

# BRITISH MYRIAPOD AND ISOPOD GROUP RESIDENTIAL FIELD WEEKEND AND AGM

25<sup>th</sup> TO 27<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2019

Arrangements have been made for BMIG to visit South West Scotland for our annual get together in 2019. We have block-booked some rooms at a small hotel – The Bruce Hotel, Newton Stewart (TripAdvisor 4 stars, AA 3 stars). All rooms are en-suite. A full board package has been negotiated including **Dinner, Bed & Breakfast and Packed Lunch** – the prices on the booking form are for the whole package. After the success of the attendance by guest speaker Thomas Wesener in 2018, we hope to invite another overseas guest speaker to the 2019 meeting.

BMIG last based its meeting in this part of Scotland in 1997 when we were based in St Johns Town of Dalry and the highlight of that meeting was probably finding the littoral millipede *Thalassiosobates littoralis*. There is an old record of the woodlouse *Armadillidium album* at Luce Bay to be checked and for the centipedes the distribution of the two species hiding under the records of “*Geophilus carpophagus* sl” needs tidying up. However, more interesting are the things that were not found back then but may well be recorded in 2019. The most likely additions to the millipede fauna of the region are *Chordeuma proximum* and *Leptoiulus belgicus* but *Chordeuma sylvestre* and *Melogona voigti* are possibilities. Sea-shore and estuarine sites could produce the centipedes *Geophilus fucorum seurati* (*G. gracilis*), known from further north on the west coast of Scotland as well as from Cumbria and Isle of Man, and *Strigamia maritima*, widespread around the Scottish coast but unknown from the Rhin of Galloway and adjacent coastal areas. It would be worth looking for woodlice such as *Trichoniscoides albidus* and *Halophiloscia couchii* which occur on the Cumbria coast at St Bees Head, and also for *Philoscia affinis* which occurs in North Wales and at Oban.

If you have attended a BMIG weekend before then you know what to expect but we would warmly welcome anyone thinking of coming along for the first time. There is no expectation of attendees being able to identify everything or even anything they find and many newcomers get started by joining more experienced workers on field visits and picking up tips on collecting and identification as they go. Discussions and microscope work may go on long into the evening and the social side of the meetings is something the regulars look forward to every year. A bursary will be available to reduce the cost of the meeting for a member attending the meeting for the first time. In return we would expect a short, written report on your experiences of the field meeting for the newsletter.

Anyone wishing to make their own accommodation arrangements could use the restaurant at the hotel for dinner at the normal restaurant rates. Newton Stewart is a busy little town with supermarkets, take-aways, and cafés. The only Scottish YHA in the area is at Minnigaff, just outside Newton Stewart.

## BOOKING FORM

The full board package includes **Dinner, Bed & Breakfast and Packed Lunch**.  
Dinner is 3 courses with 4 choices of each course, with vegetarian options.

Provisional prices per person:

£55 pppn sharing twin or double room (£165 for 3 days)

£75 pppn single use of a twin or double room (£225 for 3 days)

It is just possible that a slight price increase may be introduced for 2019, but we will try to keep the management to this original price.

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Telephone number..... Email.....

	Shared ensuite room, full board	Single ensuite room, full board
	£55/person/night	£75/person/night
<b>Thur 25 April</b>		
<b>Fri 26 April</b>		
<b>Sat 27 April</b>		

I would like to apply for a bursary .....

Dietary requirements: Please specify

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Deposit £50 per person with booking form: cheques pay able to BMIG, or by bank transfer to British Myriapod and Isopod Group, Sort Code 30-94-75, Account No 00581652.

Return booking forms to Paul Harding, 60 Boxworth Road, Elsworth, Cambridge CB23 4JQ or by email to [pha@ceh.ac.uk](mailto:pha@ceh.ac.uk)

**Last date for booking 31 December 2018, but PLEASE BOOK EARLY.**