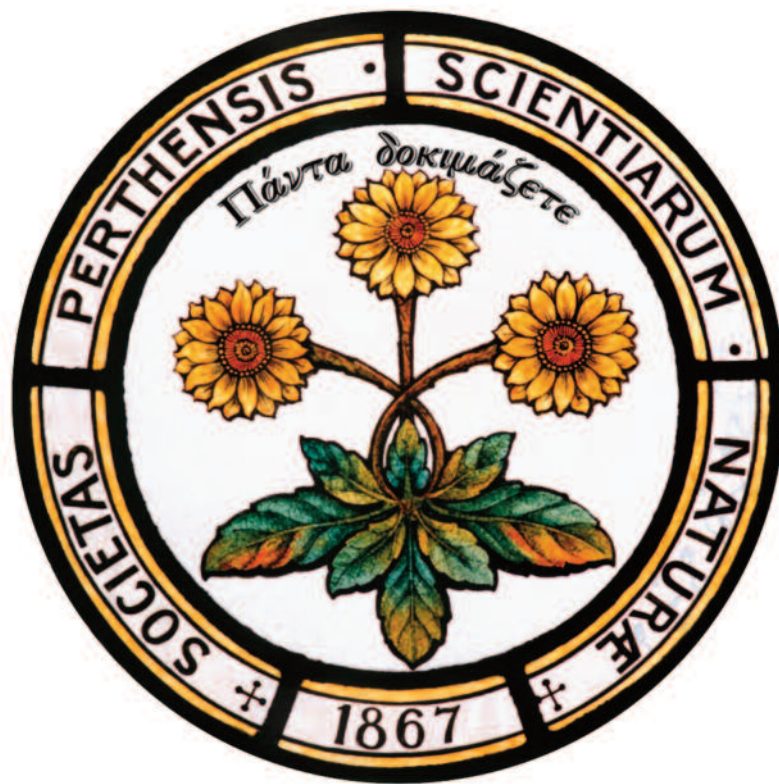


The Perthshire Society of Natural Science



Autumn Newsletter and
Winter Syllabus
2015-16



President's report Autumn 2015

Since the AGM in March, the Council of the Society has been busy, and this Newsletter and its contents are some of the results.

Rather than the Winter Syllabus booklet, it has been agreed to provide Members with this larger, and fuller Newsletter. And those Members who have provided an e-mail address will have received it by this method, which is much cheaper for the Society than using the post. For those without e-mail, of course, we will continue to send it to Members by post.

Included within the Newsletter is the 148th Winter Syllabus of the Society and all of its four Sections – I trust that you will find the programme an interesting and stimulating way to spend some of your evenings throughout the winter to come. There may be an interesting talk in a Section other than one you nominate, so do have a look at them all.

The Council is already working on the 149th Winter Syllabus in an effort to widen our attraction to as wide an audience as possible – if you have any suggestions for topics or speakers,

the Council would love to hear from you! And of course, too, preparations have started for the year after that, the Society's 150th.

As intimated at the AGM, the Office-Bearers have met with Perth & Kinross Council to move towards a new agreement between the Society and the Council to replace that of 1931 – as soon as this is agreed, you will get to see it.

Included in the Newsletter are lists of the Summer Outings of the Society and its Sections, some of which are still to come as I write.

The Society's Summer Outing to Blackness Castle and Kinneil House in June was voted a great success with 27 Members able to attend on a fine day of summer weather. Blackness Castle, visible from the Forth Road Bridge, is a forbidding looking place from without and within. Although built as a residence (for the Crichton family) it has been a garrison fortress, a state prison and a munitions depot. In recent years the Castle has been the location of various films, and is today often visited by those aware of its use in the television drama "Outlander".

Kinneil House was the country house of the Hamilton family, situated midway between the twin centres of royal power in Edinburgh and Stirling. It is a 15th century tower house with a more modest 'palace' added in the 16th century, and which contains some of the most remarkable 16th and 17th century wall decorations in Scotland. Within its policies are a fortlet of the Antonine Wall, and the cottage built for James Watt to perfect the steam engine.



Some of our members enjoying themselves at the Society's Summer Outing

At the AGM

At its Annual General Meeting on March 20, the following were elected to serve the Society in 2015-16 :-

President: John W. Lewington,
30 James Street, Perth PH2 8LZ
Tel : 01738 620 375
e-mail : jlewington8@googlemail.com

Secretary: Jennifer McKay,
119 David Douglas Avenue, Perth PH2 6QG
Tel : 01738 550 204
e-mail : Secretary@psns.org.uk

Treasurer & Gift Aid Convener: David Perry,
29 Balhousie Street, Perth PH1 5 HJ
Tel : 01738 626 594
e-mail : dperry@alderarchaeology.co.uk

Past President: Alan McKenzie,
11 Elm Lane, Perth PH1 1EL
Tel : 01738 623 934
e-mail : alanmckenzie @btinternet.com

Council: Isabel Wardrop, David Hay, Joanna Thomas,
Harry Petrie, Roy Craig, Eva Bennett, Colin McLeod,
Alistair Godfrey + David Thistlethwaite (website)

Honorary Life President: Miss Rhoda Fothergill

2015 Summer Outings

Parent Body

Saturday June 27 to Blackness Castle and Kinneil House, Bo'ness

Arch & Hist

Saturday May 16 to Monzie,
Saturday July 4 to SERF Open Day, and
Saturday September 19 to Moredun

Botanical

Wednesday April 15 to Lady Mary's Walk, Crieff
Wednesday May 13 to Moncreiffe Hill
Wednesday May 20 to Dundee
Wednesday June 10 to King's Myre
Saturday June 13 to Scotia Seeds
Wednesday July 8 to Craig an Lochain
Saturday July 11 to Glen Tilt
Saturday July 18 to Upper Len Lyon
Saturday July 25 to Doune
Wednesday August 12 to Loch Watston *
Saturday August 22 to Culponach Moss
Wednesday September 9 to Aberfoyle *
* = booking essential

Ornithological

Thursday May 7 to Mill Dam
Wednesday May 27 to Auchmithie & Elliot Links
Tuesday 9 June to Carsebrook
Tuesday 23 June to Isle of May



Miss Rhoda Fothergill being presented at our 2015 AGM by our President with a Certificate on her appointment as Honorary Life President of the Society to mark her retirement after 50 years service on the Society's Council, 47 of them as Honorary Secretary

Winter Syllabus 2015-16

All meetings begin at 7.30 pm

Parent Body

(all on Fridays in the Museum Lecture Theatre)

Annual Subscription : Adults £15, Juniors £1

2015

October 16 *MacAlpine Memorial Lecture*
Ten thousand years of Geography

Teaching : Teachers, Texts & Testing - Kenneth McLean

October 23 **Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance -**
John Bullough

THERE WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DONATE TO
THE CHARITY ON THIS EVENING

November 6 **The History & Natural History of**
Barry Buddon - Bob McCurley and Colin McLeod

November 20 **Medicinal plants, livelihoods and**
conservation in 3 areas of Nepal - Dr. Deborah
Long, Plantlife

December 4 **The Caledonian Rare Breeds**
Survival Trust - Martin Beard

December 11 **From Akhmim to Cairo to Alloa to**
Perth: The Travels of an Ancient Egyptian Mummy
- Mark Hall, Perth Museum and Art Gallery

2016

January 8 **Off the beaten track – in Oregon!** -
Tom Ryan, President, Photographic Section

January 22 *Joint Meeting with Pictish Arts*
Society -

The British Museum & National
Museum of Scotland Exhibition - The Celts -Dr
Martin Goldberg NMS

February 5 *Joint Meeting with Perth*
Mountaineering Club -

A history of Perth Mountaineering
Club - Dr Iain Robertson

February 19 **The Natural Science Collection at**
Innerpefferay Library - Lara Haggerty

March 4 **President's Evening with wine**

March 18 **AGM plus Section Presentations**

Archaeological & Historical

(all on Wednesdays in the Soutar Theatre, except

* on Friday at the Museum Lecture Theatre) and

** on a Wednesday in the Museum Lecture Theatre.)

Annual Subscription (including subscription to Parent
Body) :

Adults £20, Joint Membership £38, Students £1

Section Office Bearers

President – John Joyce, 37 Muirend Gardens, Perth
PH1 1JR

Tel : 01738 629 641

Secretary – Mrs Eva Bennett, Brackenbrae, Aberargie,
Perth PH2 9NE

Tel : 01738 850 489 Mob : 07778 619 665

e-mail : psns1948@yahoo.co.uk

Treasurer – Graham Watson, 20 Spoutwells Drive,
Scone PH2 6RR

Tel : 01738 551 965

2015

October 14 **German POW camps in Britain, 1945-**
48 - Dr Anthony Hellen, Newcastle

November 18 **Haida Argillite Collections in Scottish**
Museums: Materiality, History and Contemporary
Perspectives - Kaitlin McCormick, University of
Edinburgh.

December 2 **Roman Marching Camps** - Dr
Rebecca Jones, Head of Archaeology Strategy, HES

December 11* **Perth Glass - a history of Monart**
and Vasart. - Amy Waugh.

2016

January 13 **4th Dr Margaret Stewart Lecture**
Perthshire in the 1st millennia BC and AD: joining
the dots through interconnected projects - David
Strachan, Manager, Perth & Kinross Heritage Trust

February 17 ** in Perth Museum Lecture Theatre
SERFing the Scottish heartlands: a reflection on ten
years of field work in Strathearn - Professor Stephen
Driscoll, University of Glasgow

March 16 **AGM and Quiz**

Botanical

(all on Wednesdays in The Library at the Museum,
except * on Friday at the Museum Lecture Theatre)
Annual Subscription (including subscription to Parent
Body) :
Adults £18, Juniors £1

Section Office Bearers

President – Alistair Godfrey, 18 Isla Road, Luncarty
PH2 3HN

Tel : 01738 827 140

Secretary – Liz Lavery, Burach, Carnbo, Kinross
KY13 0NX

Tel : 01577 840 645

Treasurer – Joanna Thomas, Kaimies Lodge, Nr
Braco, FK15 9LF

Tel : 01764 681 387

2015

October 14 **New Projects and Research on
Native Seed Production** - Giles Laverack, Scotia
Seeds, Brechin

November 11 *Joint meeting with the Botanical
Society of Scotland* -

Towards an Urban Flora for Scotland - Prof. John
Grace, Edinburgh

November 20 * **Medicinal plants, livelihoods and
conservation in 3 areas of Nepal** - Dr. Deborah
Long, Plantlife

December 2 **Lusitanian Flora** - Dr. Les Tucker,
Dundee

2016

January 13 **British Dinosaurs** - Mike Sedakat,
Dundee

February 17 **Mapping invasive species using
Plant Tracker**
Dr Carol Pudsey, Tayside Geodiversity

March 16 **AGM & Members' Evening**

Ornithological

(all on Wednesdays in The Library at the Museum
except * on Friday at the Museum Lecture Theatre)
Annual Subscription (including subscription to Parent
Body) :
Adults £18, Students £1

Section Office Bearers

President – Moira Hutchison, Lismore, Redgorton
PH1 3HU

Tel : 01738 828 750

Secretary – Esther Taylor, 23 Verena Terrace, Perth
PH2 0BZ

Tel : 01738 621 986

Treasurer – Jeff Banks, Strathview, Station Road,
Abernethy PH2 9JS

Tel : 01738 850 493

2015

October 21 **Wildlife Crime** – Alan Stewart

November 6 * **The History & Natural History of Barry
Buddon** – Bob McCurley and Colin McLeod

December 9 **Loch Leven N.N.R.** – Colin Shaw,
RSPB

2016

January 20 **Guyana & Suriname** – Moira Hutchison

February 10 **Changes to Bird Populations in
Perthshire** – Dr Mike Bell

March 9 **AGM & Members' Evening**



Photographic

(all Wednesdays in The Lecture Theatre at the Museum except

** on Friday at the Museum Lecture Theatre)

Annual Subscription (including subscription to Parent Body) :

Adults £40, 18-25s £25, Juniors £10

Section Office Bearers

President - Tom Ryan Tel: 01738 446 658

e-mail: tomryan99@gmail.com

Secretary - Trisha Riddick e-mail:

trishar16@ymail.com

Programme Secretary: Mike Bell Tel: 01738 643 652

Mob: 07742 145004 e-mail:

docmike@hotmail.co.uk

Treasurer – John Melbourne Tel: 01577 830 746

Mob: 07823 881331 e-mail: jmel333@gmail.com

Website:

www.perthshirephotographicsociety.org.uk

2015

October 7 Transitions – Film to Digital - Ron O'Donnell www.ronodonnell.com

October 14* Members Night (Tokyo and Kyoto)

October 21 Members Night

October 28* Main Cup (digital projected images)

November 4 I Love Scolawi - Jenni Gudgeon www.redcabinstudio.co.uk

November 11 PKM Trophy (Monochrome prints)

November 18 Workshop / Members Night

November 25* Going to The Hill - Glyn Satterley www.glynsatterley.com

December 2 Four Way Battle hosted by Perth

December 9 Peter Rourke Salver / Nan Borthwick Salver

2016

January 6 * Workshop / Members Night

January 8 ** Tom Ryan, President, Photo. Section

January 13 Workshop / Members Night

January 20 Grant Cup (digital projected images)

January 27 SPF Projected Image & Print Portfolio

February 3 Workshop / Members' Night

February 10 * Creative Landscape Photography - Alister Benn, www.availablelightimages.com

February 17 Workshop / Members Night
N.B. This meeting is in Soutar Lecture Theatre, A K Bell Library

February 24 Colour Rosebowl (colour prints)

March 2 The Games - Duncan McEwan, www.dmcewanphotography.co.uk

March 9 Simpson (AV), Stanley Taylor (multiple print media) evening

March 16 AGM

March 23 Awards' Dinner/ Presentation of Prizes

** Entries for competitions should be submitted two weeks prior to the event.*

Hand entries to the Internal Competition Secretary

For full details of all competitions see website www.perthshirephotographicsociety.org.uk

This Autumn 2015 Edition of
the Perthshire Society of Natural Science Newsletter
and Syllabus is published by
The PSNS
c/o Perth Museum and Art Gallery,
78 George Street,
PERTH. PH1 5LB
Registered Scottish Charity Number: SC 012718
www.psns.org.uk