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Field Trips

Unfortunately the August and September field trips were cancelled. The only small bit of good news is that the owners of the Shap Fell Limestone Quarry have invited us to come back next year. However a short trip to Kendal Fell with limited numbers was successfully organised last month and more are planned. These trips are now limited to 6 people. Bernard's trip is now fully booked but Bob has started a waiting list to see if there is enough interest for a repeat visit. Brian Kettle is organising a trip on 30 September to Scout Scar which we visited after the Jacob's Join in 2017 – if you missed that one, here's your chance. Email Brian or phone on 01539 720790.

Winter Lectures and Tutorials

Abbot Hall Social Club is unlikely to re-open any time soon unless there are significant changes to the restrictions caused by the coronavirus epidemic. The September lecture will therefore be delivered via Zoom. The subject of this lecture the future well-being of planet Earth and the speaker is Mark Williams from the University of Leicester. There are still places available – please register your interest with Richard Wrigley so that he can send you the codes to admit you to the lecture. Richard's email is subandean@gmail.com
Tutorials are also postponed.

Geology from your Sofa

The Geologists Association (GA) has added some more content to its Geology from your Sofa material and it has also put its monthly lectures on line and made access, normally restricted to GA members, freely available to anyone. All this can be found on the GA website www.geologistsassociation.org.uk

Down to Earth Extra

The July edition of Down to Earth Extra and the August edition of the full Down to Earth magazine are being distributed with this Newsletter.

Polar podcasts

In Polar Podcasts you can hear stories from geologists who have spent their careers – their lives – exploring and studying the remarkable and remote geology of Greenland. Why did they become fascinated with Greenland? What were the problems and the discoveries that drove them? And what was it like...? WGS member Kent Brooks is one of those who have taken part in this project.

They will be found on <https://polarpodcasts.buzzsprout.com/>

Ancient Earth (plus dinosaurs)

Richard has alerted me to a website which shows how the earth has changed over the past 750 million years. It is interactive – you can rotate the orientation with your mouse. The website also contains information about far more dinosaurs than I ever knew existed. <https://dinosaurpictures.org/ancient-earth#240>

Edinburgh Geological Society virtual lecture

Edinburgh Geological Society lectures are to be Zoomed and are open to the public. The programme is on the EGS web-site: edinburghgeolsoc.org/lectures The first is at

5 pm on Friday, 25th Sept, and is intriguingly called 'Chip Shops and Drain Cleaners: the Weird World of the Triassic' at 5 pm. Later lectures are at 7 p.m.
Zoom.us/j/5523459723 Meeting ID 552 345 9723 password EGS.

Glasgow Geological Society Zoom lectures

We have also been told about Glasgow GS virtual lectures They are putting on three lectures this autumn and are also hosting events for the Scottish Geology Festival. The subjects are:-

Monday 21st September 7:30 David Webster – The Fossil Grove, Glasgow

Thursday 24th September 7:30 Angus Miller – Geology of the Braid & Blackford Hills

Wednesday 30th September 7:30 Margaret Greene – Excursion around the Glasgow Necropolis

Thursday 8th October 7:30 Matthew Thirlwall - New dates from the Moine

Thursday 12th November 7:30 Bruce Levell – Two Beuts: the sedimentology of the Jura Quartzite and the Port Askaig Tillite.

To register for these email meetings@gsocg.org