Conchological Society of Great Britain and Ireland
Diary of Meetings

Please check the website (www.conchsoc.org) for further details and any updates, including other meetings arranged at shorted notice.

Saturday 5th April 2014: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS
Speaker: The President, Dr Mike Allen - Snails help paint pictures of the Stonehenge landscape and land-use.
14:00 – 17:30: Angela Marmont Centre, Natural History Museum.
The lecture will start shortly after 14:00. (Council members please note that there will be a Council meeting before this meeting.)

Saturday 26th April 2014: CONFERENCE: Molluscs in archaeology (see MW Nov 2013: 30) (joint with the Association for Environmental Archaeology).

Organisers: Chris Gleed-Owen (07846 137 346, chris@cgoecology.com).
Cliff-top grass, scrub and woodland in Durlston Country Park (known area for Truncatellina callicratis); rock shore at Kimmeridge Ledges in later afternoon (LT 18:00, +1.3).
Meet at 10:30 at DCP car park SZ 032 773, or at 15:30 at Kimmeridge Bay car park, SY 909 791.

Saturday 14th June 2014: FIELD MEETING (marine and non-marine): Bournemouth, Dorset.
Organiser: June Chatfield (01420 82214 – home, no e-mail).
Marine molluscs on sandy shore (known site for Aporrhais pes-pelecani) with pier piles and groynes (LT 17:20, +1.0); also land molluscs.
Meet at 13:30 at car park off Manor Road, Boscombe, SZ 107 912.

Monday 16th June 2014: FIELD MEETING: Lindisfarne, Northumberland.
Organiser: Rosemary Hill (0118 966 5160, rosemaryhi@lineone.net); please contact by 13th June if you intend to come.
Search for Tornus unisulcatus on site where it has been found in shell sand by the late Ted Phorson. (LT 11:40 +0.1).
Meet at 10:00 sharp at car park near Chare Ends NU 125 424.

Organiser: Mike Allen ((07828 103 454, aea.escargots@gmail.com).
Snail transects across the bank and ditch, and a guided archaeological tour of the Neolithic stone circle.
Meet at 10:30am at central car park (opposite post office), but please park at the National Trust car park on outskirts of the village, SU 099 696.

Contribution to the Sheffield Bioblitz.
Meet around 10:30; exact time and place to be confirmed.

Organiser: David Fenwick (01736 448 392, davidfenwicksnr@googlemail.com).
Rocky shore with good small gastropods, piddocks and Doris ocelligera (LT 12:20 +0.5).
Meet 10:30 at top of slipway on W side of Jubilee Pool, SW 475 299.

Monday 14th July 2014: FIELD MEETING (marine): Hannafore Point, Cornwall.
Organiser: Bas Payne (01647 24515, bas.payne@gmail.com)
Rocky shore; also patches of sand with small bivalves, including Spisula elliptica, Gari and Moerella (LT 13:30 +0.4).
Meet 11:00 on Marine Drive at the kiosk at Hannafore Point, SX 255 523.

Saturday 19th July: FIELD MEETING (non-marine): Wetlands, Berkshire.
Organiser: Rosemary Hill (0118 966 5160, rosemaryhi@lineone.net).
Time and place to be confirmed.

** repeats from last MW

Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th September 2014: WORKSHOP (marine): Scarborough, North Yorkshire. (joint with Yorkshire Naturalists’ Union and Seasearch)
A two-day course on the ecology, life cycle and identification of nudibranchs by Jim Anderson (www.nudibranch.org). Cost £70 per person which includes course materials. The course is a mixture of theory and practical sessions and will include a visit to a local shore on Sunday morning. Organiser: Paula Lightfoot (01904 449675, p.lightfoot@btinternet.com)

Monday 8th to Saturday 13th September 2014: FIELD MEETING (marine and non-marine), Yorkshire. (joint with Yorkshire Naturalists’ Union and Seaearch)
A week of intertidal recording on a range of rocky and sediment shores along the Yorkshire coast, based in Scarborough where laboratory facilities will be available at the University of Hull’s Scarborough campus. If sea conditions permit, there will be diving and dredging to provide further specimens for everyone to study. (LT 10:20 +0.7 (8th); lowest 11:50 +0.4 (10th); 14:00 +1.1 (13th)). Visits to terrestrial and freshwater sites will also be arranged. Organisers: David Lindley, Adrian Norris and Paula Lightfoot. Enquiries to Paula Lightfoot (01904 449675, p.lightfoot@btinternet.com).

Organisers: Rosemary Winnall (01299 266 489, 07732 203 393, rosemary@wyreforest.net) and John Bingham.
Slugs, fungi and harvestmen.
Meet at 10:30 at Uncllys Farm, SO 760 753 (postcode. DY12 2LR).

Please note the following dates in later 2014 for your diary:

Saturday 11th October 2014: INDOOR MEETING (and Council meeting).
Saturday 8th November 2014: REGIONAL MEETING.
Saturday 29th November 2014: WORKSHOP (Woking).
Saturday 6th December 2014: INDOOR MEETING (and Council meeting).

Indoor meetings at the Natural History Museum take place in the Angela Marmont Centre for UK Biodiversity, Darwin Building. From the main entrance hall, turn left at the tail of the Diplodocus, go past the dinosaur exhibition, then down the stairs, and then turn left. The door of the Centre will be locked; please ring the bell and someone will come to open it. Please bring plenty of exhibit and demonstration material. If you intend to attend a field meeting, please remember to inform the leader beforehand, and if, on the day, you are held up in traffic or your public transport is delayed, please try to contact the meeting leader if possible.

We are always happy to receive any suggestions for speakers for indoor meetings, or offers to lead field meetings, and also any suggestions about Society participation in the meetings of local and other societies. Programme Secretary: Bas Payne, The Mill House, Clifford Bridge, Drewsteignton, Exeter EX6 6QE; 01647 24515, programme@conchsoc.org