

WESTMORLAND GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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AGM

At the AGM held on the 16th March, Audrey Brown was elected as Chairman. Chris Anderson, who has served as Chair for the past 5 years was appointed as Treasurer and Ann Allwright and Peter Lincoln were elected to the Committee as Ordinary members. Dave Haselden was subsequently co-opted to fill the remaining vacancy for an ordinary member.

April Field Trips

Our first trip of the summer is to Borrowdale tomorrow (2nd April) – details of this trip have been circulated recently.

The next trip is on Saturday 23rd April to Norber and Crummack Dale. More details will be circulated later,

April Lecture

Don't forget that an additional lecture has been arranged on 20th April when Prof Jonathan Redfern of Manchester University will be talking about the geology of Morocco. A poster giving more details about this talk and the speaker accompanies this Newsletter.

Tuesday Tutorial

At our final Tuesday Tutorial for this season, we learned from Richard Wrigley the fundamentals of 'graphic logging', a way of recording a sequence of sediments. We are going to try out our new-found skills on some low cliffs at Heysham village, meeting on the shore at SD 411 617 at 10.00 am on Tuesday April 12th. There's on-street parking and also a big pay and display car park in the centre of the village. Even if you weren't at the tutorial, you are most welcome to join us and we can show you what it's all about. Please bring with you a couple of copies of the attached logging sheet and a clipboard to hold them, together with a sharp pencil and an eraser, a notebook, a tape measure or ruler, a hand lens and a camera. You will also find a 'grain size card' useful. If you would like to order one, please let Richard know as he is putting in a bulk order within the next few days. We can order one for you even if you can't come on this trip. Hard hats are essential. Bring a packed lunch, though we'll probably finish around lunchtime, depending on enthusiasm – and weather. Please let Richard know if you're likely to come, so that we don't start without you – and also so that we can let you know if we decide to postpone the trip because of wet weather. Look forward to seeing you there. Richard's email is subandean@gmail.com

Down to Earth

The April issue of Down to Earth extra accompanies this newsletter.

Proceedings

Proceedings for 2021 will be available at the April lecture along with the Programme card for 2022/3

BBC Sounds

Two recent broadcasts, both on Radio 4 might be of interest.

On 8th March Jim Al Khalili discussed the fall of the dinosaurs and the rise of mammals with American palaeontologist Steve Brusatte in his The Life Scientific programme and on 10th March Melvyn Bragg's guests discussed seismology on his regular "In our time" programme. Both can be accessed through the BBC Sounds App.

