



BRITISH HERPETOLOGICAL SOCIETY AND THAMES & CHILTERN HERPETOLOGICAL GROUP

Joint meeting Sunday 16th September 2018, 2.30 – 7.00 pm at the Drake Hall, Amersham Community Centre, Chiltern Ave, Amersham, Bucks, HP6 5AH.

Following the sudden death of John Pickett on the 19th of July, we have decided to dedicate this meeting to him. John was particularly interested in European Fire Salamanders. The programme has been amended to include a talk by Mike Linley on Iberian *Salamandra*.

2.30 – 3.00 Arrival and refreshments

Chairman: Simon Townson

3.00 – 3.30. **Karen Siu Ting** (University of Aberystwyth, Ecological and Evolutionary Genomics Lab): ‘Don’t Kiss the Frog ! How do Dendrobatid Frogs get their Poison ?’

3.30 – 4.00. **Gilbert Adum** (SAVE THE FROGS ! GHANA): ‘Saving Ghana’s Frogs: the Journey so Far’

4.00 – 4.30. **Janine Robinson** (Durrell Institute for Conservation and Ecology, University of Kent). ‘Supplying the Exotic Pet Trade: Deal or no Deal for Local Communities in Madagascar’

Chairman: Colin Melsom

5.00 – 5.30. **Jim Labisko** (Durrell Institute for Conservation and Ecology, University of Kent): ‘Endemic, Endangered, and Evolutionarily Significant: Cryptic Lineages in Seychelles’ Frogs’

5.30 – 6.00. **Mike Linley**: ‘*Salamandra* of the Iberian Peninsula’

6.00 -7.00. **Informal Session.** Exhibition: members who would like space should contact Simon Townson (0770 775 1900 or s.townson@imperial.ac.uk), or Colin Melsom (07852 949405 or colinmelsom@sky.com)

Amersham is easy to get to via J18 of the M25 or by tube/rail to Amersham station. Parking and entrance to the meeting are free.