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West Midlands branch

AGM

5th November 2019

Welcome



RSB AGM

What is our Annual General Meeting (AGM)?

This is a meeting of the membership required by RSB bylaws, regulations and Royal Charter where members conduct business.

All RSB branches are required to hold an AGM each financial year (1st October – 30th September).

In practice the AGM can be a very short session held before or after a regular branch event.

Introductions

Current West Midlands Committee Members (new this year)

Chair: Dr Sue Howarth CBiol FRSB

Treasurer: Lesley Payne CBiol MRSB

External Communication Secretary: Lesley Payne CBiol MRSB

Meetings Secretary: **Amelia Lakin**

Student Engagement Coordinator: Dr Phillip Young FRSB

Events Coordinators: Norma Broadbridge MBE FRSB,

Dr Caroline Day CBiol FRSB, **Dr Daniel Franklin MRSB**, **Ben Glover**,

Dr Jill Johnson MRSB, **Dr Sarah Williams MRSB**, Elisha Zadok AMRSB

RSB Ambassadors, West Midlands



Dr Sarah Williams



Dr Ashok Patel

Agenda

1. Introduction and welcome
2. Attendance and apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the AGM of 21.11.2018
4. Review of committee roles
5. Election of Committee for 2019/20
6. Branch Annual Report, including events 2018/19; questions
7. Branch Treasurer's Report; questions
8. Future events

AOB (as notified prior to 18.30)

Attendance List

Apologies

Amelia Lakin
Caroline Day

Jill Johnson

Carl Bethel
Jess Andrews

Royal Society of Biology West Midlands Branch

Annual General Meeting 21.11.2018, 7-9 pm

Aston University, Birmingham, B4 7ET, Main Building, Room G11

Draft MINUTES

Recorded by Sue Howarth with help from Norma Broadbridge

Attendees: Jill Johnston, Norma Broadbridge, Sue Howarth, Lesley Payne (from 7.15 pm). Elisha Zadok sent apologies.

Minutes of the AGM of 23.11.2017 – approved.

Branch Annual Report – well received. Photos and brief descriptions of the year's events were shared via PowerPoint.

Questions from floor re Branch Annual Report 2017/18 – no questions

Branch Treasurer's Report; questions – only one question was received about source of a surplus for one event; the Treasurer responded. Higher expenditure than in previous years was accounted for by having committee meetings around the region and events at for different venues so more people could attend and lower costs because of speakers and venues not charging.

Election of Committee for 2018/19. No new nominations. The following agreed to stand again:

Chair: Sue Howarth

Treasurer & External Communications Secretary: Lesley Payne

Meetings Secretary: vacant

Meetings Coordinator: Jill Johnson

Student Coordinator: Phil Young

Events Coordinators: Norma Broadbridge; Caroline Day; Elisha Zadok

Date and venue of upcoming committee meetings for 2018/19 – 1st meeting would be organised via Doodle Poll and this would be used to arrange the rest of the committee meetings for 2019.

AOB (as notified prior to 19.00) - Aston Uni was thanked for providing the venue for the AGM and talk.

The AGM was followed by an excellent talk, introduced by JJ at **19.30**, given by Dr James Brown of Aston University, titled "As old as my tongue and a little older than teeth: the biology of frailty". Light refreshments followed the talk



Minutes of the 2018 AGM

Review of Committee Roles

Chair

Vice Chair

Treasurer

External Communication Secretary

Meetings Secretary

Student Engagement Coordinator

Events Coordinators

Election of Committee 2019-2020



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Voting

1. Motion is Proposed or Moved
2. Motion is Seconded
3. Motion is opened to General Debate
4. When debate is done Proposer has Right of Reply
5. Vote is Taken

Absent members may vote by email or in writing to the branch secretary or other nominated branch officer before the AGM takes place.

Election of Committee 2019-2020



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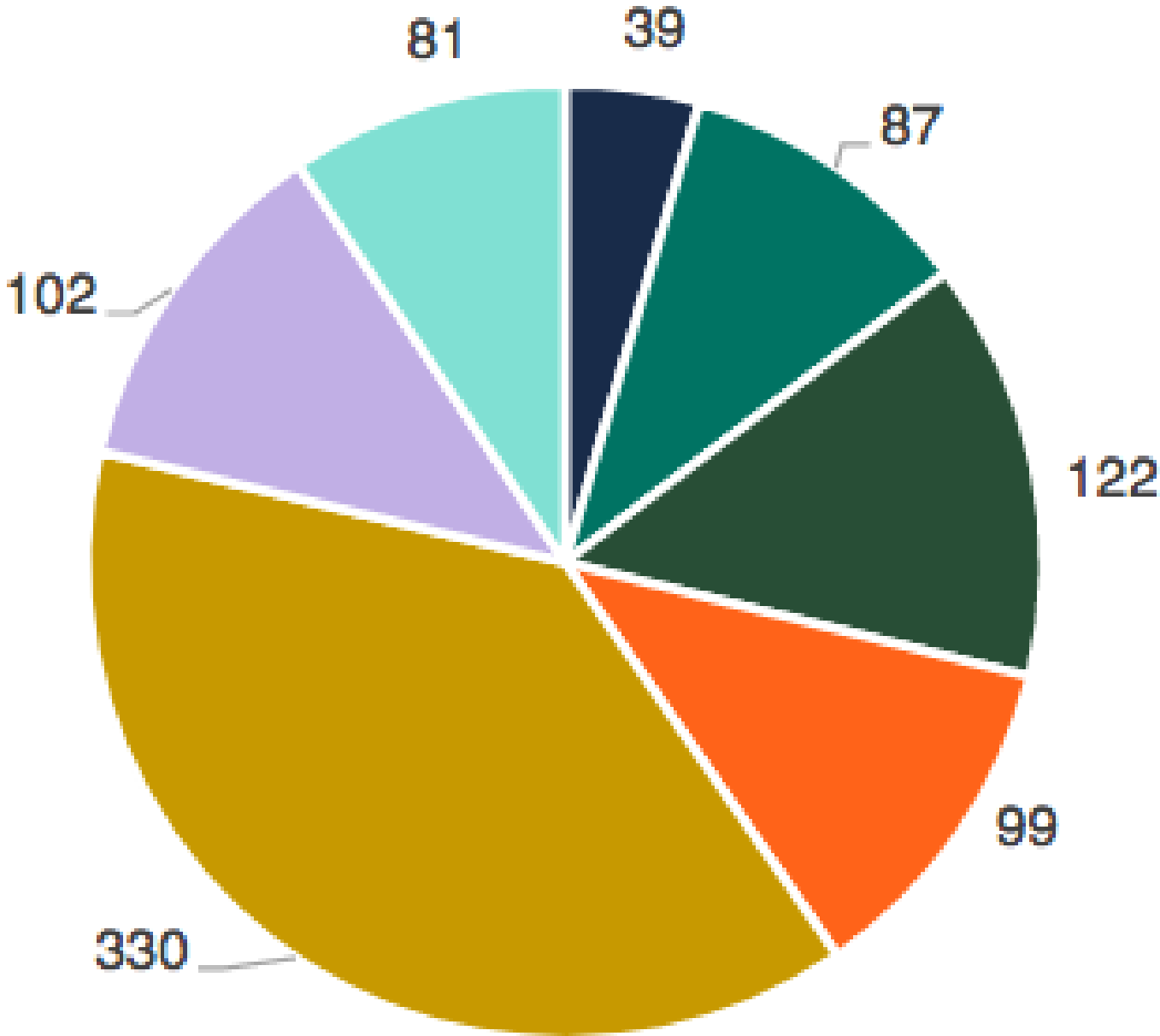
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- 914 branch members (Jan 2019)

Number of West Midlands branch members by county



- Herefordshire
- Shropshire
- Staffordshire
- Warwickshire
- West Midlands
- Worcestershire
- Other

Events 2018-2019





From birds to cockroaches: alternative tactics under sexual selection: Dr Kate Durrant, Lecturer in Behavioural Ecology, University of Nottingham .

Christmas lecture and social

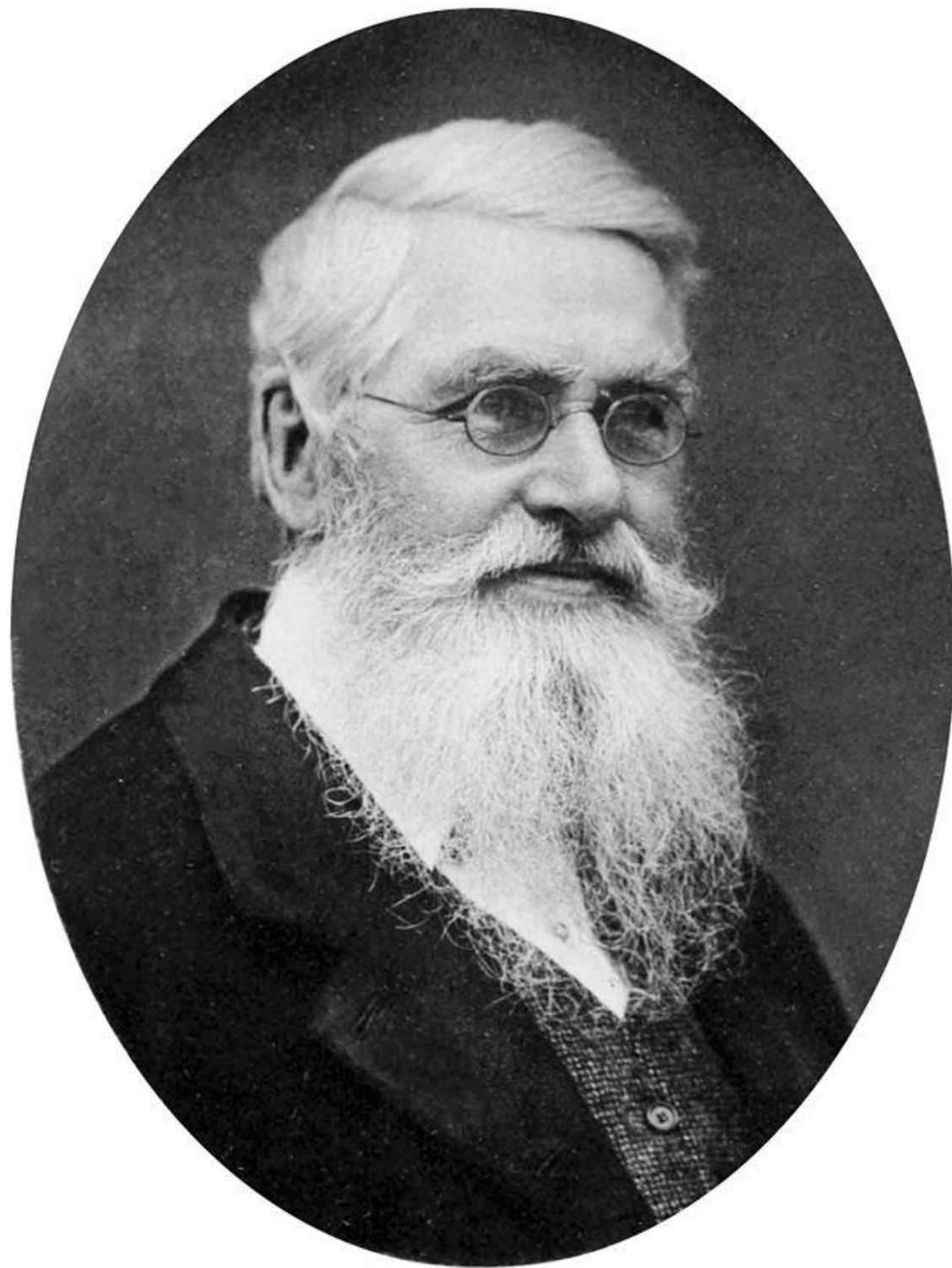
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December 2018



January 2019

Committee members helped at the
Royal Society of Biology stand at this
huge annual conference for science
educators



James Williams,
University of
Sussex

Alfred Russel
Wallace: Darwin's
Nemesis?

Alfred R. Wallace

Darwin Lecture
February 2019
Shrewsbury
(part of the annual Darwin
Festival)



The Big Bang
UK Young Scientists & Engineers Fair

**NEC
Birmingham
March
2019**



Royal Society of
Biology

Committee
members
helped at
this
outreach
event –
planting
seeds

Visit to Birmingham Wildlife & Conservation Park

April 2019



Beetle ID
Workshop
With
FSC
BioLinks
Project

Bishops Wood
Worcs.
August 2019



Biology

Week

Charter Lecture

Aston University
October 2019

Dr Natalie Cooper, a specialist in comparative biology and a staff scientist at the Natural History Museum in London.

Great White Sharks to a Big Blue Whale: why I love museums



Synapse

Aston University

2 days of activities
for Brownies
and Girl Guides

October 2019





Big Biology Day

**Staffordshire
University**

**West Mids stand
– planting cress
seeds**

**October
2019**

Fruit and Seed ID & Quiz

Bournville
Gardens
Retirement
Village

October
2019



Questions

Branch Treasurer's Report



Questions

Future Events



Christmas social, seasonal talks and festive quiz

Join the West Midlands branch for a festive series of short talks, followed by a biology-related quiz and seasonal sweet treats and refreshments at their second Christmas social.

Date: Tuesday 10 December

Time: 19:00 to 21:00

Location: Birmingham City University, Birmingham B15 3TN

Tickets: RSB members £3, Non-members £5



- February 16th – Darwin Talk – Shrewsbury – Emma Sherlock from the London NHM – Darwin’s Invertebrates
- Visit to UoB new Institute of Forest Research
- Talk on Soil Science – University of Wolverhampton
- Visit to Slimbridge
- Visit to the Medical Museum, Worcester

AOB

Thank you to Warwick University for hosting tonight's event

A special thank you to Dr Phil Young for organising the rooms, speaker and refreshments.

Stay in touch:

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Part 2 of this evening:

Professor Kevin Moffat, Warwick University

Drosophila – Not Just a Fly – Rather a Genetic Hero

20.00

Oculus Atrium for refreshments from 7.30 pm

Talk starts at 8 pm in Lecture Theatre 3