
SOMERSET RARE PLANTS GROUP

Winter Meetings 2016

All our indoor meetings will be held as usual at the Lifelong Learning Centre at the Avalon Marshes Centre, Shapwick Road, Westhay BA6 9TT (ST425414).

Saturday 2nd January 2016

New Year Plant Hunt at Sand Bay. Take part in SRPG and BSBI's annual plant hunt for the greatest number of species in flower on the second day of 2016. Meet at **11am** at the car park in the centre part of the bay (with Public conveniences) at ST331646. We may split into small groups to scour the shore verges and lanes for flowering species. This will be a fun day with a competitive edge! Bring a packed lunch and warm clothes. We hope to meet up at a café at the end of the afternoon to warm up and share our findings.

Saturday 23rd January 2016

Annual Members Meeting and AGM.

Our annual opportunity for displays photos and chat. Bring some food to share - savories, 'finger food', cakes, fruit, bread, cheese etc. Tea & coffee is provided. Includes highlights of 2015 botanical recording and meetings and other recording projects that members wish to briefly report on. Bring displays of any projects that you have been involved with during the year and plants & books for sale or swap. We will also have the usual quiz. Meet at **10.30am** for coffee and chat before the short AGM at **11am**. Finish by 4pm.

Saturday 20th February 2016

Plant Talks. A variety of short talks on groups of plants including Umbellifers, Euphrasias, St John's-worts and arable plants. Looking at habitat preferences and identification hints for the forthcoming recording season. A selection of books will be available, but bring your own books that may be helpful. Meet at **10.30am** for coffee and chat before **11am** start and finish by 4pm. Bring a packed lunch.

Saturday 19th March 2016

'Turning the map of Somerset blue'. Helena Crouch will give a progress report on how well we are recording rare and common species in Somerset. We can see how the map showing total species per monad (see the 'blue' map on the front page of the 2014 Newsletter) has changed since last year. There will be suggestions on how you can help with general recording or monitoring rare species and tips and guidelines for making good records in 2016. Bring along your own suggestions for adopting species to monitor, or areas to record.

Meet at 10.30 for 11am. Coffee & tea provided, but bring a packed lunch