

10th **Members Presentations**

Members are welcome to bring their own presentations to share with the society.

17th **Research on Earthworms at UCLAN**

An overview on earthworms & why they are important organisms by UCLAN Earthworm Research Group (ERG).

Dr Kevin Butt

24th **Living with Nomads and Eagle Hunters of Mongolia: A Photographic Journey**

An intimate glimpse of the life, work & culture of the nomadic people of rural Mongolia.

Rosamund & John Macfarlane

March 2020

2nd **Why Birds Flock (And other Intriguing Behaviours Explained)**

Bird behaviour offers endless fascination but the reasons why birds do certain things is not always clear.

Jeff Clarke

9th **Iceland the Full Circle**

Iceland. Geysers, glaciers, waterfalls, ice fields & Icelandic legends.

Christine & Keith Buxton

16th **SRBC Parks Supporting Sub-Urban Wildlife**

A behind the scenes look at the management of some of South Ribbles' parks and open spaces.

Jo Beaman

23rd **Mull & Iona**

Mountains, glens, where deer graze & eagles soar, to sandy

beaches where otters play, a look at Mull wildlife. **Barry Bishop**

AGM Monday 20th April

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Preston Society

Birdwatching & Natural History

Winter Programme 2019-2020



Venue: St Mary's Parish Church, Church Avenue, Penwortham, PR1 0AH

Monday Evenings at 7:30pm

Website: www.prestonsociety.co.uk

**New Members & Visitors
Welcome**

Membership £25

Visitors £3

Under 18's Free with an adult

Special events: £5 for visitors Free for members

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Birdwatching and Natural History

September 2019

30th **Eastern European birding in Belarus and Hungary**
From May 2015 in Belarus & May 2018 in Hungary, Lots of great stories & superb birds from breeding time in Europe. **Dennis Atherton**

October 2019

7th **Hadrian's Wildlife – Along the wall including Ancient Birds**
John Miles author, birder and naturalist takes us on a wildlife journey across the country on Hadrian's Wall. **John Miles**

14th **Palaeotempestology – How do we Analyse Hurricanes in the last 10,000 Years?**
Hurricanes are becoming more frequent & intense? The theory, we analyse evidence of hurricanes in the last 10,000 years. **Emma Readitt**

21st **Madagascar: Wildlife of the Eighth Continent**
Talking about his travels in Madagascar, sometimes referred to as the eighth continent due to its diversity of endemic wildlife from Lemurs and Ground Rollers to Chameleons. **Mike Watson**

28th **SPECIAL EVENT – Harry Shorrocks Memorial Event!**
Our Place – Can we Save Britain's Wildlife Before it's too Late?
Mark's book "Our Place" explored the achievements of conservation in Britain. Tonight he lays out a four-point programme for a better national wildlife landscape. **Mark Cocker**

November 2019

4th **Wild Britain**
John encompasses flowers, insects, moths, butterflies, mammals & birds from around the UK emphasising Yorkshire's wildlife. **John Gardner**

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18th **Hope for Harriers?**
RSPB Bowland work to protect Hen Harriers & birds of prey in the Bowland Fells & UK uplands. **James Bray**

25th **Wildlife on the Edge – Fishwick LNR Bringing Nature to the City**
Fishwick LNR, From rubbish tips, a dog racing track & abandoned orchard to creating an accessible wildlife haven. **Terry Blackburn**

December 2019

2nd **A Gallop Through the Geology of the Earth Finishing at Mull**
A broad look at the main geological processes that have shaped Earth, closing in on the North Atlantic, UK & finally Mull. **Alistair McMurdo**

9th **Highland Wildlife:**
A talk focused on experiences in the highlands of Scotland. The birds, plants & animals. **Roy Atkins/Cath Wright**

16th **Birds in Folk Song**
Folk Songs of Natural History with wild bird sounds & folk songs. **Derek Gifford**

This talk will be followed by our annual Christmas raffle and buffet everyone is welcome to stay.

January 2020

6th **Farming and Conservation: A Farmer's Perspective**
A local farmer, his passion for being a 'Grower', about joining LEAF & a focus on Environmentally Friendly farming. **Chris Molyneux**

13th **The Birds of South West Lancashire HD Video**
Narrated high quality HD video of birds of South West Lancashire with rarities like Baikal Teal & Dowitchers. **Ron Jackson**

20th **Northern Flights: Birding in Northern Ireland**
Irish birding opportunities - what we expect and the rare/scarcely species. Covering Northern Ireland, Ulster, & Ireland. **Kevin Kirkham**

27th **A Shot at Wildlife 2016**
The Greenhalgh's' take on Wildlife in the UK with superb photography from travels in 2016. **Pauline & Ian Greenhalgh**

February 2020

3rd **Wader Watching**
Waders of NW of England in locations such as Rossall Point, Southport, the Wirral, inland breeding locations and their passage via the NW. **Brian Rafferty**