

WESTMORLAND GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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AGM

The Society's AGM took place on 15th February. The minutes of this meeting accompany this Newsletter.

March Lecture

The March lecturer will be Prof Chris Jackson of Manchester University. His subject will be the Geological record of climate change. A poster with more information is attached. Chris has made a number of TV appearances so it should be a good presentation.

March Tutorial

The final 'tutorial' of the season will be on Tuesday March 21st and we'll have a special guest, Oliver Strimpel. Oliver, who now lives in Boston in the US, is the host of the podcast series called [Geology Bites](#), in which he interviews geology researchers about their work. Audrey has met Oliver on OUGS field trips to Hawaii and Norway. She has told him that we're not expecting a lecture from him, but he'll be able to talk to us about how he first got interested in geology (his undergraduate degree was in physics at Cambridge), how he came to develop his podcast series, his current research in the Himalayas, and anything else you'd like to discuss with him. We hope to have a really good turn-out, so please put it in your diary - 2pm on Tuesday 21st at our usual venue - the Abbot Hall Social Centre. Look forward to seeing you there.

Summer Programme

As this year is our 50th anniversary we thought it would be a neat idea to revisit the same sites which featured in 1973. In a couple of cases this is no longer possible – an open cast coal mine near Workington has long since closed and been landscaped. The complete programme is attached.

Down to Earth

The February edition of Down to Earth accompanies this Newsletter.

Cumbria Industrial History Society

The CIHS is holding a one day conference at the North Lakes Hotel, Penrith on 1st April. The theme of the conference is Cumbria's Stone and all the sessions are geology related. Non-members of the CIHS are welcome. A poster and booking form are attached.

50th Anniversary Dinner

More information about the arrangements, including the menu for the anniversary dinner will be sent out shortly to those who have booked places at this event. 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.

There are still places available however and you can reserve a place with a deposit of £10 per person – just reply to this e-mail and details of how 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

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

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 marshals, 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.
