

WESTMORLAND GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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AGM and February Lecture

Our AGM will be taking place on Wednesday 15th February at 7.45pm. The agenda and last year's minutes are attached with this Newsletter.

As usual the AGM will be followed by the Presidential address and Dr Hugh Tuffen will be talking about the volcanic island of Montserrat.

April Lecture

The title of Dr Ian Francis' talk on 19th April has been changed to "Early theories of landscape evolution in the Lake District, and the rise of glacial theory."

Down to Earth

The February edition of Down to Earth Extra accompanies this Newsletter.

Geology of Ireland

I recently came across an interesting TV series about the geology of Ireland. Originally broadcast on BBC Two it can be found on iplayer for the next few weeks under the title 'The Island'

50th Anniversary Dinner

There are still places available at the Society's 50th Anniversary Dinner.

The dinner will be held in the Function Room at Carus Green Golf Club, Burneside Road, Kendal, on Friday 21st April 2023 at 7 for 7.30pm.

Several of the Society's past Presidents, and our current President, Hugh Tuffen, have indicated that they will be attending the dinner.

The cost will be £35 per head, for a three-course meal, followed by tea and coffee. Nearer the time, we will ask you to make a choice from 3 options for starters, main course and dessert. The bar will be open.

You can reserve your places with a deposit of £10 per person – just reply to this e-mail and details of to pay will be sent to you. The date for final payments and meal choices is 31st March.

If you have problems getting to or from the venue, we will try to arrange car share/lifts. Please let us know.

Earth Heritage

Earth Heritage is a monthly magazine focused on geology, geoconservation and other earth science related subjects. It is available free from www.earthheritage.org.uk

Cumberland Geological Society

The Cumberland's next lecture is on Wednesday 8th February at 7.30pm on Zoom

Dr Nigel Woodcock will be talking about the Dent Fault

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93080001325?pwd=T3EwbDVOVHpCVkR6MndVS09BcFA1Zz09>

Meeting ID: 930 8000 1325

Passcode: 088816

Tuesday Tutorials

Audrey Brown will be bringing the BGS Jigsaw along to the next Tutorial on Tuesday 21 February, starting at 2pm. Come along and find out if you really do know your way around Britain's geology.

Assynt

Bernard Skillerne de Bristowe who led the WGS visit to Assynt last year is organising another trip to this area on behalf of another organisation from 3-11 May and there are a few vacancies available. The party will be staying at the Inchnadamph Lodge. Anyone interested should contact Bernard at bjs@cooptel.net

Peter Lincoln

Congratulations to Peter who has been awarded a PhD by the University of East Anglia for his thesis on William Buckland.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions were due on 1 January. If you do not have a Standing Order could you please pay by direct transfer to the Society's account (sort code 40 26 02, account no 71006266, ref Westmorland Geological Society), pay the Treasurer at the AGM or send a cheque to the Treasurer or Secretary.

Geologists' Association Annual Conference 2023

Westmorland Geological Society are hosting the 2023 GA annual conference in Kendal over the weekend of 22-24 September 2023.

There will be a full weekend of geology beginning with an ice breaker reception at Kendal Museum on the Friday evening. On Saturday there will be a series of lectures and poster displays followed by a conference dinner at the Brewery Arts Centre. There will be a selection of field trips on Sunday.

Richard Wrigley, the WGS Lecture Secretary, is chair of the organising committee and with co-convenor Audrey Brown is involved in organising the conference. The

conference theme will be focussed on the geology of Cumbria and will coincide with the publication of a new two volume GA Guide to Cumbria.

As the host Society we will be requested to assist with arrangements beforehand and over the weekend of the conference. For example volunteers will be required at the conference to act as marshalls, man a WGS stall etc. If you would like to be involved please contact Richard at subandean@gmail.com.

Changes to Programme

Changes to the published programme are sometimes unavoidable, often at the last minute, so please check the Society's website before setting off to attend any event.
