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## SOMERSET RARE PLANTS GROUP

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### Winter Meetings 2017

**January & February indoor meetings will be held as usual at the Lifelong Learning Centre at the Avalon Marshes Centre, Shapwick Road, Westhay BA6 9TT (ST425414), the March workshop will be held this year in Kingston St Mary TA2 8HR (ST222296)**

#### Sunday 1st January 2017

##### **New Year Plant Hunt at Watchet – taking the West Somerset Railway steam train**

Take part in SRPG and BSBI's annual plant hunt for the greatest number of species in flower on the first day of 2017. Meet at **10am** for the **10.25** train at Bishops Lydeard station car park at ST164288 (TA4 3RU) or join Simon at 9.30 for an early search around the car park & station to get the list going! Members may get off the train at Doniford Halt and walk to Watchet to join up with the group later. We may split into small groups at Watchet to record the shore, lanes and streets for flowering species. This will be a fun day with a competitive edge! Bring a packed lunch and warm clothes. We will meet up at a café at the end of the afternoon to warm up and share our findings. The train leaves Watchet at **16.33** and gets to Bishops Lydeard at **17.16**.

#### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2017

##### **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** at the Avalon Marshes (see above) for coffee and chat before the short AGM at **11am**. Finish by 4pm.

#### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2017

##### **Plant talks – News and Updates on Recording in Somerset**

Hear about recent recording projects in Somerset, including Dandelions, Cheddar Gorge survey, Taunton Herbarium digitisation, monad/tetrad/hectad priority analysis, Dorset border recording. Meet at **10.30am** at the Avalon Marshes Centre for coffee and chat before **11am** start. Bring a packed lunch. Finish by 4pm.

#### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2017

##### **Winter Tree identification workshop – deciduous species and conifers**

Leaders: Steve Parker & Ian Salmon. The morning will be spent looking at lots of different tree types and samples, with a variety of identification keys. Weather permitting, we will go out in the afternoon to look at trees in the landscape. Bring ID guides, lenses and notebooks and of course, a packed lunch. Coffee & tea provided.

**Meet at 10.30 for 11am at the Village Hall, Church Street, Kingston St Mary, Taunton TA2 8HR (ST222296).** There is large car park opposite the church, a little further up Church Lane.