



**Newsletter December 2022**

**Sixty third session**

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### **Message from the President**

*I hope that you have enjoyed seeing our Group get back to normal with our first face-to-face meetings since lockdown in March 2020. We have had 2 successful meetings so far, one in Cardiff and one in our new venue at Trallwn Community Centre in Swansea. We hope to get back to Swansea University for the 2023/24 session, but if this proves impossible, at least we have a Swansea venue that we know is suitable for our lectures. The forthcoming lectures on Dec 10th and February 18th will be via Zoom only, which is in response to a request from some older members who no longer want to travel. However, now that we are sure that our hybrid meetings are working well, all meetings will be face-to-face for the 2023/24 session, with Zoom attendance also possible.*

*We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the annual Holiday Geology meeting on January 7th in Cardiff University. There are still a few vacant slots in the programme, so please email me at john.nudds@manchester.ac.uk if you would like to present a short talk (15-20 mins including time for questions). We will be having the usual raffle, so please do bring along any unwanted Christmas presents or small gifts (wine, chocolates etc.) - thank you ! **And we do need to know accurate numbers for catering for this meeting, so please email me if you would like to book a place.***

*Your committee is working hard to arrange a Summer Programme for 2023 and have a number of fieldtrips lined up including potential visits to Clydach Gorge, the Gower, Ogmere and Big Pit, as well as the usual Penarth Family Fossil Day ! Watch this space for further details !*

*John Nudds, President*



## SWGA Winter Programme 2022/2023

**Saturday 7th January 2023:** (Cardiff or Zoom)

Holiday Geology

**Saturday 21st January:** (Trallwn Community Centre, Swansea and Zoom)

Peter Kokelaar

Landscape evolution in southwest Wales: revelations of a dynamic Earth

**Saturday 18th February:** (Zoom Only)

Colin Palmer (IOW) – "The engineering of pterosaur flight" (provisional title)

**Saturday 18th March:** (Cardiff University and Zoom)

AGM and Peter Sheldon (Open University), "Exceptional fossils – the surprising, the significant and the strange"



### Geological Events at a computer near you!

- The Geologists' Association have their Geology from your Sofa section on their website which is packed full of information about free lectures to attend or download. There are even online workshops to get involved with:  
<https://geologistsassociation.org.uk/sofageology/>
- **Earth Heritage Magazine** This is now only available as an electronic copy. Here is the link:  
<https://www.earthheritage.org.uk/>
- If you are a regular visitor to our website: [www.swga.org.uk](http://www.swga.org.uk) you may have noticed that we have been putting recordings of our own lectures on line, just for a few months after they are recorded. If you need help getting up and running with Zoom, we've also put a guide on our website or you are welcome to email me and I'll try and help.
- You might also be interested to learn that we now have a YouTube channel and we also maintain Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/179899022064977>) and Twitter accounts (@swgeologists). With Facebook and Twitter, anyone can join in and the more that do, the better it is!



## The committee needs you!!!

Stephen Howe has been our programme secretary for many years (18) and has now stood down (after quite a few years of only saying just one more year...) also, Caroline, our Membership Secretary, and Janet, our Secretary intend to step down next year so we desperately need volunteers to step forward to help. We are also in need of more ordinary members of the committee. If joining the committee is something you think you could do, please get in touch to find out more about the roles. Your help would be very much needed. Please email [Rhian@swga.org.uk](mailto:Rhian@swga.org.uk) or any other committee members directly for more information.



## Other Geological Organisations

- Russell Society, Wales and West Branch: Tom Cotterell. Tel: 01594 845935 before 9 pm
- Welsh Stone Forum (Fforwm Cerrig Cymru): Tim Palmer [tjp@aber.ac.uk](mailto:tjp@aber.ac.uk) or [www.museumwales.ac.uk/en/welshstoneforum](http://www.museumwales.ac.uk/en/welshstoneforum)
- Open University Geological Society: Society: <https://ougs.org/severnside/>
- South East Wales RIGS : <http://sewrigs.wordpress.com/>



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