

Buckinghamshire Geology Group - 2020 Programme

Cost: Unless otherwise stated, all events are FREE to members and £3 for non-members

Booking: Where stated booking is essential to ensure that events are not over-booked and to allow leaders to contact would-be attendees with any last-minute changes

Clothing: Some trips, especially quarry visits, may require protective clothing such as helmet and high-vis jackets. Please enquire with the event leader or see event flier nearer the time for details.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: Zoom talks and AGM commencing in November 2020

Saturday 4th April, 11am–4pm **POSTPONED due to Covid-19** **Rock & Fossil Day at Bucks County Museum**, Church Street, Aylesbury, HP20 2QP. Explore hands-on geology displays, discover fossils from the Museum's behind-the-scenes collections and bring your own mystery objects in for identification. No need to book – just turn up. Entry to the County Museum by donation to help support the Bucks County Museum Trust, registered charity 1153345. Contact Mike Palmer on 01296 325223 or mpalmer@buckscountymuseum.org for further information.

Saturday 2nd May, 1–3pm **POSTPONED due to Covid-19** **Visit to Northmoor Hill**, near Gerrards Cross with Jill Eyers. Discover clues to the underlying Cretaceous, Tertiary and Ice Age geology at this Bucks Local Geology Site. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL**. Contact Jill Eyers at j.eyers@btopenworld.com for further information and to book your place.

Saturday 9th May **POSTPONED due to Covid-19** **Bucks Geology Group AGM**, 1.00 – 1.30pm is being held at the Studley Green Community Centre, Wycombe Road, Studley Green, Bucks HP14 3UY. This is between High Wycombe and Stokenchurch a turning off the A40. The hall can be seen from the A40 Wycombe Road. Plenty of parking. Followed by a **Geology and Landscape Walk around Aston Rowant Nature Reserve** (near Stokenchurch), 2 – 4pm, with Jill Eyers as part of **GeoWeek**. A circular walk of about 2 miles taking in the incredible chalk landscape, walking over chalk grassland, through woods, dry valleys and holloways, past sinkholes and small quarry pits. Human influence on this landscape is evident in numerous ways, yet nature is in its full glory with interesting things to see. There are steps to walk down and a fairly steep hill to climb back up – but we will do this at a slow pace while admiring the view!. Free car park. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL**. Contact Jill Eyers at j.eyers@btopenworld.com for further information and to book your place.

Sunday 17th May, 10am **POSTPONED due to Covid-19** **A GeoWeek Event - Local Stone and Rocks from afar in Buckingham**. Meet both local and far-travelled building stones in this historic town on a free tour, in the company of Dr Tom Argles, Senior Lecturer at the Open University and (moderately) long-time resident of Buckingham and Jill Eyers of the Open University and long-time Bucks Geology Group member. Meeting in the heart of the town by the Old Gaol, Dr Argles will lead you on a gentle stroll of about a mile, past buildings both ancient and modern, looking at a variety of stones and other building materials. You will have time to search for fossils and other features, as well as hearing the ancient histories of the rocks and the stories of how they ended up in Buckingham. A flyer including booking details and further information will be circulated nearer the time. Visit www.bgs.ac.uk/geoweek for more information on GeoWeek.

Saturday 27th June, 10.30am–2pm **POSTPONED due to Covid-19** **The Geologist of Hartwell House – His Museum and Garden** with Mike Howgate. This is a joint trip with the Amateur Geological Society. Meet 10am for tea, coffee and biscuits (cost £6) in the library of Hartwell House (a requirement for entry to the grounds) before an introduction by Mike to Dr John Lee and his mid-19th Century museum followed by a guided tour of the grounds to discover a range of geological features. Places limited - **BOOKING ESSENTIAL**. Contact Mike Howgate at mehowgate@hotmail.com for further

information and to book your place.

~~**Saturday 4th July, 10.30 start**~~ **POSTPONED due to Covid-19 Out-of-County Trip to Aust Cliff** on the Severn Estuary with Graham Hickman. An opportunity to look for teeth and bones from Triassic fish and reptiles. This is a joint meeting with the Bath Geological Society. Further details nearer the time. Contact Mike Palmer on 01296 325223 or mpalmer@buckscountymuseum.org to express your interest

~~**Saturday 8th August, 10 – 11.30am**~~ **POSTPONED due to Covid-19 What's in Store?** - A look behind-the-scenes at Bucks County Museum's geology collections with Mike Palmer at the Museum Resource Centre, Halton. Members free, Non-members £7.50 (museum charge) Places limited - **BOOKING ESSENTIAL**. Contact Mike Palmer on 01296 325223 or mpalmer@buckscountymuseum.org for further information and to book your place.

~~**Saturday 12th September, 10.30am to 4.30ish**~~ **POSTPONED due to Covid-19 Out-of-County Trip to the Uffington White Horse**, Oxfordshire with Jill Eyers exploring the geology and landscape of the area including Wayland's Smithy long barrow, Uffington Hill Fort and Dragon Hill. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL**. Contact Jill Eyers at j.eyers@btopenworld.com for further information and to book your place.

~~**Sunday 4th October, 10.30a–12.30pm**~~ **POSTPONED due to Covid-19 Visit and Recording Trip to Stowe Quarry** with Jill Eyers with **optional informal building stones walk around Stowe Landscape Gardens** (National Trust charges apply) in the afternoon. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL**. Contact Jill Eyers at j.eyers@btopenworld.com for further information and to book your place.

Saturday 7th November, 10am – 16.00pm Festival of Geology We have been busy putting together our contribution called 'The best of Bucks geology'. **FESTIVAL OF GEOLOGY WEBSITE** We are sure you will enjoy the contributions from the many participating societies and groups from around the British Isles.

Saturday 21st November, 12:30pm – 15:30pm Volcanoes – the what, where and why? A Zoom talk by Jill Eyers. Due to the current pandemic we are unable to run the planned Volcanoes hands-on workshop scheduled for this date. Instead Jill has offered to present a talk on volcanoes via Zoom Contact Jill Eyers at j.eyers@btopenworld.com for further information and to book your place.

Wednesday 25th November, 16.00pm – 16.30pm Bucks Geology Group AGM (Via Zoom). Contact Mike Palmer on 01296 325223 or mpalmer@buckscountymuseum.org for further information about the AGM

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