a Woodland Habitat
Dr Joan Dixon and Marcus Dixon who own a small wood in Hertfordshire

FRIDAY 14TH APRIL

Annual General Meeting and Social Evening

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