

Monthly Newsletter

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WGCG

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New Year Greetings!

2016 marks 25 years of our Warwickshire Geological Conservation Group. In celebration, we have another interesting geological year planned, starting with our Members' Meeting. The year's busy programme holds something for everyone, whether indoors or out in the field.

Spring 2016 Talks Programme

We are very pleased to have the following speakers:

17 February	Dr Paul Olver (Hereford & Worcester EHT)	'Minerals, Magmas & Man'
16 March	Prof. Sarah Davies (Leicester)	'Rivers, lakes, swamps and seas: exploring an early Carboniferous environment'
20 April	Luke Swain MSc, CGeol (Network Rail)	'The Harbury landslip and its geological /geophysical context'

Subscriptions

Please pay your £12 subscription by the end of February, either at our meeting or by post using the form and address previously emailed to members by Jim Passmore.

The WGCG Festival of Geology in Kenilworth

Arrangements for our WGCG Festival of Geology on **20th February 2016** are well under way. It will be held in the Senior Citizens Club, Abbey End Car Park, Kenilworth, and promises to be a really good day. So do keep this date free, invite family and friends and please display the flyer (attached with this Newsletter) where you can for maximum publicity. If you feel that friends could be interested, please forward the flyer to them. Thanks to all who have offered to help - they will be contacted shortly with final arrangements.

N.B. This event is aimed at those with limited or very little geological knowledge so walkers and children will be very welcome

2016 Events

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We are always looking for ideas for field trips and talks to include in future WGCG programmes. Do let us know your ideas.

Saturday 20 February	WGCG 'Festival of Geology' day in Kenilworth 10am to 3pm, Senior Citizens Club, Abbey End Car Park
Wednesday 18 May	Field trip to Brandon Geology Wall, Brandon Marsh at 7pm
20th- 22/23 May	Residential Field Trip to Anglesey One or two places could be made available. Please contact Mike Allen for further information marocks@btinternet.com
Sunday 19 June	Severn Valley Railway trip Full day trip with coach travel
Saturday 16 July	Cross Hands Quarry and Burton Dassett Hills Joint day trip with the Black Country Geological Society
Wednesday 17 August	Stratford building stones walk
23 – 25 September	Residential Field Trip to Sussex Coast & Downs Booking forms to be sent out shortly

Other events, to be confirmed:

- Lapworth Museum visit to see the enlarged and refurbished displays.
- Fauld Mine Field Trip with Noel Worley (gypsum mine near Burton-on-Trent)

Other events that may be of interest

Leicester Literary & Philosophical Society (Geological group)

Contact Mark Evans: 0116 4540231

- 27 January 2016 Doctors and geology by Albert Benghiat
- 12 March 2016 Annual Saturday seminar: planet of the plants

Oxford Geology Group

- 5 March 2016 Oxford Colloquium: Six lectures by eminent geoscientists
- Lectures programme – see the OGG website for all info

Black Country Geological Society

- 30 January at 10:00am Geoconservation Day at Sedgley Beacon
- 15 February at 7:30pm The Debitage Dilemma: the Distribution of the Lithologies at Stonehenge