

HARROW NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY



Programme for Autumn and Winter 2018/2019

Indoor meetings are held in the Blackwell Hall, Uxbridge Road, HA3 6DQ, next to All Saints Church at 8 p.m. unless otherwise stated.

Buses 340, H12, H18 and H19 stop nearby. Entrance fee for visitors £2.00

September

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| Monday 10th | Talk | The History of Eastcote House and Gardens. A talk by Lesley Crowcroft. |
| Saturday 15th | Event | Apple Afternoon at Pear Wood Orchard at 2pm. You are invited to pick Apples (so bring a bag); there will be apple based refreshments ; a short talk and opportunities to ask questions and help with picking for anyone who needs it. The gate will be open for car parking off Wood Lane (please note this is limited). Contact Claire on 020 8954 0439 or at cbga@aol.com for more information. |
| Wednesday 19th | Walk | St Mary's Churchyard, Northolt, UB5 6AA and Northala Fields. A walk with John Wells, meet at Northolt station at 11 am or by the Church. There is parking at Northala Fields off Kensington Road, UB5 6UR which is a short walk from the churchyard. Refreshments at Northala Fields Cafe. |
| Saturday 22nd | Walk | Nuts, Berries and Medicinal Fruit at Stanmore Country Park. Walk led by Simon Braidman 020 8386 2502 or for more information contact simonbraidman@hotmail.co.uk . Meet at 10.30 am in the car park off Dennis Lane. |
| Friday 28th | Walk | Bat Walk. Bat Walk at Headstone Manor Recreation Ground with Simon Braidman with the Friends of Headstone Manor Park. Meet at 7.20 pm by the moat in the Park. |

October

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| Monday 1st | Event | London Wetland Centre, Barnes, SW139WT. We will meet in the Cafe at 11.00 am and are planning to go on a Guided Tour with the Harrow U3A Sustainability Group starting at 11.30 am. The cost of entry for concessions at the Centre is £9.19 and the tour will cost between £1 and £2 depending on numbers. Please let Margaret know by 24th Sept if you would like to come on the tour. |
| Sunday 7th | Event | Apple Afternoon at the Grim's Dyke Hotel, Old Redding. 1 pm to 4 pm in the Rose Garden. There will be apple juicing, tours of Lady Gilbert's Orchard and some stalls. |
| Monday 8th | Talk | Autumn Colour. A talk by John Noakes, Botanist and Photographer. |
| Sunday 14th | Walk | Harrow Recreation Ground. Nature walk led by Simon Braidman with the Harrow Recreation Ground Users Association. Meet at the Hindes Road entrance at 10.30 am. Refreshments available in the Pavilion hut afterwards. |
| Saturday 20th | Walk | Fungus Foray in pear Wood. Meet at 2.00 pm inside the gate in Wood Lane. Leader Claire Abbott, contact Claire on 020 8954 0439 or cbga@aol.com for more information. |
| Saturday 27th | Walk | Stanmore Common. Joint meeting with other wildlife groups looking at fungi, meeting at 10.30 am in the car park, Warren Lane. Leader Simon Braidman 0208 8386 2502 or for more information contact simonbraidman@hotmail.co.uk |

November

- Sunday 4th **Walk** **Bird Watching Walk** with the Friends of Canons Park. Meet at 10.00 am at the Donnefield Avenue Entrance. The walk lasts about 2 hours.
- Tuesday 6th **Walk** **Uxbridge.** Identify fossils in the floor at the Chimes Shopping Centre, High Street, Uxbridge, UB8 1LA. Meet at 10.30 am outside Debenhams on the Lower Ground floor. After identifying some fossils and having some refreshments anyone who wants to can continue on to visit the Uxbridge Alderlade, a Herts and Mdx Reserve, to look for winter birds etc. The entrance is at the end of Braybourne Close, UB8 1UJ. Leader John Hollingdale 07762310509.
- Monday 12th **AGM** **Annual General Meeting.** Followed by Wild Life photographs by Peter Elton.

December

- Monday 10th **Event** **Christmas Social** A chance to get together with fellow members and like-minded friends with food and a quiz.
- Friday 28th **Walk** **Walk at Ruislip Lido.** We will meet in the Main Car Park at 11.00 am for a nature walk followed by refreshments at The Water's Edge. Please note there is a charge of £3.30 for the car park (there are spaces for Blue Badge holders).

January

- Monday 14h **Talk** **The Butterflies of Europe.** A talk by Roger Gibbons from Butterfly Conservation and the European Butterfly Group.
- Thursday 24th **Walk** **Stockers Lake for winter birds and wildlife.** Meet at 10.30 am in Stockers Farm Road off Harefield Road by the Pumping Station. Leader Brian Hunter 07754499858.

February

- Friday 8th **Walk** **Springwell Lake and Reedbed, WD3 8UX.** Meet at 9.30 am in the car park on Springwell Lane, 0.2 miles from the Uxbridge Road.for a walk to see wintering wildfowl and possibly Cetti's warblers, Water rails and heronry things. The walk will be led by Josh Kalms , People and Wildlife Officer, Herts and Middx Wildlife Trust, tel: 0127 858901 ext 237
- Monday 11th **Talk** **Swifts: Life on the Wing and the Chiswick Swift Project.** A talk by Catherine Day Volunteer Swift and Urban Nature Adviser, RSPB SE England.

March

- Monday 11th **Talk** **The Dinosaur-Bird Controversy- a sceptical view.** A talk by geologist Mike Howgate
- Thursday 28th **Walk** **Newton Farm Ecology Park for a "signs of spring walk".** Meet at 10.30 am in the car park off Rayner's Lane, HA 2 9DA. Leader Margaret Huitson 07762310509.

April

- Monday 8th **Talk** **A Brief History of Slime.** A talk on slime moulds by Jane Skelly.

Please note that it is advisable to wear strong shoes at all times at outdoor meetings as paths may be rough and muddy.
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