

Ledbury Naturalists Field Club

Winter Meetings Programme 2015-16

Venue: Burgage Hall at 7.30 pm (doors open at 7.00 pm for those who want to chat)

Date	Title
2015	
10 October 10.30	<p>Fungus Foray. Herefordshire Fungus Survey Group's <i>National Fungus Day</i> event. Bring a basket and small knife if you want to collect specimens. www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/visiting-woods/wood/25747/queenswood-country-park-and-arboretum/ Leader: Cherry Greenway Location: 202 OS 506 514 Queenswood Arboretum, Dinmore Hill, nr. Leominster. Sat Nav HR6 0PY</p>
16 October	<p>Rosemary Winnall MBE will present an illustrated talk on: <i>The Nature of Wyre – about the Wyre Forest and why it is important for wildlife</i> Before retirement Rosemary was a teacher with the Forestry Commission, running the Wyre Forest Discovery Centre. Now she helps run the Wyre Forest Study Group and the website www.wyreforest.net. She is a co-editor of a new book the <i>Nature of Wyre</i>. Her interests include the Narrow-leaved Helleborine in Wyre, waxcap fungi, harvestmen, ants and slugs.</p>
20 November	<p>Peter Garner, the County Botanical Recorder, will present an illustrated talk on: <i>A Floristic Tour of Herefordshire</i> A photographic journey round of some of the more interesting and beautiful plants in the county including some rarities such as the Ghost Orchid and a new one not recorded before 2015.</p>
04 December	<p>Members evening/Social event/AGM We are departing from previous practice and holding the Members' evening in the run up to Christmas. We are also planning to make it a festive occasion with light refreshments to accompany what we expect will be an entertaining evening. We will be asking for your contributions of photographs in November so that we can organise the presentation. Oh, and we will hold the AGM.</p>

2016	
15 January	<p>Alan Pike will present an illustrated talk on: <i>A life in Parasitology: 50 years and counting</i> Alan will present selected stories of parasite studies from his working life at the University of Aberdeen and elsewhere. Nothing too gruesome.</p>
19 February	<p>Mark Lawley will present an illustrated talk on: <i>Forgotten Nature, Forgotten Naturalists of the Welsh Marches</i> The history of natural history in the Welsh Marches is a story that emerges from the lives and circumstances of bygone naturalists whose own social or natural histories can be as diverting as the history of nature itself. Mark's who was a veterinary surgeon tells the stories of some of the Marches' naturalists, and discusses how their backgrounds, characters and the circumstances of their lives stimulated them to find what they did. Since taking up natural history again in recent years, he has concentrated on bryophytes (mosses and liverworts).</p>
18 March	<p>Nigel Hand will present an illustrated talk on: <i>The Vanishing Viper: using radio telemetry to track UK adder populations</i> Nigel will describe his work and lifetime passion for this snake, and will discuss his studies on the secretive world of this sadly under appreciated wildlife beauty. With populations under threat across the UK, the adder has been unanimously declared the UK reptile species undergoing the most dramatic decline particularly evident across the Midlands and Southern England. <i>This talk will be open to the public as part of the club's outreach initiative. Tickets for non-members will be on sale in early February.</i></p>
09 April	First Summer meeting TBA