

WESTMORLAND GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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AGM – Committee Changes

Several changes were made to the Committee at the AGM in February. Bob Entwistle (who was already an Ordinary Member) was appointed as Field Secretary in succession to Mike Coates who has held this position for the past six years. Two new Ordinary Members, John Wood and Richard Wrigley were appointed.

John Wood is a mathematician who has had an interest in geology for over 45 years, beginning from when he studied 'O' Level Geology in the Sixth Form in Southport. Teaching in Nottingham in the 1980s he soon joined East Midlands Geological Society (of which he is still a member). He also undertook a number of university evening courses and residential field trips. John moved to Levens, from Market Bosworth, in 2015 and he is pleased to be joining the Committee of WGS, 30 years after he was a Council member of EMGS!

Richard Wrigley recently retired and moved to Kendal. His earliest interest in geology dates from secondary school. After studying geology at the universities of Manchester and Aberdeen he enjoyed an interesting career working in several multi-national oil & gas companies as an exploration geologist evaluating international new ventures and exploration/appraisal projects. He is a member of the Geologists Association and the Petroleum Exploration Society of Great Britain. He enjoys field work and is interested in basin development and depositional processes. He joined WGS in 2018 and looks forward to serving on the Committee.

Auditor for the Society

As John Wood has joined the Committee, he can no longer act as our Auditor. If you would like to volunteer for this role or know someone who might be willing to do it (e.g. retired accountant or someone good with figures & computer spreadsheets), please do contact the Secretary, Brian Kettle.

Society Membership

We have a membership of 111 people, including over a dozen new members. I am sure we will make them feel welcome when we meet them on fieldtrips or at meetings. However, we can always do with more members, so please do encourage your friends & family to come along to one of our events, and perhaps to join us.

Workshops

Five workshops were held over the winter season covering a variety of topics and, as they were well supported, it is planned to run another series beginning in October (dates are given on the Programme Card). If there are any subjects you would like to see included, or if you would like to lead one on a subject which you think might be of interest, please get in touch with Audrey Brown.

2019/2020 Summer Fieldtrip Programme

Our new Field Secretary, Bob Entwistle, will soon be getting to grips with planning a programme for 2020. If you would like to lead a trip, or have ideas for one, he would be delighted to hear from you. He would also like to know if you are interested in a

residential fieldtrip in 2020, & if so whether you have any preferences. (Please also watch out for Bob's email reminders with details of this summer's fieldtrips.)

Cumberland Geological Society Programme

The Cumberland Geological Society has published its programme for the coming summer and details can be found on its website (there is a LINK to the CGS site from our own website). Members of the WGS are welcome to attend these trips.

Geoweeek 4-12 May 2019

Arrangements for Geoweeek have now been finalised by Ann Thompson (see below). If you can offer help at either of these events, or if you could help to publicise the events that are being held in Cumbria by putting up a poster in your local area, Ann would be very grateful. (See attachment for copy of the poster.)

Kendal Museum Geological Collections Tuesday 7th May - 10.30am-12.30pm Meet: Kendal Museum reception

On display at Kendal Museum is a fascinating collection of rocks, minerals and fossils from Cumbria, the UK and abroad, including the John Hamer and Bill Shaw mineral collections. This event will give you a rare opportunity to examine and learn about some of the specimens usually kept in the stores. Call 01539 815597 for more information. Museum entry fee of £2 applies.

Building Stones - 'The Auld Grey Town' Wednesday 8th May - 2pm-4pm Meet: Kendal Parish Church

Known affectionately as 'The Auld Grey Town', Kendal is a fine example of a historic stone-built town but what is the story of its stone? How did it form? How old is it? When and how was it used? What else is there other than limestone? This explanation of Kendal's building stones starts at the Parish Church and ends in the Market Place, taking you on a journey that spans at least 800 years of stonemasonry and includes at least 20 different types of stone. This event is free but please book by email to anne@macksmith.com