

## TALKS & VISITS 2018-2019

### September 17<sup>th</sup> The Ancient Woods of Bisham

Discover the diverse flora and fauna of 500 year old Bisham Woods from Woodland Trust's **Frances Halstead**.

### October 15<sup>th</sup> Britain's Hidden Depths – Corals and Sponges

Explore the hidden world of our own coral reefs, their biodiversity, how they are reached and monitored and why they need protection from **Josh Davison** of the Marine Biological Association.

### November 19<sup>h</sup> Magnificent Nepal

Land of the high peaks, temples, sacred monkeys and giant stinging nettles. **Chris Chadwell**, botanist and Himalayan specialist, will delight us with his tales of travel.

### November 4<sup>th</sup> Guided walk in Burnham Beeches

Meet at the café at 10.45am for an autumnal walk with a ranger. £3 donation.

### December 10<sup>th</sup> Birds in Winter

Could we survive a frosty night sitting in a tree? Birds have to! **Brian Clews** looks at the strategies for survival of our resident and visiting species and how we can help them.

## 2019

### January 21<sup>st</sup> How to be an Urban Birder

**David Lindo**, the 'Urban Birder', will discuss birdwatching in our towns and cities. David is a regular on TV and radio, and a popular magazine writer - his talk will be inspiring and entertaining.

### February 10<sup>th</sup> Birdwatching, WWT Arundel

*A trip to the Arun Valley, West Sussex, to see 'resident' and visiting waterfowl; go on a boat safari to spot wildlife.* £11-£13 – book online and save 10%.

### February 18<sup>th</sup> Saving the Hazel Dormouse

**Ian White** from People's Trust for Endangered Species will tell us about monitoring, re-introductions, and habitat work being done to help the declining dormouse.

### March 18<sup>th</sup> On the Trail of Polecats and Pine Martens

Are these Britain's most elusive mammals? Find out about their ecology and hear about the trials, tribulations and pleasure of studying them from **Lizzie Croose**, Mustelid Conservation Officer for the Vincent Wildlife Trust.

### April 7<sup>th</sup> Wildlife Photographer of the Year

*Come and be awed and inspired at the stunning photography at the Natural History Museum.* £7-£12.50 - book tickets in advance online.

### April 15<sup>h</sup> Urban Ecology

**Professor Mark Fellowes** of Reading University will discuss his research into how our interaction with wildlife influences ecosystems such as feeding birds and the plants we put in our gardens - and how to encourage urban biodiversity.

### May 20<sup>th</sup> The Return of Large Carnivores

**Dr Adriana Consorte-McCrea**, conservation biologist, lecturer and researcher at Canterbury Christ Church University, will discuss public opinion, lessons learned, opportunities and concerns for the carnivore comeback!

### June 17<sup>th</sup> The Life of a Glow-Worm

Join **John Tyler**, naturalist and glow-worm expert, to unravel the mysteries of this twilight beetle.

### June 22<sup>nd</sup> Glow-worm Walk

**John Tyler** will lead an evening walk in search of glow-worms. Meet Brush Hill car park, 9.45pm, Cost £5.

### July 13<sup>th</sup> British Wildlife Centre

*Visit to see red squirrels, pine martens, foxes, wildcats, badgers and many more with keeper talks every half hour.* Lingfield, Surrey. £10.50-£11.50.

## CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES, SURVEYS AND OTHER EVENTS

### The Bracknell District Urban Wildlife Group

*This group is now incorporated into BFNHS.*

*Their surveys of dragonflies and wild orchids are now published on our website.*

### Woodland Restoration Project.

*BFNHS is undertaking a woodland restoration project at Nightingale Triangle, Harmanswater - along with local volunteers. Phase 2 of this project will continue during Winter 2018-19.*

### Bracknell Forest Veteran Tree Survey

*BFVTS volunteers are establishing a database of important old trees to help preserve them.*

*email:bfnathistsoc@rocketmail.com*

### Local Authorities

*We work in partnership with local councils on environmental conservation projects, surveys, public events etc. and are part of Bracknell Forest Nature Partnership.*

**For further information** on the Society or any of our events and activities contact Gill Cheetham 01344 423440 or visit our website, where you will also find **details of how to join the Society.**

[www.bfnathistsoc.org.uk](http://www.bfnathistsoc.org.uk)



## WHO ARE WE?

The Society is for everyone interested in nature and the conservation of our wildlife and its habitats.

## WHAT DO WE DO?

We run a programme of evening meetings at which guest speakers give illustrated talks on a wide variety of natural history topics, both local and worldwide.

We arrange outings, and give you the opportunity to join in surveys and other local conservation activities and events.

## WHERE?

The Monday evening talks, once each month (Sept-June) are held at South Hill Park, Ringmead, Bracknell, RG12 7PA .

Doors open at 7:00pm, with the meetings starting at 7.30pm. They last a couple of hours, including a break for refreshments.

Arrangements for additional events are announced at meetings, emailed to members, published on our website - or emailed directly to anyone, at their request.

**Membership is £12.00 per person** a year, plus £1.00 entrance fee per meeting.

**Visitors are always welcome**, the cost being £3.00 for each meeting.



# Bracknell Forest Natural History Society

**PROGRAMME**

**Sept-Dec 2018**

**Jan-Aug 2019**

