

Leicester Literary and Philosophical Society, Natural History Section

Minutes of meeting held in the New Walk Museum on Wednesday, 20th February, 2019 from 7.00. until 9.30pm. 20 members and 2 guests attended.

The meeting was chaired by Hazel Graves.

Apologies were received from Jenny Harris, and Sheila and John Tinning. A card was available for members to sign to wish John a speedy recovery.

Hazel thanked those who had helped set up tonight's refreshments and asked for help with clearing away at this and subsequent meetings.

Our next meeting, shared with our Parent Body and that of the Geological Section were trailed. Hazel advised us that a team conducting research in order to advise on the future of the Museum Service would be interviewing and otherwise asking for our input at the next meeting. The annual vc55 Recorders Conference was also trailed and help supporting our publicity at this and the Bradgate Park weekend was requested.

Hazel recommended a book, *The Lunar Men* by Jenny Uglow.

Hazel then introduced this evening's speaker, one of our members, **Ivan Pedley**. He was Head of Science at Rowley Fields. He regularly brings interesting exhibits to talk about at our meetings. Our weekend summer walks are enriched by Ivan's knowledge. He is a national expert and consultant on lichens, and is always very willing to share information. He is also the County recorder for Ticks and Fleas.

His talk was entitled **The Ecology of Sardinia – a second visit**. He showed many slides and some short videos illustrating how this was influenced by four main forces – the Mediterranean Sea, the island's geology – largely a mixture of granite and dolomitic limestone, the climate and *Homo sapiens*. The talk was concluded with a question and answer session.

Hazel thanked Ivan for the talk, and the Museum staff for providing extra sound amplification.