

# WESTMORLAND GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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### **July Field Trip**

The next field trip is on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July and will be led by Phil Davies from the Cumberland Geological Society. A comprehensive set of field notes are being sent out with this Newsletter.

### **Down to Earth**

The June, July and a special edition of Down to Earth also accompanying this Newsletter

### **New Fossil Discovery**

A new discovery has been made by Steve Etches, the Dorset plumber turned palaeontologist who became a world expert on fossils from the Kimmeridgian stage of the Jurassic. His interest was aroused when an eminent palaeontologist said there was little of interest in the Kimmeridgian. He set out to prove them wrong and amassed a world class collection housed in his garage in Kimmeridge until the Etches Museum was built four years ago. His collection includes several holotypes and many unique specimens.

His latest project is described here:

<https://www.swanage.news/kimmeridge-expert-unlocks-fossil-secrets/?fbclid=IwAR3HRqJgeQnndqRyU-UMCYyL2L9657raSxr-3hwJITR5ojeWbzWbhHwy3zU>