

# Preston Society

Birdwatching & Natural History

For the 2021-22 season some talks will be presented via YouTube & Zoom

Monday evenings at 7.30pm  
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2021-2022 membership - £15  
Visitors - £2 per talk

Dates in Blue will be on Zoom  
Dates in Red will be at our Venue



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Date	 Talk Title	Speaker	Description
27 September	Plants, Pills & Potions	Ian Brand	1 in 3 of the drugs we use today are made from or originally came from plants. Plants, medicines, history & geography and some interesting stories.
04 October	Assisting Coral Reef Survival in the Face of Climate Change	Dr. James Guest	Dramatic changes to coral reefs due to climate change; can corals adapt to climate change and rising sea temperatures?
11 October	"From Ware geese to Whaups via Whistlers" - Winter Birds of the Northumberland Coast	Tom Cadwallender	"From Ware Geese to Whaups via Whistlers" - Winter Birds of the Northumberland coast
18 October	Poland Wildlife	Marcin Kostrzyński	Speaker TBC
25 October	Urban Foxes	Prof. Dawn Scott	In this talk Prof. Dawn Scott will be providing an overview of why foxes have been so successful in adapting to urban living, based on her research at Keele University.
01 November	Dragonflies: the Birdwatcher's Insects	David Clarke	Dragonflies and damselflies are the hawks and falcons of the insect world. David Clarke is the British Dragonfly Society's Recorder for Cumbria, re-introducing the rare White-faced Darter to Foulshaw Moss.
08 November	Member's Presentations		
15 November	Corsica- Mountains in the Mediterranean	Mike Read	Corsica is a stunningly beautiful island with habitats of high mountains & sandy beaches. In the north west is a huge nature reserve full of high mountains. This is home to Alpine Choughs, Golden Eagles and even Lammergeiers!
22 November	Fungi Identification	Liz Holden	There are 3500 species of fungi in the British Isles. This is an introduction to the important macro-characters to help with your identification.
29 November	Plesiosaurs	Dr. Hilary Ketchum	2021 marks the 200th anniversary of the first scientific description of a plesiosaur. What

			are plesiosaurs: what do we know and still not know about them?
<b>06 December</b>	When will it Flower? Plants and Climate Change	Prof. Alastair Fitter	Flowering times of most plants in Britain, both wild and cultivated, are now much earlier than they were 30 years ago Is this the result of climate change? The impacts are far from uniform and surprisingly poorly understood.
<b>13 December</b>	Penwortham in Lockdown - Nature under your Nose	Peter Smith	Peter Smith explores nature in the environs of Penwortham during a year of Lockdown!
<b>20 December</b>	Christmas break		
<b>27 December</b>	Christmas break		
<b>03 January</b>	The Biggest Week in American Birding from Ohio to Michigan	Dennis Atherton	Dennis Atherton presents his birding experience from Ohio to Michigan from one of his US trips.
<b>10 January</b>	A Shot at Wildlife 2017	Pauline & Ian Greenhalgh	Pauline & John Greenhalgh visit us to present their take on Wildlife in the UK with superb photography from their travels in 2017.
<b>17 January</b>	Forecasting Solar Radiation Storms	Bill Anthony Swalwell	Solar storms may pose a serious radiation hazard to astronauts and space borne technology. A look at what causes them, and examine some of the difficulties in forecasting when they might occur.
<b>24 January</b>	A Year of Orkney Wildlife	Emma Neave Webb	A presentation of The Orkney Isles(from members of OMMRI), one of the great wildlife regions of the UK, covering marine life, birdlife, wildlife and plants.
<b>31 January</b>	Invertebrate Conservation and Diversity in Managed Forests	Dr. Anne Oxbrough	The diversity of invertebrates, with a focus on their role in providing ecosystem services to sustain human populations.
<b>07 February</b>	Member's Presentations		
<b>14 February</b>	Lancashire Flora & Fauna - part two	Martin Jump	Martin talks further of travelling around Lancashire, photographing the flora and fauna, with more spectacular photography and 'small' stories.
<b>21 February</b>	A Young Photographer out and about with Wildlife	Joshua Garbutt	A journey exploring nature and wildlife as a young photographer. From travels around England with a focus on Yorkshire, exploring nature reserves and AONBs, looking for different species and birds.
<b>28 February</b>	Nothing Too Fancy, Nothing Too Rare	Andy Pritchard	From macro photography to birds and mammals, nothing too rare in there but it will all evolve!
<b>07 March</b>	Ribble Rivers Trust	Speaker TBC	A look at the work of the Ribble Rivers Trust since their last visit to the Preston Society in 2016.
<b>14 March</b>	Some of the Rare Flora of Hutton Roof	Bryan Yorke	A presentation of some of the rare plants and the abundance of orchids found in this Cumbrian hotspot.
<b>21 March</b>	Soils	British Society for Soil Science	Speaker TBC
<b>28 March</b>	Some Birds of the Outer Hebrides	Ron Jackson	Ron Jackson returns with a 4K video presentation of his birding experiences on the Outer Hebrides

**Members** – The YouTube & Zoom links will be emailed to you before the talk each week. Any change from Zoom/live presentations at our venue, will also be advised.

**Visitors** – To view or attend a talk, please email – [prestonwildlife@gmail.com](mailto:prestonwildlife@gmail.com) for more information and to confirm whether it will be on Zoom or live at our venue.

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