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Coronavirus

Hopefully everyone is keeping well at this difficult time. The May field trip to Hanson's Shap Beck Quarry is definitely cancelled and what happens after that depends on Government policy. However there are a few ideas for things to do in the section below.

Geology from your Sofa

Richard suggests looking at the following links:-

<https://geologistsassociation.org.uk/sofageology/>

<https://geohubliverpool.org.uk>

and Bernard suggests:-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G6HGLnyutlY>

Not much geology but tells us something about Alfred Wegener, the man whose ideas led to the development of the theory of plate tectonics but who was also interested in meteorology, astronomy, exploration and was a pioneer in the use of balloons, both manned and unmanned in the pursuit of these activities.

You might also like to listen to a discussion about on the latest thinking about the evolution of birds from dinosaurs. This was on the Melvyn Bragg programme "In Our Time" which was broadcast on Radio 4 and can be found on BBC Sounds.

Photographs Wanted

The WGS is very lucky in having a website, a Facebook page & a Twitter account (managed by Ann Allwright, Audrey Brown & Mike Coates, & Anne Thompson respectively). Anne T has been getting some super photographs of local geology added to the Twitter account & would be delighted to receive more! So if you have taken any photos of interesting geological features, please do send them to Anne at anne@macksmith.com . If you could give the location and rock/feature type that would be good. Anne would like to have enough to post a couple of photos each week.

Down to Earth Extra

The April edition of this on-line magazine is also attached along with this Newsletter.