

## ***BES Peatlands Research Special Interest Group e-Newsletter***

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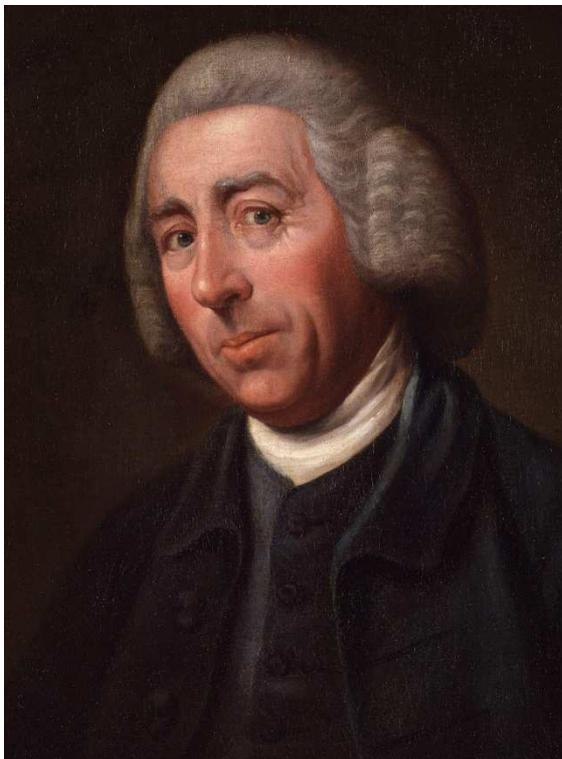
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## Group Events

We have another exciting year of events and activities covering a wide-range of topics. Please come along and both enjoy and support. Visit [www.ukeconet.org](http://www.ukeconet.org) or email [info@hallamec.plus.com](mailto:info@hallamec.plus.com) for more information.

**MAJOR NATIONAL CONFERENCE: 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> June 2016** at Sheffield Hallam University with partners such as the Ancient Tree Forum, the British Ecological Society, Historic England, Natural England, Sheffield Hallam University, and others, and organised by the Biodiversity and Landscape History Research Institute, South Yorkshire Biodiversity Research Group, and the Landscape Conservation Forum.

*'What Capability Brown did for Ecology: the legacy for biodiversity, landscapes, and nature conservation'*



From preservation of veteran trees to the drainage of marshes and peatbogs, and from the creation of lakes to the unleashing of invasive alien flora - there is much more to Capability Brown's legacy than is often realised!

This year Britain celebrates the tercentenary of its greatest ever gardener.

For more information, please check [www.ukeconet.org](http://www.ukeconet.org) or email [info@hallamec.plus.com](mailto:info@hallamec.plus.com) or telephone 0114 2724227

## ***Raptors, Uplands & Peatlands – Conservation, Land Management & Issues***

Sheffield & the Peak District - Friday September 9<sup>th</sup> & Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup> 2016

With Uplands, Peatlands & Raptors, to be held in Sheffield in early September, we will address the hugely controversial issues of why Britain has lost its upland hen harriers, and much more besides. This is a major national conference with relevance to wider international issues as well. This landmark event will bring together key academics and practitioners to examine the ecological and conservation issues of raptors on uplands generally, and peatlands specifically, from bogs to heather moors. This is the first of two major events, the second being a 3-day national conference in 2017, on issues for the conservation of birds of uplands & peatlands.



Picture courtesy of [wild-scotland.org](http://wild-scotland.org)

For more information, please check [www.ukeconet.org](http://www.ukeconet.org) for the great programme of speakers or email [info@hallamec.plus.com](mailto:info@hallamec.plus.com) or telephone 0114 2724227

***Issues of Energy, History, Landscape & Environmental Change*** - 2-day event to be held at York University in December 2016. This will consider issues of peatlands and their exploitation in relation to carbon sequestration, and the implications for climate and land-use.

Please contact Ian Rotherham with offers of presentations or support, and check [www.ukeconet.org](http://www.ukeconet.org) for updates and the programme.

***Eco-Science & History in the Park*** with Forest Ecology SIG and BES Community Outreach / Engagement

Shadow Woods, Deer, Waxcaps & Wood-pasture, Sphagnum Mosses and more .....Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2016, 11am to 3pm at Calver Village Hall, Peak District

**FREE to drop-in**

SYBRG will be launching the ***Eco-Science & History in the Park*** project at this 1-day event, which covers a fascinating range of mini-survey projects that we are organising in 2016. These build on our long-standing project work across the local Peak District & surrounding areas and our new on-line survey guides. There will be talks and displays at the launch to explain the work and demonstrate the 'citizen science survey guides'. If you have any records or information about any of the topics we are covering, then please let us know (bring along on the day) and we can add them to our records.

The day will be part of our forum, with networking & training for groups, enthusiasts, and educators to take forward the mini-projects and develop ideas over the coming months. There will be a chance to find out more about our BES field excursions and survey days run by expert tutors and opportunities to carry out independent fieldwork. We are inviting other relevant local organisations, such as the Peak Park Rangers, National Trust, and Moors for the Future Partnership to bring displays or other information to share what they are also doing.

For more information, please check [www.ukeconet.org](http://www.ukeconet.org) for the programme of speakers and activities or email [info@hallamec.plus.com](mailto:info@hallamec.plus.com) or telephone 0114 2724227



## Waxcaps & Allied Fungi Identification & Diversity: with Forest Ecology SIG -



This year's programme of professional training courses is now posted on the [www.ukeconet.org](http://www.ukeconet.org) website and includes visits to lowland grasslands, shadow woods, and wood pastures.

Sites in East Yorkshire, South Yorkshire, and the Peak District



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## Peatland Programme



Further information: reports and initiatives visit: [www.iucn-uk-peatlandprogramme.org](http://www.iucn-uk-peatlandprogramme.org)

What was the Exmoor Mires Project will now be known as the **Exmoor Mires Partnership**. This is in recognition of the efforts, inputs and interests of multiple organisations and groups that have been and continue to be involved. In this new phase they look forward to building on and enhancing all these relationships so that co-operatively they can deliver the multiple benefits of peatland restoration on Exmoor.

There are many articles and reports on: [www.exmoormires.org.uk](http://www.exmoormires.org.uk) or contact the team: 7-9 Fore Street, Dulverton, Somerset, TA22 9EX; Tel: 01398 324491; E-mail: [exmoormires@btconnect.com](mailto:exmoormires@btconnect.com)

## International Peat Society:

*The 15th IPS Congress* is to be held in Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> August 2016 in combination with the IPS Annual Assembly. Topics to be covered are:

- Inventory, Biodiversity, Conservation and Functions of Peatlands
- Peatlands and Ecosystem Management
- Peatlands After-use, Restoration and Rehabilitation
- Peat Use, Peatlands Technology and Agro-technology
- Responsible Utilization and Management of Peatlands
- Cultural, Educational, Medicinal and Socio-economic Aspects of Peatlands, Peat and Sapropel
- Special Session: Soft Soil Engineering

For more information, please see [www.ipc2016.com](http://www.ipc2016.com)

### More news from IPS:

#### €16 Million Support for Moorland Partnership

The Moors for the Future Partnership, which works to protect priority international habitats in the Peak District and South Pennines, UK, has received 16 million euros to deliver the MoorLIFE 2020 project. This includes €12 million from the EU's LIFE fund - which supports environmental, nature conservation and climate action projects throughout Europe - the largest award ever given to a UK-based project. The Partnership, hosted by the Peak District National Park Authority, is supported by partners including three major utility companies Severn Trent Water, United Utilities and Yorkshire Water, who have each made significant contributions to the project's €16 million total. The money will enable the team to continue the progress that has been made over the past 12 years, protecting huge areas of the internationally important South Pennine Moors. For more details on the Moors for the

Future Partnership, go to [www.moorsforthefuture.org.uk](http://www.moorsforthefuture.org.uk) and the EU LIFE programme: <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life>.

## **Allan Robertson Grants 2016 for Travelling to IPC2016**

In its first year, five awards of 500 Euros each were made to five young applicants out of 33 received. This was a tremendous success that can be attributed to the generosity of Allan Robertson's family and IPS members, especially those in the UK. In 2016 the IPS Executive Board has decided to award the Allan Robertson Grants for Research Students and Young Professionals in 2016 to at least five young presenters (up to 30 years of age) at the International Peat Congress in Kuching, Malaysia in August 2016. These grants can be used to cover travel costs or registration fees up to €500. Deadline for applications is **15 March 2016**. The IPS will launch its application form and more instructions in January. Please see [www.peatlands.org/about-us/allan-robertson-grants](http://www.peatlands.org/about-us/allan-robertson-grants) to read more on the winners of the 2015 grants and obtain some background information.

The money for these five 2016 grants has already been secured but more is being sought through the **Allan Robertson Grants Appeal** to provide as many additional grants of 250 Euros as possible towards the registration fees or other costs of young peatland scientists and professionals attending the Congress in Kuching (oral or poster presentation is not a requirement). It is hoped to award at least 10 of these smaller awards, but to do this, we have to raise 2500 Euros so please send your donation to Jack Rieley by cheque made out to 'IPS UK Branch' and post it to me or by bank transfer to '**INTERNATIONAL PEAT SOCIETY (UK BRANCH)**, NatWest Bank, Market Place, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 1YY, Sort Code: 60-20-49, Account No: 67091040.

Please inform your students, colleagues and those on your networks of these grants and encourage them to apply. Please be generous.

## **Mires and Peat Scientific Journal**

*Mires and Peat* is a peer-reviewed internet journal focusing specifically on mires, peatlands and peat. As a truly "free-to-users" publication (i.e. NO subscriptions and NO publication charges), it is immediately accessible to readers and potential authors worldwide. It is published

jointly by the [International Peatland Society](#) (IPS) and the [International Mire Conservation Group](#) (IMCG).

*Mires and Peat* is indexed by Thomson Reuters Web of Science, Elsevier Scopus, EBSCO Environment Complete, CABI Abstracts, CSA Proquest (including their Aquatic Science and Fisheries Abstracts ASFA, Ecology, Entomology, Animal Behaviour, Aqualine and Pollution databases) and Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ). *Mires and Peat* also participates in the CABI Full Text Repository.

*Mires and Peat* publishes high-quality research papers on all aspects of peatland science, technology and wise use, including:

- ecology, hydrology, survey, inventory, classification, functions and values of mires and peatlands;
- scientific, economic and human aspects of the management of peatlands for agriculture, forestry, nature conservation, environmental protection, peat extraction, industrial development and other purposes;
- biological, physical and chemical characteristics of peat; and
- climate change and peatlands.

Short communications and review articles on these and related topics will also be considered; and suggestions for special issues of the Journal based on the proceedings of conferences, seminars, symposia and workshops will be welcomed. The submission of material by authors and from countries whose work would otherwise be inaccessible to the international community is particularly encouraged.

As an additional service to readers, *Mires and Peat* will also publish selected short reviews of relevant books. Please contact the Editor if you wish to suggest a title for review.

Further information is available at [www.mires-and-peat.net](http://www.mires-and-peat.net) . If you have any questions (and especially a manuscript to submit), please contact the Editor-in-Chief [o.m.bragg@dundee.ac.uk](mailto:o.m.bragg@dundee.ac.uk).

*This information is reproduced from the Mires and Peat website.*

### **UK Peat Society AGM**

The date and venue for the 2016 UK Peat Society Annual Meeting should take place in September. Please contact Jack Rieley at: [jack.rieley@btinternet.com](mailto:jack.rieley@btinternet.com) .

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## **Peatland SIG EVENTS DIARY**

### **2016**

*Eco-Science & History in the Park – Calver, Peak District – 21<sup>st</sup> May*

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*Bog Moss training and events – throughout – see [www.ukeconet.org](http://www.ukeconet.org)*

*Waxcaps & Allied Fungi Identification & Diversity – EAST Yorkshire, South Yorkshire, Peak District – throughout – see [www.ukeconet.org](http://www.ukeconet.org)*

*Issues of Energy, History, Landscape & Environmental Change - 2-day event York University, December 2016*



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**NEWS FLASH**

**\*\*\*New on-line guides to Sphagnum Mosses and  
to Waxcap Fungi - now live:**

<http://www.ukeconet.org/training-guides-sphagnum-introduction.html>

<http://www.ukeconet.org/tg-waxcaps-intro.html>