

**Joint Winter Schedule of Aberdeen “Outdoor” Talks, 2023-24**
**Final 15 September 2023**

All talks at 7:30pm unless otherwise specified under Location.

Talks marked \* are expected to be hybrid. To discover the Zoom or Teams procedure for online delivery, non-members should contact the relevant website or email.

For talks (if any) by North East Mountain Trust (NEMT), try nemt.info@gmail.com; for those by the Saltire Society, try jdamacartney@btinternet.com.

Date	Group	Title/Topic	Speaker(s)	Location(*)	Contact & Cost (non-member)
<i>September 2023</i>					
Thur. 7	CultsHWC	Safety on the Hills	Mario di Maio	Cults Kirk Centre	cultshillwalking@outlook.com, £3
Wed. 20	SOC	My Time with Golden Eagles	Laurie Campbell	Zoom	grampian.secretary@the-soc.org.uk
Wed. 27	JMT	“Clear on Deer” Film and Q&A Session	Mike Daniels, JMT	Kings NK10	jmtnescot.eventbrite.co.uk
Thurs. 21	NTSADMC	The Nurse Who Found Herself in 1916	Sally Lawton	Ab’Shire CC, 2pm	<a href="mailto:judithfalconer@rocketmail.com">judithfalconer@rocketmail.com</a> , £5
<i>October 2023</i>					
Mon. 2	SOC	Two Decades of Local Patch Birding at Girdle Ness	Andrew Whitehouse	Kings Zoology	grampian.secretary@the-soc.org.uk
Mon. 2	RSGS	Through the Eyes of Ospreys	Sarah Dench	Kings Meston	enquiries@rsgs.org
Wed.4	CgmClub	Lowest to Highest Point in USA	Clive Rowland	Queens X CC	social@cairnngormclub.org.uk, £3
Thurs. 5	CultsHWC	Climate Change in Scotland’s Mountains	Mike Rivington	Cults Kirk Centre	cultshillwalking@outlook.com, £3
Tues. 10	RSPB	Cairngorms Connect Predators	Kenny Kortland	Kings Zoology	tonichilton@btinternet.com
Thurs. 12	FCBG	Delightful, De-lovely and Deranged	Nancy Stevens	Kings Zoology*	friendsofcbgmembership@gmail.com
Wed. 18	SOC	Bringing species back from the brink: Capercaillie & Corn Bunting case studies	Allan Perkins, Carolyn Robertson & Dr. Alex Ball	Zoom	grampian.secretary@the-soc.org.uk
Thurs. 19	SWT	Identifying Britain’s Ferns: First Steps and Dips into the Difficult	James Merryweather	Zoom	committee@swtaberdeen.org.uk
Tues. 24	NTSADMC	Iona: Columba’s Sacred Isle, by Bike	Gordon Casely	Ab’Shire CC, 2pm	<a href="mailto:judithfalconer@rocketmail.com">judithfalconer@rocketmail.com</a> , £5
<i>November 2023</i>					
Thurs. 2	CultsHWC	Mesolithic Deeside	Ali Cameron	Cults Kirk Centre	cultshillwalking@outlook.com, £3
Mon. 6	SOC	Ring Ouzels	Innes Sim	Kings Zoology	grampian.secretary@the-soc.org.uk
Mon. 6	RSGS	The Island Munros Triathlon	Alex Moran	Kings Meston	
Thurs. 9	SWT	Journey of the Cuckoo	Steve Willis, BTO	Online	committee@swtaberdeen.org.uk
Thurs. 9	FCBG	Kyrgyzstan – in Search of Wild Tulips	Frazer Henderson	Kings Zoology*	friendsofcbgmembership@gmail.com
Tues. 14	RSPB	Raptors in NE Scotland, Past, Present and Future	Ian Francis	Kings Zoology	tonichilton@btinternet.com
Wed. 15	CgmClub	Upper Dee Flood Plain Restoration (after AGM)	Stephen Addy	Queens X CC	social@cairnngormclub.org.uk
Wed. 22	NTSADMC	Craigievar Castle and the Family Who Lived There	Jim Fiddes	Ab’Shire CC, 2pm	<a href="mailto:judithfalconer@rocketmail.com">judithfalconer@rocketmail.com</a> , £5
Fri-Sun 24-26	SOC	SOC Annual Conference Talks	Various	Zoom	grampian.secretary@the-soc.org.uk
Thurs. 30	CHWC	Scottish Wildcats	Andy Hayes	Cults Kirk Centre	cultshillwalking@outlook.com, £3
<i>December 2023</i>					
Mon. 4	SOC	Seabird Atlas	Daisy Burnell	Kings Zoology	grampian.secretary@the-soc.org.uk

Mon. 4	RSGS	Scaling New Heights	Anna Taylor	Kings Meston	enquiries@rsgs.org
Wed. 6	CgmClub	Trekking in Dolpo Nepal: the Land of the Snow Leopard	Linda di Maio	Queens X CC	social@cairngormclub.org.uk, £3
Tues. 12	RSPB	AGM + "My Big Birding Year"	Rob Leslie	Kings Zoology	tonichilton@btinternet.com
Wed. 13	SOC	Lead from Ammunition: a Toxic Problem	Prof. Debbie Pain	Zoom	grampian.secretary@the-soc.org.uk
Thurs. 14	FCBG	Looking at Lichens: an Introduction to Lichens and Their Ecology	Andrea Britton	Kings Zoology*	friendsofcbgmembership@gmail.com
<i>January 2024</i>					
Tues. 2	RSPB/SOC	How Birds Evolved from Dinosaurs	Prof. Steve Brusatte	Kings Zoology	tonichilton@btinternet.com, grampian.secretary@the-soc.org.uk
Mon. 8	RSGS	Cycling Every OS Map: in Numerical Order!	Mark Wedgwood	Kings Meston	<a href="mailto:enquiries@rsgs.org">enquiries@rsgs.org</a>
Wed. 10	CgmClub	TGO Challenge	Sue Chalmers	Queens X CC	social@cairngormclub.org.uk, £3
Thurs. 11	CultsHWC	The Glen Tanar Ranger Service	Eric Blair	Cults Kirk Centre	cultshillwalking@outlook.com, £3
Thurs. 11	FCBG	The Tangled Bank: Landscape change and Garden Atmosphere	Harry Watkins	Kings Zoology*	friendsofcbgmembership@gmail.com
Tues. 16	NTSADMC	Numismatics and the Coinage of Scotland	Douglas R. H. Nicol	Ab'Shire CC, 2pm	<a href="mailto:judithfalconer@rocketmail.com">judithfalconer@rocketmail.com</a> , £5
Wed. 17	SOC	The Great Auk Q&A	Prof. Tim Birkhead & Prof. Neil Metcalfe	Zoom	grampian.secretary@the-soc.org.uk
Thurs. 18	SWT	TBA	TBA	TBA	committee@swtaberdeen.org.uk
<i>February 2024</i>					
Thurs. 1	CultsHWC	Blue Green Algae	Linda Lawton	Cults Kirk Centre	cultshillwalking@outlook.com, £3
Mon. 5	SOC	Sustainable Moorland Management etc. in the East Cairngorms	Jos Milner	Kings Zoology	grampian.secretary@the-soc.org.uk
Mon. 5	RSGS	People: We All Have That Something Within	Joe Bunyan	Kings Meston	<a href="mailto:enquiries@rsgs.org">enquiries@rsgs.org</a>
Wed. 7	CgmClub	TBA	TBA	Queens X CC	<a href="mailto:social@cairngormclub.org.uk">social@cairngormclub.org.uk</a> , £3
Thurs. 8	FCBG	Plants and Castles of Transylvania	Razvan Chisu	Online only	friendsofcbgmembership@gmail.com
Wed. 14	NTSADMC	Cruising Alaskan Coasts	Finlay McKichan	Ab'Shire CC, 2pm	<a href="mailto:judithfalconer@rocketmail.com">judithfalconer@rocketmail.com</a> , £5
Thurs. 15	SWT	Importance of Ocean Life on Earth	Colin Moffat	TBC	committee@swtaberdeen.co.uk
Wed. 21	SOC	Tracking Birds' Movements	Ros Green & Claudia Tapia	Zoom	grampian.secretary@the-soc.org.uk
<i>March 2024</i>					
Mon. 4	RSGS	The Life Cycle: Adventure in the Andes	Kate Rawles	Kings Meston	<a href="mailto:enquiries@rsgs.org">enquiries@rsgs.org</a>
Mon. 4	SOC	Short Talks: Goshawks and Forestry; Monitoring Breeding Waders using Audiomoth and BirdNet; Waterfowl and <i>Crassula</i>	SRUC MSc Students	Zoom	grampian.secretary@the-soc.org.uk
Wed. 6	CgmClub	Members' Night (slides etc.)	Club Members	Queens X CC	social@cairngormclub.org.uk, £3
Thur. 7	CultsHWC	STEM Women Leaders in the Antarctic	Clare Bond	Cults Kirk Centre	cultshillwalking@outlook.com, £3
Thurs. 14	FCBG	Cluny after Arwen	John Mattingly	Kings Zoology*	friendsofcbgmembership@gmail.com
Wed. 20	SOC	Avian Flu	Dr. Phil Atkinson, Dr. Jude Lane & speaker TBA	Zoom	grampian.secretary@the-soc.org.uk
Thurs. 21	NTSADMC	AGM, plus Update of Ongoing Changes at Drum Castle		Ab'Shire CC, 2pm	<a href="mailto:judithfalconer@rocketmail.com">judithfalconer@rocketmail.com</a> , £5

Thurs. 21	SWT	TBC	TBC	TBC	<a href="mailto:committee@swtaberdeen.org.uk">committee@swtaberdeen.org.uk</a>
<i>April 2024</i>					
Thurs. 4	CultsHWC	The River Dee Trust	Keilidh Ewan	Cults Kirk Centre	cultshillwalking@outlook.com, £3
Mon. 8	SOC	TBA	TBA	TBA	grampian.secretary@the-soc.org.uk
Thurs. 11	FCBG	The Rocky Road to Chelsea	David Rankin	Kings Zoology*	friendsofcbgmembership@gmail.com
Wed. 17	SOC	SOC Endowment Fund Projects	H. Aiton, M. Jezierski, K. & M. Sinclair	Zoom	grampian.secretary@the-soc.org.uk
Thurs. 18	SWT	TBC	TBC	TBC	committee@swtaberdeen.org.uk
<i>May 2024</i>					
Thurs. 16	FCBG	Impressionists in their Garden: Living Light and Colour	Caroline Holmes	Kings Zoology*	friendsofcbgmembership@gmail.com

<b>Legend:</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Legend:</b>	<b>Group</b>
CgmClub	Cairngorm Club	RSGS	Royal Scottish Geographical Society
CultsHWC	Cults Hill Walking Club	RSPB	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
FCBG	Friends of the Cruickshank Botanic Garden	SaltireSoc	Saltire Society
JMT	John Muir Trust	SOC	Scottish Ornithologists Club
NEMT	North East Mountain Trust	SWT	Scottish Wildlife Trust
NTSADMC	National Trust of Scotland Aberdeen & District Members' Centre		
			TBA/C = To Be Arranged/Confirmed
<b>Locations</b> (and tel. no. where available; may be office hours only)			
Cults Kirk Centre, 404 North Deeside Road, Cults. Tel. 01224 869028			
Sportsman's Club, 11 Queen's Road, Aberdeen, AB15 4YL. Tel. 01224 322795			
Kings NK10 = Kings College, New Kings Building, Room 10			
Kings Meston = Kings College, Meston Building Northern Entrance			
Ab'Shire CC = Aberdeenshire Cricket Club, Morningside Road, Aberdeen AB10 7FB. Tel. 01224 317888			
Queens X CC = Garden Room, Fountainhall (previously Queens Cross) Church Centre, Albyn Place, AB10 1YN			
Kings Zoology = Kings College, Zoology Building, Tillydrone Avenue			
St Peter's, P'culter= St. Peter's Heritage Centre, Howie Lane, Peterculter, AB14 0PU			

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