

MARPLE NATURALISTS PROGRAMME

2022-2023 is our 54th season

Are you interested in the Natural World? Do you want to learn more about the fascinating plants and animals around us? Please join us for indoor meetings at the United Reformed Church, Hibbert Lane, Marple at 8.00pm on the first Wednesday of every month. Non-members £5.00 on the door.

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7 September Eric Stead

East of the Wallace Line We are very pleased to open our new season with what we know will be a very interesting talk by Eric Stead, entitled East of the Wallace Line. In 1858 Alfred Russell Wallace co-authored a scientific paper with Darwin, outlining the theory of evolution by natural selection. How did Wallace come to his idea independently of Darwin? This talk uses personal photos of examples of fauna and some flora from trips to Asia and Australasia, to examine the differences either side of the imaginary Wallace line.

5 October Mike Price

Raptors in the Peak District Mike Price will talk about the work of The Peak District Raptor Monitoring Group, a small but dedicated group of volunteer field workers, who, under licence from the BTO and Natural England, monitor and ring birds of prey and owls in the Peak District and surrounding areas, its aims being to monitor the birds, participate in national surveys and identify real and potential threats as they arise.

2 November Mike Roberts

Ardnamurchan: Wildlife in the West Scottish Highlands Ardnamurchan is almost an Island and this talk by returning speaker Mike Roberts covers the wildlife of Britain's most westerly part of the mainland and includes a wide variety of birds and other wildlife including otters, dolphins, basking sharks and Scottish Wildcats.

7 December Christmas Party
Member's Talks

Christmas Party with a Quiz and Member's Talks by Jane Michael on Orton and the Limestone area and Graeme Mould who will talk about Leopard Seals



Winter-Summer 2023

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| 4 January | David Tolliday | Wildlife of Cheshire Peaks, Plains and Coast We welcome David Tolliday as a new speaker to our group. He is a wildlife and sports photographer and lives in Cheshire so is well placed to give his talk on wildlife in different habitats of this area |
| 1 February | Heather James | Flora and Fauna of New Zealand Heather James has given a number of interesting and lively talks to our group so we look forward to learning a lot about the wildlife of New Zealand. |
| 1 March | AGM & Members Talks | AGM and Member's Talks to follow after the AGM |
| 5 April | Dr Michael Leach | Owls of the world Dr. Leach is a full time wildlife author and photographer and the author of 39 books. Of the 250 species of owl alive today he has encountered more than half - this talk looks at many of these and we learn of his adventures with them over 20 years. He will introduce us to great horned, snowy, pygmy, great grey and spectacled owls. Also the biggest of them all – the deer-stalking eagle owl. |
| 3 May | Judith Lovelady | France - From the Mediterranean to the Mountains Judith returns to our group to give us another interesting talk which is 'An exploration of the plants and a little of the other wildlife of a range of habitats in France'. The Camargue, Les Alpilles in Provence, The high plateau of the Vercors and Font D'Urle a ski station in the Vercors are examples of the places featured. |
| 7 June | Rachael Nellist | Rewilding Stockport – A Cheshire Wildlife Trust Project is an exciting two year project for our area funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. It is looking to create 1,000 spaces for nature across Stockport. We look forward Rachael Nellist's talk to hear what it entails and how we can be involved. |
| July and August | August | Summer walks. These popular walks are still to be arranged. |

