

Autumn Programme 2018

Revised version of 24th Sept 2018

Sep 4 2018		Summer Review
Sep 11 2018		Moth Evening. Society moth-ers Gordon Redford and Ayla Webb will tell us about some of the highlights of this year's mothing season before we set off outdoors to see what is still on the wing in September.
Sep 18 2018		Slovenia. Julie Lane visited Slovenia earlier this year. This evening she will tell us about the beautiful Julian alps and the plants and animals she found there.
Sep 25 2018		Orchids and Migrants of Cyprus and Crete: Matt Andrews has visited these Mediterranean islands and will tell us about some of his favourite species to be found there.
OCT 2 2018		Lindengate. Lindengate is a mental health charity near Aylesbury which uses the healing power of nature to help its service users back to health. Its founder, Charlie Powell will explain how the charity works and is now helping organisations such as Butterfly Conservation and The Parks Trust.
OCT 9 2018		Microscopy Night. A chance to look at nature in miniature! Martin Kincaid will provide the microscopes (but do please bring along one if you can) and we will look at a variety of different natural materials. To include owl pellet dissection
OCT 16 2018		Skokholm – Big Lessons from a Small Island. Skokholm is a small island of the Welsh coast with internationally important breeding populations of seabirds. The smaller landbirds here have long been overlooked yet the island has a remarkable long term record of such birds. Duncan McCollin of Northampton University presents some of the results of the research of its landbirds and will see how this relates to island biogeography theory.
OCT 23 2018		Fungi Through the Year. New Society member Justin Long has been recording fungi in Milton Keynes and beyond for many years. This evening he will tell us about some of his favourite species and key discoveries
OCT 28 2018	SUN	Autumn Walk – Brickhill Woods. An autumn walk to look for fungi and birds. Meet at All Saints Church car park, Bow Brickhill, 10.30am. Leaders Justin Long and Martin Kincaid.

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The Return of the Chequered Skipper. The chequered skipper butterfly went extinct in England in 1976. Now in north Northants, woodlands are being restored to ensure the right conditions for its successful reintroduction. Butterfly Conservation's **Sussannah O'Riordan** will tell all

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Corvids Night. A double bill (Groan!) **Nigel Hopper** will first tell us about his study of magpies in Milton Keynes. **Judith Lloyd** will then talk to us about her time volunteering with the RSPB's Chough project in Cornwall.

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MEMBERS NIGHT. A chance to address your fellow members for 10-20 minutes about a subject of interest to you. Offers to Martin please.

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Tattenhoe Wildlife Through the Year. One of our youngest members, **Harry Appleyard** has lived in Tattenhoe all of his life and has recorded and photographed its flora and fauna since the age of 12. This evening he will share with us some of his favourite images and stories

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ANNUAL QUIZ. **Ann and Mark Strutton** will once again preside over our always enjoyable quiz. Teams of up to six will be organised on the night. Bring along something to drink...and your grey matter

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Water For Wildlife. Our Chairman, **Lewis Dickinson**, will tell us all about this project and how the Wildlife Trusts implement it. He will also give an overview of the work of the Upper and Bedford Ouse Catchment Partnership.

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Reviving Britain's Wood Culture. **Gabriel Hemery** is Chief Executive of the Sylva Foundation, a charity which promotes the conservation of woodland across the UK. He is also the author of The New Sylva and will speak about the scientific research and educational work of Sylva.

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XMAS PARTY. It's just a week before Christmas. Come along to the Cruck Barn and celebrate in the traditional manner! Colin Docketty will be asking you what food you can bring along in the preceding weeks.