

**The Devonshire Association
for the Advancement of Science Literature and the Arts
BOTANY SECTION PROGRAMME 2019**

Meetings are from 11.00 a.m. to approximately 4.00 p.m., unless otherwise stated. **NON-MEMBERS WELCOME.** Bring packed lunch and appropriate footwear. **Please contact the leader if you wish to attend** – meeting details can sometimes change at short notice and if the weather forecast looks poor the meeting may have to be cancelled. You should also check with the leader if you wish to bring your dog.

Please note: Neither the Association nor its officers can be held responsible for personal injury to any person or for damage to any property

Saturday 13th April: Arlington Court. A joint meeting with the Devon Bryophyte Group to look at mosses and liverworts. This is also part of the British Bryological Society's Spring Meeting, so there'll be even more experts than normal in attendance. Leader: Mark Pool (01803 316154, mark.pool@care4free.net).

Sunday 12th May at 10am: "The Elephant's Graveyard", Axmouth – Lyme Regis Undercliffs NNR. NOTE EARLIER START TIME. With David Allen and Donald Campbell in search of Purple Gromwell (*Lithospermum purpureocaeruleum*) and a count of Nottingham Catchfly (*Silene nutans*) in this little explored part of the Reserve. Meet at Stepps Lane (SY266903), Axmouth at 10am. Boots essential, packed lunch advised. Be prepared for a tough expedition! Leader: David Allen (01404 861394; email leo@leoallen.plus.com) who can be contacted for further information.

Saturday 18th May: Holne Chase. Details to follow. Contact Tim Purches (01752 795256, tim.purchases@gmail.com) for further information.

Sunday 9th June: Wheatland Farm, Winkleigh. As well as providing holiday accommodation, this 21-acre farm is managed for wildlife, and includes the 7-acre Popehouse Moor SSSI. The Section last visited in 2009, so it will be interesting to see how much more diverse it has become over the last 10 years. Leaders: Maxine Putnam (maxieput@talktalk.net) and Nicola Bacciu (ngbacciu@gmail.com)

Sunday 16th June: Soar Mill Cove and Bolt Tail. A joint meeting with BSBI. Meet at 10.30 am at the National Trust car park at Bolberry Down, SX6887.3855 southwest of Marlborough on the A381 between Kingsbridge and Salcombe. **Note earlier start time.** We will explore the coast path southeast to Soar Mill Cove and beyond to the cliff top mires where Dotted Sedge *Carex punctata* was discovered during our last meeting to this area in 2012. In 2007 we relocated Allseed *Radiola linoides* almost 70 years after it had been recorded during a meeting of the Botanical Exchange Club but Chaffweed *Centunculus minimus* has not been found since then. There are some fine populations of Lanceolate Spleenwort *Asplenium obovatum*, a number of small annual clovers and much more. We should also see Shore Dock *Rumex rupestris* at its best Devon location in the Cove, although may it may be too early to see fully developed fruit. Leader Roger Smith (r.smith@btinternet.com).

Saturday 29th June: Dawlish Warren. It's been some time since the Section last visited this wonderful site. Further details to follow. Leader David Cann (07583 078880, canndavid@hotmail.com).

Sunday 30th June: Braunton Burrows. Leader: Mary Breeds (mobile: 07835097780, landline: 01271 817349, mary_breeds@hotmail.com), who you can contact for further details.

Sunday 7th July: Whiteleigh Meadow, near Cookworthy Forest. Meet at the car park in Cookworthy Forest at SS417016. The turning is off the A3079 between Brandis Corner and Halwill Junction. The site is culm grassland so likely to be wet. Leader: Bob Hodgson (01392 491948, rhodgson@tinyworld.co.uk).

Saturday 13th July: Culm Grassland site near Witheridge. Further details to follow. Leader: Jeremy Ison (jeremy_ison@blueyonder.co.uk)

Saturday 10th August: Arable plant meeting. Details to be confirmed. Leader: Hannah Gibbons, Colour in the Margins' Farmland Monitoring and Advisory Officer for Devon & Cornwall (Hannah.Gibbons@rspb.org.uk).

Saturday 1st February 2020: Botany Section AGM. Location TBD. The AGM will be followed by an informal walk to look at lichens and bryophytes in the vicinity, and a short slide-show. Contact Secretary Tim Purches - 01752 795256, tim.purchases@gmail.com - for further information.