

## Speakers for Weston Turville u3a General Meetings April to June 2021

22 April 2021

### Music in Art – Sophie Matthews

**Sophie Matthews** explores the links between the visual and the aural in this one-hour presentation. Drawing on the works of great painters such as **Brueghel, Hogarth** and **Bosch**, she presents a variety of images of historical woodwind instruments in their original social context. The symbolism of music in mediaeval and Renaissance art is also explored, along with live performances by Sophie of historical music upon authentic instruments.

Sophie is a professional musician working in the early music and folk genres. She tours nationally and throughout Europe with [GreenMatthews](#) and have also played with [The Oxford Waits](#) and respected early music collective [Piva](#).



Sophie plays a variety of early woodwind instruments such as shawm, rauschpfeife and recorder and is one of a handful of British players of the [baroque musette](#), an 18th century French bagpipe similar to the Northumbrian smallpipes.

She also makes instruments (including the baroque oboe which she will play during the Music in Art presentation) and is an accredited lecturer for [The Arts Society](#) and has worked extensively as an historical interpreter and musician for **English Heritage, The National Trust** and **The Royal Armouries**.

**27 May 2021**

**Scam Awareness – Pamela Hayton**

**Pamela Hayton** works for NatWest Bank. She says 'part of my role is to raise awareness of and educate the wider community about fraud and scam prevention. The presentation explains how scammers identify and approach their targets, the social engineering techniques they use and of course how to keep yourself from falling victim to fraud or scams.'

**24 June 2021**

**Gardens for Us and Them – Dr Ian Bedford**

Despite many worrying facts about Global Warming and Climate Change affecting ecosystems and biodiversity, almost 35% of Britain's land mass is being protected from development within National Parks and Nature Reserves. Many projects are also underway to try and connect these protected areas so that their wildlife doesn't suffer through geographic isolation.

Home gardens can all become valuable stepping stones for our wildlife in the quest to connect the natural reserves. This talk explains some of the very easy things we can all do to help achieve this, for us and the future generations of not only our population but those of Britain's wildlife.

Ian Bedford says:

I have been fascinated by insects and other invertebrates for most of my life.

Starting out as an Amateur Entomologist, studying and conserving butterflies on the South Downs, I went on to pursue a professional career as an entomologist. For over 42 years I undertook plant science research at the John Innes Centre (one of the UK's leading research centres), where I became Head of the Entomology Department. Retiring from my life as a Research Entomologist, I now continue with my love of entomology through a wide range of public engagement activities.

I'm also often called upon by the media to speak about topical bug issues and have appeared on popular TV shows such as Gardeners' World, Inside Out, Tonight, Horizon, BBC Breakfast, the A to Z of TV Gardening, The Great British Garden Revival and even Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule show on ITV. I've also featured on BBC Gardeners Question Time.