

Summer Programme 2017 Herefordshire Botanical Society			
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Unless stated otherwise, meetings are all-day field meetings. Please bring your own food and drink, and wear suitable footwear and clothing. If weather inclement , phone leader 8.45 - 9am on the day to confirm meeting is taking place. Visitors welcome. Give JWW your contact details if you would like to know about short-notice meetings.			
May 5th	Friday	Black Hill & Upper Olchon Valley	Leader: Philip Bauer Tel 01981 500 398
Meet 10.30 at SO 288 328 Black Hill car park. Uphill thro' Longtown, forking L to Llanveyhoe, follow Black Hill picnic site signs. Return visit to <i>Antennaria dioica</i> Mountain everlasting site, then across to the valley and scree to the west. Recent finds - Lesser Twayblade, <i>Asplenium viride</i> - suggest exciting possibilities.			
May 18	Thursday	Forest of Dean, St Briavels and Slade Bottom	Leader: Clive Lovatt email preferred clivemlovatt@gmail.com or 01173 823 577 or 07851 433 920
Meet 11am, ST558993/GL15 6PT, FC Car Park, Tiddenham Chase, before moving on. An invitation to join GNS focussing on plants not recorded since before 2000 (list available from Clive by email). Probably St Briavels Castle and tufa at Slade Brook SSSI.			
May 31	Wednesday	Little Dewchurch	Leader: Peter Houghton Tel 01432 840 443
Meet 10.30 SO529317 Little Dewchurch church car park. On leaving Hereford on the A49 towards Ross, turn L signed Holme Lacy. At roundabout, turn R. After 5 miles, in Little Dewchurch follow R sign to St Davids church. Exploring nearby woods and valleys. 3 miles			
June 8	Thursday	Forest of Dean, Wye Valley,	Leaders: Clare and Mark Kitchen Tel: 01453 810 958
Meet 11am SO543055 Slip Wood Car park. Directions. At Monmouth take A466 towards Chepstow. After 6m turn L signposted Clearwell Caves for 0.3m. Car park on L. An invitation to join GNS looking at old sites for <i>Stellaria nemorum</i> , Wood Stitchwort, in Wye Valley.			
June 11	Sunday	Brockhampton near Fownhope	Leader: Jean Wynne-Jones Tel 01531 660 670
Meet 10.30 SO 597315 car park for NGS open garden. B4224 from Hereford thro' Mordiford and Fownhope. After a further 2½m and ignoring R turn signposted Brockhampton, turn R signed Brockhampton Church. Keep straight on 0.8m, turn L into orchard to park, by kind permission of Peter Clay. am botanising towards Brockhampton Church. pm, if desired, Brockhampton Cottage Garden £6. Wildflower meadows, (JWW recommends), lake and stream, exuberant terraced borders around the house. Contrary to website, no NGS tea. HBS picnic tea by lake.			
June 29	Thursday	Rotherwas Industrial Est.	Leader: John Ockenden. Tel: 01544 230 343.
Meet 10.30 SO 529383 Green Way car park with cycle storage. From Hereford take Holme Lacy road, under railway bridge to 1 st roundabout. Turn left (signed Rotherwas North), L at T-jct. (Skylon View), continue to green gate across road. Car park on L. From S (A49) follow B4399, turn L at 1 st roundabout, then R at 2nd, thence as above. (Cyclists use Green Way from City). This wasteland site of former WW1&II munitions factories is now being developed. Plants have colonised dry and marshy areas giving rough grassland, scrub, and woodland. A quick survey July 2016 yielded 120 species inc Hare's foot Clover. A more detailed survey would be useful. 2km on the level. Cafe nearby.			
July 14	Friday	Moseley Common SSSI, Pembridge	Leader: Chris Sullivan. Tel 07790 402 964
By kind permission of Tony Norman. Meet 10.30, SO383591. HR6 9HN The Leen. From Pembridge go N ½m, turn L, after ½m turn L at farm sign "The Leen". This is a return visit to the site we saw last September, just before some is cut to take seed elsewhere. Tony will take us to the Common and say a few words.			
July 30	Sunday	Pyon Hill Wood (not Pyon Wood Hillfort)	Leader: Jean Wynne-Jones Tel 01531 660 670
By kind permission of Robert Doran. Assemble 10.30 SO450491 Canon Pyon Church to access wood as one convoy 10.45. From Hereford Roman Road take A4110 N for 4.8m. Turn L signed Canon Pyon church. An under-recorded Ancient Woodland site with some interesting features. Contact JWW beforehand if likely to be late.			
August 5	Saturday	Forest of Dean, Foxes Bridge	Leaders: Clare and Mark Kitchen Tel 01453 810 958
Meet 11 am SO632 123. Car park 1 mile E of Speech House, S side of B4226. An invitation to join GNS. Recording - Foxes Bridge Bog Nature Reserve and newly cleared area nearby. Wellingtons			
August 8	Tuesday	am Water plants Workshop, pm Visit nearby interesting site. Host: JWW Tel 01531 660 670	
Meet 10.30 for coffee at SO 641350 Gatchapen Cottage, Rushall, for 11a.m. start. Water plants can be very plastic so please bring lots of specimens, wild or cultivated, photos, books etc. Never mind the mess. Come and go at any time. Packed lunches or put up with Jean's cooking. Please advise JWW a few days before, if you think you will probably come.			
August 17	Thursday	Deerfold	Leader: Mark Lawley. Contact Sue Southam Tel 01938 590 269 / 07933 300 142
Meet 11am SO 416689 by Wigmore village hall, on Ludlow rd from Wigmore. overflow parking behind Crown Inn. Joint meeting with Montgomery Field Society. 5m walk thro' lanes to Cross of the Tree (SO 381676). The Crown Inn offers us afternoon tea (cold food) for £5-6, book in advance email suesoutham23@gmail.com by 3 rd Aug. Landranger 137, or Explorer 201 and 203.			
September 1	Friday	Radnorshire Llandeilo Graban Nature Reserve	Leader: Liz Dean Tel 01568 780 769
Meet 11 am SO089439 Erwood Station Gallery. From Hereford A438 towards Brecon. At Three Cocks turn R (A470) towards Builth Wells. After 7.5m turn R signed Erwood Station Gallery. The day will include a visit to the Wye Valley Walk passing thro' the nature reserve, and other sites selected by Liz for recording.			
October 10th	Tuesday	am Fungus foray Ast Wood pm Workshop Gatchapen	Tutor: Jo Weightman Host: Jean Wynne-Jones Tel 01531 660 670
By kind permission of Penny Oliver. Meet 10.30 SO674379 Ast Wood. From Trumpet crossroads towards Gloucester, take first L, Little Marcle Road, then first L for ½m. HBS sign on L. Drive into wood. Foray, then SO641350 Gatchapen Cottage, Rushall for lunch. Packed lunches or Jean's cooking. Come and go at any time. Bring specimens from elsewhere (with location and host details if known), photos, books etc. Please advise JWW a few days before, if you think you might come.			