

## AMATEUR ENTOMOLOGISTS' SOCIETY

### Annual General Meeting & Members' Day

Darwin Centre, Natural History Museum, London  
Saturday 6 June 2026

11:15 – Refreshments, snacks, networking

12:00 – AES AGM

12:30 – Lunch (Please bring your own, or forage in the museum's eateries)

13:15 – Announcement of Awards: the Brian Gardiner Award; Cribb-Lonsdale Award

13:20 - Nick Cooke: Pearl-bordered Fritillary in the Trossachs – rediscovery and conservation

13:40 – Charles Barker (Hammond Award winner): Ground Beetle sampling for Red-backed Shrike reintroduction sites in Sussex

13:55 – Inez Januszczak (NHM): Insects and genomics; the Darwin Tree of Life project

14:15 – Tea break and view synoptic collections or participate in local NHM activities

15:00 – Joss Carr: The entoLive project

15:15 – Jacqui James (Cambridge): Conserving the Shrill Carder bee: investigating the effects of habitat restoration in south Somerset

15:45 - Leonard Tesch lecture: Dr Tim King (Oxford): The underground influence of yellow meadow ants on all the other animals in old grasslands

17:00 – Networking; end of meeting. People can explore the museum, or have further behind the scenes viewing, if time (please note: the museum closes at 17:50)

**Other societies** represented in the seminar room anteroom will include the Quekett Microscopical Club and the entoLive project

**Other information:** The AGM and talks will take place in the Neil Chalmers Seminar Room, on the ground floor of the Darwin Centre (under the stairs and by the lift up to the Attenborough Studio). The closest entrance is West Gate on Queens Gate.

(<https://www.nhm.ac.uk/visit/getting-here.html>)

The Exhibition Road Festival will be on, and there is a BioBlitz in the Museum Gardens 12:00 - 16:00 if people want to join in with that on breaks (pond dipping, bug hunts etc).

Due to anticipated queues at the museum entrances, **we strongly recommend that you book a free ticket to enter the Museum** in advance, through the NHM website: <https://www.nhm.ac.uk/visit.html>

*Timings are approximate*

We plan the talks to be available via Zoom, and to be recorded:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83747995921?pwd=A9NJ5FdcZyXnqPRPVNHluQiyqxTSeW.1>

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