

## WESTMORLAND GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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#### Field Trips

##### Eden Valley - 6<sup>th</sup> August

Information about this trip was in last month's Newsletter, but just to remind you we will meet at 10 am at the little quarry about 2 km N of Orton on the B6260 at NY 627 099. This is not one of the sites (but those arriving early can have a peep at the limestones and enjoy a super view). We'll leave some cars there as we need to travel in as few cars as possible, because of very limited parking elsewhere.

Field notes for this trip are attached – please print or download them as the leader will be bringing only a few copies.

##### GA Conference

Bookings are now open for the Geologists' Association which is being held in Kendal in September - [here's](#) the link to the GA Conference where you will also find the programme of events. GA, WGS and CGS members are eligible for a reduced price of £45 compared with £50 for non-members

A poster giving more details about the conference is attached.

##### Building Stones of England

English Heritage, in conjunction with the BGS, has recently released a series of publications entitled the Building Stones of England. There is one volume for each county and the Cumbria volume can be accessed from this link:- [Building Stones of Cumbria](#). Other counties can be found on the English Heritage website.

##### New Publications

Two new books which might be of interest:-

A facsimile edition of Hugh Miller's classic book The Old Red Sandstone, first published in 1841, has been published by the Natural Museum of Scotland. It's in two shrink-wrapped volumes and is edited by Michael A. Taylor and Ralph O'Connor.

Volume 1 explores how Miller wrote his book and why it was so important. Volume 2 reprints the original with notes and glossary. It can be obtained from

<https://shop.nms.ac.uk/>

Fossil Hunter – all about May Anning. For more information see:-

<https://www.penguin.co.uk/books/316937/the-fossil-hunter-by-winter-kate/9780241469910>

##### Geology From Your Sofa

Among other things the latest Geology from your Sofa includes an item featuring one hundred the world's best geological sites with a photo and one page description of each:- go to [sofageology@geologistsassociation.org.uk](mailto:sofageology@geologistsassociation.org.uk)

## **Down to Earth**

The August editions of Down to Earth and Down to Earth Extra accompany this Newsletter

## **“Earth”**

In case you missed it, “Earth” is a new series on BBC2 which highlights major events in the earth’s geological history. The first two episodes looked at the Permian extinction and “Snowball Earth”. It can be seen on Monday evenings or on iplayer.

## **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.





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