

# Preston Society

Birdwatching & Natural History

For the 2020-2021 season all talks will be presented via YouTube & Zoom

Monday evenings from 6pm

2020 online membership offer - £15

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Visitors - £2 per talk

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Date	Talk Title	Speaker	Description
28 <sup>th</sup> September	Emperors, Kings and More: The March of the Penguins	Howard Phillips	A review of the many species of penguins; their distribution and how they are related to one another.
5 <sup>th</sup> October	Keep Off The Grass!	Luke Blazejewski	Join Dr Luke Blazejewski for an evening of film and photography, exploring our relationship with urban wildlife.
12 <sup>th</sup> October	Lancashire Wildlife Through my Lens	Martin Jump	A continuation of Martin's last talk; Lancashire flora and fauna, with some spectacular photography and small stories.
19 <sup>th</sup> October	The Reintroduction of Beavers to Cumbria	Heather Devey	Beavers are returning to the UK countryside. What will they bring to enhance biodiversity and our environment?
26 <sup>th</sup> October	Birding by Numbers: the 10 birds that shaped my life!	Matthew Capper	Matthew Capper takes us on a birding and conservation journey using ten birds that helped to influence his life.
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	More Wildlife, Wild Places!	John Gardner	John's fantastic photography will cover a wide range of UK species of various genres; butterflies, insects, birds, flowers etc.
9 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Presentations by Members</b>		
16 <sup>th</sup> November	Antarctica, The Falklands & South Georgia	Mike Watson	Penguins, fur seals, albatrosses, petrels and much more from the Antarctic and Falklands Islands with Mike Watson.
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Secrets of the Waterways	Russell Hedley	A look at waterway habitats including streams, ponds, rivers and canals and the wildlife that lives within them.
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Nature – The Four Seasons	Peter Smith	A close look at British wildlife through the changing seasons, starting in spring to the depths of winter.
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Satellite-tracked Golden Eagles	Alan Fielding	Satellite tracking is revealing lots of surprises about how Golden Eagles behave; cutting edge technology with an iconic species.
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Vancouver Island – Whales, Bears, Birds and More.....	Roy Atkins	Roy Atkins visits us again to present his take on the variety of wildlife in this corner of Canada, Vancouver Island.

<b>4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Looking for Shoebills and Gorillas in Uganda	James Bray	A talk about a self-driven birding and mammal watching trip around Uganda, arguably the prime wildlife watching country in Africa.
<b>11<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Death on the Nile	John Miles	Birds of Ancient Egypt to modern times via cruising the Nile.
<b>18<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Living with a Star – a new view of our Sun	Professor Robert Walsh	The Sun at the heart of our solar system is a yellow dwarf star, without the Sun's intense energy, there would be no life on Earth.
<b>25<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Blue Carbon Ecosystems	Dr Daniel Gorman	The role of blue carbon ecosystems in supporting coastal environment, wildlife and human populations.
<b>1<sup>st</sup> February</b>	The Little Ice Age in the SE Mediterranean	Professor Chris Hunt	Learn about the climatic disruption and effect on human life of the Little Ice Age between 1450 and 1850; the reduction in rain fall and food scarcity.
<b>8<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Presentations by Members</b>		
<b>15<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Diversity in Avian Mimicry	Dr Alexander Lees	An overview of the different forms of bird mimicry, such as Mullerian, aggressive and Batesian mimicry, suspected to occur in birds and the cutting-edge science used to uncover these patterns.
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	An Introduction to the Parks and Open Spaces of South Ribble	Jo Beaman	A behind the scenes look at the management of some of South Ribble's parks and open spaces.
<b>1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Using Birds to Understand Dinosaur Footprints	Dr Peter Falkingham	How did dinosaurs roam the earth? Using bird motion to simulate dinosaurs over 200 million years ago.
<b>8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Woodland Management for Bats	Fay Brotherhood	How do we meet the dual goals of woodland management and bat conservation?
<b>15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Every Fly Counts	Dr Alan Bedford	Flies get very bad press, considered to be little more than disease carriers. A close look at the range of lifestyles employed by flies.
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	Trinidad & Tobago, Caribbean birding made easy	Lisa Sorenson & Holly Robertson	An introduction to the avifauna of Trinidad & Tobago, with a focus on viewing birds in their natural habitats.
<b>29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Galapagos Islands- an adventure....	Les Fragle	My personal experience of travelling around 9 of the unique Galapagos Islands, with their indigenous wildlife.

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