

Leicester Literary and Philosophical Society, Natural History Section

Minutes of meeting held in the New Walk Museum on Wednesday, 24th October, 2018 from 7.00. until 9.30pm. 34 members and 1 guest attended. This was a joint meeting with the Leicestershire Entomological Society

The meeting was chaired by John Tinning.

- After a welcome, John thanked Anne Pinnock for 14 years of preparing and serving the meeting refreshments. Anne now feels ready to relinquish this role, and volunteers were invited to take up the task.
- Members were advised that from October 2018 meeting minutes are available to read on the parent body website under our section tab.
- The next meeting was trailed
- Sightings were –
 - Common Eurasian Hornet in John Tinning's attic
 - Red Kite over Oadby and 2 over Great Glen
 - Spider, *Scytodes thoracica* by Annie Smith's house in Leicester
 - Devil's Coach Horse Beetle in Bradgate Park
- A lecture about Deep Sea Vents was also trailed.

The lecture was **An Introduction to Spiders by Lawrence Bee**. Copies of his recent book, *Britain's Spiders: a field guide*, were available.

After explaining how he engaged with the topic, he took us through the British families using photographs and drawings, indicating typical physical features (especially those useful to ID in the field), web structures and life habits.