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September 2010

Fifty-first Session 2010-2011

We've had a great summer of interesting field trips and blessed with good weather, we have had a great turnout. There are just two more events in our outdoor meetings programme for this year. Message from Stephen Howe - "Strange as it may seem now is the time of year when we begin to think about the summer field meeting programme for the next year. If anybody has any ideas or places that they would like to go could they let me know please – and if you have a suggested leader even better!"



Outdoor Meetings 2010



Saturday 18th September
***The Romans in Wales:
building stones of the
Caerwent and Sudbrook area***
Leader: Jana Horak

Meet at 10.30am at the car park and information point (SN731193) on the east side of the A4069 Brynaman - Llangadog road north of the summit and old limestone quarries. Bring lunch.

Wear field boots and warm clothing - the site is mostly out of the sun so it is typically cold.

NOTE THIS IS A CHANGE TO THE PROGRAMME

This is a joint meeting with the Welsh Stone Forum and a change to the advertised programme. Meet at 11.00am in the car park at Caerwent Roman Fort.



Saturday 16th October
***Life on the edge in South
Wales: The Black Mountain
tufas***
**Leaders: Lesley Cherns and
Louis Emery**

Indoor Meetings 2010/11

October sees the start of our indoor winter lecture series, the first meeting being on Saturday 23rd October. Once again we have a varied programme covering a range of topics and I hope that you will all find something of interest. As with the field meetings if anybody has any suggestions of topics that they would like to hear about or speakers then please let me know as I

will soon start to think about next winter's programme. As you will notice a few of the meeting details are not finalised yet but these should be confirmed in the near future. Summer holidays are not the best time to be chasing people for information!
....Stephen Howe



**Saturday 23rd October
(Cardiff)**

***The role of the Coal Geologist
in 2010***

Larry Thomas



**Saturday 20th November
(Swansea)**

***The Cambrian fossils of
Chengjiang, China: the
flowering of early animal life.***

David Siveter (Univ Leicester)



**Saturday 11th December
(Cardiff)**

***Geologists' on Ice: early
exploration of polar rocks***

Tom Sharpe (National Museum
Wales)

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Saturday 8th January 2011

Holiday Geology (National

Museum of Wales, Cardiff)

11.00am – 4.00pm



**Saturday 22nd January
(Swansea)**

***Methods and techniques in
Quaternary geosciences:
reconstructions of the last
British ice sheet.***

John Hiemstra (UC Swansea)



**Saturday 19th February
(Cardiff)**

***Tuffs and traces: biodiversity
in terrestrial environments in
the Upper Silurian Old Red
Sandstone of southwest Wales***

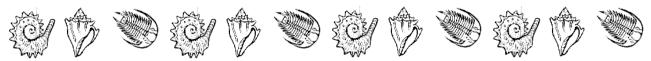
Susan Marriot (Luton)



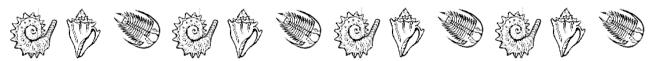
**Saturday 19th March
(Swansea)**

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Speaker tbc



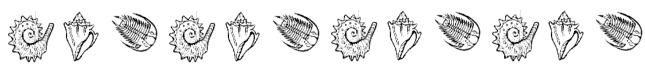
***From time to time, for reasons
beyond the control of the Group,
meetings do unfortunately have to
be cancelled. If such a situation has
arisen then every attempt will be
made to put this information on the
web site.***



GA Reunion 6th November 2011

This year's GA Reunion will take place at University College London on Saturday 6th November. The Group will once again be manning a display and sales stand and we are looking for volunteers to help on the day. The meeting usually starts about 11.00am and finishes about 4.30pm. As those who have been before will testify it is a good day out where you get plenty of time to visit all the other stands, chat to GA members from all over the country, spend your money at the numerous book and sales stands (including the British Geological Survey who normally give a 25% discount on their publications on the day). There is a full lecture programme and various other activities going on. We usually take a small group up for the day by train, for which your travel expenses will be

covered by the Group. If anybody is interested in helping out this year could they please let the Secretary or Stephen know.



Other Organisations Events

Holiday Geology

This session's Holiday Geology meeting will take place on Saturday 8th January 2011 at the National Museum of Wales, Cardiff, from 11.00am – 4.00pm. There will be a buffet snack lunch provided for which there will be a request for a small donation towards the cost.

Once again we will be looking for volunteers to give short talks (10-15mins) and we will need about eight to fill the day. There is still plenty of time to think about participating and to be out taking photographs from your travels. If anybody is interested in giving a short presentation could they please let Stephen know by 30th November.



South Wales RIGS Project

Rhian will be organising a series of field days to investigate some of the many sites that have been identified as part of the ongoing South Wales RIGS project. These will be held on: ***30th October, 27th November, 29th January and 26th February.*** We have tended to meet at 10am at the BGS offices in Tongwynlais but please get in touch to confirm as this is subject to change relating to the areas that we are visiting and also, weather dependent! If you would like to tell us about sites that you think should be included, please get in touch. All are welcome. Rhian. Email: rhnd1@bgs.ac.uk Tel: 2920 521962



Welsh Mines Society

The Welsh Mines Society are holding a conference and guided walk on the weekend of the 9th and 10th October 2010, entitled: **“Towards a Better Understanding New Research on Old Mines”**. The venue is Plas Dolguog Hotel, Machynlleth and entry is £25 per person.

Enquiries and bookings to:

**John W Hine, The Grottoe, 2 Cullis
Lane, Mile End, Coleford GL16 7QF
(please enclose SAE)**

**mole@grottage.fsworld.co.uk 01594
833217 (please do NOT withhold your
number when calling)**

Further details will be posted on the WMS web page <http://www.welshmines.org> as they become available



Proposed Fforest Fawr Geopark Research Seminar

Wednesday 13 October

Venue: Garwnant Forestry Commission Visitor Centre (tbc)

A day-long seminar highlighting some of the research undertaken in recent years within the Fforest Fawr Geopark, the first European and UNESCO Global Geopark in Wales.

This first seminar of what will hopefully become an annual event will concentrate on the geology and geomorphology of the Geopark and immediate surrounding area but in the future it is hoped speakers from other scientific disciplines will contribute.

Details are currently being finalised but for more information contact Dr Adrian Humpage (BGS Cardiff)

bgs-wales@bgs.ac.uk Tel: 2920 521962.



**Cardiff
Society**

Naturalists'

The Cardiff Naturalists' Society organises lectures and field meetings throughout the year. Next years programme have two field meetings that may be of interest to our members. On the 18th of September there is a walk titled "Caves and Waterfalls", exploring the waterfalls from Porth-yr-Ogof with a walk into the cave entrances if weather allows and on the 15th of May there is a walk at Penwyllt exploring the limestone pavements and associated flora. For more information about the Cardiff Nats', please visit their website:

<http://www.cardiffnaturalists.org.uk>.



All that remains for me to say is not forget to renew your subs! The form is included with this newsletter. I think that you will agree that, after seeing the programme that See you there. *Rhian Kendall 07963 732276; Rhian@carreg.org.uk*

Other Geological Organisations

There are a number of other organisations offering geological courses and trips. These include:

- Cardiff University Centre for Lifelong Learning: www.cardiff.ac.uk/learn
 - Ice and Gneiss: The Geology of the Polar Regions – Tom sharpe. 10 weekly meetings starting 28th September.
 - Field Geology in South Pembrokeshire – Nick Childaw. Start date 9th Oct.
- Swansea University Department of Adult Continuing Education from 01792-295786 or www.swansea.ac.uk/dace.
- You can get details of Russell Society Wales and West Branch activities from Tom Cotterell (01594-845935, before 9 pm).
- U3A South Wales Geology Group from Nigel McGaw (01656-654439).
- Welsh Stone Forum (Fforwm Cerrig Cymru) from Tim Palmer (tjp@aber.ac.uk)
- Open University Geological Society Contact: Janet Hiscott. www.ougs.org/severnside
- www.southwalesgeology.blogspot.com for geology events in South Wales