

WESTMORLAND GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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Field Trips

New advice from the Director of Public Health for Cumbria is that groups of 6 may meet outdoors but should come from no more than two households. Although it does not have the force of law, it was decided that the Society should comply with this advice and our mini field trips have therefore been postponed.

Winter Lectures

About 25 members and about 15 visitors joined the Zoom meeting in September. This, the first talk of the 2020/21 Winter Lecture Series, was our first venture into the world of Zoom. It was recorded and is available for members to watch at their leisure. Here is the link to the talk:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HQ8SFWMt5MQ>

The Society's next Zoom lecture on 21st October is by Dr Jonathan Turner, Radioactive Waste Management, at 7.30pm. His subject is;-

"Deep geological disposal of radioactive waste: The role of geoscience".

More information about the lecture accompanies this Newsletter. It would be lovely to see some familiar faces at this talk. Anyone who is unsure how to use Zoom, or who had problems accessing the September meeting, please do get in touch & we will do our best to help.

To join the Zoom the meeting from 7.15 follow the link:-

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86481732294?pwd=WDNtNHRnYWlXZnlQTkpiUkx2dGJVdz09>

Meeting ID: 864 8173 2294

Passcode: 188644

Geologists' Association Festival of Geology

This annual event, normally held at University College London during the first weekend of November is going virtual for 2020.

The GA Festival is FREE and open to people across the UK (and even abroad). The main day is Saturday, November 7th, with field trips on Sunday 8th. For more details go to www.festivalofgeology.org.uk

BGS Open Days

Every year the BGS opens its doors to the public for a weekend and this year it will be a virtual event and it will take place from 14th to 17th October. For details go to www.bgs.ac.uk/news/inside-bgs-virtual-open-days/

Geology from your sofa

If you have never visited the Open University website, it is well worth doing so. There are a number of free courses, which involve just a few hours of study. These include 'Life in the Palaeozoic' and 'Geological processes in the British Isles'. Similarly, FutureLearn offers free courses, including 'Beneath the Blue: The Importance of Marine Sediments' (University of Southampton).

Cumberland Geological Society Lectures

The Cumberland is planning to offer its winter lectures on Zoom and has invited Westmorland members to join. The details are:-

14th October 7.00pm

Dr Tracy Aze, Associate Professor of Marine Micropalaeontology, University of Leeds
"Microfossils - what they can tell us about palaeoenvironments, including past climates".

This is the link to join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84498374387?pwd=cTZtYm1YOEFaRDNLTDJncytPczJHQT09>

Meeting ID: 844 9837 4387

Passcode: 216194

11th November 7.00pm

Dr Graham Leslie, Senior Mapping Geologist, BGS Scotland:

"Recent advances in the understanding of the geology of Anglesey: a Caledonian cruise across Iapetus."

This is the link to join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82723302797?pwd=MTF6c0huaajloNDhwMzhrZ3B1dUNOQT09>

Meeting ID: 827 2330 2797

Passcode: 541302

Down to Earth Extra

The September and October editions of Down to Earth are being distributed with this Newsletter.