

Outline programme, AGM September 26th, 27th 2009.

Venue: Entomology Department, National Museums Liverpool, by kind agreement of the Curator of Entomology and the Trustees.

Saturday 26th September. Commencing at 12.00hrs.

Lunch may be eaten in the staff room of the museum and the first part of the day will be meeting informally and having lunch.

Help with difficult identifications and informal chat throughout the afternoons. We do ask, however, that you are considerate of the workshop sessions. Please use the main collection areas, not the teaching area.

Workshops:

13.30 - 14.30 Identification of *Myrmica* ants, guidance for beginners and experienced workers. Andy Jarman.

14.30 -15.00 Tea-break

15.00 - 16.30 Bumblebee identification, guidance for beginners and experienced workers. Murdo Macdonald.

16.30 - 17.00 Informal discussion. We must clear the building by 17.00.

Evening Meal. Rendezvous time 19.00.

Details of this will be provided during the Saturday. You may be asked to sign up for menu choices, so be aware.

Sunday, 27th September. Commencing 09.00hrs. In order to progress smoothly and allow people to set off home promptly at the end of the day please bring lunch with you, arrangements as on Saturday.

9.30 BWARS AGM

Agenda

The President, Michael Archer, will take the chair in order to commence the business of the day.

1. Election of Chairman for the meeting. Stuart Roberts has been proposed (Mike Edwards, seconded David Baldock).

The President will then hand over business to the elected chairman.

2. Apologies.

3. The minutes of the 2008 AGM. The minutes of the previous AGM have been circulated in the Autumn 2008 Newsletter.

4. Matters arising.

5. Officers' Reports

Chairman - Stuart Roberts

Treasurer/ Membership Secretary - David Baldock

6. Election of Officers for 2009.

Nominations for the following have been received. Any other nominations should be handed in to the Secretary, Mike Edwards, before the start of the meeting.

Chairman - Stuart Roberts. Proposed Mike Edwards, seconded David Baldock.

Treasurer/ Membership Secretary - David Baldock. Proposed Stuart Roberts, seconded Mike Edwards.

Secretary - Cathy Fiedler. Proposed Mike Edwards, seconded Stuart Roberts.

7. Election of Ordinary Members.

George Else and Scotty Dodd come to the end of their terms of office. The remaining elected Committee members are Rhian Rowson and Cathy Fiedler. Graham Collins and Adrian Knowles are co-opted members. If Cathy is elected to the post of Secretary (unopposed at the moment), three places are open for election at the 2009 AGM. Nominations should be handed in to the Secretary, Mike Edwards, before the start of the meeting.

8. BWARS and National Insect Week 2010 (21st to 27th July)

9. AOB.

This should be only for emergency items. If you know of an issue which you wish to bring to the notice of the meeting please send Mike Edwards details before Monday, 22nd September in order for it to be added to the agenda.

10.30 Coffee break.

AGM Talks.

11.00 Peter Schalk, Recording tools, recent developments in the Netherlands.

11.30 Summaries from current Aculeate research projects, *Anthophora retusa*, *Bombus subterraneus*, *Formica rufibarbis*.

12.00 Members Slides

12.30 Lunch

13.30 Geoff Trevis. *Andrena nigrospina* in the Midlands.

14.00 Nicolas Vereecken. How *Ceratina* bees are fooled by orchids.

14.30 Andy Jarman. Colony founding in *Chthonolasius* species.

15.00 Louise Hislop. Beemused; a beginner's viewpoint.

15.30 Close of meeting.