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TONIGHT'S SPEAKER

We are delighted to be welcoming Tom Barrett again to speak on Meteorites, more particularly on *Volatile Elements in the Inner Solar System*. An abstract of his talk has been on the website. You may recall that Tom was, while at Birmingham, the very first recipient of a Holloway Bursary, but he has moved on and is now a Post-Doctoral fellow at the Open University

..... AND IN FEBRUARY

Roger Suthren (Derby University) will be making geology so much more interesting !! He will be looking at the link between the local geology and the character of wines from southern France. And - if you still have energy and focus left – there will be a wine tasting for those who care to do a bit of exploration.

CHANGED ARRANGEMENTS FOR MARCH

Unfortunately, we were unable to confirm arrangements with our March speaker but we have been very fortunate in being able to secure the services of Prof. Ian Fairchild (Birmingham). Ian spoke to us in 2016 on speleothems but, this time, he will bring before us the debate surrounding the impact of Man on geological processes and deposits. This has led to the proposal to designate a new geological epoch, the Anthropocene. Ian is a member of the international working group of the Subcommittee on Quaternary Stratigraphy working on the formal recognition and definition of the Anthropocene.

WORKSHOPS – the way ahead

One of the successes of recent years has been the annual workshop which has been run with the aim of helping members to improve their geological knowledge and understanding. However, these events don't just happen! They demand a lot of preparation by the leader and other helpers. To ensure that this prep. is worthwhile it is now suggested that there should be at least 12 members registering for future events of this nature to go ahead.

MAPPING WORKSHOP led by Norman Dutton – Saturday 22 February

Norman, who is one of the few members with experience in teaching geology at school level, has kindly offered to run the 2020 Workshop on 22 February. The format is now pretty well established – a morning introduction followed by practical work, replicated in the afternoon. It will focus on **Geological Maps and Mapping** and will be, very much, a hands-on exercise.

Venue: Senior Citizens Club, Abbey End, Kenilworth. Registration: open until 31 January

Date: Sat. 22 February 2019 Time: 9.45 – 3.15 (note revised times)

NORTH LINCS. RESIDENTIAL WEEKEND May 2020

• **Friday 8th to Monday 11th May to be focused on North Lincolnshire** and led by Paul Hildreth, currently chair of the Yorkshire Geological Society. **Don't be put off by the residential venue of Scunthorpe. The Holiday Inn is on the southern outskirts and the surrounding country is really attractive.** AND there's fascinating geology – both Mesozoic and Quaternary. **Registration has been extended to the end of this month, Friday 31st January**

SUMMER FIELD VISITS 2020

So far we have firmed up the following programme for the summer of 2020:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sun March 29th: Nottingham Caves; leader Tony Waltham; number limited to 20 (registration at end of January)• Sat April 25th: Wren's Nest / Dudley Archive (possibly including a talk from Graham Worton); leader Andy Harrison (joint excursion with BCGS) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sat June 6th: Blockley Quarry; leader Radley (joint with BCGS)• Sat July 11th: Apedale Heritage Museum & Drift Mine Tour / Biddulph Grange Geology Gallery (travel by small coach). Entrance is free to NT members, otherwise it is c. £9 per person. |
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