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**NOTE CHANGE OF START TIME – ONE HOUR EARLIER THAN LAST YEAR!!**

## What's biting you, then?

**How insects bite you**

**Dr John Maunder**

Medical Entomology Centre, University of Cambridge

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2001, **7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.**<sup>1</sup>

*The Wolfson Lecture Theatre, Churchill College, Cambridge*

### **Abstract**

John Maunder is famous for his talks on unpleasant insects, arachnids and the like. There was a very good interview with him in New Scientist about two years ago – where I got the idea of inviting him to speak at one of our meetings.

John is an expert in what happens to humans when insects bite them. And, interestingly, what happens to the insect when they bite us

### **About the Speaker**

John Maunder studied chemistry at Exeter, then spent time on the waters of the Arctic with the Royal Navy. He was at QMC London in the chemistry department for eight years. At this time, he took a degree in Zoology and a Masters in Entomology. He then went to teach at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, where his speciality was ..... human lice! Dr Maunder's PhD is, in fact, on human lice, and these invertebrates have remained a passion of his ever since. He claims also to be very fond of fleas, mites, tick and bed bugs too.

In 1984 Dr Maunder became director of the Medical Entomology Centre; he is also a Fellow of Wolfson College, the Royal Society of Health, and the Royal Entomological Society.

### **About the Subject (Organising Secretary's notes):**

I feel slightly nervous about this lecture; for a start, the lecturer does not use visual aids, but relies on lots of white boards with lashings of red felt-tip pens. He assures me that he will not be bringing any arachnids with him, which at least means we shall not be trying to get the red-kneed tarantula back into its hutch at the end of the session.

I have a question for him about bed bugs.....

Richard Freeman  
Organising Secretary

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<sup>1</sup>**Note:** An experimental change of times for Michaelmas Term; we shall review at the end of Term

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## Lecture Times

Folks –

This term's lectures have been an hour earlier than usual, by way of an experiment. Our reasoning is that 7.30pm is a more approachable time for those who work in Cambridge, but who do not dine in hall and maybe also live out of town.

I now need to know whether or not you think it has been a success! If the consensus is that we return to the original start time of 8.30pm, so be it!

Please let me know your views – they really are important to us

If you like, fill in the note below and return it to me at the lecture

Best regards

Richard Freeman

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### LECTURE TIMES FOR LENT AND EASTER TERM

Please write 'yes' or 'no' against your preference

I favour **staying with 7.30 pm**

I favour a **return to 8.30 pm**

I favour a **different time altogether!** (suggest a time)

Return to me at the lecture on Monday, or to my work address:

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