



## Winter Programme 2018-2019

We have arranged the following talks for our Winter Programme. All meetings take place in the Gordon Memorial Hall, St Ninians Church, Castle Douglas, at 7:30 pm. St Ninians is in Whitepark Road, Castle Douglas. DG7 1EX.

All are welcome (members & non-members) and donations welcomed.

Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct 2018	Pine Martens in the Galloway Forest	A talk by Gareth Ventress about his work monitoring and protecting Pine Martens in the Galloway Forest Park. (As seen on TV earlier this year) Gareth works as Environmental Officer for Forestry Commission Scotland.
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2018	How to make Prime Ministers care about Conservation	We welcome Jonny Hughes, Chief Executive of SWT, to Castle Douglas. Jonny presents his thoughts on the political status of nature conservation in Scotland and what can be done to improve it. Should be a thought-provoking session, so don't miss it!! This talk will be preceded by a short AGM
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2018	The lure and fascination of hoverflies	A talk by Graham Rotheray about the diversity of Hoverflies in our country and their fascinating lifecycles. If you thought that Hoverflies are all the same, then think again. Graham worked in the Natural History section of the National Museum of Scotland, before retiring to Gatehouse.
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2019	The South of Scotland Golden Eagle Project	A talk by Philip Munro about this exciting project to re-introduce Golden Eagles into South Scotland. Phase 1 has already completed with the release of some young birds to selected areas. Philip is the Community Outreach Officer for the project.
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2019	Local Place Names	A talk by Nic Coombey about some of the more unusual coastal place names to be found in Dumfries & Galloway, and their connections to wildlife. Nic is the Coastwise Project Coordinator for the Solway Firth Partnership (SFP)
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2019	SWT Reserves in Ayrshire & Renfrew	A talk by Gill Smart about the SWT Reserves that she manages in Ayrshire and Renfrewshire and the diversity of wildlife that they support. Gill is SWT Reserves Manager for the area.

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