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Winter Programme 2020-2021

The remainder of the monthly winter lecture programme is as follows:

Saturday 12th December: *A Geological Journey through the Highlands and Islands of Scotland:* James Cresswell (Geoworld)

Saturday 9th January: *Holiday Geology* (More information on page 3).

Saturday 23rd January: *Mary Anning: monsters, myths and misfortune:* Tom Sharpe

Saturday 20th February: *Coming out from the shadow of the dinosaurs; a new look at the first mammals:* Pam Gill (Bristol)

Saturday 20th March: AGM: *The critical importance of a conceptual ground model – the challenges of Geology (Solid, Quaternary, Anthropogenic) in the C21st redevelopment of Barry Docks:* Peter Brabham (Cardiff)

All meetings start at 11.00am, apart from the AGM which starts at **10.30** followed by the lecture at 11.00am. All will be delivered via Zoom and the link will be distributed to the membership a few days prior to the meetings. For those who wish there will be an on-line coffee/chat for about 30 minutes before the start of each meeting. For anybody who is unsure how to use Zoom there is a basic guide available on our web site.

Special Lecture: One plus to come out of this horrendous pandemic is that with lectures being delivered over the internet it is possible to have speakers from much farther afield than is normally practical and affordable. I am pleased to announce that one such speaker, Graham Leslie, from BGS in Edinburgh, has offered us a talk on Anglesey (thanks to Rhian's arm-twisting!) that was too good to miss. Accordingly, this has been arranged as a special mid-week lecture the details of which are as follows: **Tuesday 9th February:** *Recent advances in the understanding of the geology of Anglesey: a Caledonian cruise across Iapetus.* Graham Leslie (BGS Edinburgh). This meeting will start at **7.30pm** and will be preceded by the usual on-line coffee/chat beforehand.

Summer Programme 2021

Work has begun on planning next summer's field excursion programme, under the assumption that by then there will, hopefully, be a successful Covid vaccine available and a resultant easing of the social distancing rules etc. It is hoped to run many of the trips that we had to cancel this summer but we will endeavour to run excursions to local areas in the first half of the year and those further afield in the second half.

Holiday Geology 2021

Holiday Geology will this year also be an on-line event just like our ordinary meetings. Once again this is your chance to deliver a short (10-15 mins) talk on any topic that you like. In normal times a lot of the talks reflect where members went on their holidays but as most holidays had to be cancelled this year perhaps you could look back over trips from years ago or any geological things of interest that you have seen/discovered during the lockdown? I currently have two volunteers but need at least a further half dozen or so to make up a full programme. The talks can be prepared in the usual way as a Powerpoint presentation, and when it is your turn to speak you will be given the power by the host (Lesley Cherns) to share your screen with the rest of us and then you deliver your talk to your computer screen. If anybody is interested in volunteering but is unsure of the technical side please get in touch and we will sort you out.



GA Festival of Geology

Just to remind you that almost all of the special Local Group and Affiliated Societies presentations for this year's *Festival of Geology* will stay on the GA Festival website until 31st December 2020. Also available are the four talks that were given on the day. The festival web site can be found at: <https://geologistsassociation.org.uk/festival/>, while the four talks can be found at: <https://festivalofgeology.org.uk/lectures-and-break-out-rooms>.

While on the GA web site it is also worth looking at the *Geology from your sofa* section that will give you links to a host of available on-line talks, presentations and activities from groups all over the country and even overseas.



Jim Walker and Marc Delaney

It is with sadness that we have to report the death of two of our members, Jim Walker and Marc Delaney. Jim had been a member for nearly 20 years and was always a strong supporter of the Group and its activities. Marc was a more recent and enthusiastic member who set up an on-line chat group for members to meet early in the Covid pandemic lockdown. We send our condolences to both of their families.



Membership Secretary

Caroline, our Membership Secretary, would like to step down next year so we will be looking for someone to step forward to replace her. If this is something you think you could do, please get in touch to find out more about the role. Caroline's email address is on the front page.



Earth Heritage Magazine

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