

WESTMORLAND GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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Coronavirus - March Lecture & Tutorial Cancelled

Unfortunately, with worries over the virus, the Committee took the decision to cancel the March lecture (Clive Boulter on Cumbrian Peperite) and the tutorial (Richard Wrigley on 'logging'). We will re-schedule them when we have space in our Programme.

Fieldtrips

We are hoping that some of our fieldtrips will go ahead as planned. As they are out of doors, they should not pose the same risk. However, as usual, please do watch out for emails about fieldtrips, which we will send out regularly.

Proceedings

All envelopes with the 2019 Proceedings and the 2020-2021 Programme have now gone out, some in the post, some being delivered by volunteers. Thank you to those who have helped. We are also indebted to Vic Parsons, the Proceedings Editor. Last year, Vic & Peter Standing spent time together so that Peter could teach Vic how to get the Proceedings ready for printing. Thanks to Peter, Vic was able to do this. We hope you enjoy reading about our 2019 activities and agree that Vic has done an excellent job.

Geoweeek – Saturday 9th May to Sunday 17th May 2020

This event has now also had to be cancelled.

Welcome to new Committee Members & thanks to retiring members

Myles Sunley has taken over from John Fairhurst as Treasurer. Welcome to Myles & thank you to John for his five years of service as Treasurer. Richard Wrigley has taken over from Ray Wilson as Lectures Secretary. Welcome to Richard & thank you to Ray Wilson for his four years in this role. Welcome to Judith Lawson as a new member on the Committee.

If you were wondering what to do with all the spare time you will have:

FREE online course – Processes in Structural Geology & Tectonics

Bernard S de B has passed on information about this online course. Go to <https://psgt.earth.lsa.umich.edu/>

Click on a chapter. You will be prompted to log in. Use the following info:

Username: psgtfree

password: psgtfreeaccess

Thank you, Bernard (who will continue to look for similar offers).

Or try Radio 4 PETM

In an interesting episode of In Our Time on Radio 4 the panel discussed the Palaeocene Eocene Thermal Maximum (PETM). It is available on R4 webpage or if you download it you get extra discussion that was not broadcast.

Here is the link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b08hpmmf>

Melville Thomson

Mel has informed us that he is planning to move away from the area had has asked for the following message to be circulated to members:-

" After spending 52 happy years in Arnside, 47 of them embedded fruitfully in WGS, I've reached the stage where heart failure has reduced my mobility significantly and relentlessly.

I've now reached the stage where I can't manage living alone and I'm moving to Loughborough near my family. This will spare them the long journey north to help granddad which they had repeated so generously

I've really enjoyed my time with WGS and may it prosper in the years to come. Melville"

Mel is one of the longest serving members of the Society and has contributed more than most, especially in the production of the Proceedings for many years. The quality of the production was vastly improved under his supervision.

David Horsley

"The Society lost one of its longer serving members - David Horsley - who died earlier this month. He had been a member for over thirty years but few knew him as he lived in Kent and did not usually attend events. However he had a keen interest in the volcanic rocks of the Lake District and produced a couple of booklets on the subject a few years ago. He served on the Council of the Geologists' Association for many years and was also a stalwart supporter of Rockwatch, the junior branch of the GA. David was awarded the Association's Halstead Medal in 2006."