

East Berwickshire u3a

Open Meeting Programme 2025-26



Wednesday 8th October – Bruce Keith

Scotland Beneath the Surface – Bruce will give a talk about his book, published in autumn 2023, a journey exploring the natural and man-made heritage under our feet – a subterranean odyssey. He will cover natural caves, tunnels, buried treasure, oil shale and coal mining, also hydro-electric power generation, including Scotland's hollow mountain and the building materials sourced from the rocks beneath our wellies.

Wednesday 12th November – Charlotte Keeley

Berwickshire Marine Reserve – A talk about the ongoing work of the Marine Reserve and the opportunities to get involved.

Wednesday 10th December – Rachel Abbott

Rachel, a wild food foraging tutor (www.amongthewoodsandwaters.co.uk) will give a talk in general about fungi but also covering the subject of foraging on seashore, fields and woodland.

Wednesday 14th January – Pete Rowberry

Migration – The Incredible Journey. Pete is the U3A national subject adviser for wildlife. He has been a passionate wildlife watcher ever since going on a school biology field trip when 14 years old, seeing the magnificent seabird colonies on the islands of Skomer and Grassholm. He has run wildlife groups in East Suffolk, and more recently at Duns and District U3A. He advocates spending time with nature as a relief from the stress of modern life

Wednesday 11th February – Cameron Robertson

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Wednesday 11th March – Tim Morris

Small Town Hero – the story of a Canadian prairie girl who became a best-selling author and changed the course of Canadian politics by proving that "the pen is mightier than the sword", and that change can be effected by argument and humour"

Wednesday 8th April – Chris Rowland

Underwater Surveys – Chris Rowland is a professor at Dundee University. His field of specialism is 3D digital imaging and particularly the survey and high-resolution imaging of underwater structures. He has produced digital models of the shipwrecks in Scapa Flow for the MoD, including that of the protected wreck of the Royal Oak. He also worked on the surveys during the salvaging of the Costa Concordia wreck. Of interest locally his systems are used for maintenance surveys of offshore wind farms.