

Joint Winter Schedule of Aberdeen “Outdoor” Talks, Spring 2025

DRAFT 6 January 2025

All talks at 7:30pm unless otherwise specified under Date.

Talks marked * are expected to be hybrid. To discover the Zoom or Teams procedure for online delivery, non-members should contact the relevant website or email.
For talks (if any) by North East Mountain Trust (NEMT), try nemt.info@gmail.com; for those by the Saltire Society, try jdamacartney@btinternet.com.

Date	Group	Title/Topic	Speaker(s)	Location(*)	Contact & Cost (for non-members)
<u>January 2025</u>					
Wed. 8	CgmClub	History of Skiing on Deeside	Simon Blackett	Queens X CC	social@cairngormclub.org.uk, £3
Thurs. 9	CultsHWC	Four Go Wild in Patagonia	Christine,Simon,Alison,Paul	Cults Kirk C'tre	cultshillwalking@outlook.com, £3
Thurs. 9	FCBG	Natural Justice: How Soil & Plants Help Solve Crimes	Lorna Dawson	Kings Zoology*	friendsofcbgmembership@gmail.com
Mon. 13	RSGS	Whither Nature?	Roger Crofts	Kings Meston	enquiries@rsgs.org, £15
Tues. 14, 2pm	NTSADMC	Cruising the Coasts of Arabia	Finlay McKichan	Ab'shire CClub	judithfalconer@rocketmail.com, £5
Tues. 14	SOC	Breeding Nightjars in NE Scotland (joint with RSPB)	Alan Knox (SOC)	Kings MacRobert	grampian.secretary@the-soc.org.uk
Thurs. 16	SWT	Monuments as Habitat for Lichens and Mosses	Petra Vergunst	Online	committee@swtaberdeen.org.uk
<u>February 2025</u>					
Mon. 3	RSGS	Paul Murton	Sequestered Isles	Kings Meston	enquiries@rsgs.org, £15
Mon. 3	SOC	Fair Island Bird Observatory: Past, Present and Future	Doug Barr (FIBOT)	Kings MacRobert	grampian.secretary@the-soc.org.uk
Wed. 5	CgmClub	The Mountaineering & Climbing Instructor Scheme	Graham Wyllie	Queens X CC	social@cairngormclub.org.uk, £3
Thurs. 6	CultsHWC	Earliest Human Life in Scotland	Kate Britton	Cults Kirk C'tre	cultshillwalking@outlook.com, £3
Wed. 19, 2pm	NTSADMC	The Scottish Suffragettes	Prof. Sarah Pederson	Ab'shire CClub	judithfalconer@rocketmail.com, £5
Thurs. 13	FCBG	The Japanese Garden at Cowden 1908-2025	Jane Clifford	By TEAMS	friendsofcbgmembership@gmail.com
Thurs. 20	SWT	The Work of New Arc Wildlife Rescue	TBA	TBA	committee@swtaberdeen.co.uk
<u>March 2025</u>					
Mon. 3	RSGS	Snowstorms and Summit	Anna Well	Kings Meston	enquiries@rsgs.org, £15
Mon. 3	SOC	Twenty Years of Bodging around Blackdog	Nick Littlewood	Kings MacRobert	grampian.secretary@the-soc.org.uk
Wed. 5	CgmClub	Members' Night	Members	Queen's X CC	social@cairngormclub.org.uk, £3
Thur. 6	CultsHWC	Fit for the Hills – Lessons from Sports Science	David Clark	Cults Kirk C'tre	cultshillwalking@outlook.com, £3
Tues. 11	NEMT	Mar Lodge Management and Volunteering (TBC)	Ben Dolphin	Sportsman's Club	nemt.info@gmail.com
Thurs. 13	FCBG	The North Coast 500 - a Floral Road Trip	Mike Dale	Kings Zoology*	friendsofcbgmembership@gmail.com
Thurs. 20, 2pm	NTSADMC	AGM & Update of Ongoing Changes at Castle Fraser		Ab'shire CClub	judithfalconer@rocketmail.com, £5
Thurs. 20	SWT	Ythan Seal Watch	Lee Watson	Online	committee@swtaberdeen.co.uk
<u>April 2025</u>					
Thurs. 3	CultsHWC	Busting the Myths on the Dairy Industry	Lorna Masson	Cults Kirk C'tre	cultshillwalking@outlook.com, £3
Mon. 7	SOC	Monitoring Migratory Geese and Swans in the UK	Neil Calbrade (BTO)	Kings MacRobert	grampian.secretary@the-soc.org.uk
Thurs. 10	FCBG	The Horse Chestnut's Life Cycle & an RHS Exhibition	Janne Richardson	Kings Zoology*	friendsofcbgmembership@gmail.com

Thurs. 17	SWT	AGM and Riverwoods Talk	TBA	Online	committee@swtaberdeen.org.uk
<u>May 2025</u>					
Thurs. 1	CHWC	AGM		Cults Kirk C'tre	cultshillwalking@outlook.com, £3
Thurs. 15	FCBG	The Best Things Grown over 40 years at Scotplants	Doug Boatman	Kings Zoology*	friendsofcbgmembership@gmail.com

TBA/C = To Be Arranged/Confirmed

Legend:	Group	Legend:	Group
CgmClub	Cairngorm Club	RSGS	Royal Scottish Geographical Society
CultsHWC	Cults Hill Walking Club	RSPB	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
FCBG	Friends of the Cruickshank Botanic Garden	SaltireSoc	Saltire Society
JMT	John Muir Trust	SOC	Scottish Ornithologists' Club
NEMT	North East Mountain Trust	SWT	Scottish Wildlife Trust
NTSADMC	National Trust of Scotland Aberdeen & District Members' Centre		
Locations (and tel. no. where available; may be office hours only)			
Cults Kirk C'tre = Cults Kirk Centre, 404 North Deeside Road, Cults, AB15 9TD Tel. 01224 869028			
Sportsman's Club, 11 Queen's Road, Aberdeen, AB15 4YL. Tel. 01224 322795			
Kings NK10 = Kings College, New Kings Building, Room 10, AB24 3UB			
Kings Meston = Kings College, Meston Building North Entrance, AB24 3UE			
Kings MacRobert = Kings College, 581 King Street, AB24 5UA			
Kings Zoology = Kings College, Zoology Building, Tillydrone Avenue, AB24 2TZ			
Ab'shire CClub = Aberdeenshire Cricket Club, Morningside Road, Aberdeen AB10 7FB. Tel. 01224 317888			
Queens X CC = Garden Room, Fountainhall (previously Queens Cross) Church Centre, Albyn Place, AB10 1YN			
St Peter's, P'culter= St. Peter's Heritage Centre, Howie Lane, Peterculter, AB14 0PU			

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