

## PROGRAMME SECRETARY'S REPORT - APRIL 2012

The programme for 2011 consisted of five indoor meetings held at the Natural History Museum in London, one indoor meeting held at the Bath Royal Literary & Scientific Institution (BRLSI), six field meetings and two indoor workshops.

Lectures at indoor meetings in London were given by David Reid (Worldwide periwinkles: the evolution, diversity and changing classification of the Littorinidae), Alexandra Zieritz (Why does a mussel look the way it does? Unravelling pheno- and genotypic patterns in freshwater mussels using modern genetic and morphometric techniques), Terry O'Connor (Taking the long view: studying non-marine molluscs over the millennia), June Chatfield (A South Coast marine miscellany) and Jan Light (Blogging a way along the Normandy Coast).

The meeting in Bath featured a display of the BRLSI collection of North American freshwater bivalves and a tour of the shell collection. Lectures were given by Rob Randall (The shell collection at BRLSI), Ron Boyce (Leonard Jenyns and the elusive freshwater bivalves), John Llewellyn-Jones (North American fresh water pearl mussels: their uses and status past and present) and Julian Vincent (The mechanics of being a mussel).

Field meetings were held at the following venues: Flitwick Moor and Folly Wood, Flitwick, Bedfordshire (joint meeting with the Flitvale local Wildlife Trust group, Leader: Peter Topley), woodland sites in Dumfries-shire (Stenhouse Wood, Chanlockfoot, Penton Linns, Langholm, Leader: Adrian Sumner), Haugh Woods, Herefordshire (Leader: Harry Green), Kew area, London (freshwater meeting, Leader: Adrian Rundle), Wyre Forest, Worcestershire (*Malacolimax tenellus* search, joint meeting with the Wyre Forest Study Group, Leader: Rosemary Winnall), South Connemara, Galway, west coast of Ireland (marine meeting, Leader: Julia Nunn).

The Society's twenty-fifth Molluscan Workshop was on the subject of identification of Mytilidae and shell sand from Herm, Channel Islands, held at Judith Nelson's home in Woking, Surrey (tutor: Adrian Rundle). A New Zealand shell identification workshop was also held at the same venue.

The Society is grateful to all those people who contributed to the above programme, as speakers, field meeting leaders, and meeting and workshop organisers and tutors.

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