

Daedalus Film and Science Festival <https://daedalusfilmandsciencefestival.weebly.com/>

The NEBBS Group has been invited to attend on Saturday, 12 January 2019, at the Star and Shadow Cinema, Warwick Street, Newcastle upon Tyne

<https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/Star+And+Shadow+Cinema/@54.9794056,-1.5949273,15z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0x82602755631916ca!8m2!3d54.9794056!4d-1.5949273>

During the afternoon (2-5 pm) there will be a small display table relating to our Group activities and at around 3:30 pm I shall give a 30 minute presentation about our research and more generally about our surveys. The afternoon will also hold workshops by artist Julie Barton based around her littoral art project, please see here <https://littoralartproject.com/>. The evening (7:30 pm) will hold a showing of the documentary 'Blue' (£6; £5 concessions), followed by a discussion.

Plastic Britain

Film makers Poppy Chandler and Mike Wafer of Outpost Pictures are working on a feature length documentary. Poppy tells us this is 'an environmental film exploring the impact of plastic in the UK and the devastating effects our use of plastic is having on our health, wildlife, rivers, coastline and oceans.' The film is still in production, here is a trailer: <https://youtu.be/OjsRMR-4zSA>

The two film makers came to visit us at the Dove Marine Laboratory (Newcastle University) in early October (2018) to record an interview and film a fulmar necropsy thanks to the work of our beached bird group.

Guillemots

In association with Newcastle University and undergraduate student Jenny Howell, some analysis has started on our group's collection of frozen guillemots. We are having a pause while best methods for tissue collection and storage are clarified before a recommencement in January. Orders will be placed for suitable materials; we have contact with North East Laboratory Supplies (NELS).

New volunteers

A warm welcome to our new volunteers: Genine Keogh, Sean Linley, Becky Lowe, Gilbert Roberts, Ellie Jones and Simon Bate. Introductory surveys will be arranged as soon as possible.

Trip to Holland

I had a successful trip to Wageningen Marine Research (October 2018) which included five laboratory days to learn new techniques in order to transfer this knowledge to northeast England.

In the current issue (No 167) of *The Northumbrian* magazine (December 2018 / January 2019) there is an article (p. 21-23) by Anthony Toole about our project.

A more complete newsletter will follow later.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody for their involvement this past year and send best wishes for 2019.

Kind regards, Dan Turner (coordinator).



Guillemot necropsy, Dove Marine Lab, 28 Nov 2018