

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) |
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| <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 | judithfalconer@rocketmail.com , £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@cairngormclub.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 | judithfalconer@rocketmail.com , £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@cairngormclub.org.uk |
| Wed. 22 | NTSADMC | Craigievar Castle and the Family Who Lived There | Jim Fiddes | Ab’Shire CC, 2pm | judithfalconer@rocketmail.com , £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 |

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| 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 | enquiries@rsgs.org |
| 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 | judithfalconer@rocketmail.com , £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 | enquiries@rsgs.org |
| Wed. 7 | CgmClub | TBA | TBA | Queens X CC | social@cairngormclub.org.uk , £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 | judithfalconer@rocketmail.com , £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 | enquiries@rsgs.org |
| 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 | judithfalconer@rocketmail.com , £5 |

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| Thurs. 21 | SWT | TBC | TBC | TBC | committee@swtaberdeen.org.uk |
| <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 |

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| 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 |
| Locations (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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