

## SRPG Winter Meetings 2020

The AGM meeting will be on January 18<sup>th</sup> and held, as usual, at the Lifelong Learning Centre at the Avalon Marshes Centre, Shapwick Road, Westhay, BA6 9TT (ST425 414). The February and March indoor meetings will also be held at The Avalon Marshes Centre.

2019 was a landmark year in two respects. Firstly, the SRPG was reorganised and is now run by an elected committee. There will be a brief review of progress at the AGM whilst continuing with our traditional favourites including the quiz. Secondly, the Atlas 2020 deadline has now been passed and the February and March meetings will include reviews of achievements and also a look at the future direction of recording.

### **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at Taunton**

Take part in the SRPG and BSBI's annual plant hunt for the greatest number of species in flower around New Year. The objective is to find as many plants in flower as possible in a 3 hour period. Please bring adequate warm clothing and a packed lunch. Meet at Silkmills Road Park and Ride (park on road off to left just before barrier) ST2070 2552. Meet at **11am** and finish by **3.30pm**.

### **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2020 (AGM)**

Last year this meeting focused on the formation of a new committee to run the SRPG; this year we will briefly review progress. There will be a report on the Rare Plant Register. Also a report from Clive Lovatt, our treasurer, including details of the proposed new constitution for SRPG. There will be reports from VC5 and VC6 VCRs on the highlights of 2019. The Summer program will hopefully be ready and available. Presentation of the Dandelion Cup. Last but not least, return of the quiz.

Please bring displays of any projects that you have been involved with in the last year and any plants or books for sale or swap.

Meet at **10.30am at the Avalon marshes (see above)** for coffee and chat before AGM at **11am**. Please bring a contribution for our bring-and-share lunch; coffee and tea will be provided. Finish by **4pm**.

### **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

Keynote talk by Fred Rumsey. Fred will talk on "The right name; how we choose which name to use". Fred will look at a few different examples to show why/how we have the treatments we currently have and why he thinks they are wrong/right. He will also look at the taxonomy of critical apomitic groups.

There will be a review of achievements in "Criticals recording". Also a short talk on Rough Mallow (*Malva setigera*). Feedback on targeted recording in 2019. A short talk on Mobile phone apps for botany. A short presentation on value and formation of local groups. Progress and plans for the Rare Plant Register.

Meet at **10.30am** for coffee and chat before start at **11am**. Please bring a packed lunch; coffee and tea will be provided. Finish by **4pm**.

### **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

Keynote talk by Steve Nicholls. Steve is a Bristol based Natural History producer and filmmaker and will talk about his new book; *Flowers of the Field: A Secret History of Meadow, Moor and Woodland*.

This will be followed by reports from groups and individual members recording in 2019. An update on Greater Broomrape distribution and finds in VC5.

In the afternoon we will look at the BSBI guidance on direction of recording with a more detailed look at the specific direction of recording in Somerset post 2020 and future focus of the Summer Program. Finally a look at "Rules for recording" (BSBI guidelines).

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