

Joint Winter Schedule of Aberdeen “Outdoor” Talks, 2024-25
Final 5 September 2024

All talks at 7:30pm unless otherwise specified under Date. Some 2025 talks (e.g. by SWT, RSGS) have not yet been determined, but a Spring 2025 JWS version will be issued at end-2024.

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>September 2024</u>					
Thur. 5	CultsHWC	Moths and Butterflies in NE Scotland	Helen Rowe	Cults Kirk C'tre	cultshillwalking@outlook.com, £3
Thurs. 19, 2pm	NTSADMC	Numismatics & the Coinage of Scotland	Dr Douglas Nicol	Ab'shire CClub	judithfalconer@rocketmail.com, £5
Mon. 30	RSGS	Arabian Adventures: The Secrets of the Nabateans	Alice Morrison	Kings Meston	enquiries@rsgs.org, £15
<u>October 2024</u>					
Wed. 2	CgmClub	History of Women Climbing (speaker by Zoom)	Emma McDonald	Queens X CC	social@cairngormclub.org.uk, £3
Thurs. 3	JMT	Wild Places and Tales	John D Burns	Kings NK10	jmtnescot.eventbrite.co.uk
Thurs. 3	CultsHWC	Walking the Kumano Komodo Trail in Japan	Lucy Mitchell	Cults Kirk C'tre	cultshillwalking@outlook.com, £3
Mon. 7	SOC	Crested Tits on Deeside: an Enigma in the Pinewoods	Andrew Painting (NTS)	Kings Zoology	grampian.secretary@the-soc.org.uk
Tues. 8	RSPB	Orkney: a photographic exposition	Raymond Besant	Kings Zoology	tonichilton@btinternet.com, £2
Thurs. 10	FCBG	Foraging for Common Plants in the Cairngorms	Natasha Lloyd	Kings Zoology*	friendsofcbgmembership@gmail.com
Thurs. 17	SWT	Green Prescribing	TBA	TBA	committee@swtaberdeen.org.uk
Tues. 22, 2pm	NTSADMC	The River Dee Trust	Keilidh Ewan	Ab'shire CClub	judithfalconer@rocketmail.com, £5
<u>November 2024</u>					
Mon. 4	SOC	Offshore Wind Farms, Seabirds and Climate Change	Julie Black (JNCC)	Kings Zoology	grampian.secretary@the-soc.org.uk
Mon. 4	RSGS	Natural Justice: The Evidence of Soil Science	Prof. Lorna Dawson	Kings Meston	enquiries@rsgs.org, £15
Thurs. 7	CHWC	Lichens	Andrea Britton	Cults Kirk C'tre	cultshillwalking@outlook.com, £3
Tues. 12	RSPB	Rewilding at Mar Lodge Estate	Andrew Painting	Kings Zoology	tonichilton@btinternet.com, £2
Thurs. 14	FCBG	Siberian Iris and their History in British Gardens	Pamela Ferns	Kings Zoology*	friendsofcbgmembership@gmail.com
Wed. 20, 2pm	NTSADMC	The Silver Lining: Walking the Aberdeenshire Coast	Keith Miller, Tony Boyle	Ab'shire CClub	judithfalconer@rocketmail.com, £5
Thurs. 21	SWT	How Protected are Scottish Seas?	Dr Peter Wright	TBC	committee@swtaberdeen.org.uk
<u>December 2024</u>					
Mon. 2	RSGS	Everest Avalanche and a Barefoot Running Recovery	Joe French	Kings Meston	enquiries@rsgs.org, £15
Wed. 4	CgmClub	Book: “The Cairngorms and NE Scotland”	Iain Young (author)	Queens X CC	social@cairngormclub.org.uk, £3
Thurs. 5	CHWC	Book: “The Cairngorms and NE Scotland”	Iain Young (author)	Cults Kirk C'tre	cultshillwalking@outlook.com, £3
Mon. 9	SOC	The BBRC: Past, Present and YOU?	Paul French (BTO, BBRC)	Kings Zoology	grampian.secretary@the-soc.org.uk
Tues. 10	RSPB	Birds, Wader ID and Quiz, plus AGM	Edgar Joly, Mark Sullivan	Kings Zoology	tonichilton@btinternet.com, £2
Thurs. 12	FCBG	Restoring the Caledonian Forest	Alan Featherstone	Kings Zoology*	friendsofcbgmembership@gmail.com
<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
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 Zoology	grampian.secretary@the-soc.org.uk
Thurs. 16	SWT	TBA			committee@swtaberdeen.org.uk
<u>February 2025</u>					
Mon. 3	SOC	Fair Island Bird Observatory: Past, Present and Future	Doug Barr (FIBOT)	Kings Zoology	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	Cowden Gardens TBA	By TEAMS	friendsofcbgmembership@gmail.com
Thurs. 20	SWT	TBA			committee@swtaberdeen.co.uk
<u>March 2025</u>					
Mon. 3	SOC	Twenty Years Bodging around Blackdog	Nick Littlewood	Kings Zoology	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
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	TBA			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)	TBA	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	TBA			committee@swtaberdeen.org.uk
<u>May 2025</u>					
Thurs. 1	CHWC	AGM		Cults Kirk C'tre	cultshillwalking@outlook.com, £3
Thurs. 15	FCBG	TBA	Doug Boatman	Kings Zoology*	friendsofcbgmembership@gmail.com

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	
		TBA/C = To Be Arranged/Confirmed
Locations (and tel. no. where available; may be office hours only)		
Cults Kirk C'tre = Cults Kirk Centre, 404 North Deeside Road, Cults. 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		
Kings Meston = Kings College, Meston Building North Entrance		
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		
Kings Zoology = Kings College, Zoology Building, Tillydrone Avenue		
St Peter's, P'culter= St. Peter's Heritage Centre, Howie Lane, Peterculter, AB14 0PU		

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