

WESTMORLAND GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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February Meeting & AGM

Our AGM will be held on Wednesday 21st February commencing at 7.45pm. The agenda for the meeting is attached. The Annual Accounts will follow. The AGM will be followed by Dr Hugh Tuffen's Presidential address. A poster giving more information about his talk is attached along with this Newsletter.

You will notice that there is an item on the agenda concerning the Proceedings. Printing and especially postage costs have been rising quite sharply in recent years so producing and distributing the Proceedings is now by far the biggest item in the Society's budget in a normal year. Many other organisations have switched to producing a digital version. A more detailed discussion paper is attached and the Committee would like to hear the views of members on this subject.

Tutorials

February's tutorial will be a visit to Kendal Museum where the Society has been involved in setting up a new exhibition called the Sedgwick room. We will be able to view this new display as well as the museum's outstanding mineral collections. Meet on the 29th at the Museum at 2.15 pm. A discounted rate of £4 has been negotiated which includes free entry by a year. The museum would like to know approximately how many people are likely to turn up, so could you please reply to westmorlandgeological@gmail.com to book a place.

Down to Earth

The February edition of Down to Earth accompanies this Newsletter and includes items of local interest, one by Sylvia Woodhead. Also attached is February's DtE Extra.

Zoom Lectures

a The Cumberland G S has invited WGS members to a Zoom lecture on Wed 7th February when Prof Tim Lenton will be talking about Tipping Points in Climate Change. To get more information follow this link:- <https://www.cumberland-geol-soc.org.uk/events/tipping-positive-change-to-avoid-climate-tipping-points/>

b The OUGS NW Branch have organised the following lecture via zoom on Monday 19th February at 7.00 pm.
WGS members are welcome to attend.

"Cold, Hot, Cold, Hot, Hotter, Very Hot, Very Cold, Very Hot: BepiColombo, and its Journey to Mercury"
Dr Jack Wright (European Space Agency)

Jack will outline the joint ESA-Jaxa mission to Mercury, a planet of extremes, only visited by 2 spacecraft previously. BepiColombo is a technologically ambitious mission of 3 spacecraft with a comprehensive payload, currently on its way to Mercury

Please register with chrisarkwright1@gmail.com to get the zoom link

c. The Central Scotland Regional Group of the Geological Society has a meeting on the Tuesday 6th February (6pm start), and an online only talk on "Mineral Prospectivity of Scotland" to be given by Dr Eimear Deady (BGS, Edinburgh). Please use this link to [register](#)

Anyone for a trip to the USA

One of our lady members is interested in Volcanic Experiences field trip to the volcanoes of the north west of the USA (Mount St Helens etc). However the single supplement for the trip makes it prohibitively expensive and she is looking for another female accompany her. If you are interested please reply to westmorlandgeological@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.