

Monthly Bulletin

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Summer 2017 Field Meetings

Saturday 1 April	Visit to the recently refurbished Lapworth Museum of Geology, University of Birmingham. Leader – Dr Jon Clatworthy, Curator
12 - 14 May	Residential Field Trip to the Peak District – see over for more details Leader: Mike Allen (WGCG)
Wednesday 24 May	An Exploration of the Finham Brook and the 'Kenilworth Gorge', finishing at the new WGCG Interpretation Panel in the Kenilworth Cutting. Leader: Ian Fenwick
Saturday 17 June	Visit to the 'Geological Village of Martley'. Leader: provisionally John Nicklin (Teme Valley GS). This will involve UP TO 6 miles of walking. Transport will be by coach because of parking constraints.
Wednesday 19 July	Bubbenhall Meadows - "From Local Geological Site to Nature Reserve", followed by an exploration of the geology of the Bubbenhall area. Leader: Brian Ellis
Saturday 19 August	Wollaton Hall, Nottingham for the 'Dinosaurs of China' exhibition. Dinosaurs of China is a one-time only world exclusive exhibition of dinosaurs coming to Europe for the first time. Featuring fossils and specimens never before seen outside of Asia, Dinosaurs of China will bring to life the story of how dinosaurs evolved into the birds that live alongside us today.

Guided tour of the exhibits by <u>Adam Stuart Smith</u> , formerly of WGCG and now Curator of Natural Sciences at Wollaton Hall

PEAK DISTRICT WEEKEND TRIP 12-14 May

A few places are still available on this trip which will be based at the Palace Hotel, Buxton. **If you are interested, please get in touch with Julie Harrald by Monday 20th March.** After the 20th the excursion will be opened to members of other societies. Cost per night: £90 single room, £110 per double or twin room for Bed, Breakfast and Evening Meal. Phone: 01509-558211 or e-mail JulieHarrald@googlemail.com. There is the option of continuing on the Monday with visits to sites led by Brian Ellis.

URGENT NEED FOR HELPERS AT SUMMER OUTREACH & SCHOOL EVENTS

During the summer we shall be showcasing the Group's activities at two events – Shipton Wool Fair on 29th May and Stratford River Festival over the weekend of 1st - 2nd July. We are also working with two schools – the Year 6s at Arley Primary on 22nd June and Paddox Primary School, Rugby on 10th July. These exhibits take a lot of preparation and the core team of Ben Steer, Peter Hawksworth and Brenda Watts have slaved away for several years, largely on their own. We need others, particularly those with some practical bent, to step forward to help with this vital work.

Help with preparing / laminating photographs, checking on fossil and mineral displays all would be helpful. Then there are the Festival days themselves where help with transporting the materials, erecting the displays and taking them down would all be welcome. However, a key need for volunteers is to provide our visitors with a warm welcome and a bit of help with understanding some of the displays. Most of these are quite simple and you will always receive help and guidance from others with a bit more experience than yourselves.

For the school activity days helpers would also be most welcome.

DON'T LEAVE IT TO OTHERS! THESE EVENTS WON'T HAPPEN WITHOUT YOUR HELP!
Put the dates in your diary now and **PLEASE** offer Brenda or Peter your help TONIGHT (or e-mail brendawatts5@googlemail.com)

Lapworth Museum Visit

26 have registered to attend. Meet at the entrance to the Museum at 10.30am prompt. Either bring a packed lunch or there is a cafeteria on site.