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Members of the Scarborough & Ryedale Astronomical Society will help us find our way around the stars and planets with the aid of their large telescope.

The Arboretum is a brilliantly dark place for star gazing. Our 8ft wide projection screen will also be used to show the position and movement of the stars.

Dress warmly, bring a torch, and you are welcome to bring your own telescope if you have one. All torches should be covered with red crepe paper or cellophane to avoid dazzling other people.

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Tree Stories: The Wollemi Pine

Saturday 10th April, 4pm

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Tree Stories:

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Close Encounters: Tree Photography Saturday 5th June, 4pm

David Rodway, member of Stockton Camera Club, was awarded the Volunteer Photographer Award by The Woodland Trust in 2009. His pictures have appeared in various publications including The Daily Telegraph, The Yorkshire News and the Ripon Gazette as well as in the Butterwick Hospice Calendars for 2009 and 2010.

He gives many audio-visual presentations around Teesside and has travelled as far as Leeds, Ripon and Knaresborough to give talks.

This talk is about getting up close with your camera to take interesting details that abound in our woodlands and opportunity will be given to go out into the Arboretum to take some pictures both up close and landscape. **Bring your own camera and tripod if you have one!**

He will also be showing a couple of photographic sequences from his *Regeneration of Hackfall Woods* presentation.

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A rare opportunity to explore the Arboretum at night! Try your hand at operating a bat detector, watch bats as they feed and discover our nocturnal nature.

Simon Bassindale will introduce us to the bats that live in the AONB and beyond. There are 17 species of bat in the UK, all of which are protected by law because their numbers have decreased so dramatically.

We will start with a half hour talk, introducing you to some of the UK's bat species before heading out into the Arboretum.

You will be shown how to use a bat detector and interpret the different noises the detector gives out. We will discover together which species of bat feed in the Arboretum.

Bat detectors will be provided but you are welcome to bring your own if you have one. **Please bring a torch.**

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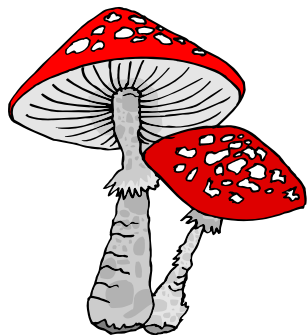
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