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## CNHS TALKS

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All talks will be held in person in the David Attenborough Building (DAB). The DAB is on the New Museums Site, off Pembroke/Downing Street CB2 3QZ. There is no car parking on the site.

Tea and coffee available beforehand. All welcome and there is no admission charge.

**If you do not arrive on time for in-person talks which are at 6:45 p.m. you may not be able to get in.**

Talks may also be available online via Zoom and you will be emailed the Zoom link. Your video and audio will be off when you join in order to give maximum bandwidth to the speaker. At the end of the talk chat will be enabled to ask questions, or you can raise your virtual hand.

All talks may be recorded. If so, Society members will be sent a link to allow them to hear it again or if they were unable to attend, at their leisure.

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## CNHS FIELD STUDIES

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Each year Cambridge Natural History Society focusses on a particular area for its almost monthly field studies. In 2026 this will be Grantchester Meadows between Newnham and Grantchester, which we explored in 2006 and 2016. Visits are provisionally arranged for Sunday 22nd March and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

Details will be circulated by email - to join the list, email [CNHS\\_mailings-join@cnhs.org.uk](mailto:CNHS_mailings-join@cnhs.org.uk)

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## DIARY OF CNHS EVENTS

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### JANUARY 2026

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Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> ***The intricate relationships of Sallow & Hazel and the insects that live on them*** Duncan Mackay

In-person talk, David Attenborough Building Talk 6:45 p.m.

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> ***Nature's Memory: Behind the scenes at the world's natural history museums*** Jack Ashby

In-person talk, David Attenborough Building 6:45 p.m.

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### FEBRUARY 2026

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Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> ***Trumpington Meadows: Past, present and future*** Iain Webb

In-person talk, David Attenborough Building 6:45 p.m.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> ***Return of the beaver: Reintroducing the first beavers to Northamptonshire for 400 years*** Ben Casey

In-person talk, David Attenborough Building 6:45 p.m.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> ***Update on swift conservation in the UK*** Dick Newell

In-person talk, David Attenborough Building 6:45 p.m.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> ***Ladybirds in the UK: More diverse than you might think!*** Peter Brown

In-person talk, David Attenborough Building 6:45 p.m.

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## MARCH 2026

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- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> **CNHS field studies in 2025** Duncan Mackay & Jonathan Shanklin  
In-person talk, David Attenborough Building 6:45 p.m.
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> **Seed testing, its history and links with Cambridge** Pam Butler  
In-person talk, David Attenborough Building 6:45 p.m.
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> **History of natural history: Contributions from some Cambridge scientific giants of the 19th century** Jim Woodhouse  
In-person talk, David Attenborough Building 6:45 p.m.  
Preceded by the CNHS AGM 6:30 p.m.

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## 107<sup>th</sup> CONVERSAZIONE

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The 107<sup>th</sup> Conversazione and NatHistFest will take place in the David Attenborough Building on 10<sup>th</sup> (members and guests only) and 11<sup>th</sup> April 2026 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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## COUNCIL 2025/26

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*President:* Jim Woodhouse  
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*General Secretary:* Jonathan Shanklin

Other members: Lois Clarke, Richard Dowsett, Monica Frisch, Kevin Hand, Anita Joysey, Duncan Mackay, Paul Mardon, Hilary Pounsett, Charles Turner, Rhona Watson

# CAMBRIDGE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The Society was founded as the Cambridge Entomological Society in 1857



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## SPRING 2026 PROGRAMME

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