



Pensychnant

Spring Programme 2018

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Sunday 28th January, 10 - 4pm

NORTH WALES NON-FLOWERING PLANT GROUP

A day for moss and liverwort nerds, with keys and microscopes trying to identify bryophytes. Practice is the only way to learn this group! Keen beginners welcome with experts on hand to mentor you. £3 donation

Monday 29th January, 10 - 1:30pm.

GINNY GLENN'S CRAFT CLUB

An informal meeting by the fireside; sharing and learning yarn based craft skills with Ginny Glenn. An opportunity to knit and natter with a cup of tea. £4.50

Friday 2nd February 7:30pm.

'BIRDS, SNOW & BUGS: WORKING WITH SIBERIAN JAYS IN NORTHERN SWEDEN'

An illustrated lecture by Katherine Bowgen (BTO) about her research to investigate susceptibility to predation in social populations of Siberian Jay. Cambrian Ornithological Society meeting. All welcome. £1

Monday 5th February 8pm.

MOTH GROUP

Informal meeting of North Wales Moth Group. Donations appreciated ☺

Thursday 8th February, 7:30pm

"TRINIDAD & TOBAGO"

What madness is this? I've been to Trinidad! Julian will share some of his 3000 photos of Hummingbirds and exotic moths; Scarlet Ibis and Bearded Manakins; palm-fringed beaches and tropical rain forests.

Donations appreciated ☺



Saturday 10th February, 10am onwards.

WORK PARTY - DRY-STONE WALLING

With the help of the Snowdonia Society volunteers, we will be dry-stone walling. Pensychnant has literally miles of walls and they're all falling down! Full training will be given from foundations to copings. Wear work clothes and stout boots. Bring lunch.

Friday 16th February, 2-4pm.

WOOL GATHERERS

Knitting, crocheting, spinning, weaving and (no doubt) nattering by the log fire; An informal group of yarn-lovers led by Jenny Pritchard, jpritchard490@btinternet.com £2.50

Wednesday 21st February 7:30pm.

"SUBSIDENCE RELATED TO RELICT SALT MINES, CHESHIRE"

A presentation by Cathrene Rowell from Keele University for North Wales Geology Association, about the long-term use of microgravity surveys to identify and monitor areas at risk of cataclysmic subsidence. See www.ampyx.org.uk

Friday 23rd February, 7:30pm.

"SCOTLAND'S WEST COAST - UNDERWATER & ABOVE"

Paul Kay's photography is astounding. This talk will showcase some of the familiar but special terrestrial wildlife of the west coast of Scotland, and some of the incredible sub-marine life which most of us will never see.



Donations appreciated ☺

Saturday 24th February 10-5pm.

FREEFORM WEAVING & NEEDLE FELTING WORKSHOP

Remember Eta Lawrie's much-admired woven wall hangings at Pensychnant? Create your own woven and needle felted wall-hanging using beautifully hand-dyed wool, yarns and foraged materials such as slate, shells, bark and recycled beads in the capable and creative hands of Eta's daughter, artist Sophia Ingham £45 including all materials plus teas, coffee and cake. Lunch of homemade soup and a selection of cold treats £5 per head. Contact Sophia on 07391930719 or phiaeco@gmail.com

Sunday 25th February, 10am onwards.

DEAD SEABIRD WATCH

We will be walking two sections of the RSPB's UK Beached Bird Survey, about 8 miles, recording dead birds on the strandline from Conwy Morfa to Llanfairfechan. Warm clothes. Bring lunch. Phone for arrangements.

Friday 2nd March 7:30pm.

'WHAT'S THAT RAPTOR?'

Raptors are some of our most exciting birds, but often some of the most challenging to identify. Keith Offord (Wild Insights) will take a close look at the identification of raptors in real settings, where subtle differences in wing length, wing-beat, speed, stance and jizz provide the necessary identification clues. Cambrian Ornithological Society meeting. £1

Saturday 3rd March 10-1pm.

CORN DOLLY WORKSHOP

Jenny Pritchard will be teaching us the ancient craft of corn dolly making. Full instruction and all materials provided. £25. Contact Jenny for details and bookings: 07789593882, jpritchard490@btinternet.com

Monday 5th March 8pm.

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Saturday 17th March 12-4pm.

EASTER CRAFTS WORKSHOP

Suitable for all ages, come along for an afternoon making fluffy chicks and bunnies, Easter baskets, decorations and much more, with Sophia Ingham. Adults £10, children £5, includes all materials and refreshments. Contact Sophia on 07391930719 or phiaeco@gmail.com

Saturday 24th March, 10 - 4pm

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Monday 26th March, all day.

CONWY SEED FAIR

Please come to say hello to support Pensychnant at Conwy's traditional Seed Fair. We will have lots of plants and other goods for sale.

Friday 30th March, 7:30pm.

“TALES OF SYCHNANT II”

No one knows more about the history around Penmaenmawr than Dennis Roberts. His last talk at Pensychnant was a sell-out. Now he will tell us some more tales of Sychnant and the Stotts of Pensychnant. Donations appreciated ☺



Monday 2nd April, 8pm.

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Friday 6th April, 7:30pm.

“WILD MERSEY”

Bill Morton has been bird-watching over Frodsham Marsh and the Mersey since he was a teenager. Cambrian Ornithological Society meeting. £1

PENSYCHNANT’S WILDLIFE ART EXHIBITIONS 2018

Wednesdays- Sundays, 28th March - 30th September, 11 -5pm

Opening earlier this year, for Easter.

Suggested donation £2.50

Exhibition of originals, prints and photographs in various styles and media:

Birds in their landscapes by renowned Anglesey artist **Philip Snow**,

Native Butterflies by **Julie Horner**,

Evocative meadows and wild flowers by **Liz Bolloten**,

Wild flowers in design by **Betty Mills**,

Pastel landscapes by **Maurice Mills**,

Bardsey Birdlife by **Emma and Steve Stansfield**,

British Birds by **Ian Wright**

Crashing seascapes and sunny landscapes by **Paula Salmons**

Woodcraft by **Chris Slinn**,

Local birds by **Jean Morgan-Roberts**

Stunning wildlife photography by **John and Tracy Langley** (O.W.L.)

Fastidious, detailed pictures of animals in nature by **Barbara Winrow**,

Anyone else want to exhibit wildlife art this year? Please contact me!



Friday 13th April 2pm.

“PENSYCHNANT’S NEW VENTURE - FARMING FOR WILDLIFE”

Following the death of its tenant farmer in 2016, Pensychnant has taken on the farm and its flock. It is early days and we don't know what we're doing, but it is exciting. It gives an insight into a farmer's view of conservation.

This is a Wildlife Trust (Conwy Valley Branch) event at St David's Church Hall, Penrhyn Bay. Non-members welcome (You might like to join!).

Saturday 14th April 12-4pm

KNOW YOUR SEWING MACHINE

Baffled by your sewing machine? Bring it along and master your machine under the expert guidance of designer Sophia Ingham, who will guide you through setting up your machine and how to use it, basic maintenance, and how to make a cushion cover or bag. Teas, coffees, cake and all materials are included, only £25! Contact Sophia on 07391930719 or phiaeco@gmail.com

Friday 20th April, 2-4pm.

WOOL GATHERERS

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Sunday 22nd April, 10am.

BLUEBELL & PRIMROSE WALK

A short walk along local footpaths to see the Oakwood primroses. “What is this life if, full of care, we have no time to stand and stare?” About 3 miles easy walking. Wear suitable boots. Donations appreciated ☺