

WESTMORLAND GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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Happy New Year everyone, which also means that subscriptions are now due, if you haven't already paid by standing order.

AGM

This year's AGM will be held on 19th February at the Abbot Hall Social Centre at 7.45pm and will be followed by Graham Leslie's Presidential Address. The subject is 'A Caledonian cruise across Iapetus on Anglesey'.

As usual we need to find new committee members to replace those who have done their bit and this year we need a new Treasurer, an ordinary committee member and an Independent Examiner. We urgently need someone to look over last year's accounts, if only on a one-off basis.

The Abbot Hall SC has recently acquired a defibrillator so it might prove useful if we had someone who knows how to use it. Or more than one, preferably from the lower end of the age range.

The agenda for the AGM and the minutes of last year's meeting will be sent out shortly

Herdman Symposium

Liverpool University's annual Herdman Symposium will take place on 22nd February this year. This is an important event usually attended by upwards of 250 people and this year's theme is *Climate Variation through Earth's history*.

The invited speakers use cutting edge research techniques to probe Earth's climate. They will take us on a journey through geological time and explain how their latest findings inform on our understanding of climate in the past and what this means for the future of our planet.

- Dr Will Hutchison (St Andrews) - Volcanology
- Dr Katrien Van Landeghem (University of Bangor) - Marine Geology and Geophysics
- Professor Mark Maslin (University College London) - Climatology and Anthropology
- Professor Laura Robinson (University of Bristol) - Geochemistry
- Dr Chris Stevenson (University of Liverpool) - Sedimentology
- Professor Bridget Wade (University College London) - Micropalaeontology

For more details including how to book follow the link below:-

<https://payments.liv.ac.uk/conferences-and-events/events-at-liverpool/school-of-environmental-sciences/herdman-symposium-2020-climate-throughout-earths-history?token=6e656394bd383ddcc8db4b15f5f62fa7>

If enough people are interested in going it may be possible to organise car sharing – please contact Chris Anderson who will co-ordinate this. email chris.anderson.wgs@gmail.com or mobile 07505527154

Summer Programme

Details of this year's summer field trip programme can now be found on the Society's website. Note that several events are not on Sundays which they usually have been in the past.

Workshops

Details of forthcoming Workshops were recently circulated. However there has been a change to the March session. As Bernard is unable to lead this one, Richard Wrigley will explain Graphic Logging, which will be followed up with a field exercise at Heysham.

Westmorland Gazette Articles on Geology

Our local paper, The Westmorland Gazette, has begun to publish monthly articles about local geology by Society member Richard Wrigley. To catch up with these, google Westmorland Gazette and search geology.

GeoWeek 2020

This year's GeoWeek will take place from 9-17 May. This is organised nationally and last year the Society was involved in a couple of events which were well supported. We will be looking for volunteers to help run the event this year.

Cumbria Geoconservation

Cumbria GeoCon latest Newsletter giving details of their activities last year is attached with this newsletter.

More details can also be found in an article by Audrey Brown appearing in Earth Heritage Magazine which includes several other articles of interest – follow the link below:-

http://www.earthheritage.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/EH-52_Final.pdf

Peter Standing

Finally, I have to report the death of Peter Standing in November. Peter was an active member of the Society and has done much to promote a greater knowledge of geology, especially in the area south of the Kent Estuary, about which he has produced a series of booklets of geological walks.

Many Society members attended his memorial service and if you would make to make a donation in his memory contact send it to:-

Action for Pulmonary Fibrosis (cheque payee)

Stuart House, East Wing

St Johns Street

Peterborough PE1 5DD

or online at www.actionpulmonaryfibrosis.org

Peter's Obituary will appear in the Proceedings