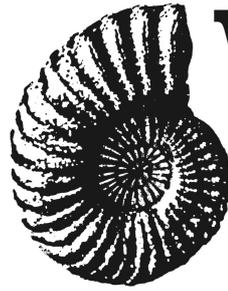


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TONIGHT'S MEETING

Chris Darmon has recently returned from leading a trip to southern Norway so we can expect some up-to-the-minute illustrations. He hopes to provide an overview of the solid geology concentrating on the Geo Norvegica Geopark. Get ready for some surprises such as the ancient metamorphic basement, the sedimentary rocks of the Ordovician and Silurian with their graptolites and trilobites, the Carboniferous sandstones and the igneous rocks of the Oslo rift. All this as well as the famous Larvikite and some stunning glacial scenery.

OUR SUMMER PROGRAMME

We have had some difficulties in planning a field programme for this summer. Fresh sites are becoming difficult to find, leaders even moreso and permissions not always straightforward.

However, we have some new 'gems' for your delight:

22nd June (Saturday): Bredon Hill, near Evesham – led by Rob & Boo Vernon (geologists, Earth Heritage Trust) and Deborah Overton (archaeologist). *We shall be following and testing the new EHT app. We shall have 10 tablets with us but, if you wish to upload on your phone, go to App Stores or Google Play for 'Voyager - Deep Time' by Brooks Designs. In the app there is a list of all the 'Voyages' - Bredon Hill is one of them.*

12th July (Friday): The Malverns with Dr Dick Bryant (Earth Heritage Trust). *See above for App. Info.*

28th August (Wednesday): Ufton Fields (SP378615) - a former quarry in the White Lias, finishing in the village to examine some of the building stones. Meet 6pm at Reserve car park. A joint meeting with the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust. Led by Brian Ellis & Faye Irvine.

We are still working on possible excursions for May and September!

GEOWEEK 2019 4th to 12th May

Geoweeek is an opportunity for us to share our interest and excitement in the joys of geology with our fellow citizens. WGCG will be running a pretty full programme of events between 4th and 12th May. Details are:

- **Sunday 5th - Brandon Marsh GeoWall,**
Meet at Brandon Marsh (Warks Wildlife Trust HQ) ; Sessions during the day between 10.30 and 3.30pm ; *led by Brian Ellis assisted by Frank Wells*
- **Tuesday 7th May, Upton House**
Meet in the Courtyard
Sessions between 10.30 and 3.30pm; *led by Norman Dutton, assisted by Max Down*
- **Tuesday 7th May, Evening, Banbury Building Stones**
Meet at Town Hall for 7 pm;
A guided geological tour of Banbury town centre (approx 1 hour); *led by Norman Dutton*
- **Thursday 9th May, Building Materials of Old Kenilworth**
Meet 2 pm, Abbey Fields Car Park, Bridge Street
A guided walk (approx 1½ hours); *led by Ian Fenwick*
- **Sunday 12th May, Burton Dassett Hills,**
Meet 10.30 am at Car Park near the Tower (approx 1-2 hours); *led by John Crossling*

More helpers would be welcome so please make yourself known to one of the leaders this evening or e-mail Max Down on jm.down@btinternet.com

Basically, we need you to make the punters feel welcome (very important) or even try to answer the odd question from our visitors.

TRIP TO THE DORSET COAST

Black Country GS have asked if any WGCG members might be interested in joining their field trip to the eastern Dorset Coast from 13-16th September 2019 (revised dates).

A suggested itinerary would be to arrive on Friday using Weymouth as a base (2 overnight stays), then 2 full days to explore features such as Chesil Beach, Isle of Portland, Durdle Door, Lulworth Cove, Kimmeridge and possibly Studland Bay and Old Harry Rocks.

Please contact Andy Harrison (andrewcfharrison@yahoo.com, mobile 07973 330706, tel: 01746 781 033) to express an interest in attending this field event. Please indicate to Andy that you are a member of WGCG

AROUND THE MIDLANDS GEOLOGICAL SOCIETIES

We have many kindred societies on our doorstep and they are only too keen to welcome you to their meetings and field trips. You can find out what is going on by visiting the websites below:

Black Country Geological Society: <https://bcgs.info/pub/the-society/programme-of-events/>

Tuesday 21 May (Evening Field Meeting): Building Stones of Birmingham from Centenary Square to Brindley Place, led by Julie Schroder

Leicester Lit. & Phil. (Section C Geology): <https://www.charnia.org.uk/>

Saturday 18th May: **Blockley Quarry**, home to Northcotbrick Ltd. Charmouth Mudstone Formation of the Lias Group