

WESTMORLAND GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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February Meeting

Our next meeting on 16th February, which will be held in the Abbot Hall Social Club, Kendal, will be the AGM which will be followed by our new President, Dr Hugh Tuffen of Lancaster University, who will be delivering his first Presidential address. The subject of his talk is "Is all lava actually ash?" The agenda for the AGM, the minutes of last year's meeting and a poster with more information about the talk are attached along with this Newsletter. The AGM starts at 7.45pm.

January Lecture

January's lecture on the Devonian/Carboniferous extinction event is now available to view on YouTube – follow this link:- <https://youtu.be/2JQWQWAJZ1s>

A BBC podcast on the same subject is available for a few more weeks – here is the link:- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000sz7x>

Additional Lecture in April

An additional lecture has been arranged on 20th April when Prof Jonathan Redfern of Manchester University will be talking about the geology of Morocco.

Geological Society Public Lecture

Breaking African Lithosphere: A story of Plateaux, Rifts, Methane and Mammals by Mike Daly, who is a Visiting Professor in Earth Sciences at The University of Oxford where he researches in Continental Tectonics and Resources.

15 February 2022 18:00 – 19:30 GMT- Virtual event

Register for this event through [Eventbrite](#)

For more information, please click [here](#).

Other Societies' Lectures

Liverpool Geological Society – Tuesday 22nd February at 7.30pm

Dr Alan Thompson of Cuesta Consulting will be giving a talk entitled "Karstic landscapes of England and Wales; the good the (not so) bad and the ugly".

This talk will cover three examples of landscapes associated with karst including the limestone pavements and other features of the Arnside and Silverdale AONB, a quarry in South Wales and the problems caused by the rapid dissolution of gypsum deposits in and around Ripon in North Yorkshire.

If you wish to join this meeting mail the LGS at lgsecretary19@gmail.com and

you will be sent the log-on details.

Tuesday Tutorials

The next Tuesday Tutorials will be on 22nd February when Geoff Brambles will be discussing fossils, particularly fossils which can be found locally in the Carboniferous. Please bring along any good examples or ones which have been puzzling you. Meet at Abbot Hall Social Centre at 2pm

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