

## Recorders' Conference *Draft* Programme 2008

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 14:00 – 17:00. The Gateway, Shrewsbury.

- 12:30 Lunch
- 14:00 Fred Rumsey: progress with *Hyacinthoides*.
- 14:45 Chris Preston: some hybrid trees.
- 15:30 Tea & coffee
- 16:00 Simon Leach & Liz McDonnell: vascular plants on SSSIs - an English perspective
- 17:00 By minibus and cars to Preston Montford
- 18:30 Dinner at Preston Montford, followed by workshops.

Summerfield Books will have a stall at The Gateway.

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 9.30 – 13:00

- 09:00 Coach from Preston Montford to The Gateway.
- 09:30 Alex Lockton: the last year of Date Class 4
- 10:00 Simon Smart: The Countryside Survey of Great Britain; how well does it answer five key questions about changes in common plants and plant communities?
- 10:45 Tea & coffee
- 11:15 Sarah Whild: recording outside the box – Site Floras.
- 12:00 Raj Whitlock: The conservation of plant genetic biodiversity: designated areas and species ranges.

12:45 Lunch

14:00 – 17:00, choice of workshops:-

- Group 1 recording techniques and scales. Led by Kevin Walker, Michael Braithwaite & Angus Hannah
- Group 2 (G11): herbarium techniques, including materials and photography. Led by Mark Spencer, Arthur Chater & Tom Humphrey.

16:30 Report on conclusions of workshops

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Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September

- 09:30 Workshops  
or FISC  
or Field trip

Evening/Sunday workshops

- Rose Murphy – fumitories
- John Poland – vegetative plants
- Martin Godfrey – microscopy
- Bob Ellis – Mapmate
- Mike Porter – Carex
- Roger Maskew – Roses
- Graham French – how to use the NBN Gateway
- and Arthur Chater would like feedback on *Polygonums* from last year.

Saturday Evening & Sunday Morning: **FISC** – a chance to test your field skills (limited number of places available – email [s.j.whild@bham.ac.uk](mailto:s.j.whild@bham.ac.uk)).