

Ledbury Naturalists Field Club

Winter Meetings Programme 2016-17

All meetings in the Burgage Hall at 7.30 pm

Doors open at 7.00 pm for those wishing to meet friends and help set up the hall

Date	Title
2016	
22 October 2 pm	<p>Additional walk for early autumn</p> <p>For those not hardy enough to face the dreary weather in May, Kate has arranged another walk around the pasture and parkland owned by Mark O'Brien and Liz Vice to look at their Longhorn cattle, Wiltshire Horn sheep and the wonderful fungi and parkland trees. The site is nationally important for its wax cap fungi. Liz and Mark were delightfully hospitable hosts and those who attended spent a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon with them.</p> <p>Meet at the entrance to the parkland, just south of Wessington court on the side of the Woolhope to Fownhope road at grid ref- OS 60903527</p>
21 October	<p>Senior Ecologist for the Canal & River Trust, Paul Wilkinson, will speak about '<i>Alien wildlife of canals</i>'</p> <p>Paul will identify species that qualify as invasive and non-native invasive species, and highlight some of the more interesting as well as some of the more harmful species. He will discuss what can be done with an established species, and consider ethical and proportionality issues facing nature conservation in the UK. Are we demonising benign species and ignoring species that are having a detrimental impact to our wildlife?</p>
18 November	<p>Ledbury Naturalists member, Tony Simpson, will speak about '<i>Local moth faunas are changing: is this a climate effect?</i>'</p> <p>Tony will reflect on new, increasing/decreasing and extinct moth species in Worcestershire and Herefordshire and ask the question, are we seeing changes to the fauna that reflect changes to our climate?</p>
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09 December	<p><i>AGM & Members' Evening</i></p> <p>Our major social event to which you are warmly invited. This is the last meeting under the chairmanship of Brian Willder who will be ending a long service to the club as its chairman. So come along to thank him and wish him well. Food and seasonal drinks will be served so don't eat a big dinner beforehand!</p> <p>This is also the evening to share a few digital images and remember that last year Alan asked for everyone to search out an image or two to share. This is an event for all so do join in!</p>
2017	
20 January	<p>Ledbury Naturalists Member, Steve Betts, will talk about his experience <i>Re-establishing traditional management in a local, ancient, semi-natural woodland</i></p> <p>A brief history of Ast Wood, Aylton, back to Domesday, its 20th century neglect and subsequent rehabilitation.</p>
17 February	<p>Denise Foster will speak about <i>The Herefordshire Woodland Bat Project</i></p>
17 March	<p>Ledbury Naturalists Member, Ros Willder, will speak about Conservation work at Bromsberrow Estate an 18th Century Agricultural Estate http://www.bromesberrow.com/conservation/</p> <p>The estate was one of the earliest to have a countryside stewardship agreement over 20 years ago and has a current HLS agreement with Natural England. It has a committed programme to maintain nature conservation and management of wildlife habitats.</p>