

November 3<sup>rd</sup> ROGER PATTERSON is well known to many of you as our Publicity Officer, but he is also a very enthusiastic beekeeper. He has been keeping bees since 1963, and at one time tended 130 colonies. He likes to keep a close eye on the creatures and plants which flourish around his hives, and this evening, with the help of his friends, he will present to us:

**“APIARY WILDLIFE”**

(Chairperson for the evening will be Oliver Farley)

November 10<sup>th</sup> JEFF HAYDEN is a member of ‘Badger Trust - Sussex’ and has been involved in many aspects of the Trust’s work such as rescuing and caring for injured badgers and orphaned cubs, advising on garden problems and planning applications, and releasing rehabilitated animals back into the wild. He is thus admirably qualified to speak this evening on:

**“THE BADGER AND ITS ENVIRONMENT”**

(Chairperson for the evening will be Angela Sexton)

November 17<sup>th</sup> DR PETER SCOTT is senior lecturer in plant developmental biology at the University of Sussex. We welcome him back this year to discuss a fascinating and age old topic which is still being studied with great interest today. His talk this evening is entitled:

**“WHY ARE PLANTS THE SOURCE OF SO MANY MEDICINES?”**

(Chairperson for the evening will be Roger Mason)

November 24<sup>th</sup> **AGM** followed by speaker ROGER MASON, member and leader of our botanical tutorials, who will show us some of the strange things he has found lurking in the woods:

**“BEAUTIFUL, BIZARRE OR BEASTLY - A LOOK AT SOME LOCAL FUNGI”**

(Chairperson for the evening will be Oliver Farley)

December 1<sup>st</sup> REG LANAWAY spent his working life at Plumpton Agricultural College, and is still assisting there with environmental issues. The Plumpton estate includes ancient semi-natural woodlands, and it is in Rocks Wood that Reg has spent much time indulging his love of natural history, especially that of birds, and helping students of all levels to learn practical skills such as coppicing and hedge laying. With a vast store of material to draw on, Reg will take us

**“THROUGH THE SEASONS IN A SUSSEX WOODLAND”**

(Chairperson for the evening will be Roger Patterson)

December 8<sup>th</sup> NICK SEXTON is a stalwart member of the Society who is never happier than when explaining some aspect of the natural world to a youngster. The Cubs day which he organised with Angela in the summer will be long remembered. This evening we are whisked away to the other side of the world when he shows us what he found on a

**“WHISTLESTOP WILDLIFE TRIP TO NEW ZEALAND”**

(Chairperson for the evening will be Sally Neely)

December 15<sup>th</sup> **60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CHRISTMAS PARTY**. Not only will we have a magnificent cake, made by Noreen Evans, to celebrate 60 years of the Society, but also we’ll be showing the best photos and exhibits our multi-talented members can display for the **TILLIN CUP AND COXON PLATE COMPETITIONS**. The rules appear elsewhere in this newsletter. This is an evening not to be missed! Please bring some seasonal food for our buffet table, drinks will be provided.

January 5<sup>th</sup> JOHN HAMILTON has in-depth knowledge of birds from all over the world and he takes great pleasure in photographing both them and their surroundings, thereby transporting us in spirit to far away destinations, and giving us a flavour of the country he is visiting. You will feel you are right in amongst the colourful wildlife of South America in:

**“PERU, FROM THE RAIN FOREST TO MACHU PICCHU”**

(Chairperson for the evening will be Angela Sexton)

January 12<sup>th</sup> ARTHUR HOARE, member and botanical recorder for Sussex, has chosen to talk about a family of plants which excite and interest many people. He will show examples of some unusual forms of common orchids and also of the very rare natives, and he will describe some of the trips he has had while searching for them. We look forward to seeing some beautiful flowers in: **“BRITISH ORCHIDS”**

(Chairperson for the evening will be Roger Mason)

January 19<sup>th</sup> DR. DAVID HARPER is, at heart, a birdwatcher willing to study anything with feathers. He is a Senior Lecturer in evolutionary biology at the University of Sussex. and his research projects are all centred on birds. Thanks to the generosity of the estate of the late Grace Markwell, he is able to talk to us this evening without charging a fee. No doubt he will have an interesting tale to tell about those elusive birds we refer to as: **“LITTLE BROWN JOBS”**

(Chairperson for the evening will be Roger Patterson)

January 26<sup>th</sup> **MEMBERS’ EVENING** is the opportunity for those who usually sit in the audience to spend ten minutes entertaining us with a talk on some aspect of natural history which is of particular personal interest. All you have to do is speak for about ten minutes and, if appropriate for illustration, bring your slides or CD presentation. Please contact Oliver Farley if you would like to take part.

(Chairperson will be Oliver Farley)

February 2<sup>nd</sup> GLENDA LAW is Vice Chairman of the East Grinstead Natural History Society and we are delighted to welcome her back with her slides to talk about her travels to wetlands, large and small, throughout Britain. With a sister who lives on a narrow boat, she is also very familiar with our canal system, which is conveniently close to many damp locations just waiting to be explored. Hopefully she will be able to leave her wellington boots at home this evening when she speaks about her: **“WATERY WANDERINGS”**

(Chairperson for the evening will be Sally Neely)

February 9<sup>th</sup> DAVID CODD is a graphic designer by profession and used to work in the heady world of advertising. In addition, he is a naturalist with particular interest in birds, amphibians and reptiles. He has been a member of our Society for many years, was one time Conservation Officer, and participated in early studies in St. Leonards Forest. His sketches have featured in the newsletter from time to time. This evening he will be showing us how man has portrayed the world about him, from stone age cave paintings to Matisse, via the Old Masters, in:

**“NATURAL HISTORY IN ART”**

(Chairperson for the evening will be Roger Mason)

February 16<sup>th</sup> SAM BAYLEY is Countryside Warden at Warnham Nature Reserve, and over the past six years has become something of an authority on moths, currently being Chairman of the Sussex Moth Group. He gathers records from all over the county, patiently sitting by his traps with his camera until the small hours of the morning. He also breeds from caterpillars and may bring some for us to see. Most of the images which he will show us this evening were taken around the Horsham area, so they are 'locals'. Come and enjoy: **"MOTHS OF SUSSEX"**  
(Chairperson for the evening will be Roger Patterson)

February 23<sup>rd</sup> PHIL EVANS is well known to us now for his magnificent audio-visual presentations of wildlife as seen by him on his travels around the British Isles. Aply assisted by his wife, Noreen, he has been busy editing and recording the sound track for this, his fourth film. We shall applaud his expertise and dedication in: **"OUT AND ABOUT - NO. 4"**  
(Chairperson will be Angela Sexton)

March 2<sup>nd</sup> MIKE RUSSELL organises and leads the events and courses programme for the Sussex Wildlife Trust. He is also their ornithology expert and takes groups abroad. This evening he is going to talk about some of his bird watching trips which mainly focused on the Danube Delta and the Carpathian Mountains in Romania, and the Biebrza Marshes and Bialowieza Forest in Poland, including a brief diversion to Hungary. We may be able to pronounce some of these names after seeing: **"BIRDS OF EASTERN EUROPE"**  
(Chairperson will be Oliver Farley)

March 9<sup>th</sup> JIM PARRY, member and past President of the Society, has spent some time composing an intriguing talk. You will remember from his last appearance that he lives in the middle of hedges and fields, and so wildlife will be constantly making a determined effort to inhabit his garden. Jim has been a keen gardener for about sixty years now, though his only achievement of note was to gain his Gardening badge as a Wolf Cub! The world of natural history is much loved by Jim and he probably has a sneaky regard for some of these uninvited guests. This is his slant on the problem.  
**"WELCOME INTRUDERS – A CHALLENGING LOOK AT GARDENING AND WILDLIFE"**  
(Chairperson will be Roger Mason)

March 16<sup>th</sup> STEVE BRIDGER has amazed us before with his snakes, he is now bringing some smaller and arguably less threatening creatures to display and talk about. He enjoys sharing his knowledge with many different groups in the community, and works tirelessly at home looking after all his charges. All the creatures he brings are tame and used to being handled, so come and be fascinated by: **"ANIMAZING: AMPHIBIANS AND INSECTS"**  
(Chairperson will be Nick Sexton)