

WESTMORLAND GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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Society's Website

Ann Allwright has been busy revamping the Society's website – the new version will be going live any day now.

Down to Earth

The November edition of Down to Earth accompanies this Newsletter.

November Lecture

After the trip to Greenland last month, for our next lecture we will be hearing about something a little closer to home – the North Pennine Orefield. The speaker will be Dr Eddie Dempsey from the University of Hull – a poster giving more details accompanies this newsletter.

Refreshments will again be available before the lecture and doors will open at 7.30pm.

Tuesday Tutorials

For our second tutorial. Peter Lincoln will be introducing us to the eccentric 19th century geologist, William Buckland. This will be at the Abbot Hall SC at 2pm on 22nd November.

December Jacob's Join

This year we will be reverting to the traditional format of short talks, exhibits conversation and of course – food. If you wish to give a talk please let Richard or the Secretary know and please, dig out some interesting rocks, fossils, maps etc.

Geologists' Association 2023 Calendar

This fabulous calendar is now on sale through the GA website
<https://geologistsassociation.org.uk/shop/ga-calendar/>

"Cumbria Rocks"

This is the title of a new book by Ian Jackson, formerly Operations Director of the BGS, about the geology of his native Cumbria. It was published in partnership with Cumbria Wildlife and is widely available on the internet.

Radio & TV

Volcanoes were the subject of one of the BBC's recent Dangerous Earth series and included a contribution by Hugh Tuffen, our President. It was shown on 17th October. And in a Radio 4 'In Our Time' programme, Melvyn Bragg and guests discussed how the first land creatures evolved from fish. Entitled "The fish-tetrapod evolution", it was broadcast on 20th October.

With a bit of luck you can find them both on iplayer or BBC Sounds

Changes to Programme

The Society's Summer and Winter Programmes are put together up to a year in advance and changes are sometimes necessary. For example the trip to Burlington Slate Quarry had to be cancelled on the day before it was due to take place because of an outbreak of Covid. Before attending any field trips or lectures, members are strongly urged to check the Society's website (westmorlandgeolsoc.co.uk) where information about any last-minute changes will be prominently displayed.

Mike Dewey

I am sorry to have to tell you that Mike died this morning (5th November). Mike served the Society in various capacities and played a major role in the Millenium mapping project. He will be missed.

Apart from geology Mike had a range of other interests, one of which is the weather. He was one of a team of people in the area who monitored rainfall and if anyone would like to take over the role please contact Gillian, who will hand over the equipment. Her email is gvdewey@gmail.com