



A joint meeting of the Royal Entomological Society and the Bristol Naturalists Society University of Bristol

April 7th 2017, 6.00pm

Seminar Room G14 in the Life Sciences Building, University of Bristol,
24 Tyndall Avenue, BS20 1TQ

Oil Beetles in the SW

John Walters

John will introduce the curious natural history of these beetles and discuss the plans to survey and conserve the UK populations.

Invaders from another hemisphere. The natural history of the land hopper *Arcitalitrus dorrenei*.

Peter Smithers, Plymouth University.

Terrestrial amphipods are not native to the UK but one species has been introduced and has become widespread and abundant across southern England and Wales. Where do they come from and what are they doing here.

Title: 'Dung beetles in an African agricultural ecosystem'

Bryony Sands, University of Bristol,

The large paracoprid (tunnelling) dung beetles are common in Botswana where I worked in Khumaga Village (Central District) and the Makgadikgadi Pans national park. My study investigated the impacts of a commonly used synthetic pyrethroid ectoparasiticide deltamethrin, (used to limit ticks, lice & flies on cattle) on the survival, reproduction, and larval development of paracoprid dung beetles.

The Dreams of the Last Butterflies. Directed by Zina Brown

A short contemporary film that examines the decline in butterfly populations. Shot in the style of a pop video it is a dark 21st century fairy tale with a very relevant message.

Following the meeting we will adjourn to a local hostelry in order to continue the evenings discussions.

