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# Sidcup Natural History Society

## Indoor & Outdoor Programme



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*There is no charge for outdoor meetings but modest donations are gladly accepted.*

## Sidcup Natural History Society - Outdoor Programme - February to August 2015

**Saturday 14 February - Cliftonville, Margate** (Post code CT9 3PP) 09:30 – 1:30 p.m.

This part of the North Kent coast, to the east of Margate, with its low cliffs and stretches of rocky shoreline, is frequented in winter by many wading birds including Purple Sandpipers. While searching for these we will hope to see Divers and Ducks out to sea. Meet in **Palm Bay Avenue** (B2051), near Princess Margaret Avenue.

**Saturday 14 March - Scadbury Park, Sidcup** (P/C. BR7 6PL) 9:15 - 12:15 p.m.

This well-hidden local site offers a range of habitats including woodland, pasture and a remnant of heathland. Meet in the car park at the entrance in **Old Perry Street** - near the 'Sydney Arms' public house.

**Saturday 11 April - Foots Cray Meadows, Sidcup** (P/C. DA14 5EU) 9:15 – 12:15 p.m.

Before the tree canopies become too dense, we will look for early migrant birds and residents like the ever-elusive Lesser Spotted Woodpecker... ..perhaps this will be the year!! Meet in **Leafield Lane**, off North Cray Road, Sidcup.

**Saturday 9 May - Mote Park, Maidstone & Marden Meadow** (P/C. ME15 7SU) 9:30 – ???

We will explore the Park, woodland and lake before moving on - after lunch - to Marden Meadow KWT Reserve. Here, we expect to see a variety of flowering meadow plants including thousands of Green-winged Orchids! Our meeting place will be the Mote Park car park, at the end of **Mote Avenue**, Maidstone. *At Marden Meadow (Post Code: TN12 9PZ) there is a very small off-road car-parking area - please park sensibly!*

**Saturday 6 June - Stodmarsh NNR, near Canterbury** (P/C. CT3 4BA) 10:00 - 2:00 p.m.

At this National Nature Reserve, with its large reed beds, we will be looking for Bearded Tits, Cuckoos, warblers and the dashing Hobby. *If the weather is suitable, we may move on to the RSPB woodland reserve at Blean {P/C. CT2 9DD} for the late afternoon and evening - where we would hope to find Woodcock and Nighthjar...* Meet in the car park at the end of the track by the 'Red Lion' pub in Stodmarsh village.

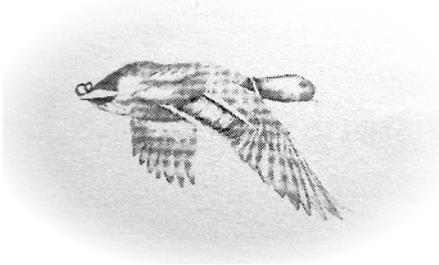
**Saturday 11 July - Knole Park NT, Sevenoaks** (P/C. TN13 1HU) 10:15 – 2:00 p.m.

We will be searching the parkland at this National Trust property hoping to find birds such as Redstart and Yellowhammer, and busy bugs and bees... Meet in the car park by the house. *Parking is free for NT members, but otherwise £4.*

**Saturday 15 August - Brookland and Leybourne Lakes, Snodland** (P/C. ME6 5UA) 9:30 – 12:30 p.m.

Our last visit here provided plenty of interest with many waterside plants in flower and a memorable display by a local nightingale... Meet in the car park at Brookland Lake, accessed via the narrow lane off **Brook Street** - *look for the brown sign with a boat, pointing left.*

## Indoor Meetings - February to April 2015



**Venue:** Hurst Community Centre,  
Hurst Road, (opposite Dorchester Avenue)  
Bexley. DA5 3LH

**Start:** 7:40 p.m.

**Admission:** Member:- £2; Non-Member:- £3; Junior:- 50p

### Friday 6 February -

#### *“The Short-haired Bumblebee Project”*

An illustrated talk by Dr. Nikki Gammans f.r.e.s.

The story of the re-introduction project in the UK, with the latest results from Dungeness.

(More project details at <http://www.bumblebeereintroduction.org/>)

### Friday 6 March -

#### *“The Wildlife of Guyana”*

An illustrated talk by Glenda Law

A look at more exotic nature in warmer climes!

### Friday 17 April -

#### *“There’s an Old Mill”*

An illustrated talk by Chris Cook

The history and natural history of Clodock Mill, a watermill on the Welsh borders...