

Bracknell Forest Natural History Society



PROGRAMME September 2021 – February 2022

Details for the rest of the 2021-2022 year follow shortly

**September 20th
2021**

Our AGM will precede the talk described.

THE IMPORTANCE OF SEEDS A joint presentation by **Laura Jennings** and **Jamie Preston**. Join Kew Garden's botanist Laura to learn about what a herbarium is, how seeds are banked, and the partnerships formed to enable seed and plant conservation. Laura specialises in the endemic plants of Indonesia and will show how the herbarium is used to conserve and map them. National Trust Lead Ranger Jamie will discuss their partnership with Kew in the collection of seed for meadow restoration at Runnymede.

October 18th

HEATHLANDS UNDERGROUND Britain's heathlands are of global significance for biodiversity conservation and in the last few years new information has been gained on how they function. **Dr Martin Bidartondo** of Imperial College, London will describe how the intimate links between fungi and plants shape our heathlands.

November 15th

GALES, GREENHOUSES AND GLOBAL WARMING Weatherman, broadcaster and author **Ian Currie** will look at the numerous changes of climate across the UK - through geological time to the present time. How will this impact the UK, such as in coastal communities... and what kind of weather should we expect in the future?.

December 13th

The RESTORATION OF FARNHAM HEATH (and the Introduction of Field Crickets) **Mike Coates** from the RSPB will tell us all about the birds and wildlife of this once gloomy conifer plantation, which has been restored to heathland - such as crossbills, nightjars, woodcocks and tree pipits. With views across the Surrey Weald, this beautiful 100 hectares is the site of an important introduction of field crickets.

**January 17th
2022**

THE LIFE OF THE BADGER Joint Chairman of Binfield Badger Group **John Fennell** will reveal the extraordinary lives of badgers, allaying some of the myths and concerns people have... and will explain their importance in maintaining a balanced ecology. John will describe the work the Group do in surveying, protecting and vaccinating these charismatic animals.

February 21st

A LIFE ON THE WING Discover the amazing lives of housemartins, swifts and swallows from **Barbara Polonara** from House Martin Conservation UK, with an introduction to their conservation efforts, and how you can help by putting up artificial nest cups and swift bricks which provide holes for nesting..

Our illustrated talks are held on a Monday of each month (September to August) at 7:30pm in the Recital Room, South Hill Park, Ringmead, Bracknell RG12 7PA

Visit our website for up-to-date information on what is coming up www.bfnathistsoc.org.uk



JOIN NOW!

We're collecting Membership Fees for the 2021-2022 year (September 2021 – August 2022) now!

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP £12 - Members' entrance fee £1

Visitors are very welcome – VISITORS' ENTRANCE FEE £3

[SEE OVER FOR DETAILS OF HOW TO JOIN](#)

HOW TO JOIN THE SOCIETY

PAY ON THE DAY...

Please join us for the first Talk of the September 2021-August 2022 year, to be held on Monday 20th September. You can pay with cash or by cheque made out to *Bracknell Forest Natural History Society* (£12 per person).

Please fill out our Membership Application Form (below) and bring it with you.

PAY ONLINE...

Alternatively, please pay electronically – see details outlined under the form.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Please print up this form, fill it out and bring it to our 20th September Meeting, with payment of £12 per person (cash or a cheque made out to *Bracknell Forest Natural History Society*).

Alternatively, post it with a cheque to:
The Chairman – BFNHS, 10 Shaftesbury Close, Bracknell, RG12 9PX.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Signed _____ Date _____

OR PAY ELECTRONICALLY

If you wish to pay your annual subscription electronically, or to set up an annual Standing Order, our Lloyds Bank details are: **Account Name:** Bracknell Forest Natural History Society
Account Number: 03481989 **Sort Code:** 30-91-11

When paying electronically, please make sure you also contact our Treasurer whose email address is johnwilliams288@hotmail.com with your name, address, telephone number and email address to identify your payment and so that we have a complete record of your details.

*Thank you to those Members who let their Standing Orders remain in place for the 2020-2021 year. We greatly appreciate their generosity.