

Buckinghamshire Geology Group – Early 2021 Programme

Cost: Unless otherwise stated, all events are FREE to members. Non-members will be asked to pay a small charge for attending field meetings and indoor events.

Booking: Booking is usually required for all field meetings and indoor events. This avoids meetings becoming over-subscribed and allows the organiser to contact 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.

Covid-19 Pandemic: All field meetings may be subject to change depending on the prevailing Government regulations at the time.

Attending ZOOM talks: Members will be emailed a link to our Zoom talks. Simply click on the link and follow the instructions. If you are not a member please request the link via bucksgeologygroup@gmail.com. To avoid talks being over-subscribed please do not share the link.

Saturday 12th December, 5 - 6pm The Ice Age. A ZOOM talk by Jill Eyers exploring the causes of the Ice Age and how it has shaped our local landscape.

Wednesday 13th January, 4 - 5pm Geology and Hydrology of Burnham Beeches. A ZOOM talk by Graham Hickman. This talk will describe the origin of the gravels, clays and chalk underlying Burnham Beeches. We see how the geology dictates the location of springs and follow the streams to where they disappear into sink holes. The talk can be followed-up with a self-guided tour – free download from our website.

Saturday 6th February, 4 - 5pm The Chilterns and the London Aquifer. A ZOOM talk by Graham Hickman. Following on from the January talk we will look the larger scale hydrology of the Thames Basin and will consider where the water goes that disappears into the Chalk at Burnham Beeches.

Wednesday 10th March, 5 - 6pm It's Life Jim but not as we know it. A ZOOM talk by Jill Eyers exploring the first life on earth – the weird and wonderful animals of the Precambrian and Cambrian.

Sunday 7th March 10.30 Hidden Aylesbury. A town centre walk to discover the geology of Aylesbury hidden beneath the surface and the source of its very varied building stones. A view of Aylesbury that is a bit different! Led by Jill Eyers with guide notes to follow. It will take us to c. 12 noon and depending on social distancing rules may include a coffee or lunch indoors at the end. Free to members, £3 to non-members. For details and to be put on the list contact Jill at j.eyers@btopenword.com

Thursday 1st April Geology at Great Linford. A look at the stone circle and small quarry section with Jill Eyers and options for seeing further geology as self-led tours. Slots will be available from 10.30 to the end afternoon. This is a Milton Keynes Parks Trust event. More details to follow so mark date in your diary. A contact link will be sent to all members to book when available.

Wednesday 21st April, 4 - 5pm Ammonites – from myth and folklore to geological relevance. A ZOOM talk by Mick Oates.

Saturday 8th May, 10.30 – 4.30 Vale of the White Horse walk with Jill Eyers. A day looking at the geology and archaeology of this beautiful National Trust area. From the NT car park (free to NT members, charge for non-NT Members) we first walk the Ridgeway to Wayland Smithy (long barrow) with lots of landscape geology and history on the route. Back at the car park for a picnic lunch or lunch at the White Horse pub (the only loo opportunity) depending on Government regulations. We will then walk up to Uffington Hillfort (slow pace though!), see the white horse chalk figure along with several other archaeological features and classic geology from the amazing view. Free to members, £5 to non-members. Contact Jill j.eyers@btopenworld.com at to be added to the list & get more info nearer the date.

Sunday 30th May, 10.30 - 12.30 Visit to Northmoor Hill Local Geology Site, near Denham. Geological walk around the nature reserve to see geology and landscape from the Cretaceous period to the Anglian glaciation. Nature included where it turns up! Bring picnic lunch. No loos on site. To be put

your name down & get more information contact Jill at j.eyers@btopenworld.com.