



Conchological Society of Great Britain and Ireland

Diary of Meetings

Please check the website (www.conchsoc.org) for further details and any updates, including other meetings arranged at shorter notice.

Saturday 21st November 2015: REGIONAL INDOOR MEETING: Haslemere Museum. Surrey.

Organiser: June Chatfield (01420 82214; collections@haslemeremuseum.co.uk).

A day of talks, exhibits, discussion and a public shell roadshow. E.W. Swanton, past President of the Society, was curator at this Museum, which houses his and other shell and fossil collections including the collection and archives of Sir Archibald Geikie of the British Geological Survey.

The museum is less than a mile from Haslemere railway station; there is a public car park nearby. Full details will be posted on the website.

Saturday 28th November 2015: WORKSHOP MEETING

10:00 – 17:00: by kind invitation of Judith Nelson at Hilbre House, Pembroke Road, Woking, Surrey GU22 7ED. The annual Woking workshop offers members the opportunity to receive tuition on identifying difficult groups. This year's workshop will examine shell sand from Mull, led by Adrian Rundle.

Those who wish to come should ring Judith (01483 761210) in advance for more details and to reserve a place. A fee of £5 will be charged to cover expenses. Please note that Hilbre House is a non-smoking property.

Saturday 12th December 2015: INDOOR MEETING: A Christmas miscellany

14:00 – 17:30: Angela Marmont Centre, Natural History Museum, Cromwell Rd., London SW7 5BD.

As usual, a meeting made up of a series of short presentations (5-20 minutes) by members: these can be anything mollusc-related, with or without exhibits. This will be followed by a glass of Christmas wine (free!); and then by supper at a nearby restaurant (pay your share...). If you would like to make a presentation, or want a place at the restaurant, please get in touch with Bas (contact details below).

(Council members please note that there will be a Council meeting before this meeting.)

Saturday 23rd January 2016: INDOOR MEETING: Demonstrations, exhibits and lecture.

Guest Speaker: Brian Eversham, - 'Climate change and habitat management for invertebrates, with special reference to molluscs'.

14:00 – 17:00: Angela Marmont Centre, Natural History Museum, Cromwell Rd., London SW7 5BD.

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Saturday 27th February 2016: FULL DAY INDOOR MEETING: Demonstrations, discussion, exhibits and lecture.

Guest Speaker: Simon Taylor, - 'The marine gastropod family Haliotidae'.

11:00 – 17:00: Angela Marmont Centre, Natural History Museum, Cromwell Rd., London SW7 5BD.

The lecture will start shortly after 14:00.

(Council members please note that there will be no Council meeting before this meeting.)

Saturday 16th April 2016: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Speaker: The President, Peter Topley, - 'Martin Lister – pioneer conchologist'.

14:00 – 17:30: Angela Marmont Centre, Natural History Museum, Cromwell Rd., London SW7 5BD.

(Council members please note that there will be a Council meeting before this meeting.)

Please note the following dates in 2016 for your diary:

Saturday 22 October 2016 * NB: CHANGED DATE***: INDOOR MEETING 14:00 (preceded by Council meeting).**

Saturday 19 November 2016: REGIONAL MEETING (venue tba).

Saturday 10 December 2016: INDOOR MEETING 14:00 (preceded by Council meeting).

Indoor meetings at the Natural History Museum take place in the Angela Marmont Centre for UK Biodiversity, Darwin Building. From the main entrance hall, turn left at the tail of the *Diplodocus*, go past the dinosaur exhibition, then down the stairs, and then turn left. The door of the Centre will be locked; please ring the bell and someone will come to open it. **Please bring plenty of exhibits and demonstration material.** A group of us usually go out for a drink and a meal at a local restaurant after indoor meetings, with the speaker if his or her travel arrangements permit; please let Bas (contact details below) know if you would like to join us, if possible by the preceding Wednesday so that a large enough table can be booked.

If you intend to attend a **field meeting**, please remember to inform the leader beforehand, and if, on the day, you are held up in traffic or your public transport is delayed, please try to contact the meeting leader if possible.

We are always happy to receive any suggestions for speakers for indoor meetings, or offers to lead field meetings, and also any suggestions about Society participation in the meetings of local and other societies. Programme Secretary: Bas Payne, The Mill House, Clifford Bridge, Drewsteignton, Exeter EX6 6QE; 01647 24515, programme@conchsoc.org.