



BRITISH HERPETOLOGICAL SOCIETY AND THAMES & CHILTERN HERPETOLOGICAL GROUP

Joint meeting Sunday 12th October 2025, 2.30 – 6.30 pm at the Meeting Hall, Amersham Leisure Centre, Chiltern Ave, Amersham, Bucks, HP6 5AH. Amersham is easy to get to via J18 of the M25 or by tube/rail to Amersham station. Parking is available and refreshments are free. There will be a small charge of £5 cash on the door. Free entry to YH members and any adult accompanying them.

2.30 – 3.00 Arrival and coffee/refreshments

Chairman: Simon Townson

3.00 – 3.30. Tony Gent, Karen Haysom and Nick Moulton (Amphibian and Reptile Conservation, UK). ‘The Status and Conservation of the Smooth Snake in England’.

3.30 – 4.10. Andrés Valenzuela-Sanches (Zoological Society of London and Asociación Ranita de Darwin) and **Ben Tapley** (Zoological Society of London). ‘An Emergency Response for the Southern Darwin’s Frog (*Rhinoderma darwinii*)’.

*Short break and refreshments/informal session (see below)

Chairman: Colin Melsom

4.50 – 5.20. Robert Stebbings, Ian Prestt and *Richard A. Griffiths. (*Durrell Institute for Conservation and Ecology, University of Kent). ‘A Pioneering Study of Grass Snake Ecology in Dorset, UK, 1958-1962’.

5.20 – 6.00. Jay Redbond (Chester Zoo, UK) and **Olivier Marquis.** (Museum National D’Histoire Naturelle, Parc Zoologique de Paris, France). ‘A Journey with the Largest Chameleon on the Planet’.

***Exhibition** of posters and items of herpetological interest. There will be limited space for up to 15 exhibits. Members who would like space should contact Simon Townson (07707751900 or s.townson@imperial.ac.uk), or Colin Melsom (07852 949405 or colinmelsom@sky.com)