

## WFS ONLINE MEETINGS 2022

Following on from our very successful, and much appreciated, on-line meetings for last year, we have planned a further programme for 2022. This year there is a balance between escapism and gentle education. Chris will start the year for us with an insight into the Latin names of plants- and why they change. This should give our year of botanising a good start by appreciating what we can learn from the names. Sir Ghillean is taking us to some of the exotic places he has enjoyed on his botanical forays, Jill is giving us a gentle stroll around a lovely Hampshire wood and Peter is taking us to some of the places that not all of us can reach – but would like to.

Later in the year, Martin, Stephen and Steve are going to introduce us to plants in rather different and unusual ways. Mosses and liverworts are plants we see – and perhaps pass by; the hover flies we wonder at and notice but many of us know little about; plant galls we photograph and wish we understood more. Now we have the opportunity for informed introduction into these worlds.

Put the dates in your diary and drop an email to [wfs.meetings@gmail.com](mailto:wfs.meetings@gmail.com) to say you would like to attend. Details of how to attend will be sent to you.

Meetings will run from **7:00 until 8:00pm** except those on Jan 24,26 which will be from **7:00 until 7:35pm**.

Presenter/Leader	Title of Meeting	Day of the week	Month	Date
Chris Metherell	Why do the Latin names of plants change? (short series of 2 talks)	Mon Wed	Jan	24,26
Sir Ghillean Prance	Some of the most interesting plants I have encountered in my work in the tropics	Wed	Feb	9
Jill Oakley	Spring in a Hampshire Wood	Wed	March	16
Peter Llewellyn	Alpines of Britain and Europe	Wed	April	27
Martin Godfrey	Introduction to Mosses and Liverworts	Wed	Oct	12
Stephen Plummer	Flower Flies and Flowers	Wed	Nov	9
Steve Cross	An Introduction to Plant Galls	Wed	Dec	7

### **Why do the Latin names of plants change? (short series of 2 talks)** with Chris Metherell

Monday and Wednesday January 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>

19:00-19:35

Many botanists find Latin names difficult to recall at the best of times. When "experts" start monkeying around with them the situation gets even worse. And no-one ever seems to explain exactly why the changes are made and so the whole thing becomes inexplicable and irritating! This short series of two talks seeks to at least demystify the process by explaining how and more importantly why names change. I can't promise to make the situation less annoying but at least you'll know why it happens!

### **Some of the most interesting plants I have encountered in my work in the tropics**

with Sir Ghillean Prance

Wednesday February 9<sup>th</sup>

19:00-20:00

The talk will concentrate on a few interesting and spectacular species. It will include a lot about pollination, ecology, and interaction with the indigenous peoples of Amazonia. There will also be a strong conservation message.

**Spring in a Hampshire Wood** with Jill Oakley

Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup>

19:00-20:00

Spring in a little gem of a Hampshire wood with a good selection of spring flowers and some interesting ancient woodland indicator species. From early through to late spring showing the wide variety of plants and the changes through the season

**Alpines of Britain and Europe** with Peter Llewellyn

Wednesday April 27<sup>th</sup>

19:00-20:00

A virtual tour of British and European sites for finding familiar and unfamiliar alpine plants flowering in abundance.

**Introduction to Mosses and Liverworts** with Martin Godfrey

Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup>

19:00-20:00

A gentle introduction to Mosses and Liverworts, their structure, biology and identification. These tiny plants grow in all kinds of habitats, from pavement cracks and lawns to mountain tops via wood, marsh and coastal rocks, so are very accessible wherever you are. Early autumn is an ideal time to get out and start looking as they are often at their best in the cool damp days between autumn and spring when we start feeling a bit deprived of flowering plants.

**Flower Flies & Flowers** with Stephen Plummer

Wednesday November 9<sup>th</sup>

19:00-20:00

The fascinating relationship between hoverflies and the plants in our gardens and local countryside. Hoverflies are the flies that everyone loves and this is an opportunity to find out more about their lifestyle as well as learning to recognise a few of the common ones that we will encounter.

**An Introduction to Plant Galls** with Steve Cross

Wednesday December 7<sup>th</sup>

19:00-20:00

Find out about the causes of those strange shapes, lumps, bumps, and growths on plants – the galls. What causes them, how do you identify them and where can you find out more about them? If you look at galls you also are learning about fungi, insects and mites too. Delve into the wonderful world of plant galls.

**NB The Wild Flower Society now has a YouTube channel onto which talks are uploaded. Search “Wild Flower Society” on the YouTube search.**

